

CROSS TREE CHRONICLE

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A Note from the Editors

Please remember we are happy to accept articles for the Chronicle; it could be a gardening section, on local history or recipes from anyone in Walton Bay, Walton Down, Walton Village or Norton's Wood - just email us at the Chronicle address and we will share it in the Chronicle. And on the message of sharing, we have a village email group where information is shared throughout the month, providing reminders of up-and-coming events. If you would like to be added please email us at the normal address (we do not share your email with anyone else but it's great to stay in contact).

We also pass on our condolences to Jocelyn Davis' family. Jocelyn passed away on 20th September. She was the Parish Church secretary for many years.

Gardening Club (Anne Greenhill)

September is the month of the Dahlia and the selection from two gardens demonstrated the wide variety in colour and form of this species, bright pinks, reds and yellows, from cactus to pom-poms. Of particular interest was "Labyrinth", a very large variety which fades from pink to yellow as it matures. Maureen Rutley brought an unusual Dianthus Plumaris (Pink) which had pink and yellow blooms on the same stalk.

The exceptionally dry summer had mixed effects on our gardens, delaying the flowering of some species and preventing some from flowering at all. In some gardens the main effect has been on the grass which as it has died off has been taken over by yarrow, a native plant, with extensive roots.

The next meeting is on Wednesday, October 17th at Alison Stott's home.



W.I. News (Rosemary Brace)

On Thursday October 18th at 2:30pm we meet in the Village Hall to listen to Mr Mike Oakley who will be talking about "West Country Railways". This should be fascinating as the W.C. & P. line ran through the valley not far from the Village Hall. The competition is for a posy of garden flowers in a jar.

We will be taking names for our Christmas meal at Clevedon Masonic Lodge on Thursday 13th December, further details at the meeting.

Parish Council (Don Hill)

Meetings: With, as usual, no Parish Council meeting in August and with Councillors' work demands making us not quorate to hold meetings in June or July, it seemed odd to be signing off the minutes of the May Annual Meeting of the Council and the May Annual Parish Meeting in September! However, things did not stand still.

Planning: Application papers were circulated and discussed electronically, and Council comments submitted to North Somerset Council - electronically of course - in a timely manner.

Super-fast Broadband: Cllr Ralston continued - and continues - to badger the broadband contractor for our area about apparent delays in getting our section of cable laying underway to provide us with a super-fast broadband option; notwithstanding a timetable that means work should be starting within weeks. Delay - slipping out of the programme altogether - will be completely unacceptable to residents who need an efficient broadband service NOW. For those not wishing to subscribe to the service themselves, access to it will prove an increasingly significant selling point if they are to optimise the value of their homes as and when the need comes to sell. Cllr Ralston continues to combat the contractors on this as they have moved from openness to fudge to silence. Losing out on this only opportunity for the provision of an acceptable broadband service is simply NOT AN OPTION.

People: We have lost an uncomfortably large number of people over the past months, either by their passing on, or by their moving away. All will be missed and their absence - and replacement in the population - is bound to create a 'shift' in the community ethos that the Council, and the various community groupings will want to be sensitive to. The Council hopes - and is confident in the 'fact' that - we can all continue to work together in the atmosphere of community harmony and energy that this Parish has become so noted for over the generations.

Parish Maintenance: NSC contractors Glendale have, over several years, provided 200 free plants to NSC Parishes on a first-come-first-serve basis. This year, with the Wilyman family and the Social Club prepared to manage the process, we have witnessed what we hope is the start of a visually more attractive village space. At our September meeting it was agreed that the kerbside - from the 'from-Portishead' entrance to the 'Village' to Sandstone Cottages, would be cleared, and thence maintained, via the Council, as a start to parish-wide Village Gateway plans that you can access on our

website (www.waltoningordanopc.org.uk). Richard and Henry Kent are to be thanked for making this possible.

General Data Protection Regulation: You will all have been bombarded by organisations telling you that they are really pleased to be able to secure you more transparency re the information they hold about you, about how they store and use that information and about how you can access it, and indeed, request that it be removed from their database. In reality implementing GDPR has been vexing. For example, until just days before the law was passed giving force to this regulation, all Parish Councils - Weston-super-Mare is amongst the largest and we are amongst the smallest - were to appoint a Data Protection Officer - at, in our case, a cost of some £750 per year - to audit their management of personal data. This, at the last moment, and in practical terms after the Act had been passed, became simply a requirement to register ourselves with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for an annual fee of £40 (£35 via direct debit). During the summer break - when our Clerk was peacefully hiding away in the Forest of Dean - he was rudely assailed by altered guidance on a range of criteria that demanded the production of new Governance documents. These had to be firstly understood, then translated into something that made sense within the context of our small community operation. Our Privacy Policy, by law, has had to be published as of May - it was. The other documentation was approved at our September meeting and will appear, within the Governance page of our website, in due course. Visit www.waltoningordanopc.org.uk to see the results.



Community Speedwatch (Kevin Edwards)

We now have a new volunteer, Jeremy Wake (many thanks for volunteering) who after completing an on-line registration, received training at our latest Speedwatch session on Wednesday 19th September. This was a fairly quiet session with only 3 vehicles reported travelling between 37 and 42 mph (out of 674 passing the Plum Tree Cottage site in one hour). We also noted one person on their mobile phone - something that the CSW coordinators are keen we also record. It was very noticeable that just by wearing the yellow reflective jacket makes people slow up, since on finishing the session, vehicles were definitely travelling faster!! We are always looking for more volunteers - please email or call me if you can help.

Social Club (Andrew Francis)

The Annual General Meeting of the Social Club was held in the Church on Tuesday 11th September. All the committee were present and prepared to stand again. After a vote, the Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary were re-elected. The team are looking forward to the next year and building on their success in 2017/18 with the aim of supporting the village community and making the village a great place to live.

Please put the date for next year's fete in your diary – July 13th – as once again we will need all the help we can get!

The Walton Arms opened its doors again on Friday 21st September and we all enjoyed a lovely evening having a few drinks, chatting and playing pub games. Skittles, table football and darts were the main attractions and we also raised a few pounds on the raffle for the Social Club. Thank you to everyone who helped set the pub up and clear away at closing time, and of course to all our customers. Cheers!

Our Christmas Quiz night will be Friday December 7th in the Village Hall please come along and join in.

We will also be looking to add to our Christmas Lights this year and to plant up our two new flower tubs with Autumn flowers.

We will also be supporting the purchase of the village defibrillator.

We hope to see everyone at Christmas!



St. Paul's Church (Sue Betts)

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

Flower Festival: Doesn't it seem a long time ago, but we haven't had a chance to say thank you for your support. We raised an amazing £1254.76 and that was on a cold grey weekend with a very rainy Sunday. A big thank you to all who helped in any way over the weekend, it made it a very special village weekend.

Harvest Festival: This year our Harvest Festival will be in the morning followed by our Harvest Lunch. You are all welcome to join us for this traditional service with all the lovely harvest hymns. Please bring packs or

tins of food which will be donated to a local food bank. If you would like to join us for lunch just give me a ring so we know how many sausage rolls we need to make!

Christmas Shoeboxes: The shoeboxes will be available from the beginning of October at the back of the church. Leaflets inside will tell you how to fill them. Please return to the church by Saturday 4th November.

And now we are talking about Christmas...

Christmas Post Box opens on Sunday 25th November and closes on Sunday 9th just 10p per card delivered in the parish.

Advent Carol Service will be on Sunday 2nd December lots of carols and candles to start the Christmas season.

Christmas Fayre in the church on Saturday 8th from 10.30am to 3.30pm.

Christmas Lunch and Carol Service on Sunday 23rd.

Lots more details in the months to come.

Village Traffic (Submitted by Barbara Wilyman)

The traffic passing through the village continues to cause concern. A big thank you to Kevin Edwards who has established the 'Speedwatch' patrols. These are gathering momentum with the Police and now drivers do brake when they see the yellow tabards. (FYI 1200 cars have been registered going through the village in one hour). The Council have also managed to obtain a 'Neon' speed display sign which you may have noticed in two locations so far. Also, of course, we have the 20mph speed limit in Walton Street (which presumably also applies to bikes). A Police motorcyclist has also been spotted by the hall – so progress is being made.

For the future – it seems odd to me that the vista ahead of you as you drive into the village from Portishead actually widens giving the impression of a clear road ahead. A review of the white markings on the road needs to take place. The current design encourages a flow of traffic and is based around the needs of the traffic. No. We need to slow it down by interrupting its flow.

When passing Cross Tree Farm on its way to Walton Street the cars flow on through. The white lines at the top of Moor Lane actually 'Arc' inwards – no wonder it is difficult to see what's coming..... to be continued next month!

Village Diary	
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Bob Baldwin	As above (Clevedon Road)

Dates for Your Diary		
Date	Event	Time
Saturday 6 th	Welcome In Community Cafe, St. Paul's Church	10:30am onwards
Sunday 7 th	Harvest Festival (followed by lunch), St. Paul's Church	11:15am
Monday 8 th	Parish Council, Village Hall	7:30pm
Sunday 14 th	Holy Communion, St. Paul's Church	11:15am
Wednesday 17 th	Gardening Club, The Manor	
Thursday 18 th	W.I., Village Hall	2:30pm
Sunday 21 st	Morning Prayer, St. Paul's Church	11:15am
Sunday 28 th	Holy Communion, St. Paul's Church	11:15am

* More details in the information sheet under the relevant section

<u>October Recycling</u>	Rubbish	Recycling & Food Waste	Garden Waste
Tuesday 2 nd	x	✓	✓
Tuesday 9 th	✓	✓	x
Tuesday 16 th	x	✓	✓
Tuesday 23 rd	✓	✓	x
Tuesday 30 th	x	✓	✓



CHRISTMAS IN WALTON

- *Village Christmas post box opens on 25th November*
 - *Advent Carol Service 2nd December*
 - *Christmas Quiz 7th December*
 - *Christmas Fayre 8th December*
- *Village Christmas lunch & Carol service 23rd December*

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