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WE WAVE GOODBYE TO MRS TOAL

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

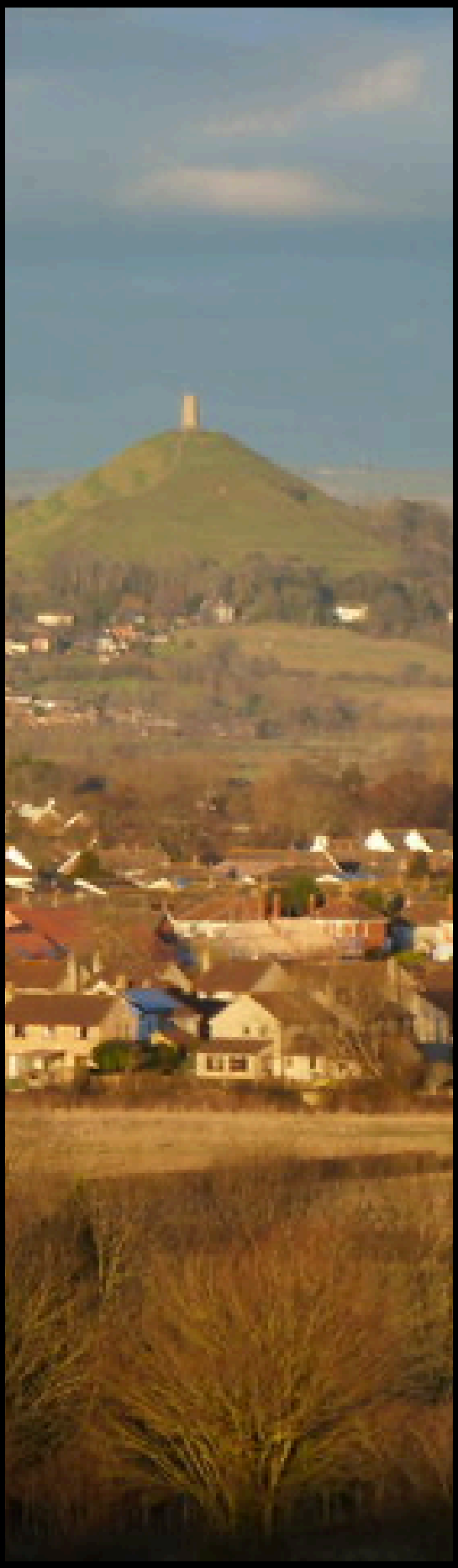
I never know when to stop wishing people a Happy New Year, but I suspect it is before now. I nonetheless, wish a great year to all of our community. As the amount of daylight increases, Easter eggs appear on shelves and the weather possibly improves, I look forward to another busy year for the council. The work on East Mead field has progressed, with a pergola installed over one of the tables to provide shelter from the sun during your picnic and I hear, even in this weather, that it has been used for just that! The wildflower seeds have been sown in the field and we hope that the area will be both a haven for wildlife and a beautiful, relaxing setting in the coming months.

Since last I wrote, the council has been working on a number of long-term items, not the least of which is budgeting. Many councils across England, as you may have heard, are seriously short of funds and Somerset is no exception. They have had to cut services and to pass some costs on to Parish and Town councils. We are trying our best to balance maintaining our village without raising undue additional revenue. No easy task.

Over the Christmas period there were no major planning requests but now there is a proposal for a development of 78 homes and industrial units on Main Street – more information about this on page 4 – I have also noticed that the work on the Walton Gateway development has started. This was passed some years ago with the proviso that the Gateway building itself remains viable as a potential business in the future.

Lastly, there remains a vacancy for a councillor. Please do contact the Clerk, Helen, if you are interested in contributing to the community in this (or indeed any other) way.

John Harvey
Chairman, Walton Parish Council





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Are you interested in making a positive impact on our community? We're seeking a new member to join our Parish Council. If you're passionate about local issues and want to contribute to our community's future, please contact our Clerk.



Jaimi Bartlett



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PLANNING - A CONSULTATION

give your views on a proposed Main Street development

Proposed development site at Main Street, Walton

Walton **Main Street LVA LLP is proposing to submit an outline planning application to Somerset Council for mixed-use development comprising up to 78 new homes and 1,800 square metres of commercial floor space on land off Main Street, Walton.**

This leaflet and associated online consultation portal has been prepared as part of the community consultation process.



Why Develop Here?

The site is located on the southern side of Main Street in Walton, in close proximity to a number of local services and facilities.

The land is at low risk of flooding and is not constrained by any significant heritage or environmental constraints. The ecology and landscape led proposals keep significant trees and create green spaces. Any loss of wildlife habitat will be mitigated by providing a minimum 10% Biodiversity Net Gain.

The site offers an opportunity to deliver development in a sustainable and accessible l

Proposed Development

- Provision of green spaces;
- Opportunities to enhance biodiversity across the site;
- Retention of trees and hedgerows within site;
- New pedestrian and cycleconnections;
- Delivery of up to 78 open new homes and 1,800 square metres of commercial floor space;
- Vehicular access off Main Street;
- Provision of signalised junction and pedestrian crossing over A39.

Illustrative Masterplan

Download Here

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Have Your Say



Thank you for participating in our consultation with the community of Walton. If you have any views on the proposals that you feel would help inform or improve the development, then we would like to hear from you.

How to comment

You can make your views known to us by email, post or via our website. More information is available on the consultation website or comments can be made via:

Website: https://gthdevelopment.wixsite.com/walton

Email: landplanning.taunton@gth.net

Post: Walton Main Street LVA LLP Consultation
Greenslade Taylor Hunt
Winchester House,
Deane Gate
Avenue,Taunton
TA1 2UH

Key Design Considerations

- Wildlife and habitat retention and delivery of BNG;
- Ecological interventions including bird and bat boxes, and hedgehog highways;
- Retention of significant and established trees;
- Community facilities (green public open spaces, parkland open space, signalised crossing of A39);
- Provision of safe pedestrian/cyclist routes;
- Masterplan layout responsive to local design considerations;
- Proximity of site to local services and facilities;
- Realignment of East Mead Lane access onto the A39 with existing private accesses retained.

The consultation is being carried out by Greenslade Taylor Hunt & LVA

More detail can be found online:

https://gthdevelopment.wixsite.com/walton

ABOUT WALTON WINDMILL

EXCERPT FROM A BOOK BY C G BARTLETT

My father told me that when he started school [around late 1800s], the windmill on Walton hill was working. He often saw farmers walking from Compton Dundon, carrying sacks of wheat on their shoulders to the windmill and returning with flour. Beans were also ground to make meal for animal feed, there was no maize available in those days. The existing mill was built not long before 1826. The first mill on Walton Hill was built around 1675 but fell down in 1725. A new stone mill was erected in 1741 and rebuilt by 1797. In 1826 the mill was leased to Samual Wilkins and his wife, Mary, who also had a bakehouse. A William Crane was the miller from around 1861 until he died in 1889. The last miller was Charles Phillips, he ran the mill, a bakery and grocery business until about 1906, this was the period when my father saw the mill operating. The mill was then sold to a vicar, Rev. G. M. Evans of Westonzoyland, and converted into living accommodation. He removed the cap and heightened the tower to form a parapet and lookout platform overlooking Kings Sedgemoor.

Walton Windmill was a tower mill, height of around 7.7m, internal diameter 3.7 – 4.6m and masonry walls 0.6 – 0.9m thick, parallel-sided. It had four sales, a thatched gable top with the winding gear housed in a tail-box and drove two pairs of French Burr stones, 1.4 and 1.0m thick. In some mills, millstones were made from Mendip dolomite or sandstone quarried from the Mendips or the Quantocks but French Burrs were the best.







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Charlotte Spencer

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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 & 6–7pm Tuesdays
- Snowdrops [was Meet & 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

Check the village hall website for full details - waltonvillagehall.org

ONE OFF VILLAGE EVENTS INCLUDE:

- 28th February 2025, Friday, Quiz evening at Holy Trinity Church – 7pm – Teams of up to 6, or come alone and join a team on the evening! £5 per head with tea, coffee and nibbles provided – You are welcome to bring other drinks.
- 12th April 2025, Saturday, Evening Barn Dance at the village hall from 7pm Rough Round the Edges will be playing and hot dogs will be served in the interval, tickets are £12 and need to be booked in advance from Sandra 07435567903 or Andy 07563372107
- 25th April 2025, Friday at Walton Village Hall – Quiz night – Teams of up to 4 people @£5 per person. Give your team a name then text 07548211063 with your captain's name to book. Prizes for 1st and 2nd teams – bring your own drinks and nibbles
- 12th July 2025, Saturday, at Walton Village Hall – Jumble Sale – Hall will be open from 1pm and the entry charge will be £1 per person. There will be a tombola, and refreshments will be on sale. Donations, excluding furniture and electrical goods, can be brought to the hall on Friday 11th July between 6pm and 8.30pm.

NOT TO FORGET:

CPR & Defibrillator training for village residents

See page 12 for details

WALTON UNDER 5'S PRESCHOOL

As we reflect back over the past few months, we wanted to take a moment to express our heartfelt thanks to our wonderful community. We are so very grateful for the incredible support we've received during our recent fundraising events.

Our Halloween Party saw our Pre-School families come together for an afternoon of fun, laughter and plenty of treats. It was wonderful to see the community come alive in such a spooktacular way!
Not long after, our Christmas Performance and Raffle brought even more joy to our community. The talents of our little performers filled the air with festive cheer and reminded us all of the true spirit of the season.
We are so thankful to those who volunteered their time, donated prizes, and helped organise the event. Thanks to such generosity and hard work, we've been able to raise vital funds for our current initiative – The Pre-School Garden Project.

The children's outdoor space is in the early stages of development. The winter weather has limited our efforts over recent months to move this project forward, but work is being lined up for a new all-weather surface to be put down as soon as possible for the children to enjoy!
We would also like to acknowledge the tireless efforts of our Staff, Committee and Volunteers, without whom none of these events or projects would be possible. Your time and energy is truly appreciated.
If you are considering enrolling your child, thinking about joining our Committee, or curious about supporting our future fundraising events, please contact us on 07970 443157 or email waltonunderfives@yahoo.co.uk.

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EAST MEAD COMMUNITY FIELD



Exciting news for Walton! Our lovely East Mead community field has been further enhanced with the addition of a charming wooden gazebo.

The gazebo, thoughtfully constructed by our dedicated parish council, provides a delightful new focal point for the field. It offers a sheltered spot for picnics, a shady retreat on sunny days, and a cozy gathering place for friends and family.
We encourage everyone to visit the gazebo and enjoy this wonderful new asset.

Whether you're enjoying a leisurely stroll, watching the children play, or simply taking a moment to relax, the gazebo promises to be a welcome addition to our beloved East Mead Community Field.

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

A belated happy new to you all from Holy Trinity.
We have had a wonderful advent and Christmas with many events and services in Church and what a joy to welcome so many of you. It is always a pleasure to see our Church full and what a lovely way for us all to begin our family celebrations.

Holy Trinity, Walton

Quiz Night

(In aid of church funds)

Friday 28th February 2025
at 7.00pm

£5.00 per person – Max team size 6
Nibbles – Tea/Coffee available
Bring Your Own Drinks

SWCD Churches – Street – Walton – Compton Dundo

We are starting off our 2025 fundraising with the usual quiz evening with quiz master Liz Brown. This will be on Friday Friday 28th February starting at 7.00 pm at the church. The fee will be £5 a head with tea, coffee and nibbles provided. You are very welcome to bring other drinks. This is always a fun evening and it would be wonderful if you could join us. Make up a team of no more than 6 or come alone and join a team on the evening. There will be no strangers, only friends we haven't yet met.



We will also be holding a barn dance in the village hall on Saturday April 12th at 7pm. Rough Round the Edges will be playing for us and a caller will try to keep us all going in the same direction. We will be serving hotdogs in the interval. Dust your dancing shoes off or simply come along to enjoy the music and fun. Tickets will be £12 and can be booked through Sandra 07435567903, or Andy 07563372107.

For many, many years we have had a leak in the church roof and now it has become multiple leaks depending on the wind direction. There is damage to the timbers inside the spire and water damage internally to the walls in the church. We have put off starting this project but it can't be delayed any longer. The barn dance will be the first of our fundraisers to go into the roof pot. We are asking for help to work together to save our village church. We don't receive any money from the Church of England or any other source. Everything is raised from the 20 or so that commit to paying weekly for all the bills and outgoings. We can't take this huge task on alone as we are few and mostly elderly. (Sorry church family but it is true) We need ideas that go beyond our coffee mornings and cream teas as much as we enjoy them. We would love to hear from you if you can come up with any fresh ideas or if you can help us put an event on. We are sure there will be some ideas or expertise out there. The church is the centre of the village and it's site on the main road is seen by everyone passing. There has been a church on this site since the 1100s and we hope there will be for many centuries more. Why don't you join us for our weekly Thursday coffee morning and have a chat or make a phone call. We are open to ideas, big or small.



Holy Trinity, Walton



Barn Dance

(In aid of the church restoration fund)

Walton Village Hall

Saturday 12th April 7.00pm

Tickets £12 inc. Hot Dog

Tickets available from Andy 07563 372107
Sandra 07435 567903

Cash Bar and Raffle

SWCD Churches – Street – Walton – Compton Dundon

Ann Lawrence & Sandra Gristock

QUESTION TIME WITH MRS. TOAL

HEADTEACHER AT WALTON CEVC PRIMARY SCHOOL



1. How long have you been a headteacher at the school?

I have been a headteacher at Walton CEVC Primary for 17 years since January 2008.

2. What was your job before joining Walton School?

I have been a teacher since September 1989. I qualified after 4 years at university specialising in Education (8–13 years), with History and PE as my focus subjects. I spent two years at a Middle School in Frome as a Year 5 teacher. Then five Years at St Benedict's Junior School in Glastonbury teaching in Year 3, Year 4 and Year 6. Before leaving to teach for 12 years at Huish Primary School in Yeovil teaching Year 4 and Year 6, as well as being in the Senior Leadership Team, leading the eight classes in Key Stage 2.

3. Have you always wanted to be a head teacher?

I always had a plan for career development. Over the years I have led a wide variety of subjects in all the schools I have worked in, as well as working collaboratively with different staff and of course teaching many children. All this gave me the experience and confidence to undertake the National Qualification for Headship and then I just went for it!

4. What made you choose Walton Primary to join?

It's reputation, my children came to this school, so I already knew what a good place it was. I also wanted to lead a village primary school that was at the heart of the community. I applied for the job but didn't expect to get a headship position after my first application; but I was thrilled to be appointed the headteacher of the school.



5. What do you think makes a great headteacher?

You must have a good team of people around you who all have the fundamental desire of putting the child at the centre of all they do in the school. You also need to be firm, fair, consistent in approach, flexible, be good at problem solving, keep calm, have boundless energy and have a good sense of humour.

6. Do you have a favourite year group you prefer to teach?

I love teaching Key Stage 2, especially Years 4,5 and 6, but this is because it's my expertise. I do enjoy being in primary school most of all. Although I have not taught in Key Stage 1, I firmly believe is the building block to everything you can do as a KS2 teacher, so I love having those aged children in a school. This is why leading a Primary School is so rewarding.

7. What has been your most memorable moment whilst working at the school?

There are so many memories I can't pick just one…. But I love being part of the school productions, – rehearsing and watching a show come together enabling children to shine in different ways is an incredible feeling.

I also love Arts Week – enhancing the curriculum and seeing the children and staff learn new skills. Textiles and Fashion Week was an absolute favourite.

Breaking my foot is my most painful memory just by falling outside my office, plus it was my first break ever!

But most of all seeing our families grow – meeting newborn babies, then seeing them come to school on their first day and saying goodbye, seven years later, when they leave in Year 6 being ready for the next steps in life.



8. What are your plans when you retire?

After almost 36 years in Education, I will be taking holidays during term time and doing lots of travelling. I can't wait to spend more time with my family, especially my two grandchildren Arthur and Florence. It will be very strange since 1989 not having an exact plan, an idea of what I will be doing next, but it is also exciting. I want to learn to cook as I'm currently hopeless. I want to learn how to play golf and get fitter. I would also like to volunteer too; so, I can give back to the community.

9. If you could summarise your time in teaching, what would you say?

Being a headteacher at Walton has been an absolute privilege. Teaching and being a headteacher can be exhausting, frustrating and very challenging but above all it is rewarding, exciting, laughter inducing, inspiring and never ever boring. No matter how hard the challenges, having difficult conversations and tricky problems to solve, every day is always different and there is always someone or something every day to make you smile.



10. What has been your best memory with all the teachers and support staff you've worked with?

The commitment of all the staff to always provide the best they can for the children they care for during the school day. Their laughter, sense of fun and support over the years!

All photographs provided by Rachel Toal
Interview by Lian Hardware

When children leave us in Year 6 at the Leavers Service, I say to them, "You are now ready for the next big adventure, seize every opportunity offered and shut the door on the way out but don't be sad, think fondly of Walton School and think that was a good place to be." Now it is my turn! I shall so miss daily life at Walton, but I hope I've made a bit of difference over the years to all the children and their families. The school is ready for all the new adventures ahead.

Rachel Toal

FREE TRAINING TO RESIDENTS - CPR & DEFIBRILLATOR

At the last family fun day the parish council consulted about getting a 'Bleed Kit' for the village. The response was YES – so it is now installed at the Village Hall next to the defibrillator.

Following on from this Council received several queries about CPR and Defibrillator training as well as more information about the bleed kit.



The Parish Council have arranged for the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance to provide free CPR / Defibrillator training for up to 30 residents

on Saturday 15th March, 10am at the village hall

THIS TRAINING IS FOR ADULTS ONLY AND YOU WILL NEED TO BOOK IN ADVANCE

Please contact the parish clerk
clerk@waltonsomerset-pc.gov.uk [anytime]
or 07957 249 066 [Monday to Friday mornings only]

information about the bleed kit will also be available although no specific training on its use will be provided.

You are more than welcome to make a voluntary donation to the Air Ambulance on the day
https://www.dsairambulance.org.uk

NO COLD CALLING

Walton is part of a "No cold Calling Zone" a project that is supported by the local police. It is intended as a deterrent to doorstep callers.



Following requests from residents, the no cold calling signage around the village is being replaced and the no cold calling stickers for your doors or windows are again being provided – You should receive one with this newsletter – the project is being funded from a community benefit grant.

If you do not need to replace your original sticker,
or do not want to use this one

Please return it to the council by popping it into the post box at the village hall

WALTON COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH GROUP

Our SpeedWatch group continues to operate in Walton. We have three sites to work from all of these have been approved by the police. The Walton sites are:

Mildred Road – near the bus stop
Brooks Road– between Fox Road and Badgers Green Road
Main Street – by the FTI Group site

In 2024 we went out 67 times. This figure would have been higher but occasionally the weather meant we had to cancel. We are well supported by our PCSO, Tim Richards, as well as Speed Enforcement Officers on motor bikes and in vans.

We always need new members so if you are interested in supporting the community and helping to reduce the speed of traffic in Walton, please email us. Uniform and training are provided.

Marilyn Fletcher
Walton SpeedWatch Co-ordinator
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WHAT YOUR PARISH COUNCIL DOES:

When I joined the Parish Council some 6 years ago, I had little idea what the council did. I just knew that the Council needed councillors and I was interested to volunteer. I was soon made aware that councillors are not actually volunteers. Parish Councillors are elected or co-opted representatives who give some of their time freely to work on behalf of local residents. We stand for election periodically and have regulatory limits on our number, activities and authority. However, every resident of Walton can participate in local government: they can see the minutes of meetings, attend in person and request time to speak on issues that interest them.

Parishes are diverse. They have varying sizes, populations, demographics, problems and budgets, so the councils that support them have diverse responsibilities. The responsibilities for local matters are not clear. Some matters are for the Highways Agency, some for the maze of Somerset Council departments, some for land owners and some for us. These responsibilities and their overlaps are complex, and the council is very lucky that our Clerk, Helen, is adept at navigating a way through to ensure that Walton's resident's needs are met.
Helen is the only employee of the council. The 9 councillors give their time freely. We engage companies to allow us to fulfil our obligations, such as to communicate with the population (web, FB and print), maintain our public parks (the ranger and other contractors) or provide meeting space (Walton Trust's Hall).

"What is the council for?", you may ask. We are responsible for influencing and shaping the long-term development policy for the parish, and as part of the planning process, comment on planning applications in the parish. We aim to improve the quality of life and the environment in the local area. Working to identify issues which are important to the lives of the residents we represent, the council also acts as a channel for all its citizen's concerns on local matters. Where an issue is outside our remit, we try to pass it on the the correct agency.
Being a councillor requires a small commitment of time but helping the community, our community, and our environment makes this very worthwhile.

John Harvey

Walton
Parish Council

INTERESTED?
Why not chat to one of your current Councillors? [see them on page 3]
or contact the Parish Clerk
07957 249 066

MAKE A CHANGE - BECOME A COUNCILLOR

WALTON CEVC PRIMARY SCHOOL





"Every Child, Every Chance Every Day"

Daily life for all the children, aged 4 to 11, at Walton CEVC Primary School is always busy. A rich and varied curriculum that is broad and balanced ensures that all children are given the opportunities to thrive and flourish so they develop all the necessary skills and knowledge to grow into independent, resilient, determined and collaborative life-long learners.

The Autumn Term began with welcoming all the new Reception aged children into Owls Class. Over the long fifteen week term, they settled really well to the daily routines and rigours of school life. All the children at the school have read, painted, printed, calculated, sung, performed at Holy Trinity Church and the school hall to parents and the local community. We have met and interviewed an author, played in the boys and girls local league football competitions, engaged in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths workshops led by the Royal Navy, elected a School Council, trained Wellbeing Ambassadors and Year 6 undertook Bikeability Course, pedalling around Walton and beyond for two days!



Every Monday, a class participates in Muddy Monday session which involves wearing wellies and working outdoors using the outdoor environment as an extra large classroom. These forest school activities enable children to learn in a variety of different ways and help them to appreciate and care for outside space.









Our School Council undertook a School Meals Survey to see what the children across the school thought of our new School Meals Catering Service. The results were very positive and this was reported to parents. The children all enjoyed the Christmas lunch too!

The school's commitment to Arts Education continues to flourish. The Year 6 children presented both the Harvest Service and Carol Service at the Church. We also sing regularly at the Church Coffee mornings and of course our KS1 children performed a beautiful nativity. This is all on top of weekly art and music lessons with Robins Class all learning the ukulele and Wagtails Class singing in the weekly Choir lessons. The PTA paid for Image Theatre to visit us once again and the cast had some additional members in their play The Jungle Book, with children from Year 1 to Year 6 performing with them.

As the Spring term beckons, one thing is certain, the school will continue to be a busy hive of activity, a place of much learning, laughter and opportunity for all.

Rachel Toal



All photographs provided by Rachel Toal

WALTON WI

In the last three months, we have supported the Remembrance and Christmas Services at Walton Church, and the County Carol Service held in Wells Cathedral. During the latter, we joined W.I. representatives from all over Somerset, and four of our members were amongst the choir.

Our monthly evening meetings have included Christmas card making and Musical Bingo, both of which were led by members, in November; a fun packed Christmas Party, hosted by the committee, with entertainment, good food, the ever-popular Christmas jumper parade and boxed raffle prizes; and, in January, a relaxing session of Chair Yoga whilst we learnt the many benefits of this exercise.

The Winter Fair held in Walton Village Hall in November proved to be a success, with amongst the attractions varied stalls, a popular guessing game and two children's lucky dips as well as tea, coffee and homemade cakes for sale.

Before the Christmas break, some members braved chilly wet weather for an Explore Your Local Area visit to Lytes Cary with a lour around the Manor House and gardens. Later they were warmed by soup and hot drinks in the onsite café. Both our other regular pastimes of Ladies Who Brunch and Indoor Games sessions have proved popular with attendances of twelve to fourteen ladies.

Four members ran an Away Kurling gig for the Tangent Group in the Methodist Hall in Shepton Mallet where the games were played in a light-hearted, friendly manner. In addition, our Home Kurling, held early in January in the village hall, proved popular with sixteen members competing in pairs and completing four rounds, interspersed by refreshment breaks.

In the autumn, our Skittles Team had reformed with Maz taking over as captain from Sue W. who had fulfilled this role extremely well for many years. We are pleased to announce that in their first-round match in the W.I. County Tournament this year they won by fifty-nine pins against Bridgwater Firecrackers. The venue was Leather and Lace in Chilton Polden.

Our Annual Meal this year was held in January at the Wessex Hotel in Street. Thirty- three members, occupying designated seats at five tables in a private room, were treated to well cooked meals delivered with excellent table service. The room had a festive feel with crackers on the tables, and three decorated Christmas trees on display. Later, everyone chose a mystery gift from the donated raffle.



Home Kurling Event

Jo Haydon

Next WI meeting – 7.30pm on Thursday 13th March 2025 when our speaker will be Christian Hughes from St John's Ambulance and the competition will be an Ambulance in Any Medium. New members and visitors will be made very welcome.

WI DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Friday 25th April at Walton Village Hall –Quiz night – Teams of up to 4 people @£5 per person. Give your team a name then text 07548211063 with your captain's name to book. Prizes for 1st and 2nd teams – bring your own drinks and nibbles
- Saturday 12th July at Walton Village Hall – Jumble Sale – Hall will be open from 1pm and the entry charge will be £1 per person. There will be tombola, and refreshments will be on sale. Donations, excluding furniture and electrical goods, can be brought to the hall on Friday 11th July between 6pm and 8.30pm.





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Police (non-emergency) – 101
NHS (non-emergency) – 111
SANEline mental health helpline – 0300 304 7000
Childline – 0800 1111
Samaritans – 116 123 (freephone)
Gas (Transco) – 0800 111999
Western Power Distribution – 0800 365 900
National Grid (for power cuts) – 105
Wessex Water – 0845 6004600
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