

In Touch With...

Walton

Life and news in Walton Village

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A Report from your PCSO:

I have looked at the crime stats for the Walton area, since 1st of January 2017 and I am pleased to say that I have no issues to report to you on this occasion. Walton seems to have had a reasonably quiet Christmas period, which is fantastic news.

If you know of anyone in the village who would be interested in joining Community Speedwatch, please do let me know and we would be more than happy to provide training and get another new scheme up and running in the village.

The speed enforcement unit continues to visit Walton on a regular basis conducting speed checks as and when.

Patrols have been carried out in Asney Road regarding possible HGV's using the entrance out on to the A39, Main Street junction. I am happy to report that at the moment, we have not come across any HGV's using this section of Asney Road .**signs.**

To re-assure you, myself and the beat team at Street are still covering the Walton area and as such, if you need to contact us in relation with any issues, please do still let me know by e-mailing me or speaking to me directly, happy to help.

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From the chairman... your parish council update

Council has continued to consult on planning applications, and is keeping a close watch on both the Royal Oak and the Walton Gateway as changes start to occur. Council is keen to retain existing facilities and, where possible, seek improvement through discussion and liaison with both Mendip and the people submitting applications. In the late Autumn, Council was pleased to be advised that all plots at the village allotments are now full and after a

very chill winter avid growers will soon be out readying their plots for spring planting.

Despite our Parish Clerk being off ill the council has continued to meet with the assistance of Sheila, clerk of an adjoining parish. Helen is on a staged return to work and you may well still see her around the village.

Alan



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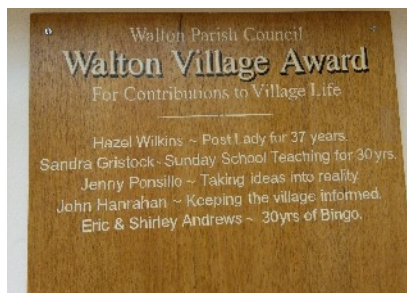
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Walton Villager Award

This award is given to people who have contributed to village life in an outstanding manner. The award is made by the council on behalf of the village however, nominations for recipients can be made by anyone. There is a roll of honour up on the wall within the main village hall.

This time the award has been presented to

Eric & Shirley Andrews



in recognition of the 30 years that they have been running a bingo session in the village. The bingo helped to raise funds for the existing village hall and has a happy and welcoming core of members who attend for “eyes down” once a month on a Saturday evening. So Thank You to Eric & Shirley, you are appreciated.

Meet & Greet

An invitation for a cup of tea and a chat

Would you love someone to chat to with a free cup of tea? You will find a warm welcome in Walton Village Hall Lounge on **the first Wednesday of every month between 2pm and 4pm**. All ages are welcome come along for a brief visit or stay for longer - it is up to you.

Short mat Bowls

Would you like some gentle exercise while you learn a new skill in a friendly atmosphere?

Come join us at Short mat bowls in the village hall on **Monday evenings at 7.30pm**

Whatever your skill level or age you will be welcomed

Walton Women's Institute - an update from Jo Haydon

Since my last report we have supplied refreshments for car rally enthusiasts, hosted the annual Group Christmas Concert, both at Walton village Hall, & attended the Remembrance Service at the Cross when we donated a large poppy portrait to Walton Church.

Our annual meal in January was held at the Pipers' Inn where thirty eight members enjoyed their carvery meals.

During our monthly meetings we have learnt about 'Search & Rescue Coastguard Helicopters', held our Christmas Party hosted by the committee & had a very amusing speaker telling us of his strange experiences when visiting some W.I.s.

Our regular 'Explore Your Local Area' monthly tours have taken us to Wells Cathedral & to the Fragrant Earth in Glastonbury for a second visit. We have also enjoyed two trips by bus to the Bristol Hippodrome to see 'Billy Elliot' & Torvill & Dean in 'Cinderella'. Two members also attended the County organised Public Affairs visit to the Avon & Somerset Police in Bridgwater. Regarding our regular pastimes; the 'Ladies Who Lunch' have once again returned to the Two Brewers, weekly table tennis & craft have continued with the latter having an extended session before the Christmas break & monthly whist is still ongoing. Our singing group was busy in December with a return

gig at Northleaze, as part of the choir at the County Carol Service in Wells Cathedral & participating in the 'Street Sings' concerts. The committee has also held a kurling session at Curry Rivel.

Our next meeting after publication will be on Thursday 9th March at 7.30pm in Walton Village Hall where Mr Peter Tinney will be giving us his 'Childhood Reminiscences' & the competition will be 'Something from Your Childhood'. New members & visitors are very welcome to join us.

Save the date !!

Walton Village Tea Party. Sunday 2nd July
2.00 - 5.00 pm.

At Walton Village Hall and Playing Fields. All proceeds to go towards church funds

*New Year,
New You,*

Did you make a New Year's Resolution?

They are very often a way for people to get focused for the year ahead but by mid January, our resolve can slip...

often because we have set ourselves too big a challenge. I would suggest be kind to yourself...

nothing says you can't start at another time in the year.

And if you haven't made a New Year's Resolution (or would like to change/add one to your list), why not aim to join a club, coffee morning or knit and natter group. If you belong already, take someone new with you.

These groups are a great way to meet new people and can help reduce feelings of isolation... all too common, especially in the darker winter months.



I hope it is a Peaceful and Prosperous 2017 for Everyone.

Nuisance Calls -

It's been brought to my attention that lots of people have been absolutely PESTERED by phone calls recently - up to 8 in a day.... something like:-

"This is an important announcement for people on benefits. Did you know that people on benefits can have their boiler replaced for free?" (From Memory)

Is anyone else suffering in the same way? Lots of the calls seem to come from different numbers. The Information Commissioner's Office has been notified

(Tel: 0303 123 1113 & website:

<https://ico.org.uk/for-the-public/nuisance-calls/>)

If you are receiving these calls, I would urge you to report them by phone or online at the ICO website. Each one has to be done individually, but it does not take long. If the ICO get enough numbers logged they can trace the fraudsters and put a stop to this criminal activity. If you know someone who is not online, why not help them to log these nuisance calls? Also, check they are registered with the **Telephone Preference Service, 0345070707**. This is a free service, which can also cover mobile phones. If you would like help or more information with any of the above or just feel you could do with a bit more support at the moment, please do contact me.

You can telephone me on 07908 160736. If I am unable to answer, simply leave your name and number and I will ring you back.

Alternatively, you can email on heather@somersetccc.org.uk.

You can also find me on my new facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Heather.VillageAgent>.

Heather

Poetry corner...

SOLITUDE

*Over the hills and far away, Lies a place that I might stay.
My only neighbours will be trees, Whispering softly in the breeze.
This will be my sanctuary. With no one to bother me,
And as I feel myself unwind. I let the silence ease my mind,
Until the day when I get bored, And long for the noise that I've ignored.
I will climb the hill and say hello,
To all the city lights below.*

Christine Nagle (Main Street)

Police & Neighbourhood Watch advice by Bob Musgrave

With the ever increasing use of the internet, more and more of us are using Amazon to purchase our goods but the internet villains have caught onto this as a means to fool us into giving them our vital financial information.

The national 'Action Fraud' web site has received several reports from victims who have been sent convincing looking emails claiming to be from Amazon. The spoofed emails from "service@amazon.co.uk" claim recipients have made an order online and mimic an automatic customer email notification.

The scam email claims recipients have ordered an expensive vintage chandelier. Other reported examples include: Bose stereos, iPhone's and luxury watches.

The emails cleverly state that if recipients haven't authorised the transaction they can click on the help centre link to receive a full refund. The link leads to an authentic-looking website, which asks victims to confirm their name, address, and bank card information.

DO NOT CLICK ON THIS SCAM HELP LINK

Amazon says that suspicious e-mails will often contain:

- Links to websites that look like Amazon.co.uk, but aren't Amazon.co.uk.
- Attachments or prompts to install software on your computer.
- Typos or grammatical errors.
- Forged (or spoofed) e-mail addresses to make it look like the e-mail is coming from Amazon.co.uk.

Amazon have also said they will never ask for personal information to be supplied by e-mail.

While this specific scam involves Amazon, there are a lot of other scam's on the internet so increasingly we are advised that if we have no knowledge relating to an e mail, we should not reply and instead hit the delete button.

Bob ...

Walton Village Hall

Over the coming weeks and months keep your eyes on the village hall as it may well



be growing!



Planning permission has been granted for a proposed two storey extension at the carpark end of the hall.

The extension is to provide much needed storage space, a further toilet, a small meeting room and a larger office space. There will also be a new entrance at this end of the building.

The Walton Trust are confident that the works can be completed within the year and will try to keep disruption to user groups to a minimum.

The Origins...

The origins of English short mat bowling Association Rumours have it that the sport was first played in Wales by two South Africans who came to work in the area. They had played bowls outdoors in South Africa and, perhaps due to the poor climate and the long close season in this country, they began to play a simulation of the outdoor game on a strip of carpet in a church hall. Sometime later, they moved to Northern Ireland and took the new game with them. Rules and conditions of play were drawn up and the game soon became well established in the Province during the 1940's in village halls as a way for outdoor bowlers to keep their "hand in" ready for the next season. The Irish Indoor Bowling Association was formed in 1961. Short mat bowling was bought across the water to England in 1967 by George Dix who had been sent to Ireland five years earlier by his company to establish a works factory. George was encapsulated by the game from his first experience and saw the potential of the game as an activity to be offered to members of sports and social clubs in England. The word began to spread and George started to sell mats to local clubs. In 1969 a local league was formed in North Staffordshire and South Cheshire. In 1981 George heard that versions of short mat bowls were being played in Scotland and Wales where the visitors would play to the local rules. From these humble beginnings, the English Short Mat Bowling Association (ESMBA) was formed in 1984



Short Mat Bowls

Monday evenings at the village Hall

Short Mat bowls in Walton started when the current village hall opened. The club currently has an active membership of around eighteen people. All you need to join in is flat indoor shoes, the club is well equipped with everything else you need to participate. The sessions start at 7.30 every Monday evening



in the main hall and cost £2 . There is

an annual subscription of £10 if you decide you want to become a regular member. Friendly is the nature of the game here with only



friendly matches arranged

with other clubs - although some members also go on to participate with more competitive local teams like Ashcott. So, whatever your age, come down to the hall one Monday and try your hand at a game of Bowls.

Walton Church

Up and coming events at your church...

Information of Regular Services and Activities:

Service Information:

Pancake Day.

28th February - Tuesday at 3.30 - 4.30pm...at Church. - Please come and join us



Soup and 'Bring and Buy'.

18th March - Saturday at 12.00 - 2.00pm...at Church.

Join us for soup and a roll - have a mooch around the sale tables.

All proceeds are towards Church Funds.

Mothering Sunday...

26th March - Family Service 10.00am.



Please join us for an informal All-Age Service, with participation from our Children's groups.

Looking forward to seeing you.

Easter Services:

Good Friday

14th April - Family Service 11.00am.

Easter Sunday.

16th April - Family Service 10.00am.

Every Saturday...we have a contemporary **All-Age Family Service**, at 5.00pm. This is a relaxed and informal service which last about 1 hour. After the service we have a social time and enjoy supper together - come and join us.

1st Sunday - **No Service**. We would encourage folk to join the Sung Communion at the Parish Church in Street.

2nd Sunday - **Taize**, a quiet meditative service.

3rd Sunday - **Morning Worship**.

4th Sunday - **Holy Communion**.

Coffee Morning, every Thursday, from 10.30 till 11.30 am. Please come and join us for a chat and refreshments.

Every Thursday morning we have a **'Mid-week' Holy Communion** at 11.30am - all welcome. This follows the Coffee Morning.

Children's Church Groups :

These run during term time, having a break during the holidays. However, Mums and Todds continue to run on Wednesdays during the holidays - .please feel free to pop in and meet up 10.00 -12.00.

Monday - Church Mice After school till 4.30pm. 0 - 7yrs old.

Tuesday After School Club 3.15 till 5.15pm. Primary Schl age.

Wednesday - Mums and Todd's - 10.00 till 12.00pm.

Friday - Take Away Church - Youth Bible study, yr 6 and up 5.30 till 6.30pm. Take Away supper to follow...

Save the Date !!

Walton Village Tea Party.

2nd July - Sunday, 2.00 - 5.00pm. At the Walton Village Hall and Playing Fields. We are organising a Village social event with the theme - Native American Indians.

All the arts and crafts will be based on this theme with prizes to be won. There will be Cream Teas and Cake, with entertainment in the Hall. Outside there will be a range of activities - Bouncy Castle, Face Painting, Stalls to peruse, Tug-of-War and other activities. Please see notices and the next publication for updates.

All proceeds are for Church Funds.

W.N.P.

WALTON
Neighbourhood Plan

IN BUSINESS IN WALTON?



A questionnaire is coming your way - Business is important to the village and the neighbourhood plan needs to include YOUR business. Tell us what you do and what you WANT to do.....

01458 833483 OR WALTON.CLERK@YAHOO.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION
OR TO REQUEST A QUESTIONNAIRE

Your Walton...

Dates of future Parish Council meetings - FRIDAYS:

February 10th 2017
 March 10th 2017
 April 21st 2017 -
 [third Friday of the month due to Easter]
 May 12th 2017 -
 [annual parish council meeting]
 May 26th 2017 -
 [village event - annual meeting of the parish]
 June 9th 2017
 July 14th 2017
 August 11th 2017
 September 15th 2017
 October 13th 2017
 November 10th 2017
 December 8th 2017

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3. **Clive Bishop**
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4. **Richard Crossman**
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 Asney Road
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5. **Philip Daniells**
 28 Chancellors
 Road
 BA16 9RX

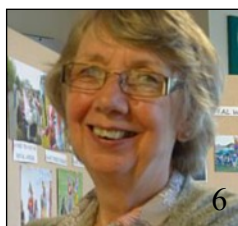
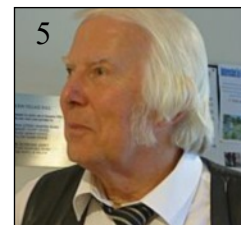
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9. **Simon Loader**
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Say Hello if
 you spot
 them around
 the village