

# Cross Tree Chronicle

Walton-in-Gordano  
Village Magazine



**Litter picking on Clevedon Road:**  
Tom Chown and Tracy Clamp (behind camera!)

## August 2020



## **A Note from the Editors**

Dumping rubbish has long been a problem throughout the Gordano Valley and beyond, it makes no sense to us why people think a village is a suitable place to leave rubbish. Walton has been proactive in deterring the activity by putting up signage in the laybys reminding people that they are being watched and will be reported, thank you to all involved in buying and erecting the signs, and organising litter picking. Walton as always doesn't sit on its hands but gets up and tries to sort out the problem. Below is information from North Somerset Council on fly tipping which may be of use.

**Walton Wombles** have been extremely busy picking up litter in the village last month. Could you help in August? The next session is **9<sup>th</sup> August at 8am**. Meet by Cross Tree and we will be clearing up to Underwood Cottage. Please wear HiVis clothes. Contact Tom Chown on 01275 860260.

**Walton Bay Wombles** also need your help on **16<sup>th</sup> August**. Contact Lin Overbury on 07974 811352.

Working as a community we can achieve great things, thank you to everyone who is supporting these initiatives.

### **Fly-tipping (North Somerset Council website)**

Fly-tipping is the illegal dumping of waste. It can cause pollution to land and waterway and costs significant amounts of council tax payer's money to clear away. It can carry a maximum fine of £50,000 or even more if the case goes to Crown Court, and a prison sentence of up to five years.

If you witness fly-tipping please report it to the council, letting them know:

- the time/date of incident
- a description of person(s) involved
- a description of vehicles involved (registration / colour / make / model)
- a description of the waste that's been left, and
- take photos if you can

**Most importantly, if you witness someone fly-tipping do not approach the individuals involved and do not do anything that may put yourself in danger.**

We try to clear up fly-tipping within two working days of being made aware of it. Where possible we prosecute those responsible, but it may take longer to clear the site while we gather evidence.

If a landowner wants to store waste on their land, they need to apply for the relevant permit from the Environment Agency via the Gov.uk website.

### **Village Note Cards**

Holly Edwards, villager and local textile artist has designed two cards to support St Paul's Church. She has combined her machine embroidery and digital skills to create two unique pictures, St Paul's Church and The Old Village Shop and finger post.



Your pack will contain 4 cards, 2 of each design, blank inside with envelopes costing £5 per pack. A donation from each pack sold will be given to St Paul's Church.

Free delivery in Walton and happy to post. Contactless payment available. Contact:

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

**Electronic Parish Council Meetings:** Although Village Halls are now allowed to open under strict Covid-19 rules, the strong current advice for Parish Councils is for them to meet electronically for the time-being and to get used to meeting this way in case of future lockdowns. With such poor broadband signals in those parts of the parish where our present Councillors live, we have only just found a work-around to ensure adequate signals to make electronic meetings possible.

If an electronic meeting via Microsoft Teams on July 20<sup>th</sup> proved successful, we plan to resume our normal timetable of meetings - albeit they are likely to be electronic - as from September. We have not yet fixed the time at which they will be held, but possible at 6pm or 6.30pm. If members of the public want to attend electronic meetings, they will need to download the free version of 'Microsoft Teams' from <https://www.microsoft.com/en-gb/microsoft-365/microsoft-teams/download-app> and, before each meeting they wish to attend, to contact the Clerk at [clerk@waltoningordanopc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@waltoningordanopc.org.uk) for a joining code. More precise details next month. Hopefully we will be back to normal sooner rather than later!

**Broadband:** The work around referred to in relation to our Zoom meetings involves moving one's broadband contact to (EE in our case) mobile broadband - possibly with an aerial to boost the signal. Broadband efficiency is reported to improve from 20Mbps without an aerial to 40Mbps download and upload with an aerial. Whilst this is reportage from particular locations rather than solid commercial claims, it is encouraging, and there are no onerous time-related contractual commitments.

Our community's longer-term option of moving to Truespeed has been delayed by Covid-19, and can best be indicated via our update as at 17<sup>th</sup> June 2020: Truespeed are working on a plan for Clevedon, which will then provide a route to Walton-in-Gordano. Given the marketing programme they will need to engage in to 'win' Clevedon, we are looking well into 2021 before positive progress towards Truespeed in our Parish is on the cards. When it happens, though, it will become available within weeks.

**Walton Street:** Some of you may have seen the pictures (via the Village WhatsApp group) of some massive vehicles attempting to negotiate Walton Street. This has come to the attention of Cllr Ashton and NSC's Head of Highways. Our latest information is, given things are not thrown off course by the pandemic, that we should be able to have the planned 7.5 Ton weight restriction on Walton Street in place by the end of this year. This is not a promise, but hard work will go into aiming to achieve it!

### **Social Club (Barbara Wilyman)**

Thank you to everyone who responded to our request for offers of help with next year's Fete! With the committee, we now have 25 people willing to help in 2021. Also, villagers old and new help out on the day and we rely on them. This is great enthusiasm from such a small village – thank you. The afternoon usually runs from 1pm to 4pm so only 3 hours but with nearly 500 people attending the work begins on Thursday with the arrival of the marquee and the planning of the car park etc. It would be great if people could commit to a few hours on the Thursday or Friday

before the fete to help with setting up and also after the Fete for clearing up. There are 'sitting down' tasks too: sorting out donations for stalls; organising raffle tickets etc – and so something for everyone!!! It's a few days of community fun which raises thousands of £££££ for the village – we will always need more help, including new ideas, so please let us know if you are available. ... let's have a party to discuss it!!!!

The flowers are still looking good – except a massive lorry heading up Walton Street smashed two of the plant containers which were under the road sign on the corner by the tree. That corner is so dangerous. It is impossible for drivers to see round the corner and therefore to see (or expect) a pedestrian on the tapering pavement (let alone a pedestrian with a dog or a child in tow) or for a pedestrian to know if a vehicle is going to burst into view. We have to do something about the traffic calming measures required in our village. As we travel around the country it seems every village except ours has some form of traffic management. All we have is a lovely long clear road for everyone to speed through with a few blind bends for excitement. The evidence from the Speedwatch group, the flowers – which we hope help to make our village seem like a 'place' and not just a road, and the village web site to record incidents (thank you to our Chairman of the Parish Council, Mike Ralston, who has been adding incidents to this; there have been quite a few just this month!) is all part of our evidence requirements to put pressure on North Somerset Council to make improvements. Thank you to everyone who are keeping the flowers watered.

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

As the summer progresses in the garden, the pastel and delicate hues of the early season flowers have begun to be replaced by more exotic, vibrant and exuberant shades. The various red and orange Crocosmias partner well with white, red and yellow Lupins, blue and white Agapanthus, Hemoracalis of varying colours and the creamy-yellow or white Trumpet Lilies some of which are 5 feet tall. Their scent is heavy and intoxicating especially on a warm evening. Other beds with more cottage-style planting exude the gentler evening perfume of the Night-Scented Stocks planted together with Cornflowers, Cosmos, Achilleas, Campanulas, Centaurea, dwarf Asters, Salvias, Verbenas and Astrantia. A group of statuesque Ariseama "tortuosum" stand against a backdrop of a burgundy Clematis "Rosemoor" and a bronze-leaved Cotinus with hardy geraniums and dahlias at their feet. In recent years, as dahlias have come back into fashion, we have extended the range in the garden from the reliable "Bishop" daisy-type dahlias to now include "Karma

Fiesta” and Moonlight Sonata” from the large Decorative dahlia range as well as the Cactus dahlias “Apache”, “Urchin”, “Oreo” and the Pom-poms “Downham Royal” and “Peaches”. In the shadier spots the Hostas are doing well and the roses, after their usual short rest at this time, are now flowering profusely again. In the drier, sunnier beds the Hibiscus syriacus “Oiseau blue” and “White Chiffon” are both flowering well with lots of promising buds and the magenta Buddleia Davidii “Buzz Velvet” is a hotspot for the butterflies.

In the kitchen garden what a year is has been for soft fruit with pounds of strawberries, raspberries and blackcurrants. Even our blueberry bushes have finally earned their keep. They were transferred from pots by the back door where they fruited prolifically to the safety of the fruit cage 4 years ago where they have struggled. Why move them I hear you ask? Well, those of you who know our two Labradors will be aware that there is almost nothing they won't eat and sweet, fat blueberries were just too good to miss (so they told us)!

On the wildlife front, our friendly, house-visiting Robin made a second nest a few weeks ago in a climber close to the back door and lined it with lots of soft hair from the dog brush. He takes his daily bath in a large plant saucer that I had left out inadvertently in the rain and the dogs watch bemused as he ducks in, out and under the water. He can't rest for long though as the demanding squawks from the nest remind him it's dinner time. We'll be closing that back door again soon I can see before he shows them the interesting world of our sitting room!



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

All our services are now Morning Prayer services at 11.15am every week.

**Returning to Church:** Our village church is now open again every Sunday for a simple service which is full of music but sadly no singing. Our small congregation easily fit at a suitable distance apart in the church and there is room for more if you would like to join us. All surfaces inside the church are cleaned before each service and hand gel is recommended on entering and leaving the church.

**Flower Festival:** Some ideas have been put forward for our Flower Festival at the end of August. It was never going to be anything like the 'normal' Flower Festival but there was interest in holding some kind of event. The problem is keeping both the people of our church and all the

visitors we usually have over the August Bank Holiday weekend safe, with the knowledge that the last few years have been very busy.

The idea is to have a home delivery consisting of a cream tea for two and a posy arrangement of flowers which must be booked in advance so we know how many to make. The deliveries will be made throughout the week leading up to the Bank Holiday weekend. Please see details in the advert opposite. Also, it means we can all come together as our usual band of flower arrangers, suitably distanced, to put the flower arrangements

together which would be great. A flower arranging workshop is planned for the weekend before the Bank Holiday weekend with simple instruction on how to make the little flower arrangements.

**August Flower Festival at Home**  
 home delivery of a cream tea for two\*  
 and a posy flower arrangement

suggested donation £10

book your delivery for any day from  
 Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> till Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>

contact Sue on 01275 848645  
 roybetts7@binternet.com

**GO ON TREAT YOURSELF!**

\* two large scones, cream and jam and two  
 generous pieces of cake

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<b>Recycling Calendar</b>	
<b>August</b>	<b>What's Collected</b>
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Recycling, Garden Waste
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Rubbish, Recycling
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Recycling, Garden Waste
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Rubbish, Recycling
<b>September</b>	
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Recycling, Garden Waste
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Rubbish, Recycling

### **Marmite Dog Biscuits (NOT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION!)**

175g wholemeal flour, 100g butter, 2 tsp honey, 1 tsp marmite / vegemite

Place the butter and honey in a bowl and mix until fluffy, add the flour and yeast extract and form into a ball of dough. Roll out on a floured surface approx. 4mm thick, cut into shape, pop into a pre-heated oven 150°C/gas 2 for 25 mins. Keep in an airtight container or freeze for up to 3 months.

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