



In Touch With... Walton

Life and news in Walton Village

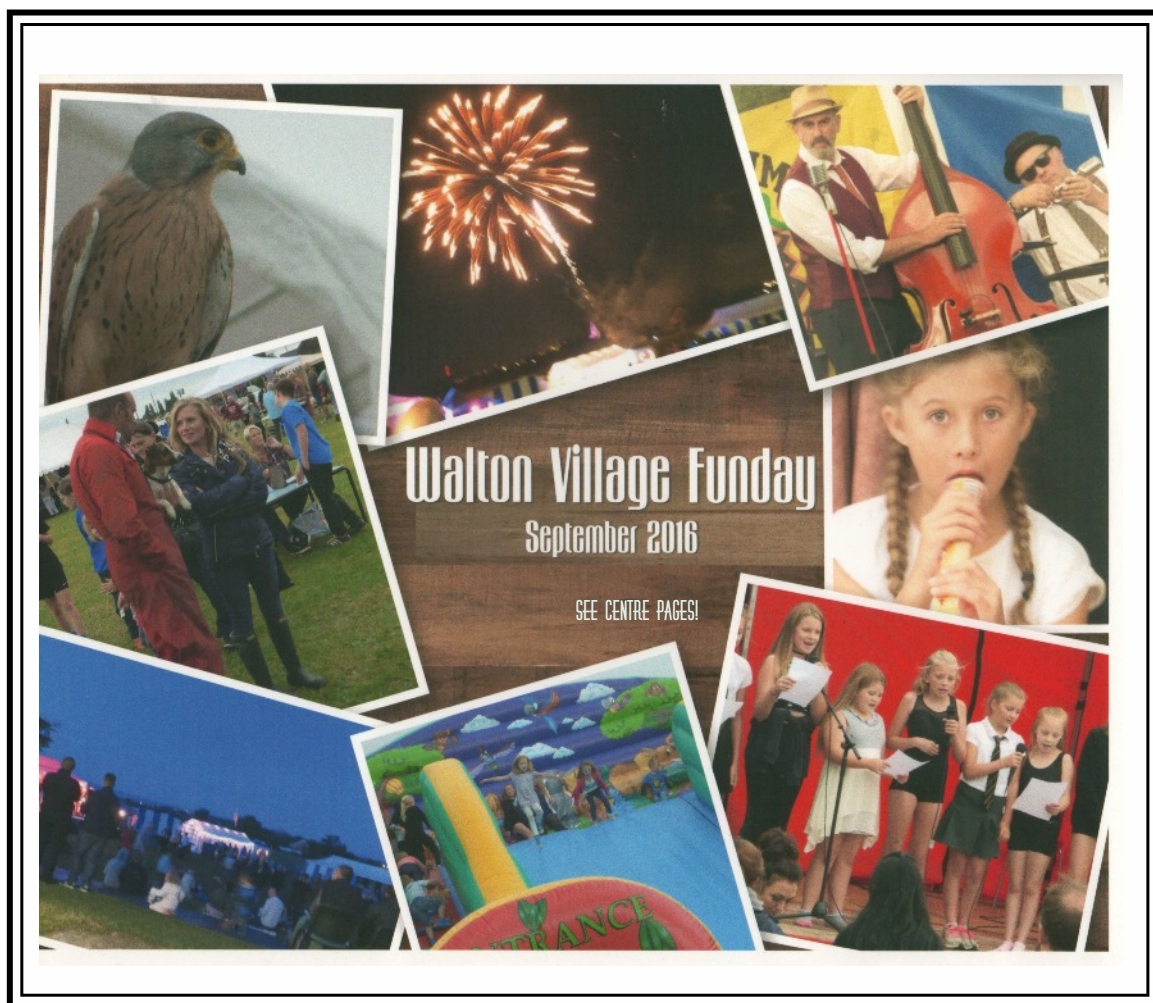
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From the chairman... your parish council update

This past few months has seen the council looking at a range of planning proposals - from applications for home extensions through to plans for small developments and appeals about local pubs and Village Hall extensions. There has also been consultation regarding proposed future developments - though not as yet any new information received about the large development "to meet the needs of Street" to the East of Walton.

Planning & future development of the village is a very important [& contentious] topic - as shown by how many of you recently attended the council meeting with an initial consultation about a possible development for 34 dwellings - therefore I hope that as many as possible of you will become involved in the Walton Neighbourhood Plan, this will be all about future development and how best to adapt it to the benefit of the Residents of Walton - see page three.



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Walton Women's Institute

August was officially our rest period but we did, however, host a charity coffee morning in the village hall in aid of the ACWW (women around the world) and enjoyed a very well organised annual outing this time by coach to Plymouth where we were able to explore the area by boat, bus or on foot.

In September we also supported both the Merriman Park Fete and the Walton Village Fun Day selling homemade cakes along with tea & coffee.

Our regular monthly pastimes of 'Explore Your Local Area' walks have taken us to The Willows & Wetlands Centre in Stoke St Gregory and Clarks Shoe Museum in Street whilst our 'Ladies Who Lunch' had well cooked meals in the Three Wells in Polsham and the Two Brewers in Street. Table tennis and craft have continued weekly throughout the summer and into the autumn, with the latter group having an extended day creating very attractive Christmas tree ornaments. Fortnightly croquet sessions in Walton have, however, just finished for the year being replaced by monthly whist sessions in Bluestone Court. Two members have also represented us in the W.I. County Short Mat Bowls Pairs Competition in North Petherton where they just missed out on a semi-final place and our skittles team is progressing well in the County Cup with a win against Evercreech. The committee

has organised two curling sessions again for both the Somerton & Langport Rotary Club and our own members, both in Walton Village Hall. During our last two meetings we have learnt about Friendly Societies and the history of puns. Socially, eleven of us represented our W.I. at the Autumn Group Meeting which was hosted by Compton Dundon where the speaker related amusing incidents from some of the funerals run by his firm. We have also supported County organised events celebrating the 150th birthday of Beatrice Potter in Long Sutton, the Autumn Ramble in Norton sub Hamdon and the ABBA Tribute Evening in Oake, the latter being a particularly enjoyable evening with carvery meals and dancing to a live band. Nine of us also attended the County W.I. Annual Meeting in Taunton which was a very entertaining day with excellent speakers. Two members received trophies one for winning the County Scrabble Competition and the other on behalf of the skittles team as County runners up.

Our next meeting after publication will be our Christmas party on 8th December and the competition will be 'A Festive Item'. New members & visitors are very welcome to join us.



**YOU ARE INVITED TO A
KNIT AND NATTER AFTERNOON**

(or any other handicraft)

**WALTON VILLAGE HALL
LOUNGE
The 3rd WEDNESDAY OF THE
MONTH**

**2.00pm - 4.00pm
COME ALONG WITH YOUR
CHOSEN CRAFT AND ENJOY
COMPANY AND
A CUP OF TEA**

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO LEARN
TO KNIT OR CROCHET THERE
WILL BE PEOPLE ABLE TO HELP
YOU GET STARTED**

**ANY AGE WELCOME
COST £1 - INCLUDING A CUP
OF TEA
WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING
YOU**

**For any further information
ring 445380**

Dates for your diary:

Every Monday

Short mat bowls at the village hall - from 7.30pm

Every Thursday

Coffee morning at Walton Church 10.30am

Every Friday

Youth group at Walton village church from 7pm.

Police & Neighbourhood Watch advice by Bob Musgrave



Most of us drive these days which means we will need to deal with the DVLA at some time. Apparently the fraudsters also realise this and have been targeting so many people that the DVLA has issued a warning and advice on how to avoid getting trapped.

They warn that drivers receive an email, telephone call or text message telling them they must verify their driving licence by logging onto the DVLA's website and paying a fee. Failure to do so will, they are warned, result in their driving licence being suspended leaving them unable to drive.

Anyone clicking on the link is taken to a website that looks very like the genuine DVLA one, and they are prompted to reveal their driving licence number and enter a credit or debit card to make the unnecessary payment.

The money is then taken, but even that isn't the end of the story as the card number could then be passed onto other fraudsters to make further illegal payments until the account is empty.

It's hard to get an accurate figure as to how many people might have fallen for this scam, but industry estimates suggest that the problem is widespread and is said to be getting more common and referring people to increasingly sophisticated websites

The DVLA has confirmed that it will never approach a driver in this way and says that anyone affected should delete any emails that purport to come from it without opening them.

It says that drivers should also ignore any telephone calls and text messages asking them to do the same thing.

if you think you have been duped in this way, it is always worth reporting any email scam to Action Fraud.

Walton Neighbourhood Plan

Your council has started the process to create a neighbourhood plan for Walton

FROM MENDIP DISTRICT COUNCIL:

The designation of a neighbourhood plan area is the first step in preparing a neighbourhood plan. Following an application by Walton Parish Council, this report recommends that the Parish area is designated as a Neighbourhood Plan area.

In considering whether the plan area is 'appropriate' officers have noted that that Walton Parish includes a strategic allocation for housing and other uses adjacent to Street. In addition, the Parish boundary also includes a 'Protected Route' for the A39 bypass to the north of the village. It is not considered necessary to amend the plan area, but it is important that the Neighbourhood Plan is developed with regard to its context and with appropriate engagement of neighbouring Parishes. The steering group may wish to consider a joint Memorandum of Understanding with neighbouring parish areas.

In order for the Plan to meet the basic conditions the Neighbourhood Plan will need to have regard to the policies contained in the adopted Local Plan in relation to the strategic site. There will also need to be liaison should any plan proposals affect the safeguarded bypass route.

Now the designated area has been approved we can start to collect all your ideas

There will shortly be a business questionnaire sent out to all businesses within and close to the parish of Walton - this is for anyone who runs a business, be it large scale employing lots of people, a family farm, a sole trader working from home or small office- anyone running a business.

This should take a maximum of 5 minutes to complete [yes we tested it!] And will help inform policies related to businesses and insure your viewpoints are included in the neighbourhood plan. Walton has quite a number of "invisible" businesses and we are starting with you as you are important to the future of this area.

If you do not receive a copy of the questionnaire in the near future it can be downloaded from the village website :

www.pariah-council.com/walton

Or by email from the parish clerk:
walton.clerk@yahoo.com

A FULL INFORMATION AND CONSULTATION EVENT IS BEING PLANNED FOR THE NEAR FUTURE AT THE VILLAGE HALL - COME FIND OUT MORE

Walton Funday & Harvest Show 2016

Following a grey weather start the 10th annual village funday blossomed into a wonderful event that people of all ages attended, participated in, and enjoyed. The feedback to the organisers has been overwhelmingly positive !

The Walton Trust would like to thank everyone that got involved in the event - from stall holders, ferret owners, event organisers and the myriad of volunteers through to all of you who turned up on the day and made the event the success that it was.

Thank-you!

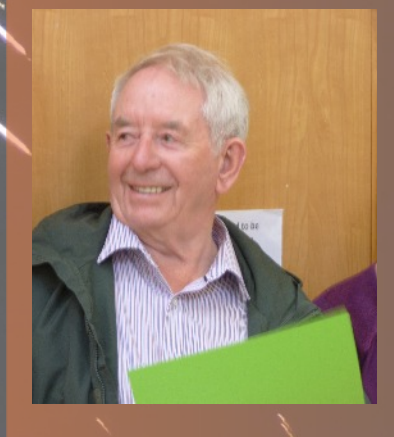


With the main evening entertainment provided by Midrod Ends, Harlem Rhythm Cats and a surprise firework display those that stayed [and even some of those that had already left] had a magical and fun time with the local countryside providing a beautiful backdrop in the Autumn twilight.



Walton Funday & Harvest Show 2016

So Many
Smiles
& So Much
To Do!



VILLAGE DEFIBRILLATOR -

With the assistance of a grant from the British Heart Foundation, and following requests from several residents, a Defibrillator is now located at Walton Village Hall in Meadow Lane. "CALL, PUSH, RESCUE" Training sessions using equipment supplied with the defibrillator have started and will continue to be offered at the village hall on a regular basis as required. If you use the village hall please contact your group organiser or Parish Councillor Clive Bishop [clive-bishop@sky.com] about a place on the next course or to organise your own group session. TRAINING IS FREE. If you are not a regular hall user training is still available to you for free as an individual, family or group - please contact Councillor Clive Bishop or the Walton Parish Clerk.

Walton Allotment Society

Summer 2016 has been another very successful season for all of us. Walton Allotment Society has now been running for two years and currently 20 of the 23 plots are let. One of the vacant plots has been partially prepared but will need rotavating or digging. The allotment site is fenced, has a water supply, is very peaceful with parking and a communal area with seating as well as beautiful views of the Tor and Walton Windmill.
Marilyn Fletcher 01458 446196
Please contact me if you are interested in renting a plot.

New Days for Walton Quilters!

The Walton textile group welcomes new members to its friendly and productive group - bring a project you are working on or turn up and learn something new or build on your skills with ideas and instruction from other members, experienced quilters and guest "tutors"

The group has many interesting projects and courses and meets twice monthly - Contact Lesley Gagg [01458 442149] or any other group member for information about what is planned over the next few weeks in the run up to the festive season.

Meeting Dates:

2nd & 4th MONDAY of every month

1.30pm to 4pm

At Walton Village Hall



LOCAL GROUP RAFFLING A QUILT TO RAISE FUNDS FOR SARCOMA UK

Tickets are still available for the raffle which will take place at 3pm on the 26th November 2016 at Walton Village Hall
Tickets can be obtained from
Lesley Gagg - telephone 01458 442149
or from members of Walton Textile Group

Walton Holy Trinity Church

Update of Services and Activities at your local Church

Christmas Card writing...

24th November 7.00pm - 9.00pm...come along to Holy Trinity Church and join us writing Christmas cards and having a social - mince pies, mulled wine and good company...

Christmas Service dates and times...

Christmas Family Service:

Saturday 17th December at 5.00pm.

Carol Service:

Sunday 18th December at 6.30pm.

Christmas Eve:

Christingle - Saturday 24th December at 4.00pm.

Christmas Eve:

Midnight Communion - Saturday 24th December at 11.30pm.

Christmas Day:

Sunday 25th December - Mission Church, Street at 10.00am.

No Family Service:

Saturday 31st December.

New Years Day:

Sunday 1st January - Benefice Service, Mission Church, Street at 10.00am.

All services are at the Holy Trinity Church in Walton unless otherwise stated

**MEET AND 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**

The 1st WEDNESDAY of each month between 2.00pm and 4.00pm

All ages welcome, come along for however long you would like to stay - 10 minutes, an hour or more it is up to you. We look forward to seeing you.

BINGO!

Walton Village Bingo takes place in the village hall, one Saturday evening a month, look out for the board along Main Street. Eyes Down at 7.30pm. It only costs £3.50 for 6 books and a strip of raffle tickets. With the option of paying 50p to be included in a cash draw.

It has been expertly run by Eric and Shirley Andrews for 30 years, many villagers have helped over the years and they are now ably assisted by Dee and the excellent caller, Colin Holmes. Numbers attending the sessions have varied, with a core of regulars but it is a friendly group and new faces are always welcome. More people means better prizes. Any profits have been donated to support the building of our current hall and car park.

Sadly, the terminology of 22 "two little ducks" or 88 "two fat ladies" are no longer used and if you call a "bogey", where the numbers marked off are incorrect, nobody minds, because it means they still have a chance of winning.

A short break occurs half way through, so feel free to bring your own refreshments.

A big thank you to Eric and Shirley and helpers, past and present, that this village function still exists. So please come and join us, it makes a change from TV and is also reputedly good for the memory!.

Your Walton...

Useful Information



Defibrillator now located at the village hall - for free training please see page six

Walton village agent - Heather



If you think you might need help, my telephone number is 07908 160736

or you can send an email to heather@somersetccc.org.uk

If you want to find out more about the Village Agent Project, you can go to <http://somersetccc.org.uk/somerset-village-agents-project/>

Walton Newsletter Schedule

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Your Councillors...

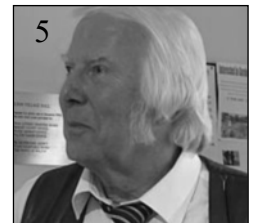
1. Alan Marsh [chairman] Manor Farm Veal Lane BA16 9RE	3. Clive Bishop 2 Merrick Road BA6 9AT	Green Rd BA16 0PT
2. Bob Musgrave [vice chairman] 18 Mildred Road BA16 9QR	4. Richard Crossman Asney Farm Asney Road BA16 9RL	7. John Haydon 61 Main Street BA16 9QQ
	5. Philip Daniells 28 Chancellors Rd BA16 9RX	8. Naomi Johnson Haycroft cottage Veal lane BA16 9RE
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SEE WEBSITE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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Say Hello if you spot them around the village