

Cross Tree Chronicle

Walton-in-Gordano
Village Magazine



Walton Castle (Hunting Lodge) - derelict

February 2020



A Note from the Editors

This month we need your support with the annual village tidy up. For over 50 years we have put our wellies on and cleared the brooks and pavements - firstly to deal with the real issue of flooding for many cottages, but also because we take pride in our community. Several villagers work 'silently' throughout the year keeping the village clean - their work is really appreciated but now it's your turn, do join us on SATURDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 10.00AM, CHURCH FARM.

Announcements

Ann Charlesworth and family would like to thank everyone for their cards and kind thoughts on the death of Jane Broadway 28/11/19 a dearly loved daughter, wife, mother, grandmother and sister, thank you.

(if you wish to share any information within this section, please contact Emma by email, phone or post through the Old Village Shop).

Village History: Walton Castle (Emma Edwards)

Built between 1615 – 1620 by the landlord John Poulett, John resided at Hinton St. George, near Ilminster, never living in Walton but leasing his properties to other families. The castle was used as a hunting lodge and banqueting house; a place to entertain friends for shooting weekends. It is suggested that the castle was never entirely finished and went into disrepair by 1828 until it was resurrected in the 1980's and became a private residence.

One of John's properties, The Manor House was leased to Sir John Durbin in 1753. Sir John Durbin was Sheriff of Bristol in 1763 and 1774, Mayor between 1777 and 1779 and he finally became a Baronet in 1778. He was the son of John Durbin the Elder, a drysalter who had been Sheriff of Bristol in 1743 and Mayor in 1760.

Earl Poulett sold Walton Castle in 1811 to Sir Philip Miles, a partner in the Bristol Bank. The Miles family resided at Leigh Court until 1915 when they moved to The Manor House at Walton.



Community Speedwatch (John Jackson)

We achieved two sessions during January with Julian, Nigel and myself being the volunteers within the group. The first session was on the 10th January at the Village Hall where 682 vehicles passed by, of which 32 were exceeding the speed limit, the fastest was 53 mph. Our second watch was on the 23rd January at Plum Tree Cottage with 477 vehicles driving by and 10 drivers caught above the limit, the fastest being 43mph. Any drivers above the 20mph and 30mph through the village makes for an unsafe place to be as pedestrians or other drivers, so, be extremely careful.

Should anyone like to join the group and help to try and make the village a safer place to be, please contact myself, John Jackson Community Speedwatch Coordinator - the details of which are at the back of the Chronicle in the Village Directory. Thank You.

Parish Council (Don Hill)

Accident Incident Recording: A resident suggested that, with so many road traffic incidents occurring in the Parish - particularly in Walton Street and the area around Cross Tree - the Parish should keep an incident book to help add leverage to traffic management proposals we may put forward to North Somerset Council. The January Parish Council meeting reflected on a recital of accidents over the years. Some of these were reported to police, but many no-injury incidents were not: bush telegraph reported them, but they were, thereby, hearsay and not recognisable within the accident analysis protocols of either the police or NSC. NSC report that current analysis is increasingly including the holistic context of accidents - reported or otherwise - to help them understand how pressures on the road system are changing over time. This means our accident recording, which would in the past have been ignored, may now be able to play a more central role in helping us with our parish ambitions, and also the police and NCS with their accident investigation and highway management work. If you come across any incidents in the Parish that you think should be in our Accident Incident File please email the Clerk (clerk@waltoningordanopc.org.uk) with the details. Alternatively, visit our website (waltoningordanopc.org.uk) where we are setting up an accident email response that will automatically feed through to the Clerk.

Strawberry Gardens - New Extra-Care Housing in Yatton from Spring 2020: Older people in North Somerset who need extra support on a day-to-day basis could find a new housing development in Yatton becomes their perfect home. North Somerset Council is working with Housing 21 to build this extra-care housing development of 60 two-bedroom apartments. On-site communal facilities include a bistro café, residents lounge, hairdresser and scooter store. 30 of the apartments will be available for affordable rent through North Somerset Council's Home Choice and Adult Social Care teams. The other 30 are available for shared ownership purchase, through Housing 21. Extra-care housing offers more care and support than sheltered housing and is a real alternative to residential care. An on-site care team is available 24-hours-a-day for emergencies and for providing everyday support. **If you are 55 or over and have care needs, contact North Somerset Council's Care Connect on 01934 888 801 to make an application, or visit www.n-somerset.gov.uk/housing-for-older-people for more information. For shared ownership sales, contact Housing 21 on 0345 608 4021, or email sales@housing21.org.uk.**

Strawberry Gardens Computer generated picture



Village Hall (Deb Tovey)

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

We need to boost the numbers on the Committee, especially as we no longer have a representative from the W.I. We hold 4 meetings a year, either in the Hall or in members' homes. Please contact me if you are interested or need more information.

Social Club (Barbara Wilyman)

GOOD NEWS!!!!!!! WALTON IN GORDANO VILLAGE FETE IS BACK! SATURDAY JULY 11th 2020

At our recent committee meeting we decided to run the fete again this year. With one new committee member and other offers of help, we are looking forward to a great event. The marquee, Village Hall, birds of prey, classic cars, the fun dog show, band and the children's entertainer are all booked so it looks like another bumper event. Lots of work to do and we do need your help and support please get involved if you can.

Our village clear up is planned for 10.00am on Saturday 15th February so please come along and help. You do this at your own risk but remember to wear suitable clothing including a hi-vis jacket (if you have one) and bring tools. Last year there were 12 of us at the clear up – many hands make light work!

Members of our community have been working hard litter clearing along the main road both from the village towards Portishead and the other way towards Clevedon. We would like to thank these unsung heroes for their hard work.

Our April pub night in the Village Hall is booked for 17th April. One for the diary. We would appreciate your support if you are free.

We took the Christmas Lights down in January and we are now looking towards planting some flowers in the village for the Spring and Summer. We hope to purchase one or two more planters and our order has been placed with North Somerset Council for some plants.



St. Paul's Church (Sue Betts)

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

Gordon Rutley

The church was full to overflowing for the thanksgiving service for Gordon which so clearly illustrated what a well-loved friend he was to so many people. He will be much missed especially for his great sense of

humour and I will never forget his performance as one of the Ugly sisters in our pantomime. All our love goes to Maureen and all his family.

Lent

Get your muscles flexed ready for your pancake tossing on Shrove Tuesday on the 25th. This year our Lent Giving will be for the Woodland Trust; for just £2 a tree can be planted and tended in one of the Trust's woodlands. Forms will be coming your way next month when more information will be available.

Church AGM Sunday 1st March 11.15am

This year, for the first time, we will be combining our Thanksgiving Service with our AGM. Don't worry, the only addition to our 'giant cake' service we have held in the past is a little bit about our church council members. Our informal service will be followed by lunch and, of course, lots of cake! This is our opportunity to say thank you to all who have supported our village church in 2019 and you are all very welcome to join us.

WANTED KNITTING AND CROCHET

At Christmas we realised that our Nativity figures were looking a bit sad especially the donkey who is very wonky with no back legs and only one ear. Would you like to join us knitting or crocheting a figure for our Nativity scene? We have patterns so the figures can roughly be the same size and stuffing is available too. Only small bits of your spare wool will be needed. Please contact Sue if you are interested.

Date for your diary

We are going to celebrate the 75th anniversary of VE Day with a Village Tea Party on Friday 8th May, which is the early May Bank Holiday this year. More information soon.

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home maintenance, flat pack assembly

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Dates for Your Diary		
Date	Event	Time
Saturday 1 st	Welcome In community café, St. Paul's Church	10:30am onwards
Sunday 2 nd	Come and Join us service followed by lunch, St. Paul's Church	11.15am
Sunday 9 th	Holy Communion, St. Paul's Church	11:15am
Monday 10 th	Parish Council, Village Hall	7:30pm
Saturday 15 th	Village Clear up, meet at Church Farm*	10am
Sunday 16 th	Morning Prayer, St. Paul's Church	11:15am
Sunday 23 rd	Holy Communion, St. Paul's Church	11:15am
March:		
Sunday 1 st	St Paul's Church AGM*	11:15am
Friday 20 th	Village Hall AGM*	8pm

* More details in the information sheet under the relevant section

Recycling Calendar

February:	What's Collected?
Tuesday 4 th	Recycling
Tuesday 11 th	Rubbish, Recycling
Tuesday 18 th	Recycling, Garden Waste
Tuesday 25 th	Rubbish, Recycling
March:	
Tuesday 3 rd	Recycling
Tuesday 10 th	Rubbish, Recycling

Gluten free Chocolate Brownies

(taken from "A Taste of Village Life 2006")

100g butter, 75g plain chocolate, 100g gluten free flour, 3 eggs, 100g walnuts, 200g sugar, 1 tsp gluten free baking powder.

Gently melt together the butter and chocolate. In a separate bowl mix together the flour, baking powder, sugar and nuts. Beat in the eggs followed by the melted mixture.

Pour into a greased 6x8" tray. Bake for 30 mins at 180°C / 350°F / gas 4. Enjoy!

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