

# Cross Tree Chronicle

Walton-in-Gordano  
Village Magazine



Walton-in-Gordano viewed from Walton Common

## April 2020



## A Note from the Editors

This month village activities may feel a little different, as many of us will know 'the storm will pass'.

We are blessed with living in a beautiful rural environment with plenty of opportunities to enjoy fresh air. Take time to look at what is around us.

We have had a kind offer from a villager to set up a **What's App group** for the whole village to include Walton bay, Walton down and Walton village, **this is an important way to bring the whole community together**, if you wish to be included please email your mobile number to the Chronicle email address.

This month I am including 2 recipes from the village cookbook, I know many of you try the recipes, perhaps you could share your creations with your neighbours, putting a smile on someone's face is the best gift?

Don't forget you can also receive updates by going on the village email list - email me to be included. There are lots of ways to stay connected.

Finally, we welcome the safe arrival of Nancy, a new baby daughter to Anne & Mike from Highcliffe.

### Village History – Walton Bay (Emma Edwards)

The area known as Walton Bay on the coast road to Portishead originally consisted of a farmhouse and six cottages. These were sold to Sir Charles Miles in 1920. At that time there were no shops or caravan park. The first caravan site was at Walton Bay House, which had an off-licence and general store. This shop closed in 1978. The caravan parks date back to the 1940/1950's, the shop at Walton Bay caravan park opened in the 1950's and closed at the beginning of the millennium.

There was a landing stage in Walton Bay and seamen used to come ashore for fresh water and provisions. The bay was used as an anchorage for ships awaiting high tide to enter the Bristol ports. During the 1950's passenger liners from the United States used to anchor in the bay and passengers used to be ferried to Clevedon Pier and Avonmouth. The Bristol Channel has the second highest tide in the world, with a rise of more than 47 foot.

This is a photo of the path (now the road) to Walton Bay in the 1930's. The photo was taken in the lay-by opposite the golf course. You can just see Brighton Cottages in the top left-hand corner.



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

Spring is just around the corner and hopefully the wet dreary weather we've been experiencing is a thing of the past. In our gardens the trees and shrubs are coming into leaf, birches and hazels exhibit their catkins and the horse chestnuts are covered with big fat sticky buds. The pink blossom of early flowering prunus trees is looking wonderful against the few bright blue skies seen recently and masses of daffodils carpet banks and verges. Blue hyacinths, scilla and muscari complement the pale lemon of primroses and the foliage of tulips stands straight waiting for their buds to appear.

Birds flock around the bird feeders, with goldfinches arguing over sunflower seeds, blue tits flying off with peanuts and the robin and chaffinches fighting over the debris with the resident pheasants and squirrels. Jackdaws check out nesting sites and wood pigeons are gathering sticks for their messy nests. As they say, "Spring is in the air".

As Gardening Club meetings are suspended for the time being due to the current health situation it's a good time to make the most of our gardens especially for those self-isolating. So we send our best wishes to everyone and hope you enjoy the early Spring.

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

Due to the current Coronavirus situation, we have decided to close the Hall for the foreseeable future.

We shall, if the situation arises, offer the Hall as a Foodbank or emergency centre.



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

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at the Village Hall was a nice dry day for the Speedwatch volunteers and for vehicles exceeding the speed limit through the Village. Everything started quietly for the first few minutes, but then, drivers with lead on their right foot were making for us from Clevedon direction. We had a vehicle count of 590 from both ways, and a staggering 44 exceeding the limit and reported, the fastest speed was 54mph. These sorts of speeds are outrageous, and we were recording vehicles two at a time on many occasions because drivers were 'tailgating' the lead vehicle very closely which itself is a very dangerous practice.

The second session was on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March at Plum Tree Cottage where 21 vehicles were recorded and reported out of a count of 487, the fastest being 47mph, all valid registrations.

I have requested from the Community Speedwatch Team at Police Headquarters that a Speed Survey be implemented through the village but no response at the moment.

I have received a communication from the Head of Road Safety, Chief Officers and the Police and Crime Commissioner that a decision has been made to suspend the CSW operation until further notice. This is due to the processing of reports (letter generation to offenders) are all done by volunteers in police stations and some are no longer able to get into the stations to do their work because of the Virus.

The work of Speed Enforcement Officers and the Roads Policing Unit will continue to ensure that the roads remain safe for our community. When we start up again it would be nice to have more volunteers to help us in our quest to make the village safer. Just go to the Village Directory at the back of the Chronicle where my contact details can be found.

Meanwhile, drive safely and be careful of the vehicles speeding through the village and hopefully one day they will be caught. Thank You.

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

The April and May meetings indicated below may well be cancelled or conducted electronically. This may also be the case for future meetings until the coronavirus restrictions are lifted. Please communicate with the Clerk if you have issues to raise for Parish Council meetings, or for the Annual Parish Meeting.

**April Parish Council Meeting:** Meeting rescheduled to 7:30pm on April 20<sup>th</sup> since the usual meeting date is Easter Monday.

**May Parish Meetings:** Monday May 11<sup>th</sup> is date for the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and the Annual Parish Meeting of the Residents. To accommodate both meetings on the same evening, the Parish Council meeting will start at 7pm rather than the usual 7.30pm. The Annual Parish Meeting will start, at 8pm. The central theme of the Annual Parish Meeting will be traffic management in the Parish. SpeedWatch; speed limits; a central community record of accidents - most of which go, officially, 'unreported' but can now be reported to the Clerk via our website; Speed recording devices; the effectiveness of the Walton Street 20mph speed limit; and anything else you wish to raise about ways to make our four miles or so of highway a safer, pleasanter facility for us all. The Open Session will, as usual, provide an opportunity for residents to discuss any topic relating to the Parish that they wish to see aired. We hope as many of you as possible will be able to attend.

**Coronavirus:** Coronaviruses are a group of viruses that cause diseases in mammals and birds. In humans, they cause respiratory tract infections that are typically mild, such as some cases of the common cold. Some rarer forms of coronavirus, such as the current COVID-19, can be more complex in older people or those with underlying medical problems. As we all know, there is a huge worldwide effort to learn more about this disease and how it can be combated and brought under control. We are all keeping up to date through our daily news 'fixes', however, some of us, particularly the infirm and older folk, may live relatively isolated lives and be wondering how we will cope now the UK is moving to an emergency footing. The Parish Council meeting on March 9<sup>th</sup> was concerned that no one in our Parish should feel isolated by this situation: if you do, please do contact the Parish Clerk, Don Hill. The object of getting in touch is to bring us together as a community and ensure that

no-one is 'left out' as we work our way through this situation. We will keep in touch with you either directly, or via the Cross Tree Chronicle with any further updates.

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

Unfortunately, due to the current situation we have decided to cancel the forthcoming Pub Night on 17<sup>th</sup> April.

We are also looking at ways that the Social Club can help villagers at this difficult time. If you feel isolated or in need of any help, please contact one of us for help. We are here for you.

We are keeping an eye on things to see whether we will need to cancel the fete. We hope not but will let everyone know at the appropriate time.

In the meantime, keep safe.



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

All our church services have been suspended but our church will remain open every day, all day and from this Sunday there will be a short DIY service for you to use. We are going to leave the heating on Sunday mornings so if you want to use the church alone, you will be comfortable.

The church is not just the building but the people who make up the church community so we will be keeping in touch by phone and we can all join in. If you would you like to be part of this group please ring me?

If you're stuck at home, there are books and jigsaw puzzles available at the back of the church, free of charge (Walton's own little library). There are also patterns for knitting and crochet Nativity figures at the back of the church. I could put patterns there for knitted toys which could be sold at future fayres. What would you like?

Although all upcoming events have been postponed, let's think ahead - we could have an Autumn Fayre instead of an Easter one and what about marking the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE day in November alongside Remembrance Sunday? That would make a wonderful weekend. And once this is all over how about a great big get together!

The most important thing is don't be lonely; there are lots of people out there just looking forward to a friendly phone call.

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## Village Cookbook Recipes

### Sugar and Dairy-free Banana Loaf

7oz SR flour, 1 tsp baking powder, 2oz dairy free margarine, 2 large ripe bananas, soya milk to mix

Sieve the flour with the baking powder. Rub in the margarine. Add the mashed banana and enough milk to make a soft mixture. At this point you can add a handful of dried fruit or nuts. Bake in a small loaf tin for 45 mins at 180°C. when the skewer comes out clean it is cooked.

### Australian Crunch

200g margarine, 125g sugar, 75g desiccated coconut, 50g cornflakes, 1 large tbsp cocoa, 125g SR flour

Melt the margarine over a low heat. Mix in flour, cocoa and sugar. Mix in coconut and cornflakes crushing slightly as you go. Press firmly into a greased swiss roll tin. Bake for 30 mins at 190°C (gas 5). The cake will be soft but don't continue cooking until it feels hard because when it is cold it will resemble a paving slab! Melt plain chocolate and pour over when cold. These keep very well.

### **Recycling Calendar**

<b>April:</b>	<b>What's Collected?</b>
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Rubbish, Recycling
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Recycling, Garden Waste
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Rubbish, Recycling
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Recycling, Garden Waste
<b>May:</b>	
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Rubbish, Recycling
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Recycling, Garden Waste

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