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Walton

Life and news in Walton Village

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From the chairman... *John Harvey*

Here in Somerset, carnival season is upon us and I, for one, am looking forward to its return after a few years of absence. It is a wonderful expression of joy at the start of the winter and lifts my spirit every time. I know a lot of hard work is put into the carnival which brings enjoyment to many, and for that I am very grateful.

On a more somber note though, as we approach the darker, colder winter months, it is important to come together as a community to make sure that nobody is struggling and in need of help. Please do take time to talk to neighbours, especially those living alone or dependent on pensions, and ensure that they are coping. There are several sources of aid, such as the local social services, age concern and NHS 111, but none of these can help if the problem is not known about.

In news about the Parish Council, we are very glad to welcome Councillor Matt Vowles. Matt grew up in Walton and is resident here. He brings new viewpoints and ideas and will be a valued contributor. If you would also like to help the village and its citizens, there is still room for another councillor on the team. Lastly, as this is the last newsletter before Christmas, let me be (I hope) the first to wish you a Happy Christmas and, despite the cost of living crisis, a Prosperous New Year!

Walton Under 5's Pre School

We've having a busy Autumn term here at Walton Preschool. The children have been exploring the theme of 'Transport' and they enjoyed a spooky Halloween disco on their return from half term.

Preparations are now underway for our first nativity in 2 years and the children are getting excited about all the festive activities that we have begun.

The preschool will soon be selling tickets for our Christmas raffle which will include a selection of prizes from local businesses. Tickets will be available directly from the preschool at the village hall and more information can be found on the advertisement posters at the hall or by emailing waltonunderfives@yahoo.co.uk

The breakfast club has proved a very successful and popular addition to the Preschool. The club runs week days from 8am - 8:40am. £4.50 per child per session. Call us on 07970443157 to register.

We are looking forward to hosting our second Table Top Sale.

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**Walton Under 5's Pre-school
Breakfast Club**

Monday—Friday 8:00—8:40 £4.50 per session per child

Breakfast provided

Your child will be walked to school by a member of the school or preschool staff team.

To book please call :
07970443157

History Kids Somerset



This is a free resource available for anyone interested in local history.

It has been created by Jeni Waller in conjunction with a BA in History, Heritage and Archaeology delivered by Strode College.

This fantastic new engaging website

features some of the local history around the Walton, Street, Glastonbury and Wells area, and is aimed at primary-aged children, their parents, and teachers. There are quizzes, word searches and other activities.

Some of the local history covered includes the Walton Windmill, the story of Swaynes Jumps during the Monmouth rebellion, the hoax of King Arthur's gravesite at Glastonbury, links with the Niewe Herball at Lytes Cary and a small medieval settlement called Maggoty Paggotty near the Great Breach Wood near Compton Dundon.

The plan is to continue to develop and expand the site further across Somerset in the future.

Take a look

www.historykidssomerset.weebly.com

Meet & Greet, Knit & Natter!



In the lounge at the village hall on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month, 2pm to 4pm

A chance to meet up and have a chat

There can be everything from knitting and card making at the Knit & Natter, to board games and chatter at the Meet & Greet.

Everyone is welcome!

Dentaid

Our village resident Laura Collins, a Dental Therapist recently travelled to Uganda alongside a small team with the charity Dentaid.

The team travelled the country for two weeks treating over 1400 adults and children who do not have access to dental



care, offering free emergency treatment.

Schools, orphanages and prisons were visited alongside remote communities, with many people walking over ten miles to be seen.

A huge thank you to those who generously donated to make the trip possible.

Visit the Dentaid website for further information and links to how you can donate.

Walton Graffiti Squad !!

Following a spate of graffiti around the village a group of villagers have got together and supported by the Parish Council, formed the Walton Graffiti Squad.

They have been successful in removing graffiti from local bus stops and are looking at other locations.

Their work around the village has already had an impact with positive comments being received.

Removing graffiti improves our village and creates a tidier smarter, and friendlier Walton.

If you are interested in volunteering, the group can currently be contacted via the parish clerk - or say hello if you see them out and about.



Walton Funday 2022:

The village Funday returned this September with its usual warm weather and once more was an enjoyable community event for families.

We saw the return of many favourites, such as ferret racing, the big slides, the Vintage tractor display and the car boot.



There were also a range of side events such as the crockery smash, bowling and archery. Fun and games for the family included a variety of races for all ages and

games and displays on the stage. There was plenty of food from the BBQ outside and tea, cake and sandwiches indoors. The bar was also popular!

In the main hall there were several displays to look at following your tea, and the very popular raffle.

As ever the event continued on into the evening with bands and a firework finale.

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Holy Trinity Walton

What a beautiful summer we have had and with that we have held some lovely events. It has been a busy year for us but how wonderful it was to join with the whole village for our Harvest Fun Day. Such a lovely day and so good to catch up with so many people. Our thanks go to the organisers of the event. Well done. We celebrated a lovely harvest with the Church looking at its best. We were so pleased to have Walton school in to celebrate with a super service led by the year 6 group who will be leaving for senior school in the summer. They reminded us all that although we were blessed

with a good harvest, there are many not as fortunate who will be struggling this winter with heating and food. With the schools amazing donations of food and toiletries and with the Church congregations donations, we took 2 car loads to the food bank. They were so very grateful to receive so much and to enable them to help others not so blessed.

We are looking forward to the Advent season and our services will be advertised on our Facebook page and outside church as soon as the arrangements are made. There will be different services at all our Churches and we would love to see you at any of our events. From us all in the Street, Walton and Compton Dundon benefice we wish you all a happy and blessed Christmas.

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Table top sale - This will take place on Saturday 19th November from 11am - 3pm at the village hall. Tables are £5 and available by emailing waltonpreschoolcommittee@gmail.com. It is a great opportunity to have a clear out before Christmas! Or why not come along and have a browse and enjoy the refreshments that will be available.

Walton Preschool Committee are also keen to hear from those who would be interested in joining the committee. The committee works closely with the preschool staff to provide the children with a safe and secure setting that fosters their learning and development potential. Joining the committee is a great way to share your expertise and experience, time and ideas along with meeting new people. You don't need to be a current or past parent to join. If this sounds like something you'd like to become part of then drop us a line at waltonpreschoolcommittee@gmail.com.



Street & Walton Men's Shed

With Christmas just a few weeks away, the Street & Walton Men's Shed will be having a stall at several Christmas and Craft Fayres during November and December. We will have stalls at the Glastonbury Craft fayres held in the Town Hall on Saturday 12th November and Saturday 17th December from 10am, We are also having a stall at the Street Christmas Fayre to be held on the High Street and Farm Road on Saturday 3rd December. We will have all our usual hand made from recycled wood items and Christmas gifts and decorations. The Shed is open to men and women over 18 but is generally aimed at the retired older members of our society who may be socially isolated or lonely and are looking for a worthwhile pastime and a sociable friendly place to go to work or chat over tea and biscuits.

The shed is open on: Mondays 9am to 12:30pm (mixed session)

Tuesdays 9am to 4:30pm (afternoon mixed session)

Thursdays 9am to 4:30pm (afternoon mixed session)

For more information or to book a visit, please ring Brian on 01458 443940 or Email brianbastable123@hotmail.co.uk.

Neighbourhood Watch

From Bob Musgrave

The scammers continue to find ways to steal our money in all sorts of ways and one in particular has confused some people via WhatsApp and convinced them to disclose their security information.

In a WhatsApp message the criminal pretends to be someone you know -often a family member - and will usually start the communication with 'Helo Mum' or 'Hello Dad' saying they are having to use this new mobile because their phone has been lost or damaged and need some money to buy a new phone or pay an urgent bill and ask for the money to be transferred to a new account which they have had to create to cope with the problem. In this situation, the scammer is exploiting the emotional vulnerability of the

contact who, in a genuine situation would want to help ASAP and is therefore less likely to query the request.

While WhatsApp protects all user's personal messages, this type of scam is known to have cost their customers over £1.5 million so they repeat their advice to NEVER share their six-digit PIN code with others, not even their friends or family.

If you think you have been a victim of fraud, contact your bank immediately and report it to Action Fraud online at actionfraud.police.uk or by calling 0300 123 2040.

If you think you have had a suspicious email -but not acted on it- you should forward the original message to report@phishing.gov.uk.

So, the fundamental advice is to think very carefully before responding to any unexpected request.

Walton WI

Twenty-six ladies gathered in Wells in July for the Annual Treasure Hunt which took place this year in Wells.



In our monthly 'Explore Your Local Area' series some members have followed the Mural Trail in Glastonbury, and have had a very informative talk by Karen Cook, our

guide, in the History Hut in Low Ham where we had a chance to view all the exhibits followed by a tour of the mediaeval local church nearby.

Our Annual Outing this year to Bicton Gardens in Devon where we were able to view the beautiful gardens, have train rides around the park



and see the exhibits in the Countryside Museum. As well as their usual weekly sessions, craft enthusiasts have enjoyed two all day sessions learning about macrame and pastel drawing. Croquet has continued, when possible, as have weekly table tennis and coffee mornings. We also ran a kurling evening for Coxley W.I. and our skittles team beat their team by forty- six pins in a County Cup match played in the Street Inn. In lieu of our Garden Visits, enthusiasts visited Monckton Elm Garden Centre for shopping and Sunday lunches.

During our three recent evening meetings, we have learnt about The Rise and Fall and Rise of Burlesque, been given useful advice from the Foot and Gait Clinic and were enlightened about British Cheese Promotion in the U.S.A. We also had a two-minute silence for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth whose sad death was announced just before the commencement of our September meeting. On an additional sad note one of our members also passed away recently and members attended her funeral. Group W.I. events have included Social Skittles hosted by Westonzoyland W.I. and a Quiz hosted by Woolavington W.I. Our outside activities have included the refreshment marquee at Merriman Park; serving tea, coffee, rolls and homemade cakes in the indoor café during the Walton Fun Day and helping to organise the Church Harvest Supper. Some members who were born in 1949 also got together after three years for another celebratory meal in Tamburino's in Street.

Walton W.I. has also supported County W.I. activities by helping to serve tea, coffee, and homemade cakes in the Somerset County Show café, enjoying lunch with Ann Widdecombe at the Shrubbery Hotel in Ilminster, and stewarding or running stalls at the Annual Meeting in the Wellspring Leisure Centre in Taunton, guest speakers included The Chief Constable of the Avon & Somerset Police Force and the Reverend Canon Kate Bottley. In addition, three members were proud to represent Somerset W.I.s at the Memorial Service for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth in Wells Cathedral.

Our December meeting will be our Christmas Party and the competition will be 'Father Christmas'.

Jo Haydon

A Message From Mrs Bennetts

I was overwhelmed by how much trouble all the 'Walton School Families' went to for me on the occasion of my retirement from Walton Primary School.

Thank you to all of you who called in to see me, sent cards, messages and gifts.

I will never forget my fourteen years teaching at Walton. Thank you for providing the best children which it was my pleasure to teach at the best school.

PS My Robin tree is growing well and we've booked a Seaside Escape.

Love Mrs B x

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A39, Bath Road to Main Street, Walton, Somerset: Advance notification of major road works

**Night working 21 November 2022 - 2 December 2022 6.30pm-7.30am
under full road closure**

Background

Somerset County Council, as the Highway Authority, has a statutory duty to maintain the roads in Somerset, except for the motorway and trunk roads. There is over 4,000 miles of highway network in total, all of which require some form of maintenance at some time in its life.

The A39, Bath Road to Main Street is showing signs of failure. There are numerous cracks in the road and settlement across the carriageway width.

This location has been subject to many visits to undertake repairs in the past, clearly this is unsustainable and larger scale works need to be carried out.

The proposed maintenance works will include minor works to the existing drainage systems, siding back of verges, where they are encroaching onto the carriageway and cutting back of selected areas of vegetation.

The whole length of road from 20m west of the junction with Bramble Hill, westwards to the Pipers Inn will be resurfaced.

The Resurfacing will take place over two weeks (21 November - 2 December) - it will be necessary to fully close the road between 6.30pm and 7.30am during Monday-Friday.

The Road will be open to traffic at the weekend and daytimes. An alternative route will be signed We will of course maintain access to any households and businesses within the closure and will work closely with those affected by the works by liaison with on-site operational staff. Every effort will be made to keep the duration of the works to a minimum. **Any changes to the works programme will be displayed on site information boards.**

Roads locally which are unsuitable for diverted traffic will be signed during the closure period. if you have any questions, queries or observations on the works, please use the contact details below:
Call 0300 123 2224 or

Email: countyroads-mendip@somerset.gov.uk



Elderly and need transport?

We're here for you!

Street Volunteer Driver Service

Street has a new volunteer driver service offering a door to door return service within Street and Walton.

We can help get you to your important appointments, shopping, social visits, exercise classes and more! [Sorry, we cannot offer hospital transport]

A friendly local person can pick you up and take you where you need to go within Street and Walton for just 60 pence per mile plus £2 standing fee, or just 30 pence per mile if you have a bus pass!

01458 656248

Call to register and book your transport.

Booking lines are open

Mondays and Wednesdays

9.30 - 14.00

Thursday

10.30 - 15.00

With drivers available

Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm

[weekends are possible but on request]

The Crispin Centre and Community Union are working together to provide the volunteer transport service with support from local councils and the Somerset community partnership fund.

COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

HOW DOES IT WORK?

A group of local residents volunteer to monitor traffic speeds

- Vehicles travelling at excess speed will be recorded and reported to the Police.
- Police issue a letter to the registered keeper
- Repeat offenders are targeted by the Police

Find out more www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/csw

GET INVOLVED -

Make contact with your local SpeedWatch team at waltonspeedwatch@gmail.com

By supporting Walton Community SpeedWatch you will be making a difference and that difference matters! We have recently recruited new volunteers but we still need more people to help. We are asking that you give 30 minutes of your time once a month. Why not give it a try, you will be amazed at the difference you can make.



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Getting Messy For Christmas

Primary School aged children and their families are invited to a pre-Christmas Messy Church in Holy Trinity Walton

On: Tuesday 6th December 3.30 - 5pm.

This free event offers games, songs, craft and refreshments on a seasonal theme.

No need to book, just come along.

For more details of this and all the Christmas

services and events at Holy Trinity, please visit www.swcd-churches.org.uk or find SWCD

Churches on Facebook.



Ana Lawrence, Rector

WALTON VILLAGE WEBSITE: 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



Your Parish Councillors...

7 out of 9 places filled means that the Council are looking for two people. Are you interested in your community? Have an interest in village life?

Chat to one of your councillors or the parish clerk.



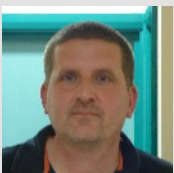
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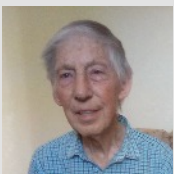
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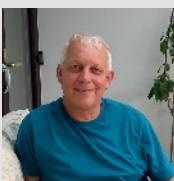
**Richard
Crossman**



**Simon
Loader**



**Bob
Musgrave**



**Richard
Vowles**

Matt Vowles, your newest councillor, was co-opted to Walton Parish Council at the September Parish Council meeting.

!! NEW !! STREET VOLUNTEER DRIVER SERVICE

Street Area Volunteer Drivers Service are based at the Crispin Community Centre, Street, we have launched the service and are recruiting drivers to help those community members unable to get around easily.

With support of Walton Parish Council we are now able to offer the service to Walton residents as well.

Drivers will be available for Dr's, Hair & other appointments, Community Centre/Church activities, social groups, friends get together, shopping.

Do you have an hour or two to spare with a car?

We would like to hear from you - Volunteers with a car are needed & a mileage allowance is paid. This will be totally flexible with no fixed commitment you can choose which journeys to take at anytime online.

Call in to Crispin Community Centre or call 01458 656248 for more details.

Email: volunteerdriverservice@crispinhall.org.uk

Dates of future Monthly Parish Council meetings

You are welcome!

These are 7pm at the village hall on FRIDAYS:

December 9th

These meetings are open to the public and you are welcome to attend
NEXT YEARS DATES WILL BE ANNOUNCED SOON ON THE WEBSITE AND VILLAGE NOTICE BOARDS

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