

Cross Tree Chronicle

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Orchard Lea – Then and Now

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A note from the Editors

It's great to welcome new people to our village so a WARM WELCOME goes to the new residents in Myrtle Cottage and Old Rectory Farm; we hope you are settling in well.

We are pleased to welcome Avon Wildlife to the Chronicle this month, very much a part of our community.

We send our love to Celia as she continues to improve from her recent knee Surgery; Celia and Roger are great supporters of our community.

If you wish to report fly tipping in our village but don't have access to a computer then North Somerset Council are happy to take details on their Council Connect number 01934 888802, Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm.

A quick reminder: as we all start cutting our grass, you can no longer use your green bags and must use the green waste bins only.

If you know anyone who would like to receive a copy of the Chronicle then please get in touch - we distribute over 200 copies through Email and deliveries and are very happy to give a copy to anyone who is interested, just let us know.

Kevin and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Delivery Team: Deb, Emily, Graham, Lyn (Walton Bay), James (Walton Down), Audrey and Bob (Walton Village). They do a great job making sure you receive your copy every month. Spare copies can be found at St. Pauls Church and Church Farm.

Gardening Club (Audrey Hollingsworth)

The March meeting of the Gardening Club discussed Hellebores and came with an impressive range of samples – single and double blooms, plain and spotted. They are the first large spring flower. Some self-seeded plants can with luck be transported to other parts of a garden.

A valley garden yielded 23 samples of other early flowers. We also discussed a large range of methods and timing for starting the summer crop of tomatoes. The earliest starts from a seed from last year put into a damp, folded paper handkerchief in a pot and placed on a frost-free window sill.

W.I. News (Rosemary Tucker)

At our meeting this month we are celebrating our birthday so we are starting at 12:30pm for lunch, followed by entertainment from Mr Tim Lewis and Ms Sheila Furneaux, entitled "Toad of Toad Hall". We know we will enjoy this as they have visited us before. The competition will be for a posy of Spring flowers, we will use these to decorate the tables for lunch, so please bring them in a small vase.

Our outing this year, on Sunday 11th June, is to the Royal Mint at Llantrisant, for a guided tour followed by the afternoon at St. Fagans in Wales. The cost is £33 which includes a Sunday roast at 6pm at the Swan in Almondsbury on the way home. We leave the village at 9:30am and will be back by approximately 8pm. If you would like to join us, and all are welcome, please let me know, either by e-mail or dropping a note through my door with a £10 (cheques payable to Valley Ladies) non-refundable deposit, including your names and phone number. Thank you.

Spotlight On Avon Wildlife (Dave Horlick)

Walton Common is justifiably renowned for the variety of butterflies that can be found there. By April one can expect to see many of the early butterflies such as the Orange Tip, Small Tortoiseshell, Peacock, Speckled Wood, Brimstone and Comma etc.

However, one of my favourite butterflies to emerge at this time of year is the Green Hairstreak. Walton Common is one of the few sites in the Bristol area where this beautiful little butterfly can be found. In the last couple of years one of the best places to spot it has been the flowering gorse at the bottom of the main slope up from the Walton Street entrance. On a warm sunny day there might be 4 or 5 of them here.

This winter has seen plenty of activity on the reserve. The main focus has been to expose the geological features (for which we have a duty of care) and to restore the grassland. The reserve certainly looks very different now. This summer we will be keeping a close eye on the affect it has on the flora and fauna.

If you see anything of interest, do let me know!

Village Hall (Deb Tovey)

On Monday, 20th March, we held our AGM at which the elected Committee stood down and a new Committee was elected, made up of 3 elected members and 3 Representative members of local groups.

The new Committee is as follows :

Chairman / Secretary: Deb Tovey

Treasurer: Sue Betts

Other members: Emma Edwards, Kevin Edwards, Shirley Long and Alison Stott

Our immediate item of business is the resurrection of the possibility of changing a part of the field next to the Hall into a Car Park. It seems that we may have "Very Special Circumstances" to apply for Planning Permission in the Green Belt as parking on the highway outside the Hall is making driving through the Village hazardous and dangerous, both to other road users and to residents exiting their driveways. We shall keep you informed.

Social Committee (Emma Edwards)

Thank you to everyone who supported the coffee morning in March, a great start to the year. The next event is our Swing Night on the 23rd June - tickets are available for £10 from Emma (village) or Graham (Bay). Please bring your own drinks & glasses; we would love to see you there. We will be advertising this event so don't leave it too long to get your tickets.

SWING INTO SUMMER

Friday 23rd June



VILLAGE HALL



7.30pm £10 each

Steve Doig & Capitol Swing Band

Country Fair (15/07/2017): I still need your support. Can you spare a couple of hours to run a stall at this year's event; it wouldn't be the same without you! Just pop in and let me know.

Open Gardens Day (28/08/17): Thank you to those who have already volunteered to support this event, but we would love a couple more. We are not looking for RHS standard gardens, just a willingness to show what you have, and support St. Paul's Church over their Flower Festival weekend.

Parish Council

Walton-in-Gordano Annual Parish Meeting: This will be held in the Village Hall, on May 8th, at 8pm - immediately following the May Parish Council AGM and meeting, which will start at 7pm rather than the usual 7.30pm. The agenda will include reports from the various interest groups in the Parish, and an open discussion session covering whatever relevant Parish topics attendees wish to raise. **If there is a topic you want to see on the agenda before the general discussion session please let the Clerk know.**

Topics from the March Parish Council Meeting:

Planning: Application 17/P/0327/F - Sunnybank, Walton Street – Realignment of drive and alterations to access was a re-application of a lapsed permission granted in 2012, which it closely resembled. As with the earlier application, this application was unanimously agreed to pose no objections.

Village Hall Car Park: Planning permission will be needed for a change of use of the field to a car park. It is, of course, in the Green Belt and therefore, by default, deemed “inappropriate” development. However, research indicates that a case can be made for the granting of planning permission, and information gleaned in this respect has been shared with the Hall Committee.

Gullies: Parish gullies are being emptied during March. Clerk is going to check when the culverted sections of Walton Brook will be inspected.

Broadband: With Walton Bay/Walton Down being candidates for BT’s fibre-to-home broadband, Walton-in-Gordano Village (the parish below Taggart House, on Walton Street), which is now a candidate for supply via CDS, are eagerly awaiting information on what the CDS offer is and what grant support might be available to assist in funding it. This is slow progress, but it is the most realistically affordable option now it has become available to us.

Did you know?... the most effective way to report potholes or accessing other reporting and service requests is via the NSC website. Visit www.n-somerset.gov.uk/do-it-online/connect to see the list of services that can be reported or requested and to select the one you need.

Visit waltoningordanopc.org.uk to see minutes and find out more about the Council.

St. Paul's Church (Sue Betts)

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

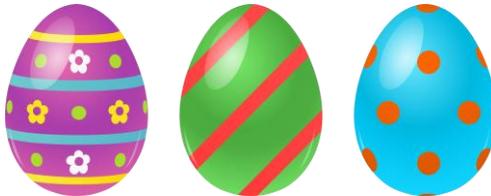
Easter Festival

Saturday 8th 10:30am - 4pm

Come and celebrate that spring is really with us and shake off your winter layers and enjoy some better weather - we hope!

Join us for

-  homemade refreshments including Brodie's delicious bacon rolls;
-  all kinds of stalls – handicrafts, cakes and Aunty Emma's Sweet Stall;
-  a fun Easter Egg Hunt for all, young and old!



Lent Giving: It's not too late to pick up a Lent Giving form from the back of the church supporting Marie Curie nurses. Please return your donation to the box at the back of the church.

All kinds of things!: We have a number of events coming up in the next few months. In May our traditional Rogation Service will be on Sunday 21st at 11.15am followed by a picnic. In June we are very lucky to have Bob and Rene Truby's granddaughter, an opera singer, coming to sing for us on the evening of Saturday 3rd June. Also on Sunday 18th June we are joining with the nationwide "Great Get Together" street parties all over the country. And we will be getting some very strange visitors – watch this space! More information next month.

Village Directory

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| Bob Baldwin | As above (Clevedon Road) |

Dates for Your Diary

| Date | Event | Time |
|----------------------------|---|-----------------|
| Every Saturday | Gordano Valley Art Group, Village Hall | 1:30 - 3:30pm |
| Saturday 1 st | Welcome In, St. Pauls Church. Come for coffee, cake and chat | 10.30am onwards |
| Sunday 2 nd | Morning Prayer, St. Pauls Church | 11:15am |
| Saturday 8 th | Easter Festival, St. Pauls Church * | 10.30am to 4pm |
| Sunday 9 th | Palm Sunday, St. Pauls Church | 11:15am |
| Monday 10 th | Parish Council, Village Hall | 7:30pm |
| Sunday 16 th | Easter Day, St. Pauls Church | 11.15am |
| Thursday 20 th | W.I. Birthday, Village Hall * | 12:30pm |
| Sunday 23 rd | Holy Communion, St. Pauls Church | 11:15am |
| Wednesday 26 th | Gardening Club, The Manor House | |
| Sunday 30 th | Morning Prayer, St. Pauls Church | 11:15am |

* More details in the information sheet under the relevant section

FREE Guided Walks on Walton Common Nature Reserve



Come and meet the warden for a guided walk on the Common. Learn about the amazing wildlife that can be found, the history of the reserve and its future management. Walks will take place on the following Saturday of each month:

- 22nd April
- 27th May
- 24th June
- 22nd July
- 26th August
- 23rd September



Meet at the reserve entrance off Walton Street at 11:00am (by the kissing gate). Access details can be found on the Avon Wildlife Trust website.

avonwildlifetrust.org.uk

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