



In Touch With... Walton

Life and news in Walton Village

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**SATURDAY
10th
September**

**The
TENTH
Walton Fun
Day & Harvest
Show**

**From 1pm
At the village
hall**

**Car Boot
Raffle
Stalls
Dancing
Food
Drinks
&
Fun**

**Harvest
Competition
Displays
Live Music
And
Refreshments**

**Mid Rod Ends
& the Harlem
Rythmn Cats**

**Join
friends and
family from
1pm and
onward into
the evening**

From the chairman... your parish council update

The Parish Annual Meeting which was held on May 30th was well attended again. The display and presentation on the stage by four Class 4 Pupils from Walton about the 1939 large land and farm auction was excellent and had attracted a few new faces. The showing of the Village Film was well received and I am sure took a good number of Villagers back to their to their youth! Council has agreed to set

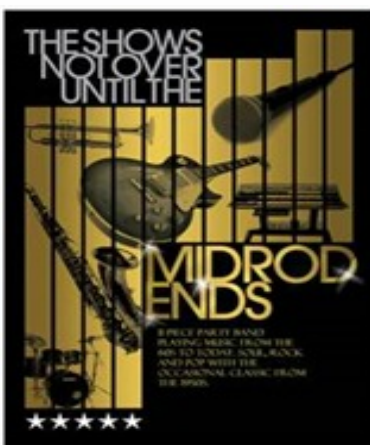
up a steering group to produce a Neighbourhood Plan and would like Walton Residents to be part of the Group. If you would like to consider becoming a member, please contact our Parish Clerk Helen or any Walton Councillor.

Council has received a number of comments about the state of the main road through the Village and has passed the concerns on to Highways and the topic will be an agenda item at the next few meetings.

Your Council look forward to seeing you at this year's fun day on **SATURDAY 10th SEPTEMBER** from 1pm and onwards into the evening.



**Your Fun Day
SATURDAY
10th September
1pm 'till late**



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A LARGE PRINT VERSION OF THIS NEWSLETTER IS AVAILABLE

Walton Women's Institute

In May we participated in the very successful church organised village celebration of the Queen's 90th birthday by serving tea, coffee and homemade cakes in the village hall and also attended the Annual Parish Meeting.

Our away curling sessions, run by the committee, were for the U3A held in the Somerton Parish Rooms and Middlezoy W.I. in their village hall. We have also had a home session in our village hall. Our regular activities of table tennis, croquet and craft have continued as usual with the latter group having an extended session to make bags. The 'Ladies who Lunch' have visited both the George and Pilgrim Inn and the 3 Wells Public House. Our skittles team competed in the County Cup final played in Pound Alley in Aller but were narrowly beaten by North Curry. Some of our singers also joined in the Summer Singing Day in Wells and a monthly Book Club has begun.

During our monthly meetings we have had talks on 'Japanese Gardens', with information about their structure and composition, and 'Life below Stairs', where the speaker related her late mother's reminiscences of her life as a maid. In addition we have had a games evening.

Our AGM in May included annual awards being presented to five members for various activities. Sadly, in June, we lost one member bringing our number down to 71.

We have had another succession of very interesting 'Explore Your Local Area' walks. These were to the Willows & Wetlands Centre in Stoke St. Gregory where we were taken around their workshops, Midney Gardens which were cultivated from scratch in Somerton, and, Shapwick Heath where we were shown the new hide and were led through the forest.

Socially, in July, we supported both the Group Quiz held in Woolavington and the County Quiz held in Wells, four members were lucky enough to attend Stoke St. Gregory' W.I.'s 85th anniversary, six ladies accepted our yearly invitation from Kingston St Mary to join them for a day of croquet and four members took part in the County Croquet Tournament in Taunton.

Our President's Tea Party in Street was very successful as was the Treasure Hunt in Croscombe which was organised, traditionally, by the previous years winners.

Our next evening meeting will be a 7.30pm on Thursday 8th September in Walton Village Hall when our speaker will be Philip Hoyland with his talk about Friendly Societies entitled 'Benefits, Brass & the Girtest , Grandest Day' and the competition will be 'A Brass Item'. As usual we welcome new members and visitors to join us.

New Village Agent



My name is Heather Colman and I would like to introduce myself as your local Village Agent, working in the Walton area for the Community Council for Somerset, a charity formed in 1926.

My role is to support anyone in the local community who may require help. It may be that they are facing a challenge which seems impossible to solve or too overwhelming to face alone. They might be caring for somebody who requires additional assistance; or perhaps the person caring for their loved one could actually do with more support. Whatever the need, I would be happy to have a confidential chat to see how we could work together to find a solution. No problem is deemed too trivial or, indeed, too difficult...if it's important to you or someone in the community, then I will try to help.

How do I do this? My aim is to work alongside the person, connecting them with services which can resolve problems and providing information which can make a real difference to somebody's life. The Village Agent Project is funded so there is no charge for the support I provide and I am not limited by time...I can work with you for as long as it takes to satisfactorily resolve the issues you face. I am able to meet you in your own home which means I am available to help anyone, regardless of mobility issues. I can also work with local groups to resolve collective community problems. In other areas, Village Agents have helped set up coffee mornings and voluntary car share schemes...things that help make communities stronger and more resilient.

If you would like to have a chat to find out more or would like to arrange an appointment for us to meet, please contact me. I would also be happy to visit any local community groups to meet its members and explain how I may be able to support local residents.

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/>



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

Saturday 10th September

Tenth Walton Fun Day & Harvest Show at the village hall from 1pm and onward into the evening

Every Friday

Youth group at Walton village church from 7pm

Contact us to get your regular event listed here too.

Police & Neighbourhood Watch advice by Bob Musgrave

With summer holidays fast approaching, individuals are often more exposed to travel booking frauds when looking for last minute package deals / cheap flights. Whether paying upfront for a family holiday or simply booking a flight, payments are transferred only to discover that the holiday / airline ticket does not exist and was sold to you by a bogus travel company. Fraudsters will often lure in potential customers with low prices and 'one time only' offers that are simply too good to pass up, requesting payment by the preferred method of direct bank transfer.

Avoid Paying for a holiday / airline tickets / accommodation via direct bank transfer.

No reputable company will ever request payment via this method.

Responding to unsolicited calls, texts or emails offering holidays at incredibly low prices.

Protect Yourself

Whenever possible, pay for your holiday by credit card as it offers increased protection.

Walton Neighbourhood Plan

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

You will be seeing a range of information about this over the next few months.

The basic concept is to create a set of guidelines for the future of development within the parish - although not able to limit the amount of development set by the District Local Plan; statements and proposals will be created by the people who live and work here to ensure that the nature of those developments and their impact on the parish are what you want.

A steering group has been set up [which you are welcome to become a part of] and you and your family can get involved as much or as little as you want to and talk about the concerns important to you all. Talk to one of your local Councillors or the parish clerk.

All areas of parish life are to be considered, and we would like to get in touch with all parts of our varied community.

This Means YOU

What do you like most about living in Walton ?

Friends? Social events? The countryside? The Church?

What would make living here better for you?

Better public transport? Less traffic? Better housing? Improved pavements? Another Pelican Crossing? More community buildings?

For you - what is the most important thing that makes this village your home?

You can give us your answers to these questions - find out more - and make your opinions known at the

Village Fun Day on Saturday 10th September.

WALTON VILLAGE MEGA GARAGE, GARDEN AND YARD SALE.

MONDAY 29 AUGUST 2016. 10.00am - 2.00pm.

Following the success of this event two years ago, and due to popular demand...as a Village, we are looking to host another Village sale to be run from each individual home. Whether you want to use your garage, garden or yard...it doesn't matter we want you to be part of it. It is a perfect time to declutter without the hassle of leaving your home and having to take your things to a car boot sale. All you need to do is set up your stall and display a number which you will be allocated - we will do the rest. Once you register, a map of the Village will be produced plotting your location, these will be given to all the potential buyers. The cost of being involved is £ 5.00/household, which will go towards the Church Roof Fund. Alternatively we will be offering a Table Top sale option held at the Church at £ 5.00/table. The Church will be open all the time and refreshments available. We will be running a BBQ during the event. If you want to be part of this amazing community event...register by contacting Mike or Wendy - via the church. Alternatively a flyer will be coming through your door, fill your details on the back of the flyer and leave it at Church. **Registration needs to be by Sunday 22nd August 2016.** If you have any queries/questions please contact us ASAP...

Walton in Bloom 2016

As ever this was judged on the first Friday in August... Enjoy these few pictures of some of the beautiful gardens that help make Walton a great place to live

Best Garden ~ 14 Badgers Green

With a breadth & height of planting , clipped hedge, tree for shade & seating a delightful space is created



Best Basket was a difficult category this year given the weather.... However the winner - 32 Main Street - had colour, shape, drape and was well maintained...

The sheer variety of pots and plants ensured that 40 Main street was a clear winner of the container category - and watering must be a continuous job for that householder!

The up keep of all the gardens - winners or not - makes Walton a very colourful village all year round. Thank you to all the gardeners!



Walton in Bloom 2016

The Most unusual garden

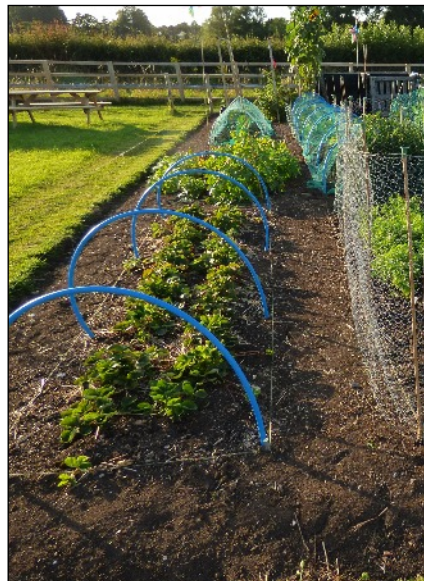
in Walton remains as the amazingly well maintained 1 Blackthorn Way, with its exceptional variety of shapes and styles.



Walton Allotments appear to be going from strength to strength with this years Cornucopia award winners being Plot number 1 for the range of plants, growing styles

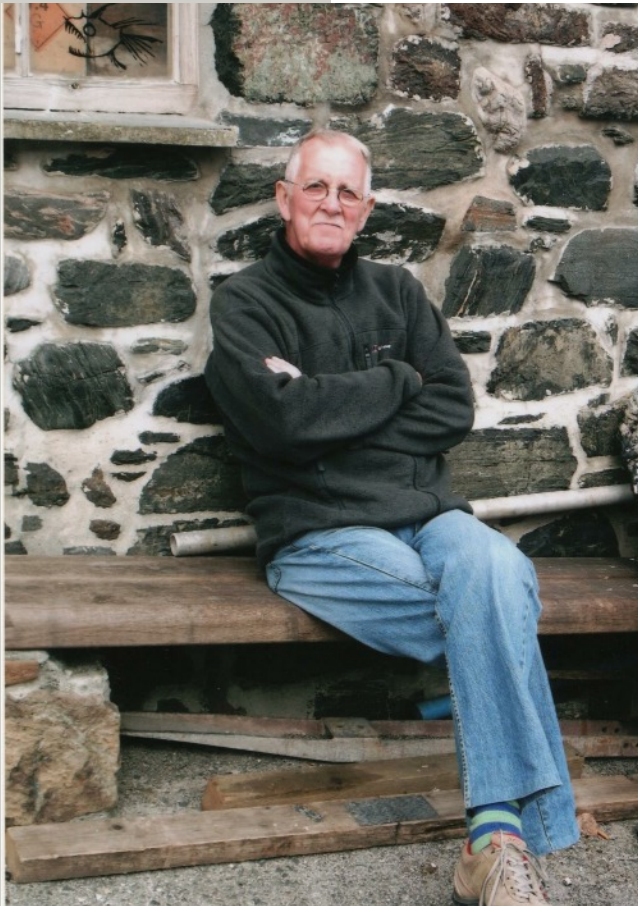
and planting for seasons to come. The runner up Cornucopia award went to plot number 14 for both variety & maintenance with the **special award** going to plot number

fifteen winning because it is an amazing example of a well maintained allotment with linear planting, variety, and using every inch of available space



Bob Pletts

A remembering....



Margaret Pletts would like to invite friends and colleagues to a remembering Bob Pletts time at Walton Church on:

**Saturday October
22nd at 2.30pm**

All of you who knew Bob are welcome - please take a little time out of your day to come and remember him.

There will be wine, nibbles, tea and cake to share afterwards and car parking will be available in the village hall car park.

Walton Allotment Society

The growing season is well under way and we are now digging potatoes, picking runner beans, drying onions and pulling carrots.

There is a wide age range on the allotments and people bring their children with them. The site is fenced with a gates so children can't easily get out! There is a covered water trough plus taps to make water collection easier.

The site is very peaceful with parking and a communal area as well as views of the Tor and Walton

Windmill to enjoy. We have four unlet plots so please contact me if you want to join us.

Marilyn Fletcher 01458 446196



LOCAL GROUP RAFFLING A QUILT TO RAISE FUNDS FOR SARCOMA UK

Walton Textile group are raffling a double size quilt made by their group to raise funds for Sarcoma UK.

The raffle 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 members of Walton Textile Group

The group made the quilt to raise funds for Sarcoma UK because Beth Semikin the granddaughter of one of their members is

suffering from this type of rare cancer. Beth has written a blog and anyone wishing to learn more about Beth's traumatic journey can read her blog on 'Tumour has it' Although Sarcoma is rare 3800 people are diagnosed each year 15% of children under 14 years of age and 11% of young people between the ages of 15 and 24 diagnosed with cancer has Sarcoma . It is a particularly nasty form of cancer because it can reoccur in other parts of the body. Further information can be obtained on the Sarcoma UK web site



A very successful concert for the charity was held at the Street Mission church earlier in the year which raised over £1500.00 due to the generosity of local people and businesses. James Heapy the local MP attended the concert and the church was full with people standing in the foyer.

**Walton Textile Group meet on the 2nd and 4th
Monday of each month at 1.30pm at Walton
village Hall .and welcome new members. The
group are not only involved in quilting but
experiment with other craft techniques and
members take turns to lead sessions.**



Walton Holy Trinity Church

Update of Services and Activities at your local Church

Change of Service details:

1st Sunday - Morning Worship.

2nd Sunday - Taize, a quiet meditative service.

3rd Sunday - Morning Worship.

4th Sunday - Holy Communion.

Every **Thursday Morning** we have a 'Mid-week' Holy Communion at 11.30am - all welcome.

Every **Saturday**, we have a contemporary Family /All-Age Service called Beulah, at 5.00pm. This is a very relaxed and informal service which last for about 1 hour.

After the service we have a social time and enjoy supper together come and join us.

Coffee Morning, every **Thursday**, from 10.30 till 11.30am. Please come and join us for a chat and refreshments. Childrens Church Groups...during the school holidays the groups have a break. However, Mums and Todds will continue to run on Wednesdays during August. Please feel free to pop in and meet up 10.00 -12.00.

All the other groups will start back the 1st week back of term. That will be the week commencing 5th September 2016.

Monday -Church Mice After school till 4.30pm.

Tuesday - After School Club - 3.15 till 5.15pm.

Wednesday - Mums and Todds - 10.00 till 12.00pm.

Friday - Take Away Church - Youth Bible study, yr 6 and up, with supper - 5.30 till 6.30pm. Youth Club, yr 5 and up - 7.00 till 9.00pm.

For any further details please do not hesitate to contact us...

Richard Knight: mobile 07780 452478. Church Office: 01458 442671.

Crafty Times 2016.

On Friday 12th August (7pm - 9:30pm - Pimms and nibbles) and Saturday 13th August (10am - 12:30pm) Holy Trinity Church Walton will be holding its first art, crafts and food fair - Crafty Times 2016.

The fair aims to provide artisans with a platform to promote and offer for sale their hand crafted works. Since advertising began in June, Crafty Times has attracted an exciting range of artisans from the local area. The diverse range of works on offer will ensure there's something for everyone at the fair. Stalls include textile items for the home, jewellery, paper crafts, children's tutus and accessories, mosaics, wood carved decorations and luxury handmade Belgian chocolate to name a few. Pimms and nibbles will be available to visitors on the Friday evening while shopping through the array of stalls. There will also be the opportunity to enter a prize draw with works from stall holders up for grabs. On the Saturday morning teas and coffees will be available to shoppers. Visitors to the fair will also be able to vote for their favourite stall which will be awarded our first Crafty Times award. For further information email: craftytimes@outlook.com

Lewy Body Cream Tea fundraiser

The afternoon of Saturday the 25th of June was the time when a cream tea event was



held at the village hall. The tea was well attended and additional tables had to be setup as more people continued to turn up during the afternoon. There was also raffle and a chance to win a very realistic knitted clown doll which was eventually won by Jake Gristock. As a social event the afternoon led to the happy buzz of people talking, laughing and thoroughly

enjoying themselves as they dived into their cream tea. Usually when an occasion such as this takes place at the hall it is for a reason and this event wasn't to be an exception as it was to raise funds for an organisation which promotes awareness of a dementia type called Lewy Body dementia. The Lewy Body strain of the dementia is named after Dr Friedrich Heinrich Lewy who was a colleague of Dr Alzheimer. His research discovered a microscopic protein deposit in the brain associated with the death of cells. The protein in question is named after Dr Lewy and recognised as Lewy bodies. The aim of the society is to provide information, awareness and promote research on this section of dementia to the general public and the medical profession. Lewy Body and Parkinson's have some common symptoms but there are other symptoms that are unique to each type. Leaflets and information were at hand on the afternoon as well as posters with information about the illness. If you would like more information it can be found on the www.lewybody.org website. The event, organised by Jenny Ponsillo, can easily be described as a great success in achieving just over £500 for the charity, and with this article, a better understanding of why the cream tea took place. The backroom ladies at the hall did a terrific job with the food and service they provided with others also giving their help.

Your Walton...

Useful Information

WALTON PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

as at 31st March 2016

Balances brought forward	£	40,295.00
total income received	£	49,685.00
total expenditure	£	34,723.00
Balances carried forward	£	55,257.00

Earmarked / restricted reserves as at 31st March 2016 included within the carried forward figure

Harry Skinner Legacy	£	896.59
Eastmead Field	£	12,289.00
Play area	£	5,000.00
Solar Park community benefit improving Walton	£	23,588.00
Election costs	£	4,000.00
TOTAL	£	1,000.00
	£	46,773.59

DOG OWNERS

A big thank you to all dog owners who are responsible and clear up after their pets - and to those who remember to keep their dogs on a lead when using public footpaths until they are certain there are no livestock near.

Good behaviour is appreciated because not being responsible for your dog is really anti social behaviour and can cause a great deal of distress. Please can owners remember Not to let their dogs out unsupervised - not all gardens in the village are enclosed and your dog fouling someone else's cared for garden is not considerate but unlawful and unfair.

Walton Newsletter Schedule

Edition:	Out:	Article Deadline:
NOVEMBER	11th November 2016	31st October 2016
FEBRUARY	10th February 2017	31st January 2017
MAY	12th May 2017	30th April 2017
AUGUST	11th August 2017	31st July 2017

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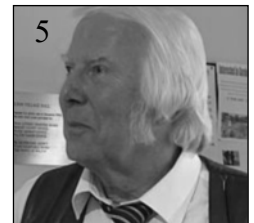
Your Councillors...

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Say Hello if
you spot
them around
the village