

Cross Tree Chronicle

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Mount Pleasant Lookout Tower (remains of)

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A note from the Editors

After a successful village fete, this month we look forward to the annual flower festival with the addition of open gardens; fingers crossed the Bank Holiday is fine.

It's lovely to hear that Audrey is home after her recent visit to hospital, we wish her well with her recovery.

We were sorry to hear of the passing of Father John Smart, vicar at St. Paul's for many years, we send our love to his wife Rosemary and family.

Did you know?

In Castle Woods we have a lookout called 'Mount Pleasant', the remains of which are shown on the front page of the Chronicle. This dates back to at least the 17th century and is still remarkably intact. It was probably used as a lookout to the Channel as ships with important cargo could be seen making their way into Bristol Harbour. The Elton Estate had something similar called Wakes Tower, now just a pile of stone.

If you live within the parish you can hire the village hall for just £6 an hour; an ideal location for family events, birthday parties etc. Just contact Bob Baldwin for a chat (details in the village directory on page 7).

Village Hall (Deb Tovey)

The whole purpose of having a Village Hall at the centre of our community was brought to life on Saturday, 15th July, when the Summer Fair was held in and around it. See the report from the Social Committee for more details.

It was a lovely day, despite the drizzly weather, and our grateful thanks go to the Social Committee for organising it and to everyone that helped.

We must ensure that we keep the Hall open so that future events such as this can continue to be held there.

OPEN GARDENS DAY



Monday 28th August, 10am – 5pm

£3 (*to visit 5 gardens*)

(Collect program on the day from the church)

You can visit

Gardens of all shapes & sizes

A beautifully converted shepherds hut

Vintage sweet shop

Village Archives available to view

Parish Church will be open and beautifully decorated

Tea & homemade cakes

All proceeds support St. Paul's Church

W.I. News (Rosemary Tucker)

We do not have a meeting in the hall in August as we have our Garden Party on 5th August, 12:30 for 1pm, at the home of our president. As always we have a bring-and-buy table and a raffle.

Also on Thursday 17th August we have a trip to lower Failand farm - a follow up to a talk we had last year. Names have been taken and drivers and lifts sorted. We must hope for good weather.

Finally, on Saturday 2nd September at The Chapel, Walton Street, I will be hosting a coffee and cake morning, at the cost of £3 each. Proceeds from this will go towards our charity for this year - the Clevedon Leg Club. Bring-and-buy table and raffle as always.

Social Committee (Emma Edwards)

A huge thank you from me to all of you that gave your time to make the village fete a success, we had the highest attendance yet with approximately 500 people! The 9 months of hard work is worth it when you see so many people enjoying themselves. As always, the money raised stays in the village and goes to support the church, hall and village activities.

Do you fancy joining us on the social committee? We are looking for villagers with great ideas to help with the fete next year. I am taking a break after 30 years of involvement with the fete so it's time to see what you can do. If you would like to know more just contact me.

In September we have our AGM and look forward to welcoming you.

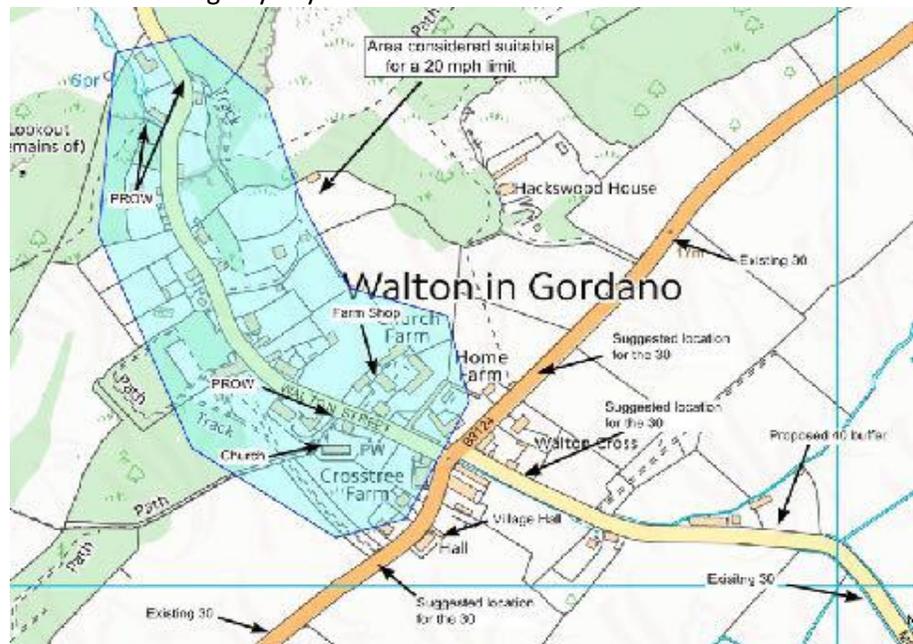
Parish Council (Don Hill)

Proposals for a possible Walton Street 20mph speed limit were reviewed at the July Parish Council Meeting. The plan is for a 20mph limit on the full length of Walton Street, from just above Taggart House, down to the Cross Tree. Members were happy with those proposals... but there was a sting in the tale.

In drawing up the proposals, NSC had to take into account revised central government guidance about the positioning of speed limits. The 30mph signs on the B3124 and Moor Lane are deemed too far out - they should be within sight of buildings. It is proposed to bring them closer to the centre of the Village - at Manor Drive, Plumtree Cottage and the barn just below Home Farm Cottage in Moor Lane. This repositioning is deemed to give a more correct message to motorists that they are entering a built-up area. Given the speed at which many of them travel, those on the B3124 will be through the Village before they have registered that they are supposed to slow down! It would also mean ALL the homes in Moor Lane would fall outside the 30mph limit and be in a 40mph 'buffer zone'.

Given that we are working towards reducing the Coast Road speed limit from 40mph to 30mph, the proposals for Moor Lane are clearly a nonsense.

Needless to say that, whilst enthusiastically embracing the Walton Street 20mph proposal, the Parish Council is not best pleased about the proposal to 'tinker' with our hard-fought for 30mph limits. The Council will be resisting any attempts by NSC to implement these proposals and is heartened only by the probability that there is not enough money to do so for the time being anyway!



St. Paul's Church (Sue Betts)

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

Country Fair

Thank you to all who involved with the Country Fair but the biggest thank you must go to Emma, what a lot of work she put in to make it all so successful.

Lammas

The third of our traditional rural services celebrating the harvest of the first sheaf of wheat and the baking of a very special loaf which was brought to church for all to share. I'm afraid the flour might come from the supermarket but there will still be a very 'bready' theme to this service.

Welcome In

We are holding a number of Welcome In during August. Why not bring along a board game? Brodie wants someone to join her in a game of scrabble. What about a mini beetle drive? That sounds like fun. And how about some crafting – get that crochet out again Claire! Or course tea and cake will be available; we just couldn't get together without it!

Churchyard and Church Clean-up

Let's give the churchyard and church a good going over before the Flower Festival weekend. We can work inside or out so the weather doesn't matter. Whatever the work, it will be followed by a cheese and cider supper. All welcome, there will be a job for you all.

FLOWER FESTIVAL

Whilst we have a lot of flower arrangers, there is always room for more – experienced or beginner - everyone welcome. This year our theme is music and we are inviting any musician, playing or singing, to come along to our 'Busker's Corner' to perform and put on your flat cap to collect for your favourite charity. Ring me to book your spot. Refreshments will be available all day with Ploughman's lunches from 12 to 2pm and cream teas on Saturday and Monday. For our celebration service you can to vote for your favourite hymn, voting slips will be available from the beginning of the month.

Jams and Pickles

If you have any spare fruit or veg from the garden I am making a start on jams and pickles again. I can come and harvest it as well. I can have a go with anything – I made banana jam once but I don't expect you have many of those in the garden.

Village Directory	
Parish Councillors (http://www.waltoningordanopc.org.uk/)	
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Bob Baldwin	As above (Walton Village)
Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators	
Elaine Kent	evkent@talktalk.net / 01275 872476 (Walton Street)
Bob Baldwin	As above (Clevedon Road)

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Event	Time
Thursday 3 rd	Summer Welcome In, St. Paul's Church *	2 to 4pm
Saturday 5 th	Welcome In, St. Paul's Church *	10:30 am onwards
Sunday 6 th	Lammas Service *	11:15am
Thursday 10 th	Summer Welcome In, St. Paul's Church *	2 to 4pm
Thursday 10 th	Church and Churchyard Clean-up *	6pm onwards
Sunday 13 th	Holy Communion, St. Paul's Church	11:15am
Thursday 17 th	Summer Welcome In, St. Paul's Church *	2 to 4pm
Sunday 20 th	Morning Prayer, St. Paul's Church	11:15am
Thursday 24 th	Summer Welcome In, St. Paul's Church *	2 to 4pm
Saturday 26 th to Monday 28 th	FLOWER FESTIVAL WEEKEND, St. Paul's Church and Village INCLUDING *	10am to 5pm
Sunday 27 th	Celebration Service, Our Favourite Hymns	3pm
Monday 28 th	Open Gardens	

* 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.



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