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Graham and Celia at the Village Fete

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A Note from the Editors

What a fantastic village fete last month, so much hard work and dedication over many months produced another great event. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive, many saying that our village is so welcoming and for such a small community we put on brilliant large events - 2020 here we come!

But we are not stopping there, this month we have our Flower Festival celebrations in St. Paul's Church, this may not be the fast pace of the Fete, but it is a very community focused and reflective weekend.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the new villagers in 4 Manor Cottage and Springhead - do say hello at the next village event.



Community Speedwatch (Kevin Edwards)

The team consisting of John and Julian did two one hour sessions last month:

5 th July	587 vehicles total	14 above 35mph	42mph fastest
17 th July	521 vehicles total	24 above 35mph	44mph fastest

The last session was our highest number of vehicles reported in one hour! Two cars were not only speeding but overtaking - one travelling towards Clevedon (approaching the bend) and another leaving the village travelling to Portishead (as a result it was not possible to note the registration or speed) but we did get the details of the vehicle travelling towards Clevedon.

I know from personal experience when we lived in Sandstone Cottages, that overtaking is a problem on the main road as motorists regularly try to overtake you even as you attempt to turn into your driveway!

Every month I am sent a spreadsheet from the Community Speedwatch containing the results for all groups in the area which also details whether the number of speeding motorists is increasing or decreasing – hopefully by regular Speedwatch sessions, we can make the road safer for both pedestrians and motorists.

If you would like to volunteer, then please let me know.



Our August meeting is on the 15th at 2:30 pm in the Village Hall. It is a social afternoon with a cream tea and we welcome Mollie, a girl guide from Portishead, to tell us about her adventures in Mexico. As part of guiding Southwest, she will have just returned, where she was helping in schools and also helping the local community. What an experience!

Don't forget our outing to Morwellham quay on the Devon / Cornwall border on Sunday 8th September, there may be a few spaces on the coach so contact Barbara if you want to come. As usual, we are stopping for a delicious roast carvery on the way home.

Social Club (Andrew Francis)



Barbara Wilyman's Coffee
and Walnut Cake

This year we made a profit of £2,000 which is a fantastic achievement and shows that all the hard work paid off. From the profits we will, as usual, make donations to the Village Hall and the Church and retain the balance to help fund village events and amenities. YOU can, of course, have a say in how we spend your money – you need only ask.

As always, so many people help out in the village to make the

Thank you to everyone who came to the Fete on Saturday 13th July, we had such a fantastic afternoon and it was so lovely to see so many people (approximately 550 in all) enjoying the stalls, exhibits and games and of course sampling the food and drink we had on offer.

Hog Roast Chef, Neil Tucker



fete preparations all come together, from the Social Club Committee members who have been working on the fete for the last 12 months to those people who volunteered to run a stall on the day. It is impossible to name everyone in this Chronicle entry but special mention must go to Deb Tovey and her team who did the teas this year, a thankless task which this year was relentless from start to finish and to Alan Wellings and his team from The Bay who put up all the gazebos on an extremely hot Friday and took them all down again on the Saturday after the fete was over. To everyone else who helped, you know who you are, and I hope you also know that I am extremely grateful for all the help given, all the raffle prizes donated, all the cakes baked, all the bottles handed over and all the bric-a-brac gifted to us; every item and every hour given, helps.

The attractions – the North Somerset Birds of Prey, the vintage vehicles, “Lucy Lost It” the children’s entertainer, the local railway society, the village archives, Avon Wildlife Trust, Avon and Somerset Police Cadets, Claws and Paws dog and cat rescue charity, the Fun Dog Show and the children’s races and Tug of War were all great fun and along with the Black Nore Brass Band and Mollie Vic our local homegrown singer created a brilliant atmosphere.



Singer, Mollie Kent



Kevin Edwards, Neil Tucker, Joshua Tucker & Shaun Tucker

I know I speak for the whole committee when I say that we work so very hard with the aim of a fun and enjoyable fete and that we believe that we achieved that again this year.

The fete in 2020 will be on Saturday 11th July – More on this in the next Chronicle.

Parish Council (Don Hill)

As usual, there will be no Parish Council meeting in August: our next meeting will be in the Village Hall at 7:30pm on Monday September 9th. We hope you all have an enjoyable summer break.

Forgive us if this is repeated information, but do you realise that we have minutes of Parish Council meetings going back to 1973? All these minutes can be viewed on the Minutes page of our website at www.waltoningordanopc.org.uk. For those of you interested in the history of our Parish, there are some interesting nuggets and some long-term threads of our past tucked away in there!

Village Hall (Deb Tovey)

Well, what a weekend we had! The Hall and field were buzzing on the Saturday for the Summer Fete and again on the Sunday for the Parish Picnic. It was lovely to see the local community coming together – the reason the Hall was built!

Don't forget that the Hall is available to hire for your summer parties or, if you're very organised, your Christmas ones! Contact Bob on 879268.

Litter Picking (Andrew Francis)

You may not realise it but there are a few people in the village who, without the need for recognition or reward, selflessly pick up litter from the roadside verges and hedges to keep our village looking beautiful. The Social Club now has several litter-picking kits, courtesy of North Somerset Council, consisting of gloves, hi-vis vests, rubbish bags and litter pickers/grabbers – if you want to join this selfless gang of volunteers, please let me know and I can supply you with a set.



St. Paul's Church (Sue Betts)

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

Summer Fete:

Thank you to all who supported the fete in any way either helping or coming along to enjoy it all!

Lammas:

This is one of our traditional rural celebrations which marks the first of the wheat gathered from the field and dates back to many centuries. The whole service has a very bread theme with everyone receiving a small bread roll which was kept throughout the year. Small portions of this bread mixed with water was said to have healing properties, it could have been the penicillin mould growing on the bread, who knows. Come and join us and find out more and then stop for our bring and share lunch.

Flower Festival - 'Our Glorious Gordano Valley':

What a lovely theme, it should be a wonderful flower festival with flower arrangements depicting everything from our village stream, woodland and wildlife to the traffic through the valley! There will be home-made refreshments every day with ploughman's lunch from 12 to 2pm. Cream teas on Saturday and Monday afternoon. Over the weekend there will be raffles, tombola and all kinds of things for sale and don't forget the famous Walton Bay Flea Market. On Monday both Avon Wildlife Trust and Transition Clevedon have been invited along to help us with ideas on how to keep our beautiful green valley even greener. And between now and then there may be even more going on – just look out for village messages.

If you would like to have a go at flower arranging it not too late, just contact me. You may be a complete beginner or with more experience, it doesn't matter, just come and have a go. Also help with the refreshments or to welcome people to the church would be much appreciated.

Complete Beginners Yoga - No Experience Necessary

**Start your journey with Sacred Space yoga at
Walton-in-Gordano Village Hall every Friday at 6pm**

Forget the commonly held beliefs about not being flexible enough, not fit enough etc, etc

Give yourself an hour a week to restore, recharge and relax. You have nothing to lose but so much to gain.

Any questions drop me message on sacredspaceyogastudio7@gmail.com
or 07704 520149, £5 per class.

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Bob Baldwin	As above (Clevedon Road)

Dates for Your Diary		
Date	Event	Time
Saturday 3 rd	Welcome In Community Café, St. Paul's Church – Coffee, cake and chat!	10:30am onwards
Sunday 4 th	Lammas, St. Paul's Church followed by bring and share lunch *	11:15am
Sunday 11 th	Holy Communion, St. Paul's Church	11:15am
Thursday 15 th	W.I., Village Hall *	2:30pm
Sunday 18 th	Morning Prayer, St. Paul's Church	11:15am
Saturday 24 th - Monday 26 th	<u>Bank Holiday Weekend</u> Flower Festival, St. Paul's Church, 'Our Glorious Gordano Valley' *	10am till 5pm
Sunday 25 th	Celebration Service, St. Paul's Church	3pm

* More details in the information sheet under the relevant section

Recycling Calendar

August:	Rubbish	Recycling & Food Waste	Garden Waste
Tuesday 6 th	x	✓	✓
Tuesday 13 th	✓	✓	x
Tuesday 20 th	x	✓	✓
Tuesday 27 th	✓	✓	x
September:			
Tuesday 3 rd	x	✓	✓
Tuesday 10 th	✓	✓	x

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