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1930's Village Fete

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A Note from the Editors

We were sad to hear the passing of two 'Waltonians' in late April; Charlie Dunn, born in Moor Lane and farmer at Church Farm for over 40 years - a very well-known family in the village and a gentleman who will be missed in the fields in Moor Lane. Also Fred Woodman, again born in Walton, a quiet man who lived most of his life in Brighton Cottages - a champion budgerigar breeder, often seen at his gate watching the world go by - our thoughts are with both families.

Good luck to Richard and Elaine, Pat, Julia and Shem as they move into their new cottages in the village. We hope they all enjoy their new locations.



Community Speedwatch (Kevin Edwards)

The Speedwatch volunteers (myself and Nigel Wilyman) were again out on Friday 11th May and in one hour over 1100 vehicles passed the Village Hall – yes the motorway was at a standstill! Ten vehicles were reported with the fastest travelling at 47 mph.

The Mobile Vehicle Activated sign was not available last month but we have been promised it in June. Nigel Wilyman has kindly offered to coordinate with the council.

We are also hopeful of getting a second Speedwatch location on the main road outside Plum Tree Cottage – myself, Nigel and John Jackson met up with PCSO Gary Lewis and CSW Coordinator Nick Gough to propose this location, which if approved, should be far better than outside the Village Hall as it is where motorists are travelling faster in the 30mph zone – I should know as we used to live opposite in Sandstone Cottages!

Portbury Hundreds Closure – Advanced Warning!

From Monday 4th June, for 5 nights between 8pm and 5am, the Portbury Hundreds will be closed from Sheepway Roundabout to M5 Junction 19 for various works. Part of the diversionary route is the B3124 through the village.



The Walton-in-Gordano Country Fair



from 1pm Saturday 14th July

Walton-in-Gordano Village Hall & Field

Fun Dog
Show

HOG
ROAST

Birds
of Prey

Punch &
Judy Show

Traditional &
Vintage Stalls

Vintage
Vehicles

Children's
Races

Face Painting

BAR

Donkey
Rides

Brass
Band

Teas &
Cakes

Adults £2.50, Children (Under 16) Free

Social Club (Andrew Francis)

The Social Club are currently hard at work doing the planning for the fete, making sure all the exhibitors are booked and the stalls are similarly prepared. Our popular FUN DOG SHOW will be back! North Somerset Birds of Prey Centre are bringing 5 birds – come and ask the experts your questions. Punch & Judy are booked – as is the marquee and Portishead Town Band. Inside the marquee we have craft stalls selling their lovely goods and teas will be served in the Village Hall. There will be vintage vehicles, the local railway WC&P, children's races, traditional coconut stall, skittles, books, bric-a-brac, plants, cakes, ice creams and donkey rides. And don't

forget the hog roast and cider & beer bar. Something for all the family with plenty of **free parking** in the adjacent field. It's going to be a good one so please come and join us!

We have now received a number of offers of help from villagers to assist with the fete and also from people willing to bake cakes for the village teas (which is being run by the W.I. this year) and the cake stall.

We will hopefully be potting up and planting out some of the planters we have received in June, as soon as the flowers arrive from North Somerset Council, so please keep your eyes open for some new and colourful floral displays throughout the village. If you're passing by any of the displays then please get involved with the "Village Weed and Water" by pulling out any weeds and if you have a bottle of water with you, by sharing some of it with the flowers!

I attended the Parish Meeting a few weeks ago and presented our report to the Parish on everything we have achieved in the last twelve months. Looking back, it certainly seems like we have done quite a lot to keep the village a lovely place to live. This has included the 2017 fete, Christmas Quiz Night, Walton Arms Pub Night, Open Gardens and Christmas lights for the village.

Please keep thinking about how you can support the fete and let me know if you can help out in any way, however small.



W.I. News (Rosemary Tucker)

Our June meeting is on Thursday 21st. We are meeting at the Penny Brohn Center in Pill in time for lunch followed by a talk and tour. Therefore there is no competition or sales table.

Advance notice: In July we are helping at the Village Fete by serving teas - any donations of cakes will be most appreciated. Please bring them to the hall on the morning of the Fete (14th). The following Saturday is the president's lunch so don't forget to put your name down or let Jacqui know as soon as possible if you intend coming.



St. Paul's Church (Sue Betts)

Please see "Dates for Your Diary" on page 8 for all event details this month.

Charlie Dunn: It was lovely to see the church full for Charlie's funeral, it shows the regard people felt for him. Noel spoke very movingly about this 'man of the soil' and it seems most fitting that his last resting is in the soil of Walton-in-Gordano. Our prayers are with all his family, especially Julie.

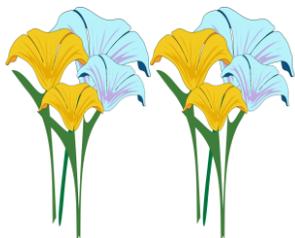
Right Royal Runabout: Four children tied for the top place in our colouring competition and what an imaginative Royal Family they were! Caitlin Jones found the most mice around the village and won a set of colouring pens and paper which she has really enjoyed using.

Royal Wedding: Our Royal Wedding celebration turned out to be a very emotional occasion with memories from Brodie, Sheri, Sue and Georgina. The hymns were all ones which are well loved at weddings and that was enough to trigger a few happy tears. Thank you for bringing so much delicious food for our bring-and-share lunch. The weather was just perfect for our garden party in the churchyard.

Favourite Hymns: Our annual Favourite Service is on Sunday 1st July. Voting slips will be available all through June with a ballot box in place for your vote. We will be singing at least 8 hymns so there is plenty of chance your favourite will be in the top of the pops.

Flower Festival

Saturday 25th – Monday 27th August



Come and enjoy the church beautifully decorated with decorations themed on 'Our Favourite Story'

Ploughmans lunches, cream teas, village history

This year theme for the Flower Festival is 'Our Favourite Story' - so far we have Wuthering Heights from Ruth, Paddington Bear from Sue and The Very Hungry Caterpillar from Deb, so you can see there's quite a range of things you could do. You don't need to have any previous experience just come and have a go, that how we all started out. There is always someone to help you out and there is nothing stopping you working as a team if that would help. Come on, have a go!

Parish Council (Don Hill)

With the passing of Fred Woodman and Charlie Dunn we have lost two fine “Characters”; both quiet, but core Waltonians who will be much missed.

At the Parish Council AGM on May 14th Brian Cannell was re-elected as Chair, and Mike Ralston as Vice-Chair. Nigel Wilyman and Rachel Dickinson agreed to continue representing the council on the Village Hall Committee.

20mph Speed Limit on Walton Street is now in place. The aspiration of a 30mph limit at Walton Bay will prove difficult to achieve within current highway criteria, however, the possibility of a 20mph section through the village along the B3124 may eventually come to pass. The Parish Council will be seeking to achieve both, over time.

Lorraine Field: Cllr Nigel Ashton reported that development of this site has now been granted, subject to the inspection of the levels of bases before properties can be put on them and to suitable screening around the pitches immediately adjacent to and overlooking neighbouring properties.

Flowers: 200 bedding plants donated by Glendale, via NSC, will be planted out via Nigel Wilyman and the Social Club during the first half of June.

Broadband: AvonLine expect to start laying our fast broadband system, on behalf of Gigaclear, by the end of September. Costs will be £40 - £80 per month depending on the service speed with activation/installation charges of £230. The service improvement should prove phenomenal.

At the Annual Parish meeting held after the May AGM, reports were presented from the Parish Council (Brian Cannell), North Somerset Council (Nigel Ashton), St Paul’s Church (Sue Betts), The WI (via Rosemary Tucker), The Village Hall Committee (via Deb Tovey) and The Social Club (Andrew Francis): these form part of the minutes and will appear at www.waltoningordanopc.org.uk in early June.

The Cross Tree/B3124 Junction was talked about again. Access to Crosstree Farm, risks to pedestrians, and others are posed both by drivers who slew - rather than drive - from the B3124 into Walton Street and by drivers coming down Walton Street who, instead of keeping the left of the Cross Tree, pass it on the right, potentially into the path of the ‘slewing’ traffic. Various ideas were put forward to ease the problem, and Cllr Nigel Ashton undertook to investigate with NSC Officers what might be done to improve things at this potentially disastrous junction.

Village Directory	
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Bob Baldwin	As above (Clevedon Road)

Dates for Your Diary		
Date	Event	Time
Saturday 2 nd	'Welcome In' Community Café, St. Paul's Church	10:30am onwards
Sunday 3 rd	Morning Prayer, St. Paul's Church	11:15am
Sunday 10 th	Holy Communion, St. Paul's Church	11:15am
Monday 11 th	Parish Council, Village Hall	7:30pm
Sunday 17 th	Morning Prayer, St. Paul's Church	11:15am
Sunday 24 th	Holy Communion, St. Paul's Church	11:15am

* More details in the information sheet under the relevant section

June Recycling

You should have received a letter from North Somerset Council advising of possible new collection dates. At the time of writing this information was not available on the Council website.

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We need **YOUR help with **OUR** Summer Fete on
Saturday 14th July**

Please fill in the form below, cut it out and return to Andrew Francis at Taggart House or via email on ralf.789@sky.com

✂ Your Name: _____

Tel. No.: _____

Please circle below how you would be able to help:

Volunteering on the day / Running a stall / Helping with the planning / Clearing the field on Friday 13th / Baking a cake / Delivering or collecting raffle tickets / Donating a raffle prize / Other (please specify below)

Every little bit of support helps us put on a fabulous fete - Thank you.



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