

Cross Tree Chronicle

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A Note from the Editors

Happy New Year to you all! We look forward to another community focused and busy year in Walton. With the new year we have a new email as you can see on the front cover. Please use this for all Chronicle enquiries and information.

We send our condolences to Nick and Ann Charlesworth on the passing of Rhian, sadly she lost her fight with cancer on Boxing Day.

Bob Baldwin wishes to thank everyone who sent him good wishes after his recent hip operation. Val has been looking after him perfectly and we look forward to seeing him in his garden soon.

Tired of left overs, do you want to reduce food waste and save money? hints, tips and recipes are available free from www.lovefoodhatewaste.com and wastelessavemore.sainsburys.co.uk.



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**Ramblers
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of Winter Walks**

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- Weston Super Mare – Wednesday 3rd January
- Portishead – Thursday 4th January
- Nailsea – Friday 5th January
- Clevedon – Saturday 6th January
- Long Ashton – Monday 8th January

All walks to start at 10.30am
From 20 minutes up to an hour the walks will cater for everybody
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St. Paul's Church (Sue Betts)

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

Christmas: What a wonderful Christmas season! Our Christmas Festival was very well supported, raising very nearly £700. The church looked amazing with lots of visitors commenting on the lovely Christmas spirit of it all. And then the Christmas Lunch and Carol Service which were all that Christmas should be, Martin's playing really helped to make it a truly memorable occasion, what great singing! It was lovely to welcome the W.I. as well for their group Carol Service.

Thank you!: We have so much to be thankful for in 2017. The names of all those to thank would fill the whole of this publication – a big THANK YOU to you all! We will all get together again at our Thanksgiving Lunch in February.

Plough Sunday (21st): And the year turns round again and we are back to the beginning with our Plough Sunday service, the first of our traditional rural services. It is all about new beginnings and actually features a plough.

Food Bank and Period Poverty: We have a box at the back of the church for any food donations you would like to give. We are also collecting sanitary products to help those girls and women who have to decide between food or their monthly needs. You may have seen the report on the news, it stops girls going to school at these times. Sheri had an idea: how about each month buying extra and then donating them - what a difference it could make. Thank you for your support!

WISHING YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY AND PEACEFUL NEW YEAR

Welcome In Community Café

Saturday 6th January



St. Paul's Church



10:30 onwards

Coffee, cake and conversation

Social Club (Andrew Francis)

The Social Committee has been quite busy over the last few weeks. The Christmas Cheese and Wine Quiz night was well attended by over 50 people and a great evening was had by all.

We also bedecked the village with Christmas lights this year which were purchased by the committee and with the help of a very generous anonymous donation of £100 from someone in the village; thank you to you, whoever you are.

It really seemed to spur people on to put out their own lights and the display this year in the village and at the Bay was wonderful. We aim to add more lights next year.

Our next committee meeting takes place early in the New Year and we will be deciding on a date for a coffee morning in February or March so keep an eye out on the notice boards and on our Facebook page (Walton-in-Gordano Village) for details.

Planning for the fete will also be getting into full swing so if anyone would like to volunteer to help, or would like a table in the marquee, please let us know as soon as possible.

Finally, from the Social Committee we would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year for 2018.

Village Hall (Deb Tovey)

What a Christmas period we had! The Hall itself looked very festive with its trees lit up (thanks to the Social Committee), and was host to various parties and gatherings, including the Social Committee's Quiz Night and St. Paul's Village Lunch. Good company and good food – what more can you want?

We wish Bob a speedy recovery following his operation in December. Hopefully by now, he is well on the way to being mobile again. We also thank Val for taking over the Hall duties whilst he was incapacitated.

Christmas Lights (Barbara Wilyman)

Well I don't know about you but we have driven up Walton Street and through the village a few times this year just to enjoy the lights! I thought they looked fantastic and really cheered up the village. They seemed to do their job and make the village look like someone lives here! Thank you to everyone who contributed to the effort. (I think we have a rival in Tickenham too - or is it that great minds think alike!) Happy New Year.

St. Paul's Church Parish Magazine (Rosemary Tucker)

I would like to thank all the people I delivered to over the past years for their support for the magazine, I have now retired from this and Mrs Anne Greenhill of Cross Tree Farm has taken over.

Please contact Anne if you would like the magazine delivered this year - put £6 in an envelope with your name and pop it through her door.

Parish Council (Don Hill)

Speedwatch: Kevin Edwards and Cllr. Dickinson have agreed that Kevin becomes co-ordinator. Kevin referred to NSC's mobile radar speed sign becoming available to parishes. His work involves him with a manufacturer with a product available at some £3000 + £300 pa. service charge inc. VAT (discount possible): he suggests a parish owned machine would offer Speedwatch significantly more flexibility in targeting speeding hotspots and accumulating speeding data. Such a purchase would not be possible from the Council's infant capital budget, but consideration can be given to a possible contribution within future capital spending options. In the meantime, the Clerk will check the timetable of the NSC kit which is available to parishes.

Walton Brook: Several of you are concerned about the open section of the brook in Walton Street, clearance of this in hand via our NSC Area Officer, as is silt build up where the brook crosses Moor Lane at Rivendell.

Fly-Tipping: A huge thank you to Sally for being so vigilant in reporting Moor Lane fly-tipping. The latest carpet, TV and tyres have now been removed.

NSC Waste Collections: Kevin Edwards had missed collections, compounded by failure of the Council Connect system to respond. An official complaint, copied to Councillor Ashton resulted in collection. Parish Councillors have

noted the problem as Parish wide and frequent. The new contract was good at the start but is now less so. Please let one of the Councillors or the Clerk know if you are experiencing collection problems.

Everyone involved with the Parish Council hopes the whole parish has a joyous and reinvigorating New Year.

W.I. News (Rosemary Tucker)

We had a very successful Christmas lunch, finding out who was our secret friend and getting a new one for 2018.

The group carol service was a wonderful start to the Christmas season held at St. Paul's - thank you to all who helped to make it so successful. Our December coffee morning was well supported - we all enjoyed homemade cheese scones, shortbread and mince pies - thank you Shirley.

We have all received our programs for 2018 and it looks like a very good year ahead - we start on Saturday 20th January with a coffee morning - this year it is at Mary Bessant's home (33 Homeground, Clevedon). As always, a bring and buy and raffle will be held to boost our funds.

Walton-in-Gordano W.I. would like to wish you all a very happy and healthy new year, and we would welcome new members to our friendly meetings.

Community Speedwatch (Kevin Edwards)

I have now taken over from Rachel Dickinson as the Community Speedwatch coordinator. Signs warning drivers that they are entering a Speedwatch zone will be going up in January through the village. Speedwatch cannot take place without volunteers and if you would like to get involved then please contact me for more information. Full training will be provided.

So everyone can see the results of Speedwatch, I intend to put a monthly summary in the Chronicle of the number of speeding motorists and the maximum speed recorded. Hopefully we can make a difference and reduce the number of motorists speeding through the village.

At next month's Welcome In (Saturday 3rd February) I will be at the Church to provide information on Speedwatch and hopefully recruit some more volunteers! I look forward to welcoming you.

Village Directory	
Parish Councillors (http://www.waltoningordanopc.org.uk/)	
Don Hill (Clerk)	clerk@waltoningordanopc.org.uk 01934 835578 / 07774 125578
Brain Cannell (Chairman)	brian.cannell@waltoningordanopc.org.uk 01275 874291
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Nigel Wilyman	nigel.wilyman@waltoningordanopc.org.uk 01275 873652
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St Paul's Church Churchwardens	
Sue Betts	roybetts7@btinternet.com / 01275 848645
Brodie Lyon	01275 879081
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Rosemary Tucker	rosemarytucker444@btinternet.com 07795 510001
Community Speedwatch Coordinator	
Kevin Edwards	kevinedwards@talktalk.net / 07909 577255
Village Agent	
Sarah Friend	sarah.friend@curo-group.co.uk 07422 078548 / 01275 888 803 (office)
Walton Common Volunteer Warden (Avon Wildlife Trust)	
Dave Horlick	david.horlick@btinternet.com
Social Club Chair	
Andrew Francis	ralf.789@sky.com / 01275 316970
Village Hall Bookings, Caretaker & Gardening	
Bob Baldwin	rjbbwig@gmail.com / 01275 879268
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 6 th	Welcome In Community Café, St. Paul's Church *	10:30am onwards
Sunday 7 th	Morning Prayer, St. Paul's Church	11:15am
Monday 8 th	Parish Council, Village Hall	7:30pm
Sunday 14 th	Holy Communion, St. Paul's Church	11:15am
Saturday 20 th	W.I. Coffee Morning, 33 Homeground, Clevedon *	10:30am
Sunday 21 st	Plough Sunday, St. Paul's Church *	11:15am
Sunday 28 th	Holy Communion, St. Paul's Church	11:15am

* More details in the information sheet under the relevant section

January Recycling Calendar

	Rubbish	Recycling & Food Waste	Garden Waste
Thursday 4th	✓	✓	✗
Wednesday 10th	✗	✓	✓
Tuesday 16 th	✓	✓	✗
Tuesday 23 rd	✗	✓	✗
Tuesday 30 th	✓	✓	✗

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

Dog Day Care

Vine Cottage,
Norton's Wood Lane

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

Useful Winter Contacts

Power cuts: 105
Wessex Water: 0345 600 4600
Met office weather warnings:
www.metoffice.gov.uk or
download the app.

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