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Walton

Life and news in Walton Village

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From the chairman...



Walton Fun Day will be here soon. On this day the whole village, young, old and those between, can get together for

games, entertainment, socializing, food, drink and, most importantly, fun. The event is organized and sponsored by the Walton Trust and supported by the Parish Council. It is free to enter and run entirely by volunteers. I will be behind the BBQ again this year. I do hope you will enjoy it and that I will see you there. If you would like to volunteer some of your time to help set up on Friday / Saturday morning or the clear up on Sunday, you would be most welcome.

This year, the council intends to start putting together a neighbourhood plan. This will outline what we as a community want for our village and what actions we can take to get there.

An important aspect of such a plan is that it represents the views of the people living in the parish. An early step will be to collect opinions and ideas from you. To this end, we will be distributing some ideas and questions on a range of topics and seek your thoughts. You can respond in many ways, not the least of which is via our website or through Facebook.

On the subject of social media...

there is a Walton Parish Council Fb page and chat available. Do search it out and use it as another way of communicating with the council and parishioners.

There remains one vacancy on the council for another member so, if you would be interested in joining us, let Helen, the Clerk, know [clerk@waltonpc.org]

John Harvey

**WALTON
FAMILY FUNDAY**
Saturday 9th September
2023

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	Rocket Fuel
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

Open Studio at the Old School in Walton

Charlie Oldham has a wood carving studio at the Old School in Walton and this year is taking part in Somerset Arts Week as part of the 'Open Studios' event. You will be able to see what the wood carving studio is like, and view some of the wonderful creations. This could be an opportunity for those with an interest in wood carving, but also of interest if you attended the school when it was still open as a school and want to see what it looks like now.

The studio will be open most days between 10am and 5pm for the two weeks 16th September to 1st October everyone is welcome!

The Old School, Main Street, Walton BA16 9QE

Charlie is a member of both the Master Carvers Association and the Society of Heraldic Artists and involved with both restoration and creation. Teaching is also an important part of what goes on at the Old School, wood carving classes have been running since 1999, and details of the classes starting this September can be found on his website www.oldschoolcarving.co.uk or by contacting him directly on 01458 445 794.



SOMERSET OPEN STUDIOS 2023

16 September- 1 October

Somerset Open Studios is the opportunity for SAW Artist Members to open their studio doors to allow a glimpse into often-private spaces and workshops, alongside pop up venues, where audiences can meet the artist, see work in progress and visit the creative source.

www.somersetartworks.org.uk

Friendship Benches

Friendship benches, or talking benches as they are also known, are a place where you can take a rest and share a conversation with someone.

Mendip District Council donated a

commemorative friendship bench to the village of Walton. The bench is now being located near to the Asney Road end of the public footpath that runs around the village playing field.

A big thank you goes to both Mendip, for the bench, and to the Walton Trust for giving permission for it to be sited there.

On your walks you now have the opportunity to sit, enjoy the view, and perhaps have a chat.

Following a request from the Walton Primary School PTA, Walton Parish Council made a grant for the purchase of a friendship bench and a large circular picnic table, for the children at the school.



Cream Tea

On Sunday 20th August 3 to 5pm

At the Village Hall

Which one will you choose,
Cornish or Devon?

There is a sign up list at the
village hall and the church,
or contact

Liz Selway 01458 210236
Cost £5.00

[Pay on the door]

Organised by Holy Trinity
Walton with Walton Village
Hall



SQUAREONE

PILATES

Pilates Classes

@ Walton Village Hall

Tuesday 6:00 pm & Wednesday 3:30 pm

Mixed ability classes suitable for both Men & Women.

- Reduced Back Pain
- Improved Posture
- Improved Balance
- Improved Mobility
- Improved Flexibility
- Core Strength

Pilates has many benefits and is an exercise suitable for

everyone. Call Julie on 07803332245

www.squareonepilates.co.uk



Walton WI

In the last three months, a fair number of outside events have been supported by Walton W.I. These include the Church's Coronation High Tea and the Parish Council's Annual Meeting both held in Walton Village Hall. In addition, we were represented at County W.I.'s organised events: the Red Dress Display showing the garment which had been elaborately embroidered by women all over the world, the visit to St. Fagan's Museum in Wales and participating in the County Quiz. Group W.I.'s 'Puzzles, Puds and Plonk' evening also proved popular with seven local W.I. groups including Walton having a fun evening in Woolavington.

Monthly meetings have included a Pilates session during our AGM in May; some amusing and interesting tales from a former broadcaster turned celebrant in June; and, in July, a talk and demonstration of corn dolly making with members taking up the offer to have a go which was followed in Members' Time by a new game entitled 'Tell Me a Story'. During this year we have welcomed six new members boosting our numbers to fifty-seven.

Our 'Explore Your Local Area' sessions, also held monthly, have remained popular with visits to the Glassworks and Art Centre in Langport for a glass blowing demonstration; to Fragrant Earth in Glastonbury where we mixed hand and foot creams using natural ingredients; and to Coates English Willow in Stoke St Gregory for a comprehensive guided tour, followed by lunch and a visit to the museum and shops plus an opportunity to walk around the vast estate.



In respect of our regular activities, monthly 'Ladies who Brunch' get togethers, held in The Mullions, have been attended by between eight and fourteen ladies each time, and our Garden Visits have now resumed with a well-attended Sunday afternoon visit to the Open Gardens event in Tintinhull in July. Croquet held fortnightly and table tennis and craft both held weekly have continued to prove popular.

We are pleased to report that our Skittles Team proved victorious in the final of W.I. County Cup beating Wellington by five pins in a tight match held in the Bird in Hand Public House in Bishops Lydeard.

WI continued on next page

Walton in Bloom 2023



Best Garden - 32
Hempitts Road - Deborah Underwood



Most unusual - 1 Blackthorn Way - Mr. Newton



Best Containers - 2 Blackthorn way - Brian & Bev Matthews



Best hanging basket - 6 The Warren - Debbie Harrington



Cornucopia Award - Plot 1 - Mr. & Mrs. Bisgrove



Special Award - Plot 18 - Ken & Jill Graham



Runner Up - Cornucopia - award - Plot 20 - Mr. Mark Smith

Thank you to all the gardeners!

The colourfull gardens and allotments of Walton in full bloom. The judges gave the special award this year to allotment plot 18 with the comment that 'Ken has put a lot of time and effort into the plot, turning it from a wilderness into an area producing a wide variety of vegetables. He is one of the plot holders who we think must live up there as he can always be found tending his plot'

WI continued ... The Annual Outing this year was a day trip by coach and steam train to Minehead and Dunster. This was enjoyed by thirty-eight members, friends, and family on a fine day. Our Jumble Sale held in Walton Village Hall on a particularly wet day was still successful with those who helped working exceptionally hard. The sale was held in aid of our Golden Anniversary Tea Party to be held in October. Our next evening meeting after publication will be at 7.30pm on Thursday 14th September 2023 when we will have as speaker Ruth Ames-White who

will be giving us A Mosaic Presentation and the competition will be A Decorated Tile. New members and visitors are always welcome to join us. *Jo Haydon*



Walton Textile Group

Our twice monthly sessions have finished now until September but as a group we will be working on an exciting project over the summer.

The Mayor of Wells has launched a fundraising challenge called 'The Mayors New Clothes', which involves taking a used wedding dress or ball gown and decorating it in any way we wish. The decorated dresses will then be auctioned next February after a fashion show in January.

We have chosen a beaded dark blue dress (see picture) and have lots of ideas as to how we will embellish it so watch this space.

Our usual meetings are twice a month on a Monday afternoon and will recommence in September so new members are welcome to join us then, or to just come along to a session to find out more!

Barbara



Quilt Show

Avalon Quilters will be hosting a quilt show on the weekend of 30th September/1st October at Meadway Hall , Ham Lane, Compton Dundon.

It will be open from 10am to 4pm.

There will be Traders, Tombola, a Sales table, Raffle and of course refreshments. The admission charge is £3 [children under 12 free] and all proceeds from the event go to John Evans Trust Fund [diabetes], Somerset Volunteer Network and the Scrapstore. We would love to see you there and support the charities. For further information call 01935 841402

[Avalon Quilters meet on the first Saturday of the month in Compton Dundon Village Hall]

Walton Under 5's Preschool

Following a fantastic year at preschool, we celebrated in style on our last day this academic year with our Sports Day and Leavers Graduation ceremony. The sun shone as parents and carers sat out on picnic blankets to watch the children compete in a range of races with their friends. All the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and they particularly enjoyed watching the grownups in their race! There was some fierce competition amongst the grownups! The preschool committee also arranged for an ice cream van to attend Sports Day and bought all the children an ice cream to celebrate their successes this year. We invited the Year 6 pupils from Walton Primary School to join in and enjoy



an ice cream with their parents after their Leavers Assembly.

We were extremely sad to say goodbye to our children who are due to start school in September. We held a special Graduation Ceremony after Sports Day for them. Each received a special framed photo of themselves at preschool and a gift from the staff. They all looked fabulous in their graduation hats! You may have noticed our new banners displayed locally. We've updated these to showcase our Outstanding rating from Ofsted. We were also overjoyed to see the Central Somerset Gazette featured us on their front page too with a

fantastic write-up on us.

If you or someone you know are looking for childcare, we currently have availability. Although we are shut over the Summer holidays, you can still contact us on 07970 443157 or email: waltonunderfives@yahoo.co.uk for more information.

Messy Church!



Get Messy in
Walton Church!
It's been great to
welcome growing
numbers of
primary school
aged children and
their families to
our Messy Church
events in Holy
Trinity, Walton.
If you haven't been
before, why not
give it a try?
Craft, worship,
games and food
and all free.
The next Walton
Messy Church is on
Tuesday 3rd
October
3.30- 5pm.



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

[financial information page]

or requested from the parish clerk:
clerk@waltonpc.org

The deadline for applications is

MIDDAY FRIDAY 15th SEPTEMBER.

Please contact the Clerk for help or more information!

Meet & Greet, Knit & Natter!

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

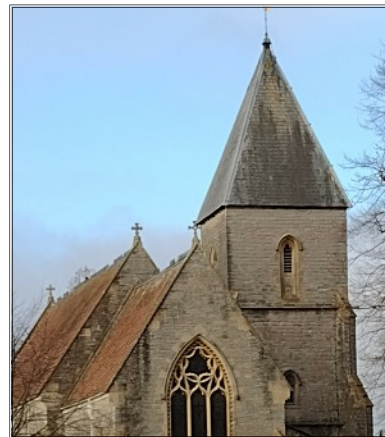
A chance to meet up and have a chat



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!

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

As August is holiday time, we thought it would be lovely to meet as a community and get to know each other better. We are an active village but often don't have the occasion to come together and find out more about what is happening. With this in mind, we thought we would organise a cream tea event where, weather permitting, we can sit outside or in and just chat while enjoying scones with jam and cream. This will be held on Sunday 20th August from 3-5 at £5 per tea. We would be very grateful if anyone can make us a few scones. It would also be useful if we had an idea of numbers so if possible, please let me (Sandra) know on 446211 or Liz on 210236 but please don't be put off if you haven't let us know. We would love to see you.



Saturday 23rd September we are having a barn dance in the hall. This will be £10 including a light supper but bring your own drinks. Rough Round the Edges are playing for us and we have a caller so it will be a fun evening. We will have to limit tickets for this as dancing needs plenty of room. The same numbers apply, also Andy on 210122.

The harvest festival service is in church on the 1st October. Walton used to have many farms and now only a few but this festival service does give us chance to say thank you to our farmers everywhere and to all involved in the food chain. We should never take for granted the hard work that goes into the range of foods available to us daily.



Our harvest supper will be on the 6th October again in the hall. This evening has entertainment plus a two course supper. Always fun and a chance to remember the year past.

The last 2 years has seen us join in 'no mow May' in the new churchyard behind and beyond the church building. We extended the no mow for several months in a small area and this year we have been

excited to see yellow rattle and pyramid orchids growing again. If you have never taken a look, do follow the path around and down. It is a beautiful space for quiet reflection and the view is magnificent.

Sandra Gristock

Walton Community Speedwatch

I am sure that like all of us you are looking forward to holidays with friends and family. We all like to enjoy the quality time that is so scarce in the busy lives we live. These busy times increase the pressure on the small number of volunteers we have available to do SpeedWatch within our community.

We are hoping to have a table/stall at Walton Fun Day on 9th September where you can meet members of your Community SpeedWatch team. The team will be glad to meet and discuss aspects of their work including how you can

help by becoming a SpeedWatch volunteer. Volunteering is a valuable and worthwhile activity that is of benefit to the whole community. Look forward to seeing and meeting you at Walton Fun Day. Walton Community SpeedWatch Team



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



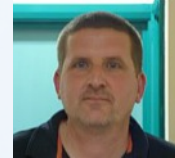
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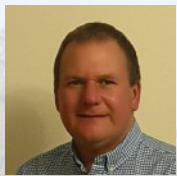
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[Chairman]



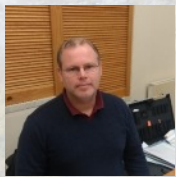
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Simon Loader



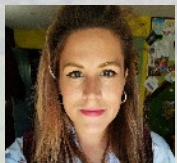
Bob Collins
[Vice Chairman]



Richard Crossman



Richard Vowles



Rachel Ashman



Lian Hardware

There is currently a vacancy for one more Councillor.

Dates of Parish Council Monthly Meetings in 2023

All Meetings are open to the public and you are welcome to attend.

The monthly meetings are held on Fridays at 7pm in the village hall, generally the second Friday of every month unless otherwise stated - **check dates below** - interim meetings may also occur. The agendas for all meetings will be advertised on the website [www.waltonpc.org] and the village notice boards.

September 15th

one week late to avoid funday weekend

**October 13th, November 10th,
December 8th**

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