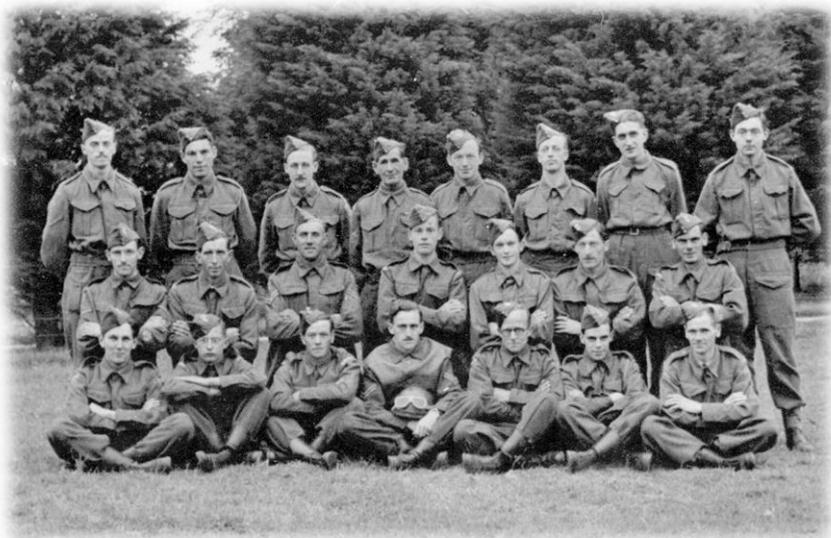


# CROSS TREE CHRONICLE

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**Walton Home Guard  
c1938**



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## **A Note from the Editors**

Communication is key in a small community so this month I wanted to share with you statistics of the Chronicle. We have 190 copies printed and delivered by a volunteer team of 7 around the parish - some work full-time, some part-time, others retired, but they ensure you receive your Chronicle every month. We email around the world keeping people like myself, who were born in the village, connected with the community which holds many good memories for them. We also have a parish email list for sending reminders of up and coming events throughout the month.

Every month, 11 people volunteer to make the Chronicle possible, recognising the importance of keeping a community connected. We know many of you enjoy receiving it but remember that you can also contribute (e.g. recipes, local news, items for sale etc) - just contact me. Also contact me if you wish to go on the parish 'round robin' email list - we are always happy to hear from you.

### **Village History (Emma Edwards)**

During WW2, Walton was defended by the Home Guard. Mr Brodie of Home Farm led 30/40 volunteers which were based in the Estate Office of Sir Charles Miles (now Stable House). Their guns were stored in the Gun Room at The Manor. The Home Guard could often be seen marching from the Manor to Walton Common where a wooden shed was situated on the quarry edge; it was used as a lookout post for the Bristol Channel as several warships would dock at Walton Bay.

Walton took its fair share of evacuees from London, arriving by train, bused to the Village Hall, then dispersed around the village.

During the war, Walton Bay was a refuge for many Bristolians who came and built chalets from the wood on the beaches, set up tents and escaped from the bombings in the city; the holiday dwellings continued to be used until 1976 as holiday homes.

In 1941 the Good Friday Bristol blitz resulted in 7 bombs dropping in Walton (4 on the common and 3 in the woods). Walton was never used for the 'dig for victory' initiative, the golf course remained open and used and was never ploughed for food.

Hilda Goss of Frome was a land girl who arrived at Hillside nurseries, Parsonage Hayes. She worked the land for the Virgo family and met and married local boy Ted Blake. Ted was the poultryman and gardener for the Virgo's and they lived all their married life at Plum Tree Cottage then at 3 Manor Cottages. 3 Manor Cottages has the only original poultry house on the Estate.

What remains of the war years are the craters on Walton Common, and the Pill Box at Cross Tree. We have 2 war graves in our churchyard maintained by the War Graves Commission - our role of honour is read out every year at our remembrance service.



## **Community Speedwatch (Kevin Edwards / John Jackson)**

I (Kevin) would like to thank John for taking over as coordinator and wish him every success. Whilst I will still be involved with Speedwatch, John will organise sessions and write the report, which follows:

As we all know October was a very wet month, so this made Speedwatch somewhat challenging but never the less we managed three sessions at Plum Tree Cottage. The first was a training day for our new group member Colin, but we only managed about twenty minutes when the rain came down. John and Julian did a session which was much better weather resulting in 11 vehicles out of 518 reported for exceeding the speed limit.

We decided to run a session on Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup>, where Kevin and myself thought that it would a quiet day as regards traffic which it was, but we were amazed as to what happened when 41 vehicles were reported exceeding the 30mph limit. One was a motorcycle at 54 mph, and the most reckless driving was a vehicle entering the village from the Portishead direction travelling at 62mph ... yes 62mph! If only the Police enforcement officer had been there then then this driver would be facing a driving ban.

There is also a new location for the Police enforcement motorcyclist to be operating from at Sandstone Cottages (which has already taken place), so drivers beware, we are determined to make the village a safer place to live in and to drive through.

Finally, we wish Colin a speedy recovery after his accident (thankfully not during Speedwatch!)



## **W.I. News (Rosemary Brace)**

On November 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:30 pm we meet in the Village Hall for our annual general meeting. We always have things to discuss at this meeting so we are hoping you will all be able to attend. After the business we have a flower arranging demonstration by Jill Haywood. We have seen Jill before and know how good she is. The competition will be for our favourite Christmas card, old or new, and we will also have a bring-and-buy sales table.

Further details from me - email address in the directory on page 7.

## **Parish Council (Don Hill)**

**Broadband:** With the Miles Estate becoming involved, we now have the sign ups needed to qualify for inclusion on the TrueSpeed fast broadband roll out. With Tickenham, Weston-in-Gordano and Clapton nearly signed up, we are now eagerly

awaiting roll out dates from Truespeed once their installation plan is completed. More news as we get it.

**SpeedWatch:** Kevin and Emma, as you know, have moved, but still retain active links with the Parish. However, Kevin has decided that he needs to stand down as the Parish SpeedWatch coordinator. Whilst the SpeedWatch team will be announcing his successor and seeking more volunteers for the SpeedWatch work, Members of the Parish Council felt Kevin's unstinting service and energies during the post set-up stages of SpeedWatch needed specific and genuine thanks, which has been registered in our Minute Book and is registered again here, on behalf of the whole Parish. Thank you, Kevin!



### St. Paul's Church (Sue Betts)

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

**Harvest Festival:** Thank you for all for your generous donations. It was great sharing lunch together in the church - it had a special atmosphere at Harvest time.

**'Come and Join Us' service:** Soup is back on the menu! As the days get shorter and colder what's better than sharing a hot bowl of soup. There will be bread and cheese on offer too so why not 'Come and Join Us'.

**Remembrance Sunday:** Don't forget the service starts at the earlier time of 10:55am so we can hold our Act of Remembrance.

**Christmas Post Box:** Opens on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> and closes on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December - just 10p per card delivered in the parish. We are again supporting the charity UNICEF mother and baby kits used at child birth – what an appropriate charity for Christmas!!

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am:** Come and help decorate the church for the Christmas Season. Get started on the hot mince pies!!

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Dec.:** Advent Carol Service. This will also be our Woolly Service, giving warm hats, gloves and scarves.

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec.:** Christmas flower arranging demonstration with Sarah. Tickets £5 from me. Money raised will be split between UNICEF and our church building fund.

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec. 10.30am onwards:** Christmas Fayre with all you need for Christmas in our beautifully decorated church. Also, Colossal Christmas Chocolate Challenge - our attempt to set a WORLD RECORD of the largest Christmas chocolate selection box. Any donations of chocolate bars would be very welcome - there's a large glass jar at the back of church. All the chocolates will go to the local foodbank afterwards.

Finally, our **Christmas Lunch and Carol Service** is on **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec.**

## Social Club (Andrew Francis)

Did you know that there are **8,760 hours in a year** and we are asking you to use just a few of those hours to help support the 2020 Village Fete. If you help out for 3 hours that's **just 0.03% of your year** – surely you can manage that?

Last month we published a list of jobs that we need to fill in order to support the fete for 2020, so far we have filled just two of the roles (Please see the table below).

Please consider how you can help and let us know as soon as possible.

<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Task</b>	<b>Volunteers</b>
<b><u>THURSDAY 9<sup>th</sup> JULY</u></b>		
PM	Help to layout parking in the field	
PM / evening	Help to lift tables into the marquee	
anytime	Collect tables / chairs from Flower Show field in Portishead – would need a van or similar	
<b><u>FRIDAY 10<sup>th</sup> JULY</u></b>		
Set up hall (AM or PM)	Lift tables / chairs into hall to set up for teas	
Set up field (AM or PM)	Erect gazebos	✓
	Lay out tables and stalls	
Set up marquee (AM or PM)	Lay out tables / chairs	
Collect PA (anytime)	Collect PA system from Portbury	
Move freezers (anytime)	Move freezers from storage sheds for usage	
Hog roast (PM / evening)	Hog roast equipment is delivered to field on Friday. Needs to be set up ready for use.	
	Collect pork from butchers	
	Ready the pork for roasting (two-person job)	
Bric-a-brac (anytime)	Sort	
Bottle stall (anytime)	Label bottles	
Raffle tickets (anytime)	Fold raffle tickets	
<b><u>SATURDAY 11<sup>th</sup> JULY</u></b>		
Turn on hog roast (6am)	Switch on gas burner	
AM	Move flower tubs from around village to field	
AM	Lots of help needed in the show field – nothing specific just helping hands please.	
Pack up from around 4 to 4.30pm	Clear the site – all hands welcome!	
	Take down gazebos	✓
<b><u>SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> JULY Onwards...</u></b>		
Tables & chairs (anytime or Monday)	Return tables and chairs to Portishead	
Tablecloths from teas	Wash, dry and iron tablecloths for return	
Rubbish & recycling	Collect and take to recycling centre	

**Pub Night:** The evening was lively and well attended by new and well-established villagers alike. Look out for another event in the Spring.

**AGM:** Is on **19<sup>th</sup> November** in the Church at 7.30pm. This is a time for the Chairman & Treasurer's reports and the voting in of a new committee. We would love new members so please come along to hear about the work we do and see how you can help. If it encourages you attend, tea, coffee and biscuits will be available!!!

**Christmas Lights:** These will once again be put up and we hope to have even more through the Village and at The Bay this year. We will be starting at **10am on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November**. This is "going up ladders" type of work so if anyone is available for a couple of hours please let us know as that would be a great help!

**Christmas Quiz Night and Cheese & Wine Supper:** Will once again be held on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December** so please make sure you keep the date free. Teams of four for the quiz with BYO wine/drinks. Everything else provided at just £5 per head.

Please let Graham (07513 111891 or [g.matthews1@hotmail.com](mailto:g.matthews1@hotmail.com)) know as soon as possible if you would like to book a space – it's a **great Night Out!**

### **Mystery solved???? (Emma Edwards)**

Steve Russell, and James Bond met, and I'm delighted to say that Steve's code book has helped crack the meaning of the signal! Whereas we had assumed that the signal came in two parts, the left-hand side reading OITMO and the right-hand side NIT, Steve had noticed that the top two flags on the left-hand side were not lined up with the bottom three, suggesting that these two groups were in fact separate signals put up one after the other. He thought that the flags represented two successive questions being sent from the signal station out to a ship in the Channel (possibly the one shown on the photo), with a sort of confirmation at the end; so, what we've got is a bit like hearing only one end of a telephone conversation, without the intervening replies ! The code book gave us the following: -

OI = 'Do you intend to enter harbour?'

NIT = 'Do you wish to disembark any sick? If so, how many and from what diseases are they suffering?'

TMO = 'Arranged (or put in order)'

### **Gardening Club (Alison Stott)**

As usual we started our meeting by looking at flowers from our gardens. Various shades of purple, deep pink and white predominated from two gardens with new planting schemes and included Zinnias, Cosmos, French and English lavenders, Aster Monch, Gaura, Nigella and Persicaria affine "Darjeeling Red". The rest of the time was largely spent discussing pests and diseases and in particular the recent news that Horse Chestnut trees have been placed on the "Vulnerable" list, their demise being largely due to a disease, Bleeding Canker, and the caterpillar of the leaf miner moth.

<b>Village Directory</b>	
<b>Parish Councillors</b> ( <a href="http://www.waltoningordanopc.org.uk/">http://www.waltoningordanopc.org.uk/</a> )	
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Bob Baldwin	As above (Walton Village)
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Bob Baldwin	As above (Clevedon Road)

Lemon Loaf by Ann Greenhill

4 oz butter, 2 eggs, 4 fl oz milk, rind & juice of 1 lemon, ½ teaspoon salt, 6 oz plain flour, 2 teaspoons baking powder.

Beat sugar and butter together. Beat in eggs, stir in flour, salt, baking powder and lemon rind.

Bake in a moderate oven for 45 mins in a loaf tin.

Once baked and warm pour over lemon juice mixed with a third of a cup of sugar.

Dates for Your Diary		
Date	Event	Time
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Welcome In Community Café, St. Paul's Church – Coffee, cake and chat!	10:30am onwards
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Come and Join us Service, St. Paul's Church (followed by lunch) *	11:15am
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Sunday, St. Paul's Church *	<b>10:55am</b>
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council, Village Hall	7:30pm
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Prayer, St. Paul's Church	11:15am
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Social Club AGM, St. Paul's Church *	7:30pm
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	W.I., Village Hall *	2:30pm
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion, St. Paul's Church	11:15am
	Christmas Post Box Opens	

\* More details in the information sheet under the relevant section

### Recycling Calendar

	Rubbish	Recycling & Food Waste	Garden Waste
<b>November:</b>			
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	✓	✓	✗
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	✗	✓	✓
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	✓	✓	✗
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	✗	✓	✓
<b>December:</b>			
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	✓	✓	✗
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	✗	✓	Unknown

### Could you be a Marie Curie Helper or Companion?

Marie Curie are looking for dedicated volunteers for their Helper and Companion Services in Somerset. The Helper Service offers emotional and practical support to people in your area living with a terminal illness. This includes visiting them at home, going out with them, or talking to them over the phone. The Companion Service is based at Musgrove Park Hospital in Taunton and offers one-to-one support for patients and their carers in their final days or hours of life. These volunteers give around three hours each week and provide companionship, comfort and emotional support for people on the hospital wards as well as family and friends who are visiting them. All services are completely free to the terminally ill person and full training and travelling expenses are given for all volunteers. If you are interested, please phone 0800 3047400 or email [southwesthelper@mariecurie.org.uk](mailto:southwesthelper@mariecurie.org.uk).

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