

# In Touch With...

# Walton

*The Parish Council are looking to Co-opt three further Councillors - To be part of the community in this way - or to find out more - please contact the Clerk*

## Life and news in Walton Village

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This newsletter and some previous editions can also be viewed at the community website: [www.waltonpc.org](http://www.waltonpc.org)



### From the chairman...

Many thanks to the many of you who attended the consultation event about the proposed Solar Park. It was very informative and prompted interesting questions about how to balance the need for energy, the policies of central government and local interests. Whatever your viewpoint, the opportunity to inform, crystallize and voice our thoughts was welcome. When any planning application is made, there will be an opportunity to contribute to the planning process, both directly to the planning board and via the Parish Council meeting.

Speaking of the environment, as I write this, the hottest day ever recorded in the UK is forecast. If you have any ideas of things that can be done locally to help redress our carbon footprint or other environmental impact such as plastic use, please do talk to one of the councillors (or better still, join the council). We would love to support such schemes.

The Speed Indicator Device [SID] is up and running. There will soon be further posts installed and the device will rotate between the locations. We get statistics from the SID, and it is clear that there is a reduction in speed when it is in place. We are also be looking into how to repair or replace the existing device on Quarry Batch.

Lastly, Walton Fun Day is back! I do hope to see you all there. Once again, I will be manning the BBQ so make sure you drop by, buy a snack and say hello.

*John Harvey*

**WALTON FAMILY FUNDAY**  
Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Car boot sale	Bar – Real ales, lager,
Side stalls	cider, wine, gin &
Kids races	soft drinks
Bouncy castle	BBQ
Agri displays	Live music
Ferret racing	Harlem Rhythm Cats &
Fireworks	Fairplay
Tea, coffee & cakes	

Fun for all the family – whatever the weather  
**\*WILL BE GOOD TO SEE YOU\***  
Raising funds for Walton Village Hall  
Walton Playing Field  
Charity No. 1055817  
[www.waltonvillagehall.org](http://www.waltonvillagehall.org)

**Village Fun Day Returns !!**  
September 10th  
1pm to midnight

**WALTON FUN DAY**  
CONFIRMED BANDS  
Harlem Rhythm Cats  
Fair Play Band  
SEPTEMBER 10TH  
WALTON VILLAGE HALL  
1 PM - 12 PM  
[www.waltonvillagehall.org](http://www.waltonvillagehall.org)

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## The Men's Shed

August is a busy time in the shed, we are preparing for Merriman Park Fun Day in Street on Saturday 3rd September and the Walton Fun Day on the 10th September. But we are still offering the same opportunity of a place to come and work and socialise in a safe and friendly environment.



We are open two and a half days a week at Hempitts Farm, Hempitts Road, Walton, BA16 9QS

**Mondays: 9am to 12:30 (Mxd session)**  
**Tuesdays: 9am to 4:30pm (ladies 12:30 to 4:30)**  
**Thursdays: 9am to 4:30pm**  
**(Mxd session 12:30 - 4:30)**

Our plans for the future are to continue to provide a place for the older person, both male & female to be able to work and socialise with others, our large workshops have tools and machines of every description, including 4 lathes for the use of beginners up to skilled users.

We are affiliated to the Glastonbury and the soon to start Street Repair Cafes and are accepting wood working restoration jobs as part of this innovative recycling/reusing project. We are accepting donations of any tools or machinery that you may have cluttering up your shed or garage and also any reasonable lengths of wood, please contact me through the Email or telephone No. below.

If you would like more information about the shed, how to join and what we can do, please contact Brian on 01458 443940 or Email [brianbastable123@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:brianbastable123@hotmail.co.uk)

## Donations from celebration



The Walton Jubilee picnic was a community success in more ways than one. It was a great day for families who came together, to have fun and celebrate the Platinum Jubilee with games, races,

competitions, entertainments and much more. It was also a great day by raising funds for the village school and pre school who were each presented with £766.26 by the Jubilee picnic organisers.

## Walton Textiles Group

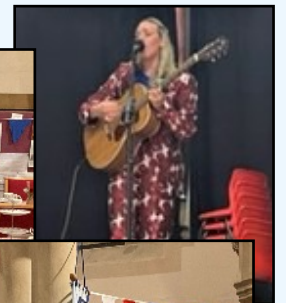
We are a group of people interested in exploring different aspects of sewing who meet every second and fourth Mondays of the month in the village hall from 1.30 to 4. We try to offer a varied programme based on members wishes and experiences. During June and July for example members have been making patchwork jackets inspired by The Sewing Bee and we had a hand sewing session on Trapunto. We have also had a workshop making small landscapes and have one on Eco Printing planned for the autumn.

If you would like to know more you can contact us by email on [waltontextiles@gmail.com](mailto:waltontextiles@gmail.com) or come along to our first meeting on September 12th to find out more about us. We are informal and friendly and you would be welcome, no previous experience is necessary.

*Barbara*



# Some glimpses of our jubilee:



# In Bloom 2022 - Allotments

The allotments were Judged this year on 30th June, it was not easy to decide amongst plots that are well kept and fruitful!

The allotments are run by the Walton Allotment Society and if you are interested in getting a plot [which may involve going on a waiting list as they are very popular], then please contact:

waltonallotmentsociety@gmail.com



Plot twenty

First place in the **Cornucopia award** this year went to Plot 20 - Mark Smith, for the wide range of produce and its neat and tidy appearance - bountiful!

The close runner up was Plot 2 Rebecca Francis, for the good range of plants

The **special award** this year went to plot 1 Kelly Nash due to the amazing pots and range of what was being grown, the plot was abuzz with bees!



Plot one

Plot 17 Richard Webb was the runner up here due to their abundant herb bed.

**The Newcomers award** went to plot 9 - Adrian and Claire Constanza for the good beginning.

# In Bloom 2022 - Gardens

All gardens that are visible from the road are automatically entered and this year the competition was judged on 29th July. It was easy to see that the recent very hot weather had had an impact, but on the day:



**BEST OVERALL** went to 32 Main Street which was very well maintained with colourful beds and baskets. The runner up was 32 Hempitts for colour and variety.





**HANGING BASKETS** was a very close competition with many great examples, first place went to the colourful baskets at 2 Littlefields with a very close runner up being the baskets at 57 Main Street.



**BEST CONTAINERS** went to 17 Chancellors with its



glorious colours, with the runner

up being 172 main Street.

The **MOST UNUSUAL** garden award went to 2 Badgers green for their well maintained garden with pops of colour.

Finally a big thank you goes out for all the gardens that help make Walton beautiful - and all the hard work that goes into them.



## Walton WI

During the summer, we have managed to maintain a good variety of activities for our members. Our 'Explore Your Local Area' visits have taken us on excellent guided tours around Westonzoyland Pumping Station, and Coleridge Cottage in Nether Stowey. To our weekly pastimes of 'Coffee & Conversation' in Street, Table Tennis in Walton Village Hall, and Craft at Street Football Ground, we have added Walton Walks on Friday evenings, and fortnightly Croquet sessions have continued in Walton. Craft enthusiasts have also enjoyed two full day sessions learning Somerset Patchwork and crochet. Our monthly evening meetings have continued to be well attended. The AGM in May, incorporating the annual awards and welcoming a new addition to our committee, was followed by a new feature 'Speed Dating' to get to know new members. In June, an amusing talk was given by a retired, Metropolitan policemen, replacing our advertised speaker, and, the social time item, 'Can You Taste the Difference?', showed that generally cheaper brands were preferred. A film showing of the comedy 'Fisherman's Friend' with popcorn included was organised by Front Room Cinema for our July meeting. Socially, Walton members have supported three recent church events, assisted in the County W.I.'s marquee at the Bath & West Show and

served refreshments during the Walton Trust Celebration Picnic. In addition, twenty-six participants enjoyed our 'Open Indoor Street Party', including indoor games, held in Walton Village Hall to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Elsewhere we ran an away kurling gig for Ashcott W.I. during their AGM, our president represented Walton W.I. at the National AGM in Liverpool and four croquet players became joint winners in the County Taunton Deane Croquet Paris Tournament. Four ladies also celebrated the 80th birthday of one of our members in the Royal Oak, delayed for a year due to the pandemic.

Monthly Garden Visits have continued with trips to Apex and Milton House Gardens and three ladies supported a visit to Welland Barn organised by County.

To replace the meeting cancelled in January, we will be having 'Not All Feathers and Fans, The Rise and Fall and Rise of Burlesque in Britain' delivered by Leela Bunce during an additional meeting on 11th August and the competition will remain 'A Decorated Fan'. Our following scheduled meeting at 7.30pm on Thursday 8th September 2022 in Walton Village Hall will have as speaker Mr. Alistair Oxberry enlightening us about 'The Foot and Gait Clinic' and the competition will be 'A Decorated Shoe'. New members and visitors are welcome to join us.

*Jo Haydon*



## Walton Speed Watch

Our Community SpeedWatch team needs your help.

We are a small group of individuals who volunteer their time and commitment to help our community by monitoring speed on the A39 through the village.

We desperately need others to join our team of 7 volunteers (2 aren't roadside trained yet)

So we are asking you to give 30 minutes a month of your time. By making Walton a safer place to drive, cycle and walk, you will be helping everyone in our Walton community. just being there slows the traffic and hopefully raises awareness of the 30 mph limit.

Please come and join us now.

You can contact us at [waltonspeedwatch@gmail.com](mailto:waltonspeedwatch@gmail.com)



## Neighbourhood Watch - Internet and Phone Fraud

Scammers are continuing to try and trick us and steal our money by 'phishing' text messages and e mails impersonating many well-known organizations by using their Logo's and web page information. The most common one's appear to have been sent to us by many major companies such as Banks; Argos; Amazon and courier parcel delivery companies.

To tackle this problem, the National Cyber Security Centre and the City of London Police set up the Suspicious E Mail Reporting Service (SERS) This is an automated system which enables the public to forward to them any suspicious e mails. As of 31st. May 2022 the public have made over 12 million reports to SERS which has resulted in the removal of approx. 83,000 scams and 153,000 malicious websites.

Action Fraud is the UK's national reporting centre for reporting fraud and financially motivated internet crime. If you are unsure whether a call is genuine, you can call Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040.

Most phone providers are also part of a scheme that allows customers to report suspicious text messages for free by forwarding them to 7726.

If you think an e. mail could be a scam, you can report it by forwarding it to [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk)

Even if you are not certain it is a scam, send it to them and they will check.

*Bob Musgrave*

## Speed Indicator Device

A new mobile speed indicator device [SID] has been installed on Main Street as an added encouragement for vehicles to keep to the speed limit. You will be able to see the sign in various locations and the data it provides will back up the Walton community speedwatch group.



## Local Community Transport - some options

More information about Local community transport can be found at [www.travelsomerset.co.uk/community-transport-services/](http://www.travelsomerset.co.uk/community-transport-services/)

**Check with the group in advance for complete information about their services**

### ***Slinky Bus:***

Services run Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm. For booking and registration call **01749 880482** [Mon -Fri 9am to 4pm]

### ***Mendip Community Transport:***

operates accessible vehicles for community groups, the disabled, elderly, frail, visually or mobility impaired and other groups/individuals. Also provides hospital car service. Phone **01749 880613** (9am to 4pm) or email [office@mendipct.co.uk](mailto:office@mendipct.co.uk)

### ***Mendip Community Transport Hospital Cars***

Bookings: **01749 880613** (48 hours notice) Running times: Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm

# Wellbeing at Walton Fair

**Walton Primary School  
Wednesday 21st September  
2pm to 4pm  
Please join us!!**

**Please join us to help us launch our Wellbeing at Walton project! All members of our community are welcome.** Understanding and promoting mental and physical wellbeing has become more important over the past few years and at Walton Primary School we are exploring how we can help ourselves feel connected and healthy in lots of different ways. Using the Somerset Wellbeing Framework audit tools and ideas, we are focusing

on the 3 Pillars of Wellbeing, Belonging, Relationships and Healthy Lifestyles, throughout the next academic year and beyond. To kick things off we are hosting a Wellbeing at Walton Fair on Wednesday 21st September between 2 and 4pm. Already confirmed are mental health support organisations for children and young people, local clubs showcasing the benefits of their favourite ways to exercise, the whole school choir have been learning uplifting songs to entertain us and the children are in the middle of planning all sorts of activities so that everyone can have a go at something fun and maybe find a new hobby! If you belong to a local group that would like to attend the event please contact the school [office@walton.school.sch.uk](mailto:office@walton.school.sch.uk) for the attention of Mrs Cooper.

**We look forward to welcoming our community back to Walton Primary School and exploring the multitude of ways we can stay well.**

## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

We all had an amazing weekend celebrating Queen Elizabeth's platinum jubilee. Sunday afternoon the weather wasn't as good but it didn't daunt us and we filled the Church with over 60 people enjoying a delicious afternoon tea. Music played and conversation buzzed, plus we had an opportunity to watch a bit of the pageant live from London so we could cheer the Bridgwater carnival float as it wound its way up the Mall. We were so grateful for all the help we received from so many, setting up the Church, baking, sandwich makers, cake stand assemblers and washers up. We couldn't have managed without any of you.



What a wonderful day we had for the garage sale. Really too hot for those brave souls who sat in their driveways or walked around the village looking for bargains. It did mean though that lots came into the Church for refreshments and to cool down get 2nd wind before setting off again. Thank you each and everyone of you for your support and help and we hope you all enjoyed it.

**We look forward to supporting the village fun day as our next event. Let's hope we are blessed again with a dry day as we all come together as a village again after a couple of years of being unable to hold this popular day.**

The sharp eyed amongst you will notice The clock is stopped again and there is no weather vane on top the Church tower. The lightning conductor and tower roof was damaged during the February storm Eunice and the steeplejacks are at last looking to repair it. Because of this, and the fact that the clock wasn't chiming, it has been turned off and covered while the work is being done, so that dust and debris does not get into the newly cleaned workings. We hope it won't be too long before we are up and running again.

We are the delighted new owners of a filter coffee machine to aid us make decent coffee for our weekly community coffee mornings and for other functions. This is thanks to a grant from the Harry Skinner fund which is managed by our Parish Council. This will make such a difference and we are so very grateful. Why don't you pop in on a Thursday morning from 10.30 -11.30 and try a cup for yourself.

We are going to enjoy a summer break from fundraising until the Autumn when we will have our harvest supper. You can follow what is happening in the Church, here in Walton and the whole benefice by checking out the Church website. [swcd-churches.org.uk](http://swcd-churches.org.uk)

*Sandra Grístock*

**WALTON VILLAGE WEBSITE: [www.waltonpc.org](http://www.waltonpc.org)**

Pay a visit to the website to find out about local news, events and village information  
You can leave comments, raise issues, ask questions, and find out more about your local community.

If you have an event you would like to promote or have a local group that you would like to have listed then please contact the parish clerk - [clerk@waltonpc.org](mailto:clerk@waltonpc.org)



## Parish Councillors...

As only 6 people had been elected for the 9 places on the Council we are looking to co-opt three further people!

### Curious?

Are you interested in your community? Have an interest in village life?

Chat to one of your councillors or the parish clerk.



**John Harvey**



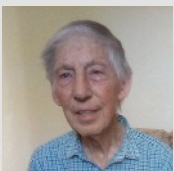
**Bob Collins**



**Richard Crossman**



**Simon Loader**



**Bob Musgrave**



**Richard Vowles**

## Precept grants for village groups

Each year the parish council makes small grants to groups, clubs, and organisations that benefit the people of Walton. In the past grants have been made to, amongst others, the pre school, the men's shed, brownies groups, and the air ambulance.

If you know of, or are a part of, a group or organisation that would like to apply for a precept grant then the application forms and further details can be found on the parish council website:

**[www.waltonpc.org](http://www.waltonpc.org)**

[financial information page]

or requested from the parish clerk:

**[clerk@waltonpc.org](mailto:clerk@waltonpc.org)**

**The deadline for applications is  
MIDDAY FRIDAY 16th SEPTEMBER.**

Please contact the Clerk for help or more information!

### Dates of future Monthly Parish Council meetings

You are welcome!

These are 7pm at the village hall on FRIDAYS:

September 16th

October 14th

November 11th

December 9th

These meetings are open to the public and you are welcome to attend

### District Councillor:

[Cllr.martin@mendip.gov.uk](mailto:Cllr.martin@mendip.gov.uk)

### Somerset Councillors:

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**Meadow Lane,**

**Walton**

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