

# Cross Tree Chronicle

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## **A Note from the Editors**

December is upon us which means another busy month for our community. Please remember whether you live at Walton Bay, Norton's Wood Lane, Clevedon, Portishead or beyond, everyone is welcome to join our events. Below is our itinerary for this festive season. If you need further information, please see the directory at the back of the Chronicle for contact details or contact us and we can point you to the right person.

Parking, as in all villages is a challenge, but do not let that put you off attending any of the events; we have parking in Moor Lane, all we ask is that you park sensibly and remember that we have working farms which need constant access to the lane and gateways.

Christmas is a time for great enjoyment with friends and family and also a time of reflection; whichever way you spend the festive season we wish you a Merry Christmas and a peaceful new year.

Kevin, Emma, Adam, Holly, Ben & all the dogs!

### **Christmas at Walton in Gordano**

- Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> Christmas Festival, St Paul's Church (also Village Post box opens)
- Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Advent Carol Service, St Pauls Church
- Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Woolly Service, St. Paul's Church
- Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> Village Post box closes
- Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Christmas Lunch, Village Hall
- Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve service with breakfast, St. Paul's Church
- Christmas Day Christmas service, St Paul's Church



## Step into Spring!

Come and join Kevin and myself for the **VILLAGE TIDY UP** - let's wake the village up with a spring clean on **Sunday 5th March 2018**. We will begin at the Old Shop and finish at Taggart House.

Please provide your own tools, green bags etc. Signage will go up asking drivers to slow down as a village event is in progress.

Let's make our village beautiful! More details nearer the date.

## Refuse and Recycling

From this month, we will be including the collection dates to the diary on the back page. This is for Walton in Gordano only. We hope you find this useful.

### FOR SALE: Yamaha Digital Keyboard - £50

Yamaha PSR-E333 digital keyboard, 61 touch sensitive keys, complete with keyboard stand, dust cover, owners manual, power supply adapter & music rest. Ideal starter instrument.



Contact Graham Matthews 07513 111891 / [g.matthews1@hotmail.com](mailto:g.matthews1@hotmail.com).



## **Christmas Quiz Night**



Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Tickets from *Andrew Francis or Graham Matthews*

## **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS IN THE VILLAGE – Barbara Wilyman**

Thank you for all the positive feedback I received following my note last month regarding lighting up the village for Christmas! As a result, the Social Club have agreed to fund lights in the village (please see the Social Club report). Thank you to everyone for joining-in. I hope that we have a bright festive season.

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

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

Walton has gone potty! Thank you very much for all your generous donations towards our Toilet Twinning, we raised an amazing £240 which means not just one toilet but a whole toilet block for a refugee camp. Think what a difference that will make to some very vulnerable people. When I have details of the location, we will be able to find our toilet block using Google maps.

Christmas is coming to Walton and as you can see from the diary dates there a lot going on in our church in December.

**Christmas Festival:** On Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> there will be all kinds of stalls and games all in our beautifully decorated church and plenty of homemade refreshments including Brodie's famous Bacon Butties. And you can buy your raffle tickets for our luxury hamper at only £1 each. A really splendid way to start the Christmas season.

**Christmas Post Box:** Our Parish Post Box opens on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> and closes on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> delivering to all in the village and Walton Bay and church members. Only 10p per card, raising money for our sponsored Ugandan child.

**Woolly Service:** We are collecting hats, gloves and socks for the local needy – anything woolly really!

**Christmas Lunch:** Come and join us for this 'bring and share' lunch. Just bring along a plate of savoury food, we will be supplying jacket potatoes, cold meat, salad and pudding. If you would like an alcoholic drink with your meal please bring that along too. And a present for Father Christmas' sack to the value of £3. There is no charge but we do need to know if you are coming so please contact Brodie or Sue.

## Social Club (Andrew Francis)

The Social Club have their main winter event coming up which is the CHRISTMAS QUIZ NIGHT on FRIDAY 8<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER. Please join us for a great evening of entertainment with the quiz (including prizes), raffle and a French bread and cheese supper. Just bring your own drinks. Tickets available from Graham (873408) or Andrew (316970) - booking is essential.

You may already have noticed (all being well) that we have put up some Christmas lights in places throughout the village, at the Village Hall, the Cross Tree, Church Farm and also on the notice board at Walton Bay. The lights have been purchased by the Social Club to try and give the village a more festive feel and (we hope) to encourage drivers to slow down. I know many of you also put out your own lights and hopefully many more of you will consider doing the same and help make the village really bright and sparkly this year.

Please keep an eye on our notice board on the wall outside St Pauls Church for the latest events (which has had a bit of a revamp thanks to Rachel).

We have also set up a new Facebook page where we will be advertising events, asking for help and posting photos and comments from the village. Please take a look at <https://www.facebook.com/waltonvillage/> and join the page.

We are already well into the planning for the 2018 Village Summer fete to be held on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July. If you are interested in having a stall at the fete, one of the tables in the marquee, or simply helping out in any small way then do please let us know – speak to Andrew on 316970 or Barbara on 873652.

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

As I write this we have had today a very enjoyable meeting. Sarah Chouglay arrived with flowers, foliage and Christmas decorations and then proceeded to test us on our plant knowledge. She demonstrated two beautiful table decorations suitable for Christmas. As ever the floral arrangements were stunning. Our thanks again to Sarah for kindly giving her time to entertain us.

Several members brought flowers from their gardens and the wide variety was admired by everyone especially as, yet again, a number of them were out of their "normal" season. They included amongst others, mahonia, campanula, osteospermum, wallflower, primula, bergenia, feverfew, Rose of Sharon, yellow clematis, kaffir lily, dianthus, jasmine, chrysanthemums, alstroemerias and a beautiful white double camellia.

Next meeting will be at Rene and Bob Truby's on Wednesday, 17th January at 2.30pm.

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone.

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

**Speed Limits:** NSC's confirmation of the draft Walton Street 20mph speed limit order is in hand. Cllr Ralston suggested that, at some future date, a 20mph speed limit on the B3124 between Plumtree Cottage and Manor Drive might be put in place.

**B3124 - Heavy Lorries:** NSC provided background on the issue of heavy lorries using the B3124 during unscheduled road closures (typically the M5). Whilst superior sat navs and most traffic managers have contingency routes planned for forms of traffic disruption, not all lorries have this and drivers do not always follow signed diversions. Since the Police have absolute control over any post-incident road closures, there is very little that highway authorities can do to alleviate the situation. Due to the lack of cross-links between the M5, the A38 and the A370, the Gordano Valley is effectively locked in between the M5 and the Bristol Channel. For further information, please visit the Parish Council website.

**Future Meetings:** Parish Council meetings for the year 2017-18 will continue to be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday monthly except that the May meeting will start at 7pm and be followed at 8pm by the Annual Parish Meeting, and there is no meeting in August.

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

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December we are hosting the W.I. Yeo Valley Group Carol service at St. Paul's Church at 7pm. All are welcome, we will serve coffee and mince pies after the service.

We have a festive coffee morning on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December at the home of Mrs Shirley Hammond (35 Homeground, Clevedon) starting at 10:30 am. There will be a raffle, bring and buy and Shirley will be making her famous cheese scones - a real treat.

Our third get together is on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> for our Christmas lunch at the Masonic Hall in Clevedon. We can exchange cards, find out who our secret friend is and enjoy a lovely meal with a raffle and not forgetting Santa's sack - a gift to the value of £3 wrapped.

A very happy Christmas to all our members and a peaceful New Year.

| <b>Village Directory</b>  |   |
|---|---|
| <b>Parish Councillors</b> ( <a href="http://www.waltoningordanopc.org.uk/">http://www.waltoningordanopc.org.uk/</a> ) |   |
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| <b>Village Hall Chairman</b>  |   |
| Deb Tovey   | <a href="mailto:deb.tovey8@gmail.com">deb.tovey8@gmail.com</a> / 01275 879983   |
| <b>St Paul's Church Churchwardens</b>   |   |
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| <b>W.I. Vice President</b>  |   |
| Rosemary Tucker   | <a href="mailto:rosemarytucker444@btinternet.com">rosemarytucker444@btinternet.com</a><br>07795 510001                    |
| <b>Community Speedwatch Coordinator</b>   |   |
| Rachel Dickinson  | 07813 853921  |
| <b>Village Agent</b>  |   |
| Sarah Friend  | <a href="mailto:sarah.friend@curo-group.co.uk">sarah.friend@curo-group.co.uk</a><br>07422 078548 / 01275 888 803 (office) |
| <b>Walton Common Volunteer Warden (Avon Wildlife Trust)</b>   |   |
| Dave Horlick  | <a href="mailto:david.horlick@btinternet.com">david.horlick@btinternet.com</a>  |
| <b>Social Club Chair</b>  |   |
| Andrew Francis  | <a href="mailto:ralf.789@sky.com">ralf.789@sky.com</a> / 01275 316970   |
| <b>Village Hall Bookings, Caretaker &amp; Gardening</b>   |   |
| Bob Baldwin   | <a href="mailto:rjbbwig@gmail.com">rjbbwig@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 872476 (Walton Street)                               |
| Bob Baldwin   | As above (Clevedon Road)  |

| Dates for Your Diary     |   |                  |
|--------------------------|---|------------------|
| Date                     | Event   | Time             |
| Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Christmas Festival, St. Paul's Church *                         | 10:30am till 4pm |
|                          | Village post box opens *  |                  |
| Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>   | Carols, Candles and Christening, St Paul's Church               | 11:15am          |
| Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> | W.I. Group Carol Service, St. Paul's Church                     | 7pm              |
| Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>   | Social Club Christmas Quiz Night, Village Hall *                | 7:30pm           |
| Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> | W.I. Coffee Morning *   | 10:30am          |
| Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>  | Woolly Service, St. Paul's Church *                             | 11.15am          |
| Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>  | Parish Council, Village Hall                                    | 7:30pm           |
| Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>  | Christmas Lunch in the Village Hall *                           | 12.30pm          |
|                          | Carol and Christingle Service, St. Paul's Church                | 3pm              |
|                          | Village post box closes   |                  |
| Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>  | Christmas Eve service followed by breakfast, St. Paul's Church  | 9:30am           |
| Christmas Day            | Christmas service, St. Paul's Church (please note earlier time) | 10:30am          |

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

### December / January Recycling Calendar

|                              | Rubbish | Recycling & Food Waste | Garden Waste |
|------------------------------|---------|------------------------|--------------|
| Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>      | √       | √                      | X            |
| Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>     | X       | √                      | √            |
| Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>     | √       | √                      | X            |
| Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>    | X       | √                      | X            |
| Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan | √       | √                      | X            |

Remember that garden waste is only collected once a month in December, January and February!

Copy for the January issue to be submitted by Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December