

# CROSS TREE CHRONICLE

Walton-in-Gordano Village Magazine

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**Walton-in-Gordano Halt**  
Weston Clevedon & Portishead Light Railway  
situated in Moor Lane (Walton Drive)

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## **A Note from the Editors**

This month we welcome our Easter festivities, do join us on Easter Saturday in St. Paul's Church for the Easter Fayre. Plenty of lovely food and good company - further details in the St. Paul's section.

Sadly, Ray Redmore passed away at the beginning of March. Ray lived in the village for many years and was a character that will sadly be missed. Our condolences have been sent to Debbie and family.



## **Community Speedwatch (Kevin Edwards)**

On 26<sup>th</sup> February speed enforcement motorcyclist Shane Dick was in village for around 30 minutes by the Village Hall and reported 21 motorists exceeding the 30mph limit, with the fastest speed being 56mph! That's an automatic fine and 3 penalty points!

Later, the group (John Jackson and Julian Colton) was joined by Shane where he was monitoring (as he is not allowed to operate at the same time as a CSW scheme). In an hour, 18 vehicles were reported travelling in excess of the speed limit with a total of 593 vehicles recorded. With the excessive speeds of vehicles along the main road, I have again requested that the Police perform a vehicle count where accurate speeds can be recorded. This was first requested 7 months ago.

John and Julian also did a further session on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March where 12 vehicles were recorded exceeding the speed limit out of 510 vehicles in an hour session. The fastest recorded speed was 45mph.

If you would like to volunteer, then please call or email me for more details.



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

Our much loved W.I. celebrates its 89<sup>th</sup> birthday this month. We are having lunch at the conservative club in Clevedon (12 noon for 12-30 pm). We will be holding a raffle and will be entertained in the afternoon by Mr Tim Lewis and Ms Sheila Furness with their interpretation of 'England in June.'

We look forward to seeing you. Further details from myself.

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

Spring has arrived and the Social Club will be busy refreshing the planters throughout the village over the coming weeks. We are awaiting our allocation of flowers from North Somerset Council and as soon as they are available, they will be planted out throughout the village for us all to enjoy. We still have some plant pots available so if you are willing to have one outside your property and to look after it - Please ask.

The Walton Arms was once again open on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March and it was great to see so many villagers there enjoying an evening of chat, having a few drinks and playing some old-style pub games. We will be opening the pub again in the Autumn so watch out for the date.

Following my appeal in the last two Chronicles we have had a great response from villagers volunteering to help out at the fete this year. We could always do with more so do please let me know if you can help out in any way.

In the next month or so we will be asking for all you home-bakers to put aside some time to bake a cake for the fete – last year we had a fabulous response and as a result an amazing cake stall so let's see if we can match or better that this year.

We will also be asking for raffle prizes and bric-a-brac to be donated so please start putting suitable items aside now.

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

With Spring just around the corner, we discussed the vagaries of the weather and the effect the recent warm spell followed by the cold snap was having on our gardens. Some plants seem well ahead whilst others are appearing slowly, and many daffodils are, surprisingly, almost over. We had an interesting selection of plants to view including heathers, cyclamen, pulmonaria, various daffodils and narcissus together with a range of flowering shrubs such as camellias, currants, forsythia and rubus. Maureen brought a book she had found in a local charity shop full of "Old Gardeners Tips" some of which were well known to us such as placing banana skins around tomatoes to ripen them and planting marigolds or tagetes amongst cabbages and brassicas to deter the Cabbage White fly. Others such as digging in Dripping around roses we felt we could forgo! We finished with a

short talk about taking basal cuttings from perennials at this time of year and in particular from dahlia tubers.

## **FOR SALE**

### **MOBILITY WALKING AID - Z TEC FALCON ROLLATOR**

Handy seat for resting mid walk; shopping bag attached; chosen for its lightness and easy to store in boot of car. BRAND NEW - NEVER USED. Bought in Nailsea for £100. Original receipt and info booklet. 4 wheels. Phone Nigel on 07973 848181. £45

### **Village Hall (Deb Tovey)**

The AGM was held on Friday, 22nd March. Unfortunately, it was poorly attended. The Chairman's Report follows:

*2018 found the Village Hall being hired on a regular basis for a wide range of events.*

*We carried out various refurbishments during the year including the replacement of the kitchen wall heater, the tiling of the kitchen and the painting of the front doors and the front lobby area. The next major project on our list is to replace the flooring in the kitchen, rear lobby and the toilets.*

*Bob and Val Baldwin continue to look after the Hall and its grounds extremely well and that is why it continues to be a very desirable local amenity.*

*However, although the Hall is being kept in good condition and complying with all the charity commission and safety rules, it is done so by a Village Hall Committee which continues to run with less members than is ideal. We especially need more representatives from our local groups. Maybe this will improve in 2019?*

Nigel Wilyman and Shirley Long stood down as representatives for the Parish Council and The W.I. respectively, and we thank them both for their faithful service.

Shirley Hammond will replace Shirley Long as representative from the W.I. and we welcomed her at the AGM.

## The Parish Council (Don Hill)

### **BROADBAND**

As already explained in earlier CTC issues, we appear to have no viable timetable for a fast broadband service to be brought into our Parish much before 2022-23. We have three options:



1. **Gigaclear.** They have acknowledged significant delays and even if they do eventually provide a service it is likely to be just along the main road initially and will not go up Walton Street for many years hence.

2. **4G rollout.** This could be quite effective in theory, but the infrastructure in terms of masts etc. needs to be proposed formally, costed, funding found, then the planning process followed before it can even be considered viable...

*... So, how do we get broadband sooner, perhaps within 18 months?*

3. **Truespeed;** who offer an alternative, and hassle-free way for us to get what we want - **fast and reliable broadband** - with no up-front risk to any of us.

**Truespeed need between 12 and 20 homes to sign up for their service before they are able to commit to supplying us. We need another 10 of you to sign up to 'get us across the line'. If we don't do this NOW, we will forego the chance of seeing fast broadband being available to us for at least 3-4 years.**

In February we distributed sign-up forms to households when the Cross Tree Chronicle was delivered. If you have lost yours, contact Andy Moore for a replacement, or sign up on-line as explained below.

Remember - the only commitment is a £120 one-off installation fee (**free for the first 30% of registrants!**), and an 18 month fixed price contract at £47.50 per month, including a telephone line, that can carry your existing number.

**Signing up is a no-risk process:** you commit to taking the Truespeed service, only so long as they provide that service within 6 months of your sign up - so those at the start of the process risk nothing, as it will take Truespeed 6 months from the decision to go ahead to them actually having the service available.

**Truespeed are active all around us - don't let us be the village to miss out!**

**To sign up,** visit <https://www.truespeed.com>, type in your post code, follow the online instructions, allow 2 minutes! For queries contact Truespeed's **Andy Moore, Community Engagement Manager.** Email: [amoore@truespeed.com](mailto:amoore@truespeed.com). Mobile: 07548 239261. TrueSpeed Communications Ltd, Milands House, 4 Rock Road, Keynsham BS31 1BL. Website: <https://www.truespeed.com>

**NOTE:** This is far from being an advertisement for Truespeed - it is, however, an urgent plea to commit to fast broadband - something so many of us have said we urgently need.



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

**Come and Join Us:** A very special celebration as we are marking Walton-in-Gordano becoming a Toilet Champion Village! As we have provided so many twinned toilets we are now on the map – literally - if you go to the toilet twinning website you can find us marked on their map. Thank you for all your support on the last few years we have spread toilets all over the world! We are hoping to get the photographer from the local paper to come along on Sunday so come and be in the paper.



### **EASTER FAYRE**



**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April - 10.30am onwards**

Easter biscuits, chicks, egg hunt and anything else  
Eastery!

Bacon Rolls, Cream Teas (afternoon)

Please come and join us and let's hope the weather's  
fine so we can sit outside!

**Easter Day:** Get those Easter bonnets out for our Easter Day service and there might even be a few Easter eggs to go around as well.

**Lent Giving:** Don't forget to return your Lent Giving form to the church, why not bring it along to the Easter Fayre?

**ChurchAlive19:** Thank you to all the shareholders who have already signed up. Please contact Sue if you would also like to support our church building by becoming a shareholder, it only £10 a share.

**Churchwardens:** At our church AGM in March, Sheri Russell took over the reins as churchwarden from Brodie. We all want to say thank you to Brodie, as Noel said at the meeting she is truly a saint for all the things she has done for our village church. Sheri has already started looking into all that is needed to keep our church building in good order.

| <b>Village Diary</b>  |   |
|---|---|
| <b>Parish Councillors</b> ( <a href="http://www.waltoningordanopc.org.uk/">http://www.waltoningordanopc.org.uk/</a> ) |   |
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| Bob Baldwin   | <a href="mailto:rjbwig@gmail.com">rjbwig@gmail.com</a> / 01275 879268   |
| <b>Parish Notice Board Key Holders</b>  |   |
| Graham Matthews   | 01275 873408 (Walton Bay)   |
| Bob Baldwin   | As above (Walton Village)   |
| <b>Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators</b>  |   |
| Elaine Kent   | <a href="mailto:evkent@talktalk.net">evkent@talktalk.net</a> / 01275 872494 (Walton Street)                               |
| Bob Baldwin   | As above (Clevedon Road)  |

| Dates for Your Diary       |   |                 |
|----------------------------|---|-----------------|
| Date                       | Event   | Time            |
| Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup>   | Welcome In Community Café, St. Paul's Church *                                    | 10:30am onwards |
| Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>     | Come and Join Us service, St. Paul's Church (followed by Bring and Share Lunch) * | 11:15am         |
| Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>     | Parish Council, Village Hall  | 7:30pm          |
| Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>    | Palm Sunday Holy Communion, St. Paul's Church                                     | 11:15am         |
| Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> | Gardening Club, Colin and Anne's  | 2:30pm          |
| Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup>  | Easter Fayre, St. Paul's Church *   | from 10:30am    |
| Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>    | Easter Day Family Service, St. Paul's Church *                                    | 11:15am         |
| Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>    | Morning Prayer, St. Paul's Church   | 11:15am         |

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

### Recycling Calendar

| Month:                   | Rubbish | Recycling & Food Waste | Garden Waste |
|--------------------------|---------|------------------------|--------------|
| <b>March:</b>            |         |                        |              |
| Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | x       | ✓                      | ✓            |
| Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>  | ✓       | ✓                      | x            |
| Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> | x       | ✓                      | ✓            |
| Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> | ✓       | ✓                      | x            |
| Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> | x       | ✓                      | ✓            |
| <b>May:</b>              |         |                        |              |
| Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>  | ✓       | ✓                      | x            |
| Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> | x       | ✓                      | ✓            |

... for all those little jobs

## handyman

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