

# CROSS TREE CHRONICLE

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## **A Note from the Editors**

Firstly, can Kevin and I wish you all good wishes for the forthcoming festivities. Walton as always has many events which you are all very welcome to support.

Sadly, this month we say a final goodbye to the Women's Institute; set up 90 years ago, it played a vital role in the community, providing practical support for the Village Hall in years gone by. A final report from Rosemary Brace (vice-president) is in this month's Chronicle.

Don't forget the Christmas post box is still open in the parish church - just pop your cards and donations in and they will be delivered throughout the village.

### **Village History - what's in a name (Emma Edwards)**

The name of Walton is believed to be derived from a Saxon word, meaning a wild town or a town of strangers. The origin of Gordano may also come from the Anglo-Saxon words 'gore' and 'dene' meaning a triangular valley. There is evidence of people living in Walton for many years, with both bronze age and iron age remains found. The village can also be found in the doomsday book under its alternative medieval name 'stoke super mare', so named because the village was situated around Walton St. Mary (Clevedon). The village moved in the eighteenth century around the brook in the Gordano valley (as we know it today) probably as a result of the church at Walton St. Mary burning down and the owner of Walton Castle wanting more park-land for his shooting parties.



### **Community Speedwatch (John Jackson)**

As we all know November was a very wet month indeed and as a result only two sessions were accomplished by our group at the time of the Chronicle going to press. They were on the 8<sup>th</sup> November with 476 vehicles passing through the village, 21 vehicles exceeding the 30mph speed limit and reported with the fastest being 45mph. Our second time out without rain was on the 18<sup>th</sup> November where 497 vehicles passed by us in the hour with 26 vehicles exceeding the limit and reported, the fastest being 44mph. Our Police Motorcycle colleague has been operating in the village a few times this month, although we do not know at this stage how many drivers his camera equipment has caught but I can imagine quite a few. Before I close this month's report please be aware of the speed limit through Walton Street - THIS IS 20MPH. If anyone is trying to emerge from the Farm Shop gate or the Church, plus the other property entrances it is very difficult to see traffic from either direction so if drivers are speeding there is the potential for accidents to occur. I hope you all have a very Happy Christmas, don't drink and drive and most of all, keep to the speed limits, especially through Walton in Gordano. Thank You.

## Village Hall (Deb Tovey)

If you still haven't planned that Christmas get-together with family or friends, don't forget that the Village Hall is available to hire – with a kitchen to prepare food and room to put out your buffet and still plenty of room for the children to let off steam in a safe environment, what could be better! The Hall will be decorated too so it'll be an extra special atmosphere.

Please contact Bob Baldwin to check availability (note new contact details in the directory on page 7).



## W.I. News (Rosemary Brace)

It is with great sadness I write my last report for Walton in Gordano W.I. It was formed with Lady Miles as president on 12<sup>th</sup> November 1929 and will close on the 19<sup>th</sup> December 2019 after 90 years, of which I have been a member for 45 years.



### **W.I. Tree Planting in Walton Street Quarry 1990**

At one time we had the youngest member, my daughter Amy, also the youngest president, my daughter Emma in the Avon Federation. Also when my mother Kathleen joined in 1999, we had 3 generations of the same family attending. For many years the W.I. kept the Village Hall going and got grants to provide the original chairs and current red tables, they also provided a pastoral candlestick to St. Paul's Church.

Sadly, with changing lifestyles and no one from the village supporting the institute, we have been unable to sustain the W.I.

We will be having a 90<sup>th</sup> celebration lunch with a raffle and will be sending a cheque to the South West Air ambulance. This is our last fund-raising event.

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

**Broadband:** We finally have the needed signups to get a fast broadband service from Truespeed; we now have to wait for the links that will bring the infrastructure to and through our Parish. There is evidence of work progressing all around us, so hopefully we will be able to signal an installation start date in the not too distant future.

**Traffic Management:** We have noted that WeIG have a 20mph speed limit on their wide straight stretch of the B3124, while we, with a narrow, twisty stretch containing farm entrances and a complex cross road, appear not to qualify. The topic is surrounded by a complex of national government guidelines. We, for example, cannot even have our village gateway scheme unless we agree to our hard fought for (through 25years?) 30mph speed limits being moved from Hackswood to Plum Tree, from the Clevedon end up to near the Manor Drive and along Moor Lane from the current location up to near Home Farm Cottage. A recent suggestion of a pedestrian crossing seems eminently sensible; it may fall foul of technical and local objections, but a crossing at a point in the Village (Cross Tree or Hall) where pedestrians most regularly cross the road has undeniable logic. The Council is doggedly moving forward on the issues surrounding road safety both in the Village and along the Coast Road. Our presumption is that the national guidelines are just that; 'guidelines', against which we have reasonable - and strong rounds for developing an alternative traffic management strategy that is appropriate and effective for our Parish. We first need to have North Somerset Council on board with this to have it as an achievable objective. Given that, we then have to agree a phased implementation that allows the objective to be affordably executed and thereafter maintained. It will, realistically, all take a long time. This is an unacceptable but brutal fact. Nevertheless, we hope to develop a core of community support to sustain thrust behind a realistic traffic management strategy for the Parish.

### **Social Club (Andrew Francis)**

**Social Club AGM:** was held on 19<sup>th</sup> November in the Church. The Chairman & Treasurer's gave their reports and the existing committee was re-elected unopposed. We would particularly like to welcome our new committee member Rob Stirzaker who has recently moved into the village. I am sure that Rob will be a great addition to the committee and the Social Club in general.

**Christmas Lights:** By the time read this, all being well, the Christmas lights will be twinkling through the village. If you came to help put them up, thank you, if not, we hope you enjoy them.

**Christmas Quiz Night and Cheese & Wine Supper:** Please make sure you book your places for the ever-popular event on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December**. Teams of four for the quiz with BYO wine/drinks. Everything else provided at just £5 per head.

There will be a prize for the best team and also a raffle.

Please let Graham know as soon as possible if you would like to book a space – limited numbers can be accommodated and it is a **great night out!**

**Please book early** on 07513 111891 or [g.matthews1@hotmail.com](mailto:g.matthews1@hotmail.com)

**Village Clean Up:** We will be organising a village clean up in January. We do this at least once a year and clear the foliage from the stream by Church Farm and at the rear of Springhead Cottage as well as tidying up the verges. We would like as many helpers as possible with tools or just a pair of gloved hands to assist. So do please come along, we meet at Church Farm at **10am on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2020**.

**Looking Ahead to Springtime...:** We are already thinking about the floral displays in the village for Springtime, and with that in mind we are looking to purchase some new planters.

We have also planted daffodil bulbs on the verges of the main road where the “Walton-in-Gordano” village signs are and when I say “we”, I mean Richard and Elaine Kent, who together planted nearly 100 bulbs to brighten up the otherwise mundane roadside verges; I can’t wait to see them bloom!

**Village Fete 2020:** Thank you to the villagers who have already indicated their willingness to help us at the fete in 2020 and in the preparations.

We still need to hear from you if you are able to help, particularly the more able bodied!!!!

Please consider how you can help and let us know as soon as possible (the list of tasks was in last month’s Chronicle available on the Parish Council website, or attached if you receive the Chronicle by email); the fete may be in July but if we don’t get enough volunteers then we have to make a decision regarding the future of the fete in **January!!**

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

At our last meeting we were joined by our guest, Monika, who has been working in the garden at Springhead Cottage for a few years now. Audrey and Michael Hollingsworth were keen gardeners and once on her own Audrey was helped in the garden by Monika. They had a mutual love and knowledge of plants and Monika brought various seeds from her native Poland to try out in Audrey’s garden. It was interesting to hear which plants were successful and we discussed why others had failed. To our meeting Monika brought Artemisia cuttings (a small amount made into

a tea is apparently good for the digestion) and an oil, to rub in to help alleviate the symptoms of arthritis, made from organic sunflower oil and St. John's Wort. We had a most enjoyable afternoon and it was a lovely way to remember Audrey.

Next meeting will be on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> December at 2:30 pm at Alison's.



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

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

December is a busy month!

**Advent Carol Service:** We are not holding our 'Come and Join Us' service this month as we have our Christmas Village Lunch later in the month. Instead we start the season of Advent with the lighting of the first Advent candle and lots of carols and Advent hymns. All through December our services have different themes. The service on the 1<sup>st</sup> December will also be our Woolly Service, when instead of our usual collection, we give warm socks, hats, scarves etc for the cold and needy.

**Floral Festivities:** Sarah Chouglay's flower arrangements are always fantastic so we are in for a treat! Tickets available from Sue or at the door are £5 which includes some hot Christmas Punch and warm stollen. All money raised will be split between our UNICEF appeal and our building works fund.

**Village Post Box:** Closes on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>. We are collecting for UNICEF's Midwifery packs. £30 can buy all that is needed to provide a safe delivery for mother and baby, what an appropriate charity at Christmas. For just 10p your card will be delivered within the parish of Walton-in-Gordano.

**CHRISTMAS FAYRE:** The church will be beautifully decorated and there will be something for everyone from Brodie's bacon baps to gifts of all kinds. And of course there will be Walton-in-Gordano's attempt to get into the Guinness Book of Records as we create the world's biggest chocolate selection box. What a laugh! Come along and bring a chocolate bar to add to our growing number of sweets.

**Christmas Lunch and Carol Service:** are both on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>, the invite is inside this copy of the Chronicle - please RSVP so we know how many jacket potatoes we need. Cold meats and green salad will be provided and pudding, please bring along a plate of savoury food to share.

Wishing you all a very happy Christmas and New Year. Thank you for all your support for our parish church with a special thank you to Emma and Kevin for the production of the Chronicle, such an important part of our village life.

<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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<b>Parish Notice Board Key Holders</b>	
Graham Matthews	01275 873408 (Walton Bay)
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<b>Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators</b>	
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Bob Baldwin	As above (Clevedon Road)

### **Spicy fruit traybake from Sue Betts - Great for left over mincemeat!**

225g mincemeat, 125g margarine, 75g sugar, 2 eggs, 150g SR flour

For the icing; 175g icing sugar, 2 tbsp orange juice

Mix all the ingredients together in a large bowl or mixer, spoon into a lined baking tray, bake for 40 mins at 160°C/gas mark 3.

When cold, mix the icing sugar and orange juice and drizzle over the traybake. Enjoy!

## Dates for Your Diary

Date	Event	Time
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent ('Candles and Carols' / Wooly Service), St. Paul's Church *	11:15am
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Christmas Flower Arranging, St. Paul's Church *	7pm
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Fayre, St. Paul's Church *	10:30am to 3:30pm
	Village Post Box Closes	
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent (Holy Communion Prayers for World Peace), St. Paul's Church	11:15am
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council, Village Hall	7:30pm
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Quiz Night, Village Hall *	7:30pm
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent (Morning Prayer and adding prayers for our families to our Prayer Tree), St. Paul's Church	11:15am
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Christmas Village Lunch, Village Hall *	12:30pm
	Carol Service, St. Paul's Church *	3pm
Christmas Day	Family Holy Communion, St. Paul's Church	10:30am
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	No service at St. Paul's Church	
<b>January:</b> Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>	'Welcome in' Community Café, St' Paul's Church	10:30am
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	'Come and Join Us Service' with lunch, St' Paul's Church	11:15am

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

### Recycling Calendar

December:	Rubbish	Recycling & Food Waste	Garden Waste
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	✓	✓	✗
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	✗	✓	✓
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	✓	✓	✗
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	✗	✓	✗
<b>January:</b>			
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	✓	✓	✗
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	✗	✓	✗

### FOR SALE

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