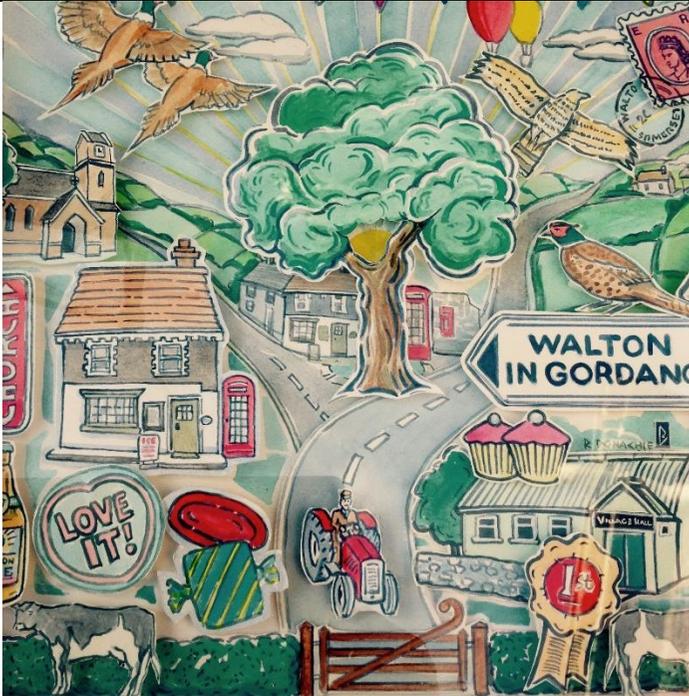


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A Note from the Editors

It's beautiful to see the snowdrops emerging on Harley Hill and Norton's Wood Lane - a real sign that spring is around the corner. This month we are asking for a new volunteer to join the delivery team (please see details below). We are incredibly lucky to have a great team of volunteers who deliver your Chronicle every month, this magazine really is a team effort.

Delivery Team

Could you spare 30 minutes once a month to deliver the Chronicles as we have a vacancy for Walton village? This consists of just 10 cottages from Old Rectory Farm up to Hill Cottage. You receive an email 24 hours before they are available for collection from the Church porch. If you could help I would be very grateful.

Message from Grace Davidson, The Old School

I would like to thank everyone for their good wishes over the last few weeks. Could I ask that you please remember that my drive is PRIVATE and medical staff must be able to park their cars day and night, thank you.

Gordon Lawrence

It is with great sadness that we hear Gordon Lawrence has passed away. Gordon and Sally were very active members of the village and great supporters of the parish church; many of us will remember 'Father Christmas' at all our festive events. We send our condolences to Sally and her family.

W.I. News (Rosemary Tucker)

Our first meeting in the Village Hall of 2018 will be on Thursday 15th at 2:30pm.

We will welcome back Micheal Malaghan, who will be saying "Can you hear me at the back?" We thoroughly enjoyed his talk before and I am sure we will again. The competition is for an unusual brooch.

Date for your diary - Sunday 19th August - our annual trip. This year we are visiting Swansea and the Mumbles.

Focus on Local Author and Illustrator

Holly Edwards has run her own business from the age of 14 in the village. Holly, the daughter of Kevin and Emma, Granddaughter of Bryan and Rosemary has grown up in the village and has developed her business from her bedroom to a purpose-built workshop.

As a textile artist, Holly has used her textiles skills and her love of her rescue dogs to develop a collection of short stories and activity book, The **Ted and Tilly Adventures**. The books sell worldwide and next month Holly and Ted will be a guest at the Community Book Shop in Copse Road, Clevedon where Holly will be reading her stories to children. This event can be pre-booked - more details from Holly at www.hollyedwardstextiles.com.

Do you have business you would like to share? Just email us

St. Paul's Church (Sue Betts)

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

Candlemas: Lots of candles and lovely hymns and readings – what more could you want. I didn't realise until recently that Candlemas was traditional, like St. Swithun's Day, a day where you could predict the weather. If it is cold on that Sunday we are in for some mild weather and vice versa. Have you seen the film Groundhog Day? It is taken from the same European custom.

Thanksgiving Service: Looking back to 2017 we have lots to be thankful for and we would like to say a big THANK YOU to all who have supported us throughout the year. Come and join us for this unusual celebration featuring our 'Giant Money Cake' and find out how our finances have worked out over the last year with Cake-o-nomics. And all the plans we have for the year ahead. It's the kind of information you would get at our annual church meeting but in a much more digestible way – you can really eat this pie chart! This is all followed by our thanksgiving lunch of homemade soup, bread and cheese in the church. All welcome!

Lent Giving: This year we are carrying on collecting for toilets with the Toilet Twinning charity. What better gift could you give to someone than clean water and sanitation? There will be 'sponsor' forms coming through your door during Lent.

Social Club (Andrew Francis)

The social club recently held a committee meeting and particular note was made regarding the Christmas lights in the village, some of which had been purchased by the club. It was lovely to see so many villagers joining in and put up decorations too. We plan to buy more lights next year to add to the festive feeling.

Planning for the fete is now in full swing, the tables in the marquee are being booked well in advance so if anyone would like to reserve a table at £15, please let us know as soon as possible. The W.I. have agreed to do the teas this year (thank you) and we have already booked a number of attractions and displays. We are still keen to hear from anyone who would be willing to volunteer to help in any way.

The next village event we are planning to hold is a pub night. The **Walton Arms Pub Night** will take place in the Village Hall on Friday 16th March. Bring your own drinks and glasses and we will provide nibbles and a range of traditional pub games including (all being well) skittles, dominoes, darts & others. It should be a fun night out so please put a note in your diary.



The
**WALTON
ARMS**

Traditional Pub Night
Friday 16th March from 7pm
In the Village Hall
BYO Drinks and Glasses

Village Hall (Deb Tovey)

It hardly seems a year since our last AGM, but once again it's time to set the date, so:

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: the AGM will be held on Tuesday, 13th March, 8pm in the Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Parish Council (Don Hill)

Road Safety in the Parish: The PC is looking at a range of road safety issues. These may take time to press for and to finance, but they are, nevertheless, up for discussion:

Walton Street: a 20mph speed limit should be in force before the summer.

Walton Down & Walton Bay: There is a 30mph speed limit through Walton Down. NSC review limits on a triennial basis; their current thinking is that the existing 40mph speed limit through Walton Bay will remain. There are no new accesses onto the Coast Road, and they are unlikely to consider the additional park homes in Lorraine Field as a significant enough reason for change. The Parish Council will, nevertheless, continue to lobby for a 30mph speed limit along the Coast Road through Walton Bay.

Village Gateway Structures are used to remind drivers that they are entering a village; their siting, signage and exact positioning are critical to their effectiveness. Any scheme must be subject to a long term and reliable maintenance plan - be it voluntary or via a contractor - and must include the management of surrounding hedgerows and verges to ensure that both the road safety impact and the visual amenity of a scheme works well for the community.

Moor Lane Exit on to B3124: Visibility is poor leaving Moor Lane at the junction with the B3124. No further signage is possible at this restricted location, beyond a mirror being installed on the B3124 opposite the junction, to improve visibility. This was suggested by Ray Redmore some years ago, when the idea was not considered feasible from a road safety perspective... how thinking changes!

Village Hall Car Park: (if it goes ahead) and its associated entrance, would provide a significant opportunity for NSC Highways to improve the profile of the B3124 as it enters the Village from Clevedon.

B3124 Junction with Walton Street: White markings have been painted to encourage drivers to make a wide, rather than a tight, approach to Walton Street but many drivers ignore them. If there was pavement rather than white markings, drivers would be forced to make a wider turn into Walton Street, with better visibility. The present situation creates significant danger for those negotiating the junction and accessing the immediate properties. The PC has long advocated a stop sign/road markings at the approach to this junction from Clevedon. Whatever happens, the need for large vehicles to be able to make the turn onto Walton Street from the Clevedon end of the B3124 will have to be catered for.

Community Speedwatch (Kevin Edwards)

Speedwatch signs are now up along the main road through the village to warn drivers they are in a 30mph Speedwatch zone – hopefully you will have seen them?

We now have 4 volunteers but are always looking for more so if you are interested why not come along on Saturday 3rd February to the Welcome In at the Church where I will be available to answer any questions. You can also get a cuppa and have a chat with other villagers.

We were out on Friday 19th January and in an hour recorded 13 vehicles exceeding the speed limit travelling at speeds between 38 and 59 mph (yes 59mph is correct!). Our records are sent to the Police and any persistent offender (those recorded 3 times by a Speedwatch scheme) is sent a letter by the Police. However, just wearing a reflective jacket has the effect of slowing down the traffic so if you would like to volunteer please get in touch.

Gardening Club (Alison Stott)

On a bright and, thankfully, dry mid-January day we all met at Rene and Bob Truby's house. A couple of us had rummaged around our gardens assuming we would have very few flowers to show to everyone. How wrong we were! We had roses and abutilon still flowering since last summer as well as early flowering hellebores and pulmonaria. Many winter flowering plants have small flowers to protect against the wind and rain so need to have a wonderful scent in order to attract insects for pollination and Anne and Colin's mahonia and Alison's sarcococca confusa were no exception. Other flowers included hebe, iris unguicularis, sarcococca hookeriana, snowdrops, skimmia japonica, camellias, clematis cirrhosa, commonly known as "freckles", and winter flowering honeysuckle and jasmine. Maureen brought along a Crassula also known as a Money/Jade plant, an indoor succulent, from which she hopes to take cuttings.

Our meeting ended with Alan giving an amusing and informative presentation on cacti, how he began his collection as a boy and how he cares for them. Many of us as children had pots of "baby" cacti so it was good to hear how Alan's interest in this group of plants has continued.

Next meeting will be at Alison Stott's at 2:30 on Wednesday, 7th March.

Village Directory	
Parish Councillors (http://www.waltoningordanopc.org.uk/)	
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Parish Notice Board Key Holders	
Graham Matthews	01275 873408 (Walton Bay)
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
Saturday 3 rd	Welcome In Community Café, St. Paul's Church *	10:30am onwards
Sunday 4 th	Candlemas, St. Paul's Church – a special service of light *	11:15am
Sunday 11 th	Thanksgiving Service, St. Paul's Church *	11:15am
Monday 12 th	Parish Council, Village Hall	7:30pm
Tuesday 13 th	Pancake Day	
Wednesday 14 th	Lent begins (and Valentine's Day!)	
Thursday 15 th	W.I., Village Hall *	2:30pm
Sunday 18 th	Morning Prayer, St. Paul's Church	11:15am
Sunday 25 th	Holy Communion	11:15am

* More details in the information sheet under the relevant section

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Welcome In Community Café

Saturday 3rd February



St. Paul's Church

10:30 onwards

Coffee, cake and conversation

Dog Day Care

Vine Cottage,
Norton's Wood Lane

Jane Hazell:
Tel: 01275 568861, Mob: 07976 903314

February Recycling Calendar

	Rubbish	Recycling & Food Waste	Garden Waste
Tuesday 6 th	x	✓	✓
Tuesday 13 th	✓	✓	x
Tuesday 20 th	x	✓	x
Tuesday 27 th	✓	✓	x

Remember that garden waste is only collected once a month in February!

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