

Cross Tree Chronicle


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A note from the Editors

Wow, thank you so much for your letters, emails and phone calls supporting the 'new look' to the magazine. Kevin and I have been overwhelmed with your support. We had over 25 suggestions for the new name and as you can see by the cover, the winning name was "Cross Tree Chronicle", chosen at random and proposed by Tracy Clamp of East End Cottage. Tracy has kindly donated her prize to the next village raffle, thank you.

Should you require additional copies of the Cross Tree Chronicle then they are also available in the Church or in the Church Farm Shop.

This month we introduce 'spotlight on' section - this is an opportunity to support and promote the services and businesses in the village and make you aware what you have available to you in this great community. We start with CHURCH FARM. If you would like to share what you offer, just let us know.

We send our love and support to Dave & Jenny of Walton Bay at this time. Dave has been maintaining our churchyard for many years and Jenny supports the church with her beautiful crafts.

Wanted

Person required for general gardening duties, tidying and maintaining – experience not essential. Please contact Peter Jupp of Squires Cottage, Walton Bay, 01275 844206.

SPOTLIGHT ON Church Farm

Church Farm has been a working pastoral Farm situated in Walton Street, since the 1700's. Today tenant farmers Richard and Elaine Kent provide a small Farm Shop offering: Free Range Chicken and Duck Eggs, large 25kg bags of Potatoes and Beef and Lamb packs reared from their own cattle and sheep grazed in the Gordano Valley nature reserve. They also provide Hay and Straw, bagged or by the bale. The farm shop is open every day with free parking in the yard.

Richard and Elaine kindly offer their shop as a pickup point for the North Somerset Times normally available from Wednesday's

Community Speedwatch (Rachel Dickinson)

The team have been out twice this month and 53 drivers were reported out of 1853 vehicles passing through the village during the two separate hours. The maximum recorded speed was 50mph at the village hall.

All drivers recorded over the speed limit are reported to the police. A letter is sent to the driver informing them they have breached the speed limit. All data is recorded in a police database which covers the police area. The data is analysed and repeat speeders are contacted by the police. The police can and have taken action against the worst offenders.

When speedwatch volunteers are out many drivers reduce their speed as they don't want to get caught and it is a good reminder to drivers to check their speed.

Could **you** spare **one hour a month** during daylight hours (not in rain, ice or snow) to reduce the speed of drivers through our village? If so please contact me for more details. The more volunteers we have the better chance we have of making our village a safer place to live.

Parish Council

At its meeting on 9th January the council covered various issues as summarised here.

NSCs Colin Medus is our new Parish Liaison Officer (PLO). PLOs help us find the most effective person to deal with on particular issues.

Barton Park Homes have been granted planning permission for a new sewage system that will solve the problem of leakage onto the Cliff Path.

At Walton Bay we are chasing a repair date of the drainage cover at the top of the Sandbanks/Two Acres drive.

Power Cables and Poles can cause problems. If you see any that need attention, let the Clerk know and he will follow it up.

The broadband quote from BT is still awaited. The Parish is now included in a Connecting Devon & Somerset (CDS) 2nd phase roll-out workshop which Cllr Ralston plans to attend.

Traffic speeding and speed limits are being looked at by our Ward Councillor, Nigel Ashton. He will be walking the Parish with Colin Medus, who is in charge of highways at NSC.

The telephone Box at Cross Tree has been offered to the Parish again by BT. After much soul-searching the Council agreed to stick with its original decision not to purchase it.

There is a Councillor vacancy following the departure of Floss Morgan. If you are interested do come to meetings to see how the Council functions.

The 2017-18 Budget was approved.

Visit waltoningordanoparishcouncil.org.uk to see minutes and find out more about what the Council does.

Village Hall (Deb Tovey)

How lovely to see the Hall decorated for Christmas and hosting the Village Christmas Lunch! It was a great community event.

FUTURE DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: the AGM will be held on Monday, 20th March, 8pm in the Hall. Everyone welcome to attend.

W.I. News (Rosemary Tucker)

We had a very successful coffee morning at Myrtle's in January, thank you for your support. At our February meeting Mr. Andrew Holt will be talking of his life as a vet. The competition will be for a photo of an animal. We look forward to seeing you all, new members are especially welcome, just come to the meeting.

Social Committee (Emma Edwards)

Here we go starting another year, we would love you to join us at the events throughout the year, we start with:

- **Coffee, cake and chat:** Saturday 12th March 10.30 am, village hall – free event
- **'Into the woods':** group outing to Tickenham Drama group, transport available Thursday 5th April, please contact Emma (by mid Feb) to book your tickets £12 each
- **Swing into summer:** an evening with Steve Doig and Capitol Swing – Village Hall, Friday 23rd June, 7.30pm
- **Walton country fair:** Saturday 15th July, 1pm

Keeping Warm in Winter

The “surviving winter” campaign offers grants to pensioners struggling to keep warm over winter. You can support their campaign by donating some or all of your winter fuel payment. Simply send a cheque made payable to Somerset Community Foundation (write SW on the back), Yeoman House, Bath and West Showground, Shepton Mallet, BA4 6QN.

Home Fire Safety Visits

The Fire Service provide a FREE visit to anyone who would like information about how to reduce fire risk in their property, smoke alarms will be fitted FREE OF CHARGE if needed.

For further details contact 0117 926 2061 or text 'visit' to 07507.

Community Oil Buying

West of England Rural Network offer a community oil buying scheme with free membership to over 60's. Your orders are combined and oil is bought in bulk, lowering the cost to consumers. For further details call 01275 333701.

Logs for Sale

Large, medium (at least 25 kg) or small bags available. They look attractive when stacked and burn well.

Contact Nigel Wilyman 873652

St Paul's Church (Sue Betts)

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

Welcome In – Come and join us for coffee, cake and chat, everyone most welcome.

Candlemas Service – Informal service bringing light into the world, especially at this time of the year.

Service of Thanksgiving and Fellowship – You are all welcome to join us for a celebration of 2016, and what a great year it was for our Church. Come along and find out all about our Church finances in an easily 'digestible' way, this will be followed by a lunch in the Church of home-made soup, bread, cheese and cake.

Update on Church Servery/ 'Tea making kitchen' - We have now reached the public consultation period, details can be found on the Church noticeboard, or inside the Church. If you'd like to see the plans please contact me.

Don't forget Pancake Day on Tuesday 28th.

Village Directory

Parish Councillors (<http://www.waltoningordanopc.org.uk/>)

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Village Hall

Deb Tovey (Chairman)	deb.tovey8@gmail.com 01275 879983
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St Paul's Church Churchwardens

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Rosemary Tucker (Vice President)	rosemarytucker444@btinternet.com 07795 510001 (also Parish Magazine distributor)
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Community Speedwatch Coordinator

Rachel Dickinson	07813 853921
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Village Agent

Sarah Friend	sarah.friend@curo-group.co.uk 07422 078548
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Walton Common Warden (Avon Wildlife)

Dave Horlick	david.horlick@btinternet.com
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Social Committee Secretary

Emma Edwards	Contact details on front page
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Dates for Your Diary

Date	Event	Time
Every Saturday	Gordano Valley Art Group, Village Hall	1:30 – 3:30pm
Saturday 4 th	Welcome In, St Paul's Church *	10:30 – 12:30
Sunday 5 th	Candlemas Service, St Paul's Church *	11:15am
Monday 6 th	Parish Council, Village Hall (note change of regular date to ensure there is a quorum)	7:30pm
Sunday 12 th	Holy Communion, St Paul's Church	11:15am
Thursday 16 th	W.I. Meeting, Village Hall *	2:30pm
Sunday 19 th	Service of Thanksgiving and Fellowship, St Paul's Church *	11.15am
Sunday 26 th	Holy Communion	11.15am

* More details in the information sheet under the relevant section



The Parks: Steve Russell

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