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OUR ARTIST IN RESIDENCE

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Hi,

Walton Parish Council commissioned two planning reports, one on 'Design Codes' and one on 'Housing Needs'. We intend to carefully consider these and create a plan for future housing that will be presented to you, the population, for comment. A referendum will then be held. This is to allow us all more say in future planning applications as such a document carries more weight than council and private comment alone.

The design codes gives guidelines on housing itself, covering the look, material and size of buildings, as well as the overall shape and aspect of the village. This includes the so-called gateways: the views on entering the village, and the need for gaps between the village and surrounding settlements.

The housing needs looks at the village in recent times and projects the need for housing into the long term future (2040). It considers such things as affordability, population age, demographic trends and current stock levels and makes for interesting reading. Again, decisions we make about the size and location of housing, as well as facilities and services to support them, will impact village life into the future.

I hope to get some material ready to show at the Fun Day, and to publicise dates for a consultation sometime in autumn. On that subject...Fun Day is always a highlight of the year and something we can be proud of as a community. This year promises to be another excellent day with regular and new attractions and activities.



The Walton Trust organises the Fun Day but needs more volunteers to help out. If you want to be part of the event, please do contact them. Their number is in the information section of this newsletter. Similarly, we are looking for another councillor. If you are interested in joining the council and helping your community, then contact us.

John Harvey

Chairman, Walton Parish Council

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Are you interested in making a positive impact on our community? We're seeking new members 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.

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THIS COULD BE YOU – THERE ARE CURRENTLY VACANCIES FOR NEW COUNCILLORS

WALTON FAMILY FUNDAY















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WALTON IN BLOOM

Best Garden



Runner up



Best Hanging Baskets





Runner up



Best Containers



Most Unusual

Gardens were judged at the end of July by Somerset Cllr. H. Shearer

Best Garden: 14 Badgers Green Road. This is a lovely garden with a good mix of colour, types of plants and trees, lovely baskets and a neat lawn.
Runner up certificate: 8 Creeches Lane. A traditional cottage garden, which we don't see nearly enough of.
Best Hanging Baskets: 6 The Warren. Very colourful, all around the front of the house and garage.
Runner up certificate: 1 South Close. Very full and colourful baskets.
Best Containers: 48 Hempitts Road. A bright and beautiful display of containers and baskets.
Most Unusual Garden: 172 Main Street. A contender for the overall best garden but a winner for Most Unusual as it is hidden from passersby but a surprisingly beautiful display from the house.

ALLOTMENTS IN BLOOM

The allotments were judged at the end of June by Cllrs. S. Loader & R. Vowles.

The Cornucopia award for the best overall allotment: Richard Webb for a very good selection of veg, flowers and fruit. A very well kept plot.
Runner up: Mark Smith with a very well kept plot. Neat and tidy.
Special award: Ken Graham, Ken spends a lot of time on his plot, and grows a great variety of vegetables. A very tidy plot too.

Cornucopia award
Richard Webb



Cornucopia runner up
Mark Smith

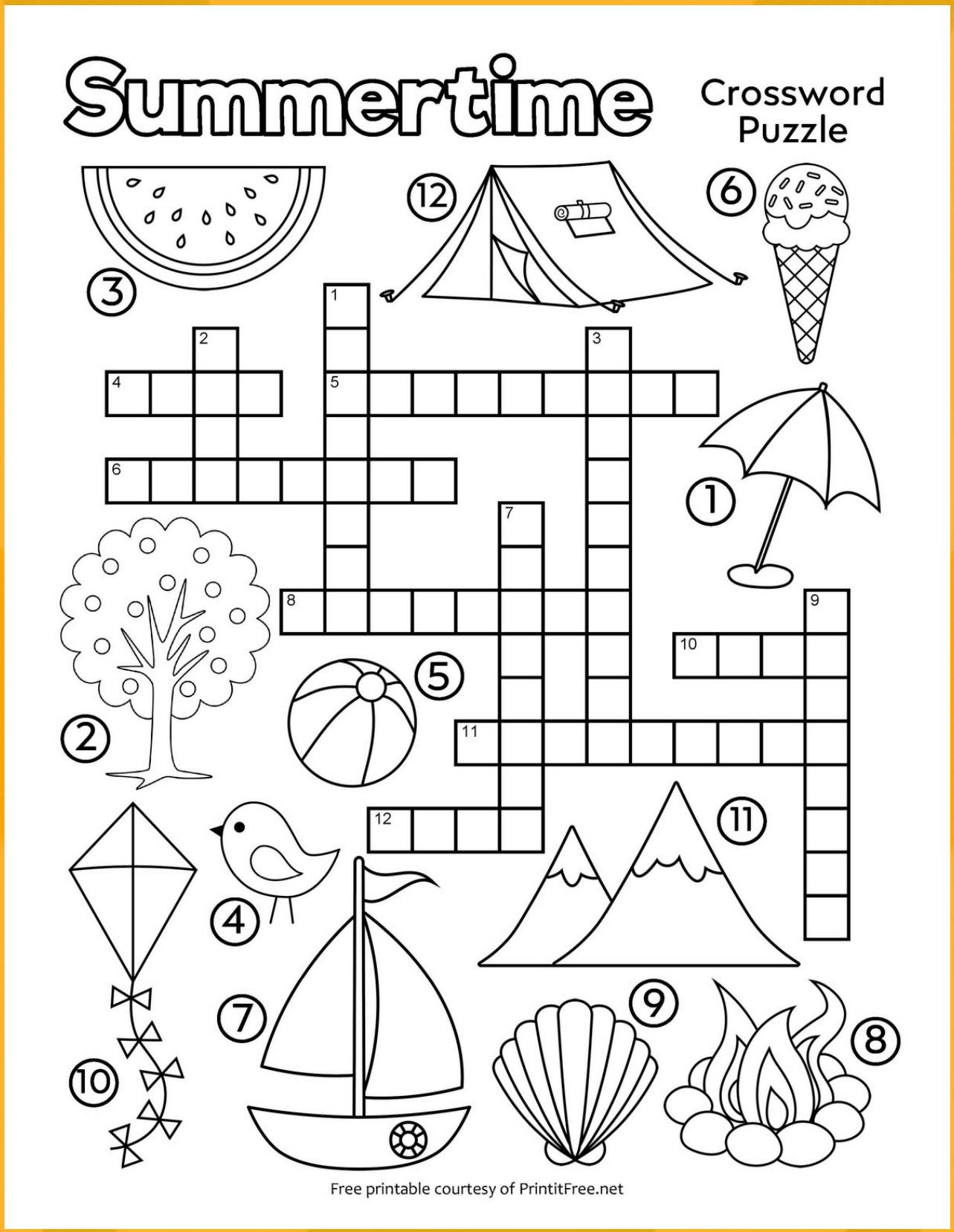


Special award
Ken Graham



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

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
- Badminton – 7.30–9.30pm – Tuesdays
- Pilates 3.30–4pm – Wednesdays & 6–7pm Tuesdays
- Crafty Crafters – 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
- Walton Under 5's preschool – 8am to 1pm Mon, Thurs, Fri & 8am to 3pm Tues & Weds
- 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

OTHER VILLAGE EVENTS

WALTON FRIENDS
Come join in
A new community group to connect, chat and enjoy some refreshments.
every 2nd and 4th Friday,
2pm to 4pm
Currently meeting at Walton Church





YOUTH PARLIAMENT ELECTIONS

SEE INSIDE BACK PAGE FOR DETAILS

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COLIN HILL - ARTIST







Local resident Colin Hill has been an artist on and off all his life. Drawing almost constantly as a child, it was a passion and so just a natural progression to pant later, he was able to concentrate on art fully once he retired in 2018.
Colin paints mainly in traditional oils but also enjoys watercolours and drawings.
In recent years he has painted well over 100 but since retirement about 85. These have ranged in size from about 10”x 8” to 1mtr x 1mtr.

- Preferred type of painting to create? [e.g. people/animals/landscapes]

“ I’ve been lucky enough to be commissioned to paint all the above, but I must admit that landscapes are a favourite of mine.
I’ve also done several memorial portraits of pets and people which I’m proud to say, I know, bring much needed comfort and happiness to people who have been bereaved.
Pet portraits are very popular, and they give me great pleasure to create for clients. ”

- A preferred area/spot for painting?

“ Yes, I have my studio which is just a converted bedroom, but I also plan to do some plein air (outdoor) paintings this year “.



- If you could only paint one type for the rest of your life, what would you choose and why?

“ Oil painted landscapes, as they allow me to really express myself and to play with the lighting effects, clouds and composition “.



- If you had any advice for any artist out there, what would it be?

“ Admire the work of others, learn from them, absorb their techniques and knowledge but concentrate on creating your own style.
A painting comes from your inner self, your own instincts and experiences of life, so paint as an expression of yourself, enjoy the whole process, be passionate about it and excited as you see it develop.
Ultimately, leave some of what makes you unique in the paint on the canvas or paper etc.
Creating something beautiful that is totally unique, personal and an extension of yourself is a great gift “.





Colin is currently working on a piece for Walton Village Hall so keep your eyes peeled, The Walton Trust can’t wait to share this with you all.

photographs provided by Lian Hardware

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH



It is with great sadness felt by all the village groups she was involved in that we mention the death of Liz Selway. She was such an active member of Church, WI, skittles and croquet. We will miss her dreadfully and send our love to her family.

We will be celebrating harvest festival on Sunday 5th October with a communion service to which all will be welcome. This service will be followed by a lunch in church. All gifts of non-perishable food will be donated to the food bank.

A quiz night will be held in church on Friday 24th October starting at 7.00. There will be light refreshments and tea and coffee available but please feel free to bring wine or your own choice of drinks along. Teams of up to 6 people but please don't worry if you are on your own. You will be so welcome and we will make teams up on the night. Come along for a fun evening.

We will be holding a Nativity weekend on the 28th/29th/30th November.
The church will be displaying many different types of Nativity sets large and small, and refreshments will be available throughout. Please come along and visit us during this time. If anyone has a set we could display we would be so grateful and promise to look after it and return it before you decorate your own home in advent.
Please contact Sandra on 07435567903 or 01458 741363

Ann Lawrence & Sandra Gristock



Coffee Morning
Every Thursday 10.30 am to 11.30am at the church



Email churchoffice8@gmail.com
Phone 01458 442671.
Website https://swcd-churches.org.uk

UPDATE ON YOUR LIBRARY



Have you visited recently ?

Our popular little library now has new signs, a solar light for the darker evenings, and an extra larger handle to make it easier for you to open and take a peek at the changing selection of books.

The Library is managed and tidied by much appreciated volunteers and funded by Walton Parish Council

LATIN IN LINE

Bev's Adult dance class at the village hall – Latin & Ballroom in line.



photographs provided by Bev.

Fun, uplifting, supportive and friendly are a few words to describe these classes.
We meet every week, learning to dance to fabulous Latin rhythms and beautiful classic ballroom tracks.
Many adults, ranging fro 27 to 83 years of age attend, arriving from Walton and the surrounding villages. As no partner is required, people are fulfilling their dream of learning to dance.
The first tentative steps can be daunting but regular participation can result in the uplifting joy of dance.
We dance Cha Cha Cha, Rumba, Samba, Waltz, Jive, Tango, Quickstep and so much more.



Monday 2pm – 4pm
Wednesday 7.15pm – 8.30pm
Thursday 1.45pm – 2.45 pm
& 3pm – 4.30pm
Interested in coming to watch a session?

Contact Bev – 07542 552721
beverley.winterson@gmail.com

Bev



ROYAL OAK FOOD FESTIVAL



'I wanted to showcase the amazing local food vendors we have available to use and a food festival felt the best way to do this. I was so pleased with the turnout, and we helped to raise over £1000 for the village Hall and Ty Hafan Children's Hospice. Thanks to everyone that came, watch this space for more upcoming events. Thank you to everyone who also donated a raffle prize for this event, without your generosity it wouldn't have been possible.'
Joshua Gray





photographs provided by Lian Hardware

THE WALTON TRUST



Walton Village Hall



First off, I would like to say what an amazing community we have, we are so lucky to have amazing places to be able to hold events such as Walton's first ever Food Festival and an Easter Bingo. I would like to say a personal thank you to Josh and Andy at the Royal Oak for letting us join you in organizing the food festival, and a big thank you to Kirsty Summers and The Trust members in helping organise the Easter Bingo, without helpers these events cannot be put on for our community.

As some of you may be aware The Walton Trust has been busy raising money to re-surface the small carpark within its grounds, and I am very pleased to announce that we have hit our target, and the work will be carried out early August, so please watch this space.

On another note, Matt Hardware who was The Trust's chairperson has stepped down, we thank him for all his hard work over the years, however The Trust is currently looking for a new Chairperson to join the team of volunteers. If you would like any more information or just to chat with no obligation to join, please get in contact with Lian at secretary@waltonvillagehall.org.



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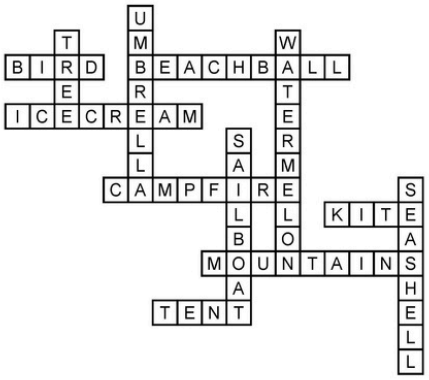
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SOLUTION



WALTON WI

During our evening meetings in the last three months, we have had our AGM when Brena took over as president from Shirley, the committee otherwise remaining the same, reports were given, trophies awarded, and entertainment was provided by the Beach'd Buoys; we have learned details of the pioneering career of a former lady police officer, who later gained promotion to sergeant, ; and have had an enlightening history of gin, including its introduction into Britain, which had caused havoc amongst the poorer classes, and learnt details of how it was brewed.
We have continued to support County by attending the Speaker's Auditions held in West Monkton, helping in the W.I. Marquee at the Bath and West Show and enjoying a Literary Lunch in Batch County House in Weston-Super-Mare where the Countess of Carnarvon was speaker. In addition, sixteen ladies joined other Somerset W.I. members for an interesting presentation and guided coach tour of Hinkley Point C.

We have had two fund raising events held in Walton Village Hall: the Walton Quiz including eleven keenly contested rounds plus a bumper raffle, and our Jumble Sale where items including clothes, shoes, toys, bric-a- brac, books and puzzles were on sale and customers could also purchase delicious homemade cakes.
Garden Visits have continued with a look around the National Trust Watcombe, Winscombe, and the Compton Dundon Open Gardens, the latter held in aid of charity. Refreshments were enjoyed at both venues.
Our Treasure Hunt this year took place in Street with five teams competing. Afterwards we adjourned for pre ordered meals in The King Alfred Public House.
Regarding our regular pastimes, the Ladies Who Brunch held monthly in the Mullions remains very popular, along with croquet which had been held in a local garden until recently but will continue in the village hall field.

Our Explore Your Local Area visits have taken us to the Brick & Tile Museum in Bridgwater to make tiles and hanging hearts; the Smokery in Hambridge where we learnt how their food was prepared; and along the Mural Trail in Glastonbury. All were followed by lunch. Our Annual Outing in June had thirty participants viewing the colourful flowers, vegetable patches and interesting sculptures on display in Rosemoor Gardens and enjoying their picnics outside in the fine weather.



Photograph provided by Jo Haydon

Liz Selway Who Passed Away on 5th July 2025

Liz Selway was an active founder member of Walton W.I. and was its first treasurer. Since then, she had also been both president and secretary. Liz was well liked especially for her giving nature.
In the past Liz had been in Walton W.I.'s successful skittle team which had won various trophies and had triumphed in the County Scrabble competition. In addition, for some time she ran our table tennis sessions, being an enthusiastic player herself. For many years Liz had allowed her garden to be used in the summer by our croquet enthusiasts and had hosted indoor games in the winter, plus always supplying delicious homemade cakes for consumption afterwards. When it came to needing homemade cakes for events Liz would always supply some and could be relied upon to be a helping hand when needed.
Liz was an integral part of the Walton community and is sadly missed.

Our thoughts are with her family at this sad time.



Brick &Tile Museum



The Smokery



Rosemoor Gardens

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Our next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Thursday 11th September 2025 in Walton Village Hall. Heather Eggins, will be presenting Belly Dancing and the competition will be Something Jingly. New members and visitors are very welcome to join us.

Jo Haydon

YOUTH PARLIAMENT



One of Somerset's current MYPs, Emma, said:
"As an MYP, I'm able to connect with people across the county and really push for positive change.
"Standing for election isn't just about you – it's about everyone you'll represent. Campaigning teaches you loads of useful skills and helps you think differently. Even if you don't want to stand, make sure you vote!"

Anyone aged 11–17 years can register to nominate themselves for election at: https://somersetyouthparliament.org.uk/elections/

full voting information and links to be released in September.

The Somerset Youth Parliament Advisory Group is free to join and open to anyone aged 10–25 who lives, works, or studies in Somerset. New members are always welcome. Find out more information here: https://somersetyouthparliament.org.uk/about/join-us/

Youth Parliament 2025: Nominations now open!

Nominations are open for the 2025 Youth Parliament Elections in Somerset. Young people aged 11–17 years who live and go to school or college in the county, are encouraged to apply.
It's chance to campaign on issues that matter to young people, to represent peers, and Somerset, on a national stage.
Three Members of Youth Parliament (MYPs) will be elected with support from schools, colleges, and the community. Each will lead a campaign of their choice and work alongside local services, organisations, and decision-makers to platform young people's voices.
MYPs are also supported by an Advisory Group of young people aged 10–25 from a range of backgrounds. The group develops campaigns, takes part in consultations, interviews, presentations, promotions and contributes to planning.
Somerset Youth Parliament is a space for young people to learn new skills, grow confidence, share their views, get involved in current issues and make a difference.

The deadline for nominations is Monday 3 November 2025. Elections will take place in December 2025. Young people in schools, colleges and youth clubs across Somerset will be eligible to vote.

Cllr Heather Shearer, Lead Member for Children, Families and Education, said:
"It's so important that young people feel heard and have the chance to shape the world around them.
"The Youth Parliament gives them a real platform to speak up and make a difference. I'd really encourage anyone who's passionate about change to get involved – whether that's standing for election or simply casting a vote."

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