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OUR BLOOMING GREAT RANGER

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

I Many thanks to those who attended the Annual Meeting of the Parish in the Village Hall in mid-April. The AMotP is a chance for the whole parish to meet and for the council to discuss what has been done in the previous year and get feedback from the parishioners. There was also a demonstration from the kick boxing club which was impressive, and it was great to hear from the various groups that benefit from support from the council. I hope it was of interest to you all. My thanks also to those who attended the defibrillator training in March. It was good to see so many attend and learn both how to use the defibrillator and how to manually administer CPR. There are more details about that later in the newsletter.

On the second Friday in May we held the other Annual Parish Meeting: the Annual Parish Council meeting. This is a regular council meeting but we additionally re-elect officers and allocate councillors to sub-committees and to any areas of special interest to them. As always, as this was a public meeting with a fixed agenda and you are welcome to attend.

It is with regret that I note that the ranger, in the course of working around the village, had some tools stolen. This has been reported to the police and apparently this theft was one of many perpetrated on that day. Please do be on your guard in case this is repeated.

Lastly, we do still have vacancies for councillors so please, if you want to contribute to the village, do approach our clerk, Helen, or any councillor in person or by mail. We also welcome as much interaction as we can get, so whatever you want us to consider, please do get in touch.

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



THIS COULD BE YOU



Richard Crossman



Lian Hardware



Simon Loader



Richard Vowles

FROM THE ARCHIVES

some excerpts from old Holy Trinity church newsletters & magazines recently retrieved from the village hall loft.
The earliest dates back to 1951.

Walton Magazine

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Mr. K. V. Crossman.

Organist : Miss E. I. Crossman.
Sunday School Supt. : Miss E. Chapman.
Women's Guild President : Mrs. R. M. Bevan.
G.F.S. Secretary : Miss M. F. Pinkard.

Services :

Sundays :
9.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist and Sermon.
2.30 p.m. Sunday School (First Sunday in the month—Family Service).
6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon.

Wednesdays and Saints' Days :
10 a.m. Holy Communion.

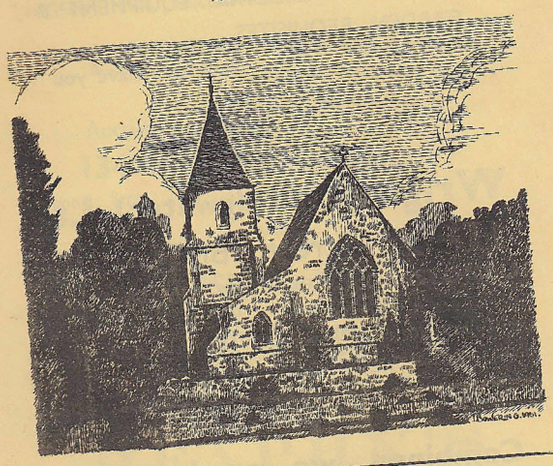
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Holy Trinity Church

Walton



Parish Magazine

PRICE SIX[P]

add a ta[blespoon] to each gallon of the final water. This takes out any last trace of soap.—Mrs E. C. Paveley, (Bexley, Kent).

TUESDAY—Sewing

If you lose a knob from your knitting needle try substituting the cap from an empty toothpaste tube. This will stop stitches dropping until you can buy fresh needles. When putting knitting away—still unfinished—clip the needles with the stitches still on, together with a clothes peg, and it will prevent stitches slipping off when in a drawer or bag.—A. L. Wilson (Osgodby, Scarborough).



****If you know household page, Women's Pages London, E.C.4. every month.**

WEDNESDAY—First aid

For those who suffer from brittle finger nails, or nails which easily split, rub a small quantity of castor oil on each at night, especially around the cuticle. This will strengthen them after a very few applications.—Nurse Reade (Oxford).

FRIDAY—Household

To tighten a loose screw where the wood has worn away, take out the screw and stuff the hole with a small piece of steel wool, replace the screw and it will then hold securely again.—Mrs W. Balls (Feering, Colchester).

SAT[URDAY]—Children

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PUFFIN and St FRANCIS

Young People's Corner
COMPILED BY PATRICIA HUNT

IT was a warm spring afternoon and Puffin, who had been chasing round the garden all morning, wandered into the church where it was nice and cool. The sun was filtering through the stained-glass windows, and Puffin thought they looked very lovely.

He sprang on to a pew to get a closer look at one of the windows. It depicted a man wearing a long dark robe, and around him all sorts of birds and animals — even a cat!

Puffin stretched himself out comfortably on the seat, feeling very drowsy . . .

Suddenly the figure in the window moved.

Puffin miaowed loudly, and the figure came forward and stroked him. Puffin purred.

"My name is Francis," said the man. "Who are you?"

"I'm Puffin, the vicar's cat, and I live at the vicarage," answered Puffin, who always liked to be friendly. "Where do you live?"

"Nowhere on earth, now," replied Francis, "but I did live in Assisi, in Italy, about 800 years ago. I was born rich, but I soon found that money is not the most important thing in the world."

Puffin had never attached much importance to money either.

"What did you do?" he asked.

"Gave it all up, lived a life of complete poverty, and with some friends, went about trying to get people to return to the teachings of Christ. It was hard work."

"I should think it must have been," said Puffin thoughtfully.

"The group we started spread throughout the world and became known as Franciscans, and I always felt that the sort of life one led was just as important as what one preached, if not more so."

Suddenly Puffin heard another voice: "Puffin! Puffin! Come on! What are you doing here?" Puffin looked up and there was his master.

"I've just been talking to St Francis," he said, and he looked up at the window to find that the figur[e] perfectly still again.

PRAYER BOOK PUZZLE

For every Sunday, Festival, and great Saint's Day of the Christian year, the Prayer Book provides a Collect, Epistle and Gospel.
Do you know what these three words mean?

Answers on page 13

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH



Easter celebration with Walton School

Walton schools Easter service on 2nd April in Holy Trinity, led by the children, was such a joy. It was also our opportunity as a church to say goodbye and thank you to Mrs Rachel Toal as she prepared to bid farewell after 17 years at the school.

Barn Dance thanks

We had a lovely evening at our barn dance fundraising event. The music was amazing so even the non- dancers could tap their feet and enjoyed watching those with the energy. Thank you so much for everyone who supported us and everyone who made it such a successful evening.



Messy Church goes wild!

Our next messy church is on 3rd June 3.30 – 5pm in Holy Trinity. A free event for primary school aged children and their parents / carers, Messy Church offers craft, games, worship and food. This time, prepare for the great outdoors!

Got big life questions?

Why not try Alpha? On Tuesday evenings, starting in June, our churches will be offering an Alpha course. Each evening starts with a meal, followed by a video and a chance to discuss those big life questions. No judgements, no 'right answers', just a place to come and ask what you want. For more information or to book a place, please get in touch



Sunday welcome!

Join us any Sunday at 9.15am at our services. You would be most welcome!

Reserved Grave Spaces in Holy Trinity Walton Churchyard

Thank you to all of you who have contacted us about grave spaces that you have reserved in the churchyard. All the existing reserved spaces are now in our records. If you would like to reserve a future grave space, please contact our church office, details below for the necessary forms and information to complete.
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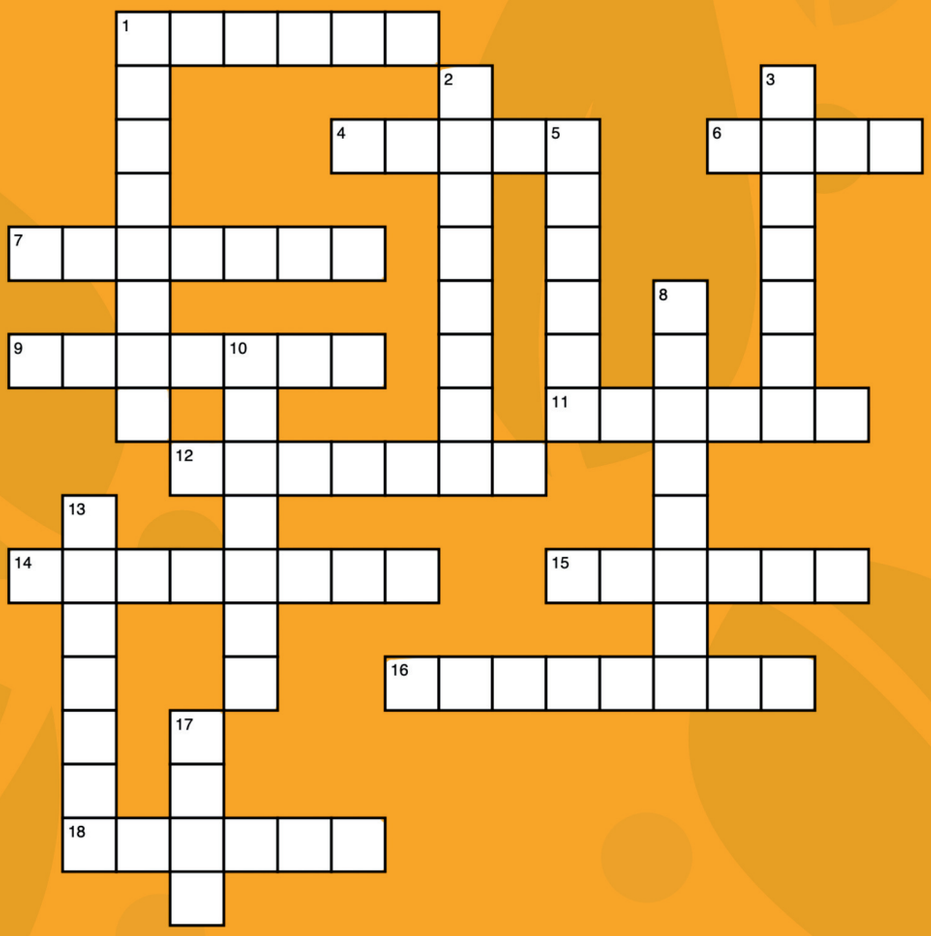


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A fun couple of hours brain teaser that can be done anytime you are free, by families, groups of friends or even on a quiet walk.
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Ann Lawrence & Sandra Gristock

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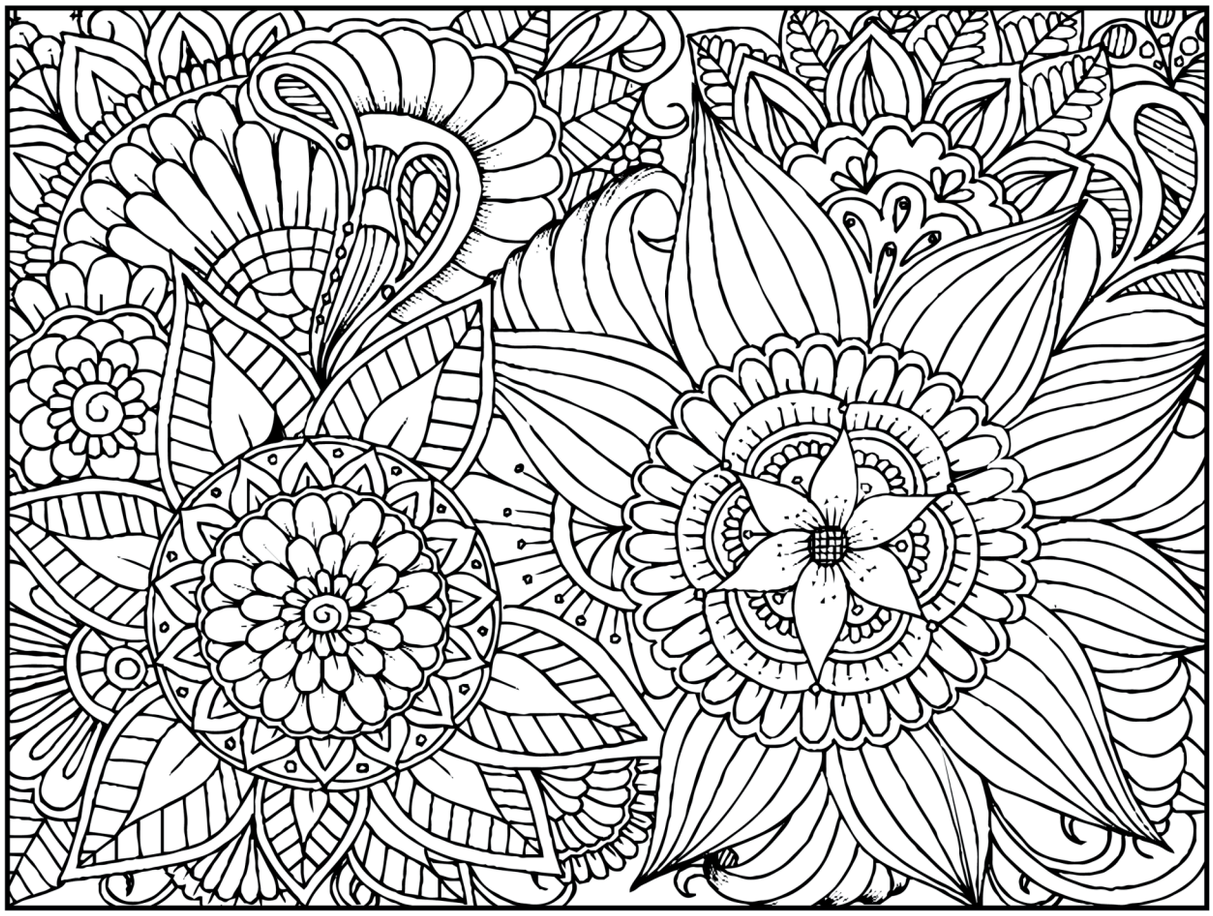
1) Beachgoer's pride
4) Surfer's hangout
6) Dog days month
7) Rod & reel sport
9) Disk you whisk
11) Make a bed?
12) Roughing it, perhaps
14) Treat on a stick
15) Alfresco meal
16) Parlor treat
18) Bermuda _____

DOWN

1) Beach attire
2) Worker's respite
3) Not indoors
5) Tramping on the trail
8) Outdoor cookout
10) Lake activity
13) Ballpark fare
17) Summer cooler

SUBMITTED BY L. COLLINS -SOLUTIONS ON THE 'USEFUL CONTACTS' PAGE

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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:

- 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
- 3rd June 3.30 – 5pm in Holy Trinity Messy Church – A free event for primary school aged children and their parents / carers, craft, games, worship and food. This time, prepare for the great outdoors!

NOT TO FORGET:

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WALTON UNDER 5'S PRESCHOOL

GROWING AND LEARNING: THE PRESCHOOL GARDEN PROJECT IS BLOSSOMING!



Spring is the perfect season for new beginnings, and at Walton Under 5's Pre-school we're sowing the seeds of something truly special! The Preschool Garden Project is now well underway!
Thanks to the kindness and hard work from some wonderful volunteers, the Pre-school garden has been cleared and tidied of old structures, and had its new fencing erected and painted. These tasks may sound simple, but they're time-consuming and hard graft to undertake!



We're building towards an all-weather surface being installed towards the end of May (fingers crossed!), just in time for the children to fully enjoy their summer term!
The purchase of this new outdoor surface is what so much of past and recent fundraising efforts has been building towards. It has literally taken years to raise the amount of money needed to make this happen, so we'd like to thank and acknowledge the tireless efforts of our past and present Parents, Staff, Committee and Volunteers, without whom this project would not be possible.
We're excited to see how our outdoor garden space continues to grow—not just in the soil, but in the hearts and minds of our children, who will soon get to spend time in their new Pre-school garden!
If you'd like to get involved, donate plants, tools, or time, we'd love to hear from you! Please contact us on 07970 443157 or email waltonunderfives@yahoo.co.uk.



Best wishes,

Kay

WELCOME TO THE SCHOOL

I am delighted to introduce myself as Heidi Padfield, and I am thrilled to be joining Walton Primary School as the new Headteacher.



I am a proud mum of two wonderful children, Ellen (17) and Jude (13), and have been happily married for 20 years. I grew up in Somerset surrounded by vintage motorcycles, particularly British bikes. On sunny days, my husband and I love to explore the countryside on our Royal Enfield. Family time is incredibly important to us, especially now that the children are growing up. We enjoy camping and paddleboarding together, though, while the rest of the family are avid golfers, I must admit that golf isn't my strong suit—I'm more than happy to wait for them in a spa! I also have a deep love for animals, and if given the choice, I would happily spend the day at a safari park. Recently, I've become a football fan as my son plays for a local team, and we are often found cheering him on from the sidelines, or occasionally supporting 'Yeovil Town.'

Having always lived in Somerset, I've spent my entire teaching career in Dorset. Since completing my teaching qualification in 2006, I've been part of a primary school in North Dorset, where, for the past decade, I have served as Deputy Head and Acting Headteacher. After 20 years at the same school, I felt ready for a new challenge. When I learned about Walton Primary School's vision and values, I immediately recognised how closely they align with my own. I'm excited to get to know the children, their families, and the wider community at Walton.

During my visits to the school, I have been consistently impressed by the exemplary behaviour of the children. It's clear that Walton Primary fosters an environment of respect and positivity, where students are supported to excel academically and socially. The dedication of the staff has been evident in every interaction, and I am excited to work alongside such a committed team. The involvement of the school's governors has also been truly inspiring.

I look forward to becoming part of this wonderful school community, supporting our children as they create fantastic memories, grow, and flourish throughout their academic journey.



Warm regards,

Heidi Padfield

THE PARISH RANGER

MATT HAWKINS IS YOUR PARISH RANGER. A FAMILIAR FIGURE LOCALLY; I AM SURE YOU HAVE SEEN HIM AT WORK AROUND THE VILLAGE.

Originally from Wells, he moved to Walton with his family 9 years ago. He has many family ties to Walton on his wife's side and his children have been to pre-school and Junior school here. Much of his working life has been working for Mendip Council Based in based in Wells and Cuthberts Without, working in various maintenance roles where he was trained and qualified in the skills that he uses to such good effect for our village.

Matt is self-employed now and contracts to many organisations around the village including the Church, Walton Trust, Parish Council and Wessex Youth football club. As well as working for organisations in Walton, he is available for similar work on a private basis.

The council contracts a few days of his time to each month to help maintain the village.
You will see him cutting the verges, mowing East Mead field, clearing footpaths, installing benches, painting signs and a host of other tasks to keep our village looking good.

Matt's jobs are allocated during the monthly council meetings so, for Council work, if you see anything around the village that may need his attention, please contact Helen, the Parish Clerk.

John Harvey



STEP, RIDE THRIVE

ACTIVE TRAVEL PROJECT

Thanks to a £35,000 grant from SALC's Community Health & Wellbeing Fund, the Avalon & Poldens Local Community Network (LCN) is launching a new pilot project to make it easier – and healthier – to explore the Avalon Marshes.

Who benefits?

Residents in the LCN parishes of:

Ashcott, Baltonsborough, Barton St David, Bawdrip, Burtle, Butleigh, Catcott, Chilton Polden, Cossington, Edington, Glastonbury, Greinton, Keinton Mandeville, Kingweston, Meare, Moorlinch, Shapwick, Sharpham, Stawell, Street, Walton, West Bradley and West Pennard

What's Happening?

- Extended #668 bus route connecting the Avalon Marshes to Street, Glastonbury & Cheddar from 22 April 2025 until March 2026
- 30 free community bike health check events and school workshops in LCN parishes provided by On Your Bike by March 2026
- Guided walks & wellbeing days in nature
- Affordable bike hire trial at the Avalon Marshes Centre
- New walking & cycling guides to explore the area

Get Involved!

- We need 15 community venues in the LCN to host a free bike health check event (valued at £250)
- We need 15 schools to host a free bike maintenance workshop suitable for years 5-6 (valued at £400)
- We need volunteers to join the project team to help shape and deliver the project
- We need help promoting the new bus route, cycling and walking initiatives to LCN residents

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CPR & DEFIB TRAINING

This was very well attended with our youngest person being only 8 years old.
A big thank you to Dorset Air Ambulance for coming to support Walton's community.



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Edith (aged 8) – 'i thought it was great I now know how to save someone's life'



LOCAL COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

Street & Glastonbury Area Volunteer Driver Service

We have continued to provide a valuable service to the community's elderly & vulnerable people who cannot access public transport throughout the 2024/25 year. This past twelve months have proven very busy and demand continues to outstrip the number of volunteer drivers available.

We have provided 241 journeys for Walton residents in 2024 and are currently at 104 to the beginning of April already in 2025.

Anyone who has a problem with accessing public transport can use the service for a small fee of £2.00 per return journey plus 60p per mile – this is reduced to 30p if you are a Concessionary Bus pass holder.

If you need to use the service call 01458 656248
Booking Lines are open Monday & Wednesdays 9:30am to 2pm and Thursdays 10:30am to 3pm
Drivers are available Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm

If You Have A Car We Need Your Help Occasionally!

Do you have a car, can you help us provide a very low cost driver service just within the Street, Glastonbury & Surrounding area to elderly & vulnerable people unable to access public transport?

Most journeys are picking up and dropping off to appointments, shopping & social/exercise events, they take no more than 5–10 minutes at a time.

We pay expenses to our drivers for mileage from your own house, so you aren't out of **pocket.There is no fixed commitment required and you choose when to drive.**

SMALL GRANTS

If you run a service or a group that is of benefit to the elderly of Walton village then you may be eligible for a small grant – please contact Walton Parish Council and ask for information about the Harry Skinner Fund
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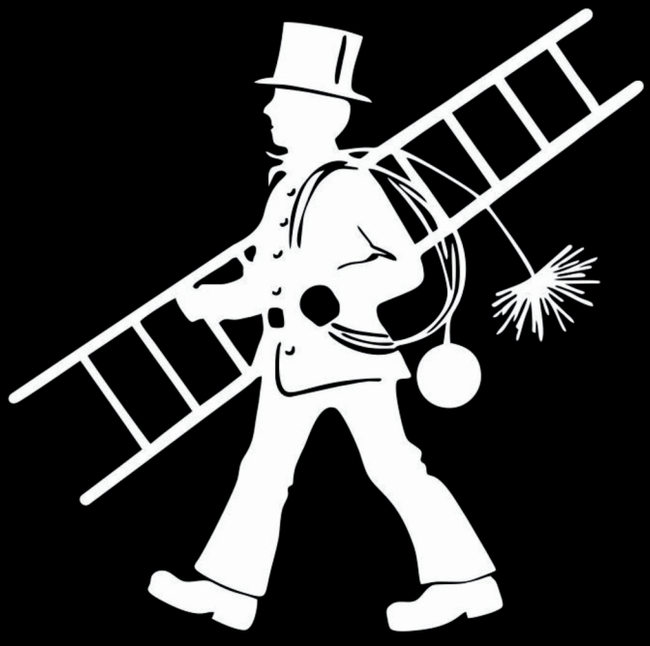
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AT THE MEN'S SHED





The Street and Walton Men's Shed is based at Hempitts Road in Walton and is a thriving positive space for many, both men and women.
The Shed has now been in existence for 8 years, $6^{1/2}$ years in Walton, and has grown to have a membership of 54, 10 of those are women.
It opens its doors on three days a week currently giving access to woodworking, wood turning, instrument making – most recently some ukulele – and importantly, health and well being through connections with others.
It is very much a hands on space and members share a wealth of experience, such as cabinet making and wood turning, but also try new skills from a collection of plans and source materials, both old and new. Items are often created for local schools as well as for personal use or for sale to raise funds for the shed.
Men come from around the local area but also further a field if there is no shed more local to them. New members are always welcome, for mixed or men only sessions, and you can contact them at **streetwaltonmensshed2017@hotmail.com**







A few quotes about what it means to those who come to the men's shed:

Camaraderie,
friendship,
something to look forward to,
tea and biscuits,
It's a good laugh,

and as a side word – woodwork!

WALTON WI

IRecently we have supported the County W.I. organised Let's Dance Brunch held in Somerton in aid of charity, helped run an all-day craft session and attended the Literary Lunch with popular author Veronica Henry at Old Oak Farm in Curry Rivel. In addition, there was a return weekend stay at the Manor & Ashbury Resorts in Oakhampton where ladies from all over Somerset could take part in such leisure pursuits as guided walks, relaxing in the spa facilities or learning new crafts.

Socially, members have also formed teams for the Walton Church Quiz and have taken part in their Barn Dance which was held in Walton Village Hall.

During our monthly meetings we have learnt interesting facts about NHS nursing in the 1960s from a former nurse, had advice on dealing with emergency situations from St. John's Ambulance and gained knowledge of the work of the Glenda Spooner Horse Rescue Centre.

Our Explore Your Local Area visits resumed in February with a very interesting talk and tour of Avalon Plastics in Glastonbury where eight members could see the various stages of how they produced their goods; whilst in March, ten members enjoyed a talk and two different tours in the Rural Life Museum during which they learnt of the important contributions made by four Somerset ladies during and after World War Two. Lunches were also enjoyed afterwards.

Our annual Social Skittles held in the Royal Oak was enjoyed by twenty-one members who played in four rounds helping themselves to sandwiches and cakes halfway through. On the same weekend committee members gathered at Rich's Cider Farm in Cannington for a farewell lunch as our president who will be stepping down at the May AGM.

The Garden Visits have resumed with a visit to Sanders Garden Centre which was postponed from last year due to stormy weather. Twelve members and three relatives enjoyed Sunday lunches after coffee and shopping.

Regular activities have continued with the ever-popular Ladies Who Brunch in the Mullions, Indoor Games played in the lounge of the village hall with homemade cakes provided, and a Walton Walk to the north of the village. Four members also ran a return Kurling gig for the Curry Rivel ladies Group which was followed by enjoyable lunches in the Brown and Forrest Smokery.

Recently, we have continued to support activities run by members of the Polden Group of W.I.s consisting of Ashcott, Compton Dundon, Shapwick, Puriton, Walton, Westonzoyland and Woolavington who take turns in hosting evening events. In February, a Group Quiz was held at Puriton, and, in April, Woolavington hosted the Spring Group Meeting which incorporated a barn dance and Ploughman's lunches. Both were great fun.

Our next evening meeting will be on Thursday 12th June 2025
Speaker, Debbie Wood, a former policewoman, will be asking, 'Why is His Truncheon Bigger Than Mine?'
The competition will be 'Police'.
As always new members and visitors are very welcome to join us.



Avalon Plastics visit



Skittles event at the Royal Oak



Rural lif museum visit

Jo Haydon

Photographs provided by Jo Haydon

Somerset Age UK

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- Joining our Ageing Well team to bring people together for **fun activities and gentle exercise**

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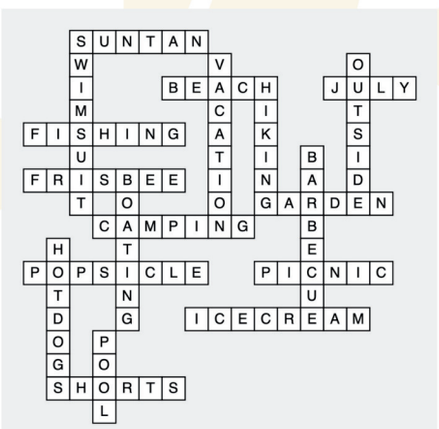
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