

CROSS TREE CHRONICLE

Walton-in-Gordano Village Magazine

July 2019

The
**Walton-in-Gordano
Village
Fete**



from 1pm Saturday 13th July

Walton-in-Gordano Village Hall & Field

**Fun Dog
Show**

**HOG
ROAST**

**Brass
Band**

**Teas &
Cakes**

**Vintage
Vehicles**

**Children's
Entertainer**

**CIDER
TENT**

**Children's
Races**

Birds of Prey

**Donkey
Rides**

**Traditional &
Vintage Stalls**

Adults £2.50, Children (Under 16) Free

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A Note from the Editors

Firstly, to acknowledge two more names from last month's front-page picture, Nicholas & Simon Wilyman, which leaves one more child to identify?

The village fete is here, our largest event of the year, do support in any way you can. If you are new to the village, please make yourselves known and we will happily introduce you to your neighbours - we are a very friendly community.

We loved the open gardens event this year, so many positive comments, a lovely celebration of our beautiful village. Do remember no garden is too small or big, neat or wild, we love them all!

Congratulations to Seamus & Katherine this month as they welcomed their new son in June, we wish them well at the start of their new adventure in Yatton.



Community Speedwatch (Kevin Edwards)

Following last month's appeal for more volunteers we now have a new member of the group – but there is always room for more.

Since the last Chronicle we have had two sessions with myself, John and Julian volunteering. A total of 29 vehicles were reported out of a total of 1113 with highest speed 43mph. We also reported a police car travelling at 38mph and not on blue lights! This was reported to Speedwatch but unsurprisingly there has been no comment to date!

We also reported a lorry driver travelling at 40mph who subsequently turned his vehicle around to block the road stating that we had reported him outside the 30mph limit. He obviously hadn't noticed the first set of limit signs entering the village!! He was concerned that he would receive points on his licence being a professional driver. After we explained where the limit started and gave him a letter (which explains why we are doing Speedwatch) he drove off only to pass our location for a 3rd time! This time he had his thumbs up, presumably as he realised he was previously speeding! Hopefully that's one motorist who will slow down in future unlike the Police car!

Meet Edgar



This is Edgar Kempster of 1 Sandstone Cottage who was one of the gardeners at Hillside Nurseries.

In 1865 the Virgo family established a Rose Nursery at Parsonage Hayes called Hillside Nurseries which was once the largest

employer in the village. Many could be seen walking across the fields to go to work.

In 1920 John Virgo, a fellow of the Royal Horticultural society, won awards for his violets. In 1922 he opened a shop in Hill Road.

The Virgo's had the only Land Girl in the village and during WWII the nurseries produced fruit and vegetables. Miss Hilda Goss assisted with the growing of the vegetables and during the War she met and married Ted Blake from the Old Post office. They lived all their married life in 3 Manor cottages, and had one daughter, Mary.

In the 60's, the nursery was sold to the Cooper family who became Orchid Specialists.



W.I. News (Rosemary Brace)

We meet in the village hall on Thursday 18th July at 2:30 pm. This month's talk is from Graham Sparks and he will be telling us the story of Morecambe and Wise, two very funny gentlemen. I am sure we will be laughing.

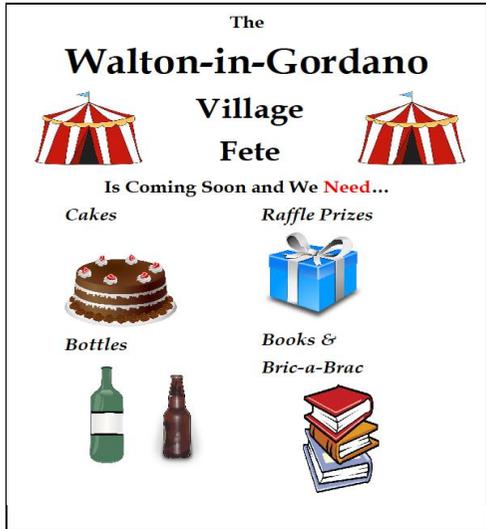
Our competition is for a "humorous postcard". Do you remember the ones from years ago, I wonder if you can still get them?

We welcome visitors, £3 includes a good speaker, a cup of tea and a piece of cake, usually homemade, and a lovely get together of like-minded ladies.

Social Club (Andrew Francis)

The fete is fast approaching; just a couple of weeks to go before the biggest event of the year for our village! Your Social Club Committee have been working tirelessly to get everything ready for your fete.

You all know what I'm going to say next...We have volunteers but more are always welcome, particularly on Friday 12th July for setting up at the hall and field and for the clear up on Sunday 14th.



We have some absolutely fantastic raffle prizes this year, supported by local businesses, so do please make sure you buy some tickets, some are being distributed with the Chronicle others will be available on the day at the fete.

We will also need bric-a-brac, cakes and bottles (for the bottle stall) so do please give generously.

Volunteers to collect raffle tickets and donations throughout the village would also be welcome – perhaps you could coordinate a small collection amongst your neighbours? Please let me know!

We have also been re-planting the village planters with new flowers that are donated free by North Somerset Council, hopefully you will agree that it makes the village look just a little bit lovelier than it already is. Please do your bit to help by doing any watering or weeding of the planters that you can as you pass by. Just pull out a weed or give the plants a bit of water when you can.

Hopefully the weather will be good, and we will see you all on Saturday 13th July from 1pm.



St. Paul's Church (Sue Betts)

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

Our Favourite Hymns: Come and sing your Top of the Pops – as voted by you! We will be singing all your favourites with some of our favourite readings as well. All followed by a bring and share lunch. It would be great to sit outside for lunch, weather permitting.

CareUnited Picnic: CareUnited is our charity fund raising group organized by members of our local churches. We are supporting several charities this year and at our picnic we are raising money for Springboard, a pre-school group for children with special needs based in Clevedon. Everyone is welcome to join us for our community picnic in the field and marquee used for the fete on the previous day. There will be plenty of parking and the marquee will be useful to shelter us from either too much rain or too much sun!

All you need to do is to come along with your picnic. Tea, coffee and cold drinks will be provided. There will be musical entertainment provided by Martin and all kinds of games including rounders and to mark the final of the Cricket World Cup, how about a cricket match too. And a picnic doesn't have to mean sitting on the grass, there will be plenty of tables and chairs. A relaxed afternoon in a beautiful setting, please join us.

Flower Festival August Bank Holiday 24th, 25th and 26th: Our theme this year is 'Our Glorious Gordano Valley'. You do not have to be an expert flower arranger, just come along and have a go, it's a lot of fun. There are so many themes to choose from. So far we have the sea, the farms, the Common and the Village Hall. There are the cottages and the church and even the dogs that are walked through the valley. But there's always room for more, how about the all the animals we see in the valley or the people that we meet or the events that we enjoy – it's up to you! Ring me for more details.

Parish Council (Don Hill)

As we would not have managed to be quorate for our scheduled June meeting it had to be cancelled. We were able to publish details of an alternative meeting date - May 29th - and duly met, principally to ensure that the necessary post-internal-audit paperwork was completed prior to it being put on our website and notice boards.

With the Clerk winding down post-election and post audit affairs, he has certainly been kept busy 'in the back room', however, in agenda terms, we have experienced a quiet June. We have not, as yet, felt the expected impact

from the management changes taking place within North Somerset Council. Whilst we may well see some re-jigging of priorities becoming apparent after the summer break, the real mark of the new administration will, of course, emerge as they work on their budget for 2020-21.

A little further afield, the private planning application for a 3000 car park & ride scheme with associated bus shuttle to Bristol Airport is causing a stir among residents and Councils throughout the District. It is proposed to locate it at the M5 junction (J21) for Worle and Weston-super-Mare where it will not be in the Green Belt, as will a significant part of the Airport's own, competing, car parking plan currently before North Somerset Planners. At present, southbound airport traffic is routed off the motorway onto the A4 Portway at Avonmouth, and northbound traffic is routed off south of Weston-super-Mare and up the A38. As always, the key concern for our local parishes when anything is planned to put additional localised pressure on our patch of the motorway, is the potential additional chaos that we will have to put up with when things go wrong.

We applied again this year, for the annual free flowers from North Somerset Council contractor Glendale. These were picked up by the Social Club in early June. Hopefully they will contribute to a blooming delight in time for the Fete.

Gardening Club (Alison Stott)

In the midst of yet another dull and showery day our spirits were lifted by a host of bright and vibrant flowers that had been collected from several gardens. Orange and yellow day lilies, limey Euphorbias, huge white campanulas, a stunning "Bowl of Beauty" peony as well as salvias, astrantias, persicaria bistorta with their pink "bottlebrush" flower spikes and persicaria runcinata grown for its red and green foliage were just some of the plants to admire. Then there were the roses - quite a number of them: hybrid teas; David Austin English roses, and single flowering old roses - all lovely colours and forms and mostly highly but variedly scented. Rene impressed us all with her very healthy-looking Frangipani, an exotic plant, which normally resides in hot and humid countries. We continued with a discussion on Garden Trends for 2019 and observed that at RHS Chelsea the word was "Green" in the show gardens both environmentally and through naturalistic planting. Something to consider, perhaps.

Next meeting will be at Alison's on Wednesday 28th August.

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Bob Baldwin	As above (Clevedon Road)

Dates for Your Diary		
Date	Event	Time
Saturday 6 th	Welcome In Community Café, St. Paul's Church – Coffee, cake and chat!	10:30am onwards
Sunday 7 th	Our Favourite Hymns, St. Paul's Church followed by bring and share lunch *	11:15am
Monday 8 th	Parish Council, Village Hall	7:30pm
Saturday 13 th	Village Fete, Village Hall Field *	1pm
Sunday 14 th	Holy Communion, St. Paul's Church	11:15am
	CareUnited Picnic, Fete Marquee *	12:30pm onwards
Thursday 18 th	W.I. Village Hall *	2:30pm
Sunday 21 st	Morning Prayer, 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

Recycling Calendar

July:	Rubbish	Recycling & Food Waste	Garden Waste
Tuesday 2 nd	✓	✓	✗
Tuesday 9 th	✗	✓	✓
Tuesday 16 th	✓	✓	✗
Tuesday 23 rd	✗	✓	✓
Tuesday 30 th	✓	✓	✗
August:			
Tuesday 6 th	✗	✓	✓
Tuesday 13 th	✓	✓	✗

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