

Cross Tree Chronicle

Walton-in-Gordano
Village Magazine



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A Note from the Editors

Firstly, may we wish you all a happy, peaceful and healthy new year. The village was very busy during December - we are a very friendly community. It was so lovely to see so many of you at the events, 2020 will be just as busy I am sure.

Welcome to some familiar faces in our village, Pat & Nick have moved to Plum Tree Cottage, Holly (our daughter) has moved back into The Old Village Shop, where she grew up and Steve, Nicola, George and Henry, whose family once lived in Parsonage Hayes, have moved into Springhead. It's great to welcome you all. We say goodbye to Chris and Jess of Manor Cottages who are making their new home in the village of Laycock.

From this month if you wish to contribute to the Chronicle but do not wish to do this electronically, you can now post your articles through the shop door at the Cross Tree.

Two lots of congratulations this month – firstly to Henry Kent on becoming a Retained Firefighter at Clevedon and the Dickinson family on the birth of their third daughter Holly.

A message from Holly Edwards: I have been overwhelmed by the love and support I have received regarding my return to the village, I would just like to say thank you.

Latest News: The village Christmas lunch was well attended with over 60 villagers tucking into a beautiful Christmas spread. Thank you to Sue, Sheri, Brodie and team for all their hard work, to Sandra for the pantomime and lastly to our wonderful Father Christmas.

We are sad to announce the passing of Gordon Rutley on Christmas Day. Gordon was a villager and great supporter of our parish community. His sense of humour and jokes will be greatly missed - he will not be forgotten. Our thoughts are with Maureen and family at this time.



Community Speedwatch (John Jackson)

December was a busy month for everyone and with the awful weather only one Speedwatch session was achieved on 3rd December in the afternoon. Julian, Nigel, and myself were at Plum Tree Cottage and recorded 550 vehicles passing us by, 17 were reported exceeding the speed limit with the fastest being 45mph. Many speeds were in the 40s and that was not good. Well, we are into a New Year and can assure you that we will be very active in trying to get the Village to be a safer place for residents, pedestrians, and

drivers alike. Think about this, at 30mph you are travelling at 44 feet per second (yes 44 FEET PER SECOND!) and the total stopping distance is 75 feet, and that is in ideal conditions which of course increases in poor weather. Happy New Year from our volunteer Speedwatch Group.

Gardening Club (Alison Stott)

With Christmas fast approaching, our meeting centred around some of the plants and natural decorations associated with the festival. The presentation was on Christmas Trees, how the idea originated from the Pagan reverence for trees to the medieval Christian custom in Germany of a Paradise Tree - a tree, often oak or fir, hung with apples to represent the Garden of Eden on the feast day of Adam and Eve, 24th December. By the 18th Century this had developed into a Christmas Tree with candles and a star. It had become a widespread tradition amongst the German Lutherans and in the early 1800s Queen Charlotte introduced it to England. It was Prince Albert who, in the mid-1800s, popularised the idea and so the Christmas Tree, much as we know it today, was born.

A Happy New Year to everyone. Our next meeting will be at Bob and Rene Truby's on Wednesday 19th February at 2:30pm.

Parish Council (Don Hill)

How Can We Improve the Roads Through Our Parish?

Some time ago we developed our aspirations for highway improvements into a policy which we posted on the Parish Council website. We now have a 20mph speed limit up Walton Street and plans are being worked on for a 7.5 Ton weight restriction (except for access) to be applied along Moor Lane and Walton Street / The Coast Road. Now is a good time to review, update and expand our policy. As a start, we have reduced the policy to a range of bullet points, together with any observations made by North Somerset Council about ones that have been raised before. These bullet points appear below. May we ask you all to look at these critically, and to add to them any that you feel have merit. All ideas are welcome; simply email them to the Clerk - clerk@waltoningordanopc.org.uk, or contact one of the Councillors to discuss them.

We plan to have the list formulated into a realistic aspiration in time for discussion at our Annual Parish Meeting on May 11th 2020 (8pm in the Village Hall).

WALTON BAY

- Walton Bay Speed Limit reduced from 40mph limit to a 30mph.
- Walton Bay Village Entry Signs

WALTON STREET

- Walton in Gordano sign at Golf Course combined with existing 20mph signage
- Speed bumps (not possible because the street is unlit)
- Priority out-builds and signage

B3124 Clevedon to Portishead Road

- Village Gateway structures at Clevedon and Portishead ends (will mean possible speed limit re-locations closer to Village centre to comply with current regulations)
- Visibility improvements at Manor Drive exit... mirror?
- Village Hall Car Park
- Walton Street Junction - from-Clevedon stop sign
- Walton Street junction - extension of pavement at Crosstree Farm
- White highway edge lines
- Blocking off the from-Clevedon entry to Walton Street (large vehicle access might be impossible without exposing properties to risk).
- Turn culvert into pavement (would create traffic gridlock and be counter-productive)
- Review of pedestrian and traffic volumes by NSC.

MOOR LANE

- Walton-in-Gordano sign
- Exit visibility improvements onto B3124... mirror?

GENERAL

- Planters and other visual improvements,
- Verges: Well-maintained verges provide a signal to road users that they are entering a residential area.
- Mobile Vehicle Activated Speed (VAS) monitors or Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs)
- Fixed VAS or SID kits (these will mean possible speed limit re-locations to comply with current regulations)

Social Club (Andrew Francis)

Christmas Quiz Night and Cheese & Wine Supper: This was held in December and a very enjoyable evening was had by all. Thank you to everyone who came and supported the event and many congratulations to the winning team who received a tower of boxed Christmas treats as a prize. We made a small profit from the event which will be used to put on further social events in the village during 2020.

Village Clean Up: This will take place at 10am on Saturday 15th February - we meet at Church Farm. We do this every 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,

Happy New Year: The Social Club would like to wish all the people who live in the village a very Happy New Year. We hope that you have enjoyed the events we have arranged during 2019 and look forward to seeing you throughout 2020.

We have lots of events planned for the coming year so please keep an eye on the Chronicle for details.

St. Paul's Church (Sue Betts)

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

Christmas: When writing this we still have a lot of our Christmas celebrations ahead of us including our Christmas Village Lunch, Carol Service and of course Christmas Day.

Looking back to what we have already enjoyed - we kicked off the Christmas season with Sarah's fantastic Christmas flower demonstration. It was absolutely stunning and very inspiring. The flowers Sarah chose made us all go 'ooh' when she brought them out to start her flower arrangement. Well done Sarah a truly lovely evening.



Our Christmas Fayre was just wonderful. All the visitors said what a warm and friendly atmosphere greeted them, and it was lovely to see people from all over the village including a number of new faces. And all that joined us were very generous, we raised £801.95. Thank you very much, that figure is just amazing. Thank you to all who helped out in any way. You are a brilliant team and I love you all!

We also had 332 chocolate bars in our colossal chocolate selection box, what an amazing total, all very gratefully received by local needy families, especially the children! Sadly, our attempt at a world record failed as the selection box needed to be an exact copy of a real selection box but just a lot bigger so for next year we are going to one of the big



chocolate producers and see if they could supply us with a box, it's worth asking isn't it? Thank you for all your generous donations, didn't it look spectacular!

The village post box was well used with 400 cards posted. That meant we raised £40 for UNICEF to provide mother and baby kits for the delivery of babies. What a great charity to support at Christmas and there is more to come from our carol service.

Come and Join Us: The New Year starts off with the Welcome In on Saturday 4th followed by our Come and Join us service on Sunday 5th which will include a bring and share lunch, delicious soup - bread and cheese will be provided. Everyone is welcome to join us for this simple service, come and give it a try.

Plough Sunday: The first of our traditional rural services and dates back to when they really celebrated the 12 days of Christmas. It's all about blessing all we have ahead of us in 2020.

WISHING YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR!

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Dates for Your Diary		
Date	Event	Time
Saturday 4 th	Welcome In community café, St. Paul's Church	10:30am onwards
Sunday 5 th	Come and Join us service followed by bring and share lunch, St. Paul's Church	11.15am
Sunday 12 th	Holy Communion, St. Paul's Church	11:15am
Monday 13 th	Parish Council, Village Hall	7:30pm
Sunday 19 th	Plough Sunday, St. Paul's Church	11:15am
Sunday 26 th	Holy Communion, St. Paul's Church	11:15am

* More details in the information sheet under the relevant section

Recycling Calendar

January:	What's Collected?
Thursday 2 nd	Rubbish, Recycling
Wednesday 8 th	Recycling
Tuesday 14 th	Rubbish, Recycling
Tuesday 21 st	Recycling, Garden Waste
Tuesday 28 th	Rubbish, Recycling
February:	
Tuesday 4 th	Recycling
Tuesday 11 th	Rubbish, Recycling



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