

In Touch With... Walton

Life and news in Walton Village

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Fun Day & Harvest Show...

A great day after a cloudy start - people of all ages gathered and enjoyed the warm afternoon - there were tractors , fancy cars, a huge inflatable slide, kids play zone, side shows and displays of everything from foot ball to fire engines.

A few photos are on the next page & more will be available on the parish council website. Thank you to the Walton Trust and all the volunteers for creating such an enjoyable annual event.



Shame on you !

Flytip on Walton Drove



Lots of locals have been upset by fly tipping happening in & around Walton. It spoils the beauty & enjoyment of this rural parish. Report all fly tips to Mendip District Council on 0300 303 8588 & / or your PCSO on 07825 175 308 Stop this pollution of our countryside by these selfish vandals.

If you spot a tip - Report it!

From the chairman... your parish council update

COMMUNITY BENEFITS FROM SOLAR PARKS

At the time of writing this report Council has still not received the Community Benefit Funding from the Redlands Farm Solar Park but a recent email from Council's contact at the Park's installers has explained that they have to make some minor planning amendments and resulting works before handing over the park to its final owners.

Council will now not discuss its approach to handling the Benefits until payment has been received but suggestions from residents will still be welcomed. Please contact any Councillor or Helen with your thoughts.

INSTALLATION OF a V.A.D. [Vehicle activated device] Following a site meeting with County Highways the position for the VAD has been confirmed as on the southern side of the A39 opposite a post which carries the sign advising how to find the Police Station at the eastern end of Mildred Road and it should be in place in the next 2 months. The idea is that the VAD will remind drivers that they are still in a 30mph area after coming away from the traffic control area at the West End junction.

GREEN AREAS

The possibility of more frequent cutting of the green areas in the Village is still being investigated by Council and it is waiting for a final costing from the contractors before finally agreeing whether or not to upgrade the number of cuts of all green areas to the maximum number now made to some areas.

WALTON 1St BROWNIES

Council agreed at its September Meeting to provide start up funding for a new pack of Brownies. The pack will be meeting at the Village Hall on Mondays 430pm till 6pm from November 9th .

Brownies are aged between 7 and 10 years old and at the time of writing 14 have already asked to join but more would be made very welcome I am sure.

THE MENDIP DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR WALTON & STREET on the back page of this Newsletter you will find a list of concerns regarding proposals from Mendip DC & the future of both Walton and Street.

Can I please ask that as many residents as possible to attend the presentation by Mendip DC in the Village Hall on NOVEMBER 27th between 2pm and 8pm, carefully looking at all the proposals and making the Mendip team aware of all the positives and negatives that you personally see in them.

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Evening entertainment Midrod Ends

The ever popular Midrod Ends played the Fun Day out on what was a lovely evening - groups and families gathered and enjoyed the atmosphere, the bar stayed open, and it was an enjoyable end to a successful Village Fun Day.

All generations attended & enjoyed!



Junior Walton's got talent

This annual Fun Day contest drew a range of entries to the stage on the afternoon with singing, gymnastics and dance routines enjoyed by an enthusiastic audience and proving difficult to judge.



Harvest show entries

The fruit and vegetable categories were very popular this year but there were also many entries in other classes from both young and old.. However more participants are always welcome, for baking, making, pictures, painting etc.

Things of all sizes could be found there



Thank you
All
For a
Fun Day

Walton Women's Institute

We have had another busy two months with members taking part in the County Croquet Pairs Competition, kurling sessions, skittles matches, short mat bowls contests, 'explore your own area' walks and the County's Autumn Ramble. The Ladies who Lunch continue to enjoy doing so.

We have supported both the Merriman Park Fete and the Walton Family Fun Day by selling tea, coffee and homemade cakes etc. Two members also won trophies in the Walton Harvest Show.

During our evening monthly meetings we have enjoyed 'Further Adventures of a Bewildered

Writer' (replacing our advertised talk) and tales 'On/Off Air' by a BBC reporter. Our meeting in October was our forty second anniversary and gifts were given to members.

Continuing the celebrations of the centenary we have attended an afternoon tea party given by Glastonbury W.I., a 'Dresses Through the Ages' evening hosted by Woolavington W.I. and the County organised Gala Dinner in Oake.

We returned to Woolavington for the Autumn Group Meeting in October, supported the Harvest Supper organised by Walton Church in the village hall

and Shapwick W.I.'s 90th Anniversary party in their village hall.

Our last croquet session has taken place but our winter pastimes of whist and Scrabble have commenced. Craft, table tennis and tennis are continuing as normal.

Our meetings take place on the second Thursday of the month at 7.30pm in Walton Village Hall.

The December meeting will be a party organised by the committee and the competition will be 'A Bell'.

Dates for your diary... December for Walton Church

17th December 2015.

Walton School Christmas Carols at 6.00pm.

18th December 2015.

Carol Service at 7.00pm.

Carols by candlelight, a lovely time and starts to set the scene for the week to come.

20th December 2015.

Drama Production and Party at 3.00pm. A family time together in readiness for Christmas.

24th December 2015

Christingle at 4.00pm.

A popular children's service, a beautiful way to prepare our hearts for Christmas Day. Midnight Communion at 11.30pm The celebration starts here.

25th December 2015. Christmas Day.

NO Service in Walton. The Christmas Day Service will be held at the Mission Church in Street at 10.30am.

27th December 2015. - Benefice Service Parish Church, Street, at 10.30am.

The Revd Sharon Walker and all at Holy Trinity Church wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year.

Police & Neighbourhood Watch advice by Bob Musgrave

There is **email** in circulation that appears to have been sent from a legitimate Lancashire Constabulary email address. The email appears to come from 'Lyn Whitehead' and is asking the recipient to pay an invoice that is attached to the email.

This email has not been sent from Lancashire Constabulary - the email address has been spoofed. This type of email is commonly referred to as spam, and if you have received it you **MUST NOT** open it. Instead delete it from your email system to avoid infecting your device. **Protect Yourself:**

Do not click or open unfamiliar links in emails or on websites

Make sure you install and use up-to-date anti-virus software

Have a pop-up blocker running in the background of your web browser

If you have opened the attachment and 'enabled macros' it is very likely that all your personal data will have been breached. You **MUST** change all your passwords for personal accounts, including your bank accounts.

If you believe you have become a victim of this get your device checked over by a professional.

Walton Was...

More on the pram race :

This picture was shared by Philip Daniells who remembers and entered the pram race on more than one occasion back in the sixties - here he is with Ken Argent as "Steptoe & Son" can you tell who is who?

Do YOU have memories to share?



Arts at Asney...

Caroline Hayles Asney Art & Craft Workshops

01458 446 103

About half a mile from the main road through the village of Walton you will find a gem - the **Asney Arts & Craft Workshops** held at **Asney Cottage**.

There is a purpose built peaceful and accessible art studio in a leafy corner turning all shades of golden when I visited this November.

A pottery kiln, a printing press for wood cuts etc. and an entire library of books and pictures are there to encourage and inspire.

The dynamic Caroline Hayles who arranges, runs & teaches all the classes, has a BA hons in Fine Art and is qualified with a diverse range of experience that brings both humour & expertise to her range of Art courses.

Monday and Tuesday term time mornings are structured mixed media art classes suitable for everyone of any age or ability. These begin with drawing and painting and progress to 3D work in clay and wire etc. The emphasis is on enjoyment and developing your own personal creativity and artistry rather than working toward an exam. The focus may range from using the local Somerset Levels landscape for inspiration or working with still life or live models both clothed and nude.

These weekly two and a half hour courses run for 10 weeks and cost £110 which includes all the basic art materials you will require and plenty of tea & coffee. The courses will also include a day trip out to an art gallery.

Specialised **two day weekend courses** in a range of art and craft areas are offered during the Summer.

Attendees at all courses vary from those who have been taking classes for several years through to those just beginning a single term or two day course. They may be young or old, women or men, however, all come across as very positive about the classes, the teaching, and their art.

If you would like to discover more about this hidden gem contact **Caroline Hayles** direct on **01458 446103** or **carohayles@yahoo.co.uk**.

Walking Walton...

Starting with a walk on Boxing day in 2004 up to the thodolite close to the Walton windmill the walking group continues to meet on the **FIRST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH** 10AM at the old village telephone box. The lengths of the walks change with the abilities of those who turn up and a social walk ensues - please remember to wear appropriate footwear and clothing as paths can be muddy and the weather changeable! The walks last for about one and a half to two hours.

The group was originally started by Margaret Francis as a way to find all the footpaths within the parish and ensure that they were known and kept open. It has been a success. Over the years Margaret and other regular walkers with the group have acquired an encyclopedic knowledge of Walton's public footpaths. The monthly Sunday walks are arranged to be circular - and if they are linear it will be by prior arrangement in order that cars can be there at the end to meet you. The group also wanders wider afield on occasion and over the years has walked to Glastonbury Tor, Clyse Hole, Shapham tea rooms, Compton and frequently over to Ashcott amongst many other places - but within the parish remains the focus. The most recent walk Margeret attended was an echo of the very first - up to the Windmill and back. Why not join them on a Sunday and enjoy a sociable stroll around the parish? Margaret may not always be there, but others will.

If Sunday mornings do not suit you then the Avalon Marshes produce a series of leaflets about local heritage walks and have one entitled "A wander around Walton & Small Moor" which is labled as an easy 2mile circular walk. The leaflets include maps and can be downloaded from **www.avalonmarshes.org** or picked up from the Avalon Marshes Centre at Shapwick Rd Westhay.

Your Walton...

Mendip Consultation at Walton Village Hall on Friday NOVEMBER 27TH between 2pm & 8pm

What makes Walton special for you?

What would make Walton better for you?

Mendips answers to these questions will be on display at Walton Village hall on Friday November 27th

Please attend and make your views known -

Some things to think about are:

Why is the large development [to meet the needs of Street] to the east of the parish not mentioned in the Walton section?	Should a route for a safer pedestrian & cycle path through Walton -away from the main road -be included?	Should care be taken to ensure Badgers Green and any new development are not swept up into Street and firm links with Walton community are maintained?	What is your future vision for your village? How do you want to see it develop?
Should the potential of this development to deliver better facilities for Walton residents [present & future] be mentioned?	Should Walton Bypass have a more positive mention - it is a significant infrastructure project that has potential to significantly change Walton?	What , for you, are the most significant green areas & beauty spots surrounding Walton ?	Do you want to see more Employment opportunities in the village? If yes then what & where?
What do you view as important to include for Walton? [Eg Doctors surgery, play facilities, village park or shop]	Should footpaths & cycle routes be created to link ANY new development into the existing community - church, school, village hall etc?	Are all the comments Mendip has made about Walton in its report correct?	Your ideas & Your concerns !

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 Daniels 28 Chancellors Rd BA16 9RX	8. Naomi Johnson Haycroft cottage Veal lane BA16 9RE
	6. Lesley Gagg 20 Badgers	9. Simon Loader 49 Moorland Rd BA16 9SJ
		SEE WEBSITE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Wood Carving Classes

Restart at the Old Primary School in Walton on 12th Jan 2016 contact Anthony Griffiths for details: 01458 445 794

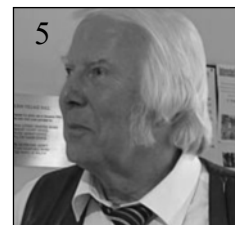
Meet & Greet Club

New to Walton or just fancy tea and chat? First Wednesday of every month in the village hall lounge between 2.15 pm & 3.45 pm Everyone welcome

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Say Hello if you spot them around the village