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THE EVENT OF THE YEAR IS HERE



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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

SUMMER HAS FINALLY ARRIVED AND IT USUALLY LASTS UNTIL MY FAVOURITE EVENT OF THE YEAR: THE WALTON FUN DAY. LET US HOPE SO. THE FUN DAY IS ORGANISED BY THE WALTON TRUST, AND I KNOW THEY ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR HELP FROM ANYONE WHO CAN OFFER IT, EITHER WITH THE SET-UP OR WITH ASSISTING IN THE RUNNING OF A STALL, THE BAR, FOOD OR EXHIBITION. IF YOU CAN HELP, PLEASE CONTACT THE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE WHOSE NUMBER IS GIVEN IN THE USEFUL NUMBERS SECTION .

Our village is looking great this year with the work that our Ranger, Matt, has done in keeping the verges and hedges under control. As well as this, the Walton in Bloom competition has been very successful. It was judged in late July. My congratulations to the winners and my thanks to Heather Sheerer and Simon Loader for their skilful assessments.

This quarter has seen the opening of the Book Exchange in the old phone box. I say 'old', but it has been repainted and redecorated and has shelves and tiles and is now in regular use. In an attempt to reduce the amount of rubbish left on the field, we have also installed a bin at the Asney Road end of the path.

We are looking into starting a Youth Council, if there are enough younger citizens interested in joining. This would give the teenagers and young people in the village a chance to have their say and to do something constructive to help their community. If you have children who may be interested in joining, please do contact Councillor Jaimi Bartlett.

Not all the news this quarter has been good. The planning application for a major development on South Street, which was so massively opposed by the residents, went through on appeal. We do not yet know when or if this will turn into active development, but it is now likely to happen.

REGARDS,

John Harvey
Chairman, Walton Parish Council





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WALTON W.I.



During our last three evening meetings we had a fun AGM which included a singalong and our revisiting our youth by hula hooping and enjoyed tales from the dancing world.

Our regular activities of croquet and table tennis, both held fortnightly in Walton, continue to be well supported along with our Ladies Who Brunch a popular event. In June four members ran an away kurling gig for Bishops Hull and our Garden Visit took seven of us to the open gardens in Curry Rivel. In July two Walton teams took part in the County W.I. Croquet Pairs Tournament and came second and third.
We have also supported other County W.I. events including the Downton Abbey Jewellery lunch in Canalside with Andrew Prince as speaker; Kate Lynch Rural Artist's demonstration in Burrowbridge; serving in the W.I. Bath & West Show Marquee in Shepton Mallet and attending an Historic Knit talk in the 37 Club in Puriton. In addition, the Group events of a Skittles Evening was won by one of our seven competitors.
The Annual Outing, attended by twenty-eight members, five husbands and two friends, took us to both the Abbotsbury Swannery and Sub Tropical Gardens. We saw swans with their cygnets in nesting bays, before moving on to the gardens, with plants, shrubs, flowers and sculptures.

Our Explore Your Local Area monthly visits took us on two boat trips, on the Duchess Cocklemoor along the River Parratt, followed by lunch and to the Gates Museum in the Tanyard for a guided tour of sewing machines through the ages.
The Annual Treasure Hunt was held this year in Somerton, later, meals were enjoyed in the Castlebrook Inn. The following morning, we held a table- top sale in a member's front garden as part of the Church run Garage Sale event.

NEXT EVENING MEETING

7.30pm on Thursday 12th September 2024 in Walton Village Hall when our speaker will be Kay Townsend with her talk 'My Life on the Fairground' and the competition will be 'A Decorated Coconut'. New members and visitors are welcome to join us.

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WALTON UNDER 5'S PRE-SCHOOL



ANOTHER FANTASTIC YEAR AT THE PRE-SCHOOL

we celebrated the end of a successful academic year with our Sports Day and Leavers Ceremony. The sun shone down 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 after their races the children tucked in to a bowl of ice cream with a range of toppings that they decorated themselves.

We were extremely sad to say goodbye to our children who are due to start school in September. We wish them the very best of luck in their next chapter and look forward to seeing them in their new school uniforms in September

We'd like to take this opportunity to pass on our thanks to everyone in the local community who has supported the Preschool throughout the year. Whether it was buying raffle tickets, sponsorship for one of our events or coming along to our Easter Fair, we are very grateful for your support.



As we look towards the start of a new academic year, we also say goodbye to some of our current Preschool Committee members. We thank them for their support and volunteering their time over the years, it is very much appreciated.
With vacancies arising, we would love to hear from those of you who would be interested in joining the committee. The committee works alongside the Preschool staff to provide the children with a safe and secure setting that fosters their learning and developmental potential. We also arrange a variety of fundraising events throughout the year for the children and their families. Joining the committee is a great way to share your expertise and experience, time and ideas along with meeting new people. Our current committee is made up of past and present parents, however, we would welcome members from outside of the preschool community too.

If this sounds like something you or someone you know would like to become part of, then please email us on waltonpreschoolcommittee@gmail.com

Likewise, 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.

WHAT'S ON IN THE VILLAGE HALL?

- Walton textile group 1.30–4pm 2nd and 4th week of the month – Mondays
- Doryokuru 5–8.15pm Mondays – (may change in school holidays)
- WI table tennis 3.45–5.15pm – Tuesdays
- Parkinsons group 2–4pm last Tuesday of the month
- Badminton – 7.30–9.30pm – Tuesdays
- Pilates 3.30–4pm – Wednesdays
- Meet and greet 2pm–4pm 1st and 3rd week of the month – Wednesdays
- Somerset kick boxing 5.30 to 630pm – Wednesdays
- Latin in Line 7–9pm – Wednesdays
- Latin in Line 1.45–4.30pm – Thursdays
- Step in Time 7–9.30pm – Thursdays
- WI 7–10pm second Thursday of the month
- Wyrral Park Bowls 7–9pm – Fridays September to March

ONE OFF EVENTS INCLUDE:

Friday 11th October – Harvest supper at the village hall. with the promise of a 2-course supper with music and entertainment.
Please contact Sandra Gristock on 01458 446212 or Liz Selway on 01458 210236 for more details.



NOT TO FORGET:

VILLAGE FUNDAY SATURDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER FROM 1PM

WALTON

FAMILY FUNDAY

Saturday 14th September 2024

Starts 1pm



Car boot sale

Side stalls

Kids races

Bouncy castle

Agri displays

Ferret racing

Fireworks

Tea, coffee & cakes

Bar – Real ales, lager, cider, wine, gin & soft drinks

BBQ

Live Music

Rosie Smith

Loose Ends

Fairplay

Fun for all the family – whatever the weather

WILL BE GOOD TO SEE YOU

Raising funds for Walton Village Hall

Charity No 1055917

Walton Playing Field

www.waltonvillagehall.org

JOIN US FOR THE BIGGEST PARTY OF THE YEAR: WALTON FAMILY FUNDAY ON SATURDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER!

Fun-filled family day:

Keep the kids entertained with bouncy castles, face painting, a fire engine, and even ferret racing!
Delight your taste buds with sweet treats, ice cream vans, and delicious food stalls.
Learn some cool moves at the Walton COE Primary Country Dancing demonstration or witness the power of Somerset Kickboxing with Leon Tozer.
Immerse yourselves in local history with a WW2 display and explore the work of talented local artists like Colin Hill.

Big night out under the stars:

As the sun sets, the party gets started! Dance the night away to live music by Rosie Smith, Fair Play, and Loose Ends.
Dazzle your eyes with a breathtaking fireworks display at around 9pm!
Relax with a drink at the bar and enjoy the company of your family and friends.

There's something for everyone at the Walton Family Funday! Don't miss out on this fantastic community event.

Looking to book a stall to showcase your business or sell your wares at the car boot? Book your space by contacting Lian at secretary@waltonvillagehall.org

See you there!



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH



A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO RECENTLY PARTICIPATED IN OUR VILLAGE GARAGE & TABLETOP SALE, TOGETHER WE RAISED JUST OVER £453.00

Noticed this?
We hope you have noticed our new notice board outside Holy Trinity Church. Pictured is Adrian Huggett who so beautifully made and generously gifted it to us. Thank you once again Adrian for your skills.

As well as on our new board, you can find out what's going in all the churches in our 'church family' by following SWCD churches on Facebook or visiting www.swcd-churches.org.uk

Some dates to look out for:
On Sunday 29th September, being a 5th Sunday of the month, there will be no service at Walton. Instead, all are welcome at a 'benefice' service at the Mission Church, Street, for all four of our churches, at 10.30am. Do join us if you are able.

On 6th October at 9.15am everyone is welcome to our Harvest Festival service as we give thanks for all our good gifts through the year. This is also an opportunity to donate nonperishable goods to Street food bank, one of the charities we support as a church who do such wonderful work.

On Tuesday 8th October primary school aged pupils and their families are welcome to 'Messy Harvest'. Come along and join us straight after school until 5pm for fun, worship crafts, and of course, food.

On Friday 11th October the Harvest supper will be in the village hall. Please contact Sandra Gristock on 01458 446212 or Liz Selway on 01458 210236 for more details. We promise a 2-course supper with music and entertainment.

Too early for Advent?
From 29th November to 1st December join us for our 'Nativity Weekend, when the church will be full of nativity sets of all types and from many countries. If anyone has a set they would be happy to lend us for the weekend we would be delighted to include it and promise to return it in time for your own Christmas decorating.

As ever we have our weekly coffee morning at the church and this is a lovely chance to catch up with friends and neighbours.

Everyone is welcome. Thursdays 10.30 –11.30.

Ana Lawrence & Sandra Gristock

WALTON IN BLOOM









GARDENS

Best hanging baskets – Colin Reynolds

Most unusual – Sue & Neil

Best Overall – Debbie Underwood

Best Containers – Caroline Bendell

ALLOTMENTS

Cornucopia – Sarah & Matt Bisgrove

Best Newcomer – Ella Holland

Special Award – Richard Webb







25 YEARS YOUNG: WALTON VILLAGE HALL



REMINDER FOR THE 7TH DECEMBER

Hi all . Here we are in August already. Well it has not been the summer we were looking forward too but the days we have had have been glorious and there is still time.
In the May newsletter I announced the Village Halls 25th Celebrations to be held on 7th December 2024, this is a reminder and details will be in the next newsletter, so watch this space.
In the meantime enjoy the Fun Day 14th September. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who are involved in making this happen. If you can help the trust (which is fully voluntary) in anyway small or large please contact them or chat to someone at the Fun day.
The photo on the left was taken June 1999 when the builder was laying the cement in preparation for the Foundation stone to be laid. The stone came from the Walton farm's barn(opposite the Church) as you can see in the photograph the date is 1869. The housing estate/school/village hall/playing field are built on the land which belonged to the farm. So a good solid foundation stone and a reminder of the past Walton farm (farms) which were many in the day.
Still time to send me your story/photo memories etc.,the email is: Jenny.ponsillo@btinternet.com

I look forward to hearing from you.

Jenny Ponsillo



COMMUNITY LIBRARY NOW OPEN

We're delighted to announce that our village telephone box has been given a new lease of life as a community library, on the junction of Main Street and South Street. Thank you to the hard work of many, it has been transformed with a fresh coat of paint, new flooring, and bespoke shelving. We hope you love it as much as we do. It's already proving to be a popular spot, so please feel free to borrow a book or swap one!

If you have a collection of books you'd like to donate, please email lewis.collins@waltonsomerset-pc.gov.uk

FREE PROSTATE CANCER TESTING EVENT

Sunday 6th October 2024, 10am–4pm

Glastonbury Town Hall, Magdalene Street, BA6 9EL
Somerset Prostate Support Association, in conjunction with The Brue Boys Choir and Glastonbury and Street Lions Club are hosting a FREE event on **Sunday 6th October 2024** for men aged 40 and over.
Every year in the UK 40,000 men are diagnosed with Prostate Cancer and around 10,000 die from the disease. Early diagnosis can be crucial to successful treatment. Appointments take 10–15 minutes and MUST be BOOKED IN ADVANCE. It will NOT be possible to be tested on the day without a prior appointment. All tests are confidential and are carried out by qualified medical practitioners.

For any questions regarding the tests please contact Peter Hopwood: telephone 01458 441669 or email peterhopwood46@gmail.com.

To book your appointment at a time to suit you:
1. Visit https://mypsatests.org.uk/events/
2. Register yourself using your email address.
4. Click 'Find an event' – search for SPSA.
5. Select the event, scroll down, choose a convenient time slot and book

EAST MEAD COMMUNITY AREA

Our East Mead community area is looking stunning right now! The flowers are in full bloom, creating a beautiful and peaceful spot perfect for a relaxing picnic. We're excited to announce that a new picnic bench has been ordered and will be installed soon. To further enhance this lovely space, we'll be planting wildflower seeds in the autumn. We hope you enjoy this tranquil corner of our village.

Please do visit, to read a book or enjoy a glass of wine with friends!

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COULD YOU CHANGE A CHILD'S STORY?

With more than 600 local children in care across the county, Somerset urgently needs more foster carers to provide safe, nurturing homes for vulnerable children.

No experience is necessary as full training and on-going support is provided, along with weekly payments to support you financially. You do need to be aged 21 or over with a spare room in your home, but what matters most is that you have the right attitude and want to positively impact the life and future of a young person who may not of had the best start in life.

To find out more about a rewarding role as a foster carer, visit fosteringinsomerset.org.uk or call 0800 587 9900. You're not committing to anything by getting in touch, and you could help change a child's story.

THEO'S STORY

Theo is nine. He has light blonde hair, blue eyes and a great sense of humour. He enjoys playing video games and fishing. His favourite food is Spaghetti Bolognaise, and he has an older sister who is fifteen. Sometimes Theo finds it hard to manage his emotions...but life hasn't always been easy for Theo.

With over 600 children in care in Somerset, and less than 200 in-house foster carers, we urgently need more foster homes for vulnerable children in need, like Theo.

There are lots of reasons to consider fostering, but the biggest and best reason is because of the difference you could make to the life of a local child..

For more information, visit the website or contact our friendly team for a chat. You're not committing to anything by getting in touch to find out more, and you could make a real difference to the life and future of a child like Theo.

Find out how you could change a child's story in a rewarding role as a foster carer online at www.fosteringinsomerset.org.uk or call 0800 587 9900



Theo needs someone to support him through the highs ... and the lows.

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Walton village Hall – 07436 284129

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National Grid (for power cuts) – 105
Wessex Water – 0845 6004600
Environment Agency – 0800 807060
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