

Cross Tree Chronicle

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Welcome to the Village!
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A note from the Editors

Well here we are 6 months in with your new look Chronicle, we hope you are enjoying the new format, we welcome your input every month, especially Walton Bay, so if you wish to publicise your coffee mornings and lunch groups then please get in touch, I would love to hear from you.

If you need any help or support then you are welcome to place an advert in the Chronicle - the Chronicle is funded by the fund-raising that you support, so it is your Chronicle.

For such a small community we keep so active with different events throughout the year, the largest being our Country Fair in July; every penny raised goes straight back to the village - we are a 'small community with a big heart'.

Don't forget the Village Hall is open on Thursday 8th June for the General Election, please park responsibly as we have two working farms with machinery moving around all the time.

SUPPORT LOCAL EVENTS

SUNDAY MARKET, HILL ROAD, CLEVEDON

SUNDAY 4TH JUNE, 10AM – 2PM

PORTISHEAD IN BLOOM OPEN GARDENS

SATURDAY 3RD, SUNDAY 4TH JUNE, 10.30AM – 4PM

CLAPTON IN GORDANO FETE, SPERRINGS FARM

SATURDAY 10TH JUNE, 2 – 6 PM

CLEVEDON PRIDE OPEN GARDENS

SATURDAY 17TH AND SUNDAY 18TH JUNE

COURT HOUSE FARM VINTAGE MARKET, PORTISHEAD

SUNDAY 25TH JUNE, 10AM – 2PM

Walton Common (Dave Horlick)

By the time you read this, summer should be well underway. As far as the Common is concerned, this means plenty of colour. Many of our specialities will be in flower and, hopefully, fairly abundant. The list is quite long but should include Rock-rose, Wild Thyme, Common Stork's-bill, Margoram, Yellow Rattle, Wood Sage, St. John's Wort and Bird's-foot-trefoil. However, the full list of recorded plants exceeds 150.

A lot of work went into preparing the ground over the winter and many of us are eagerly anticipating seeing the benefit of these endeavours. Our small herd of Dexters are continuing this work, although they have a lot of ground to cover. It seems amazing that they have been on site for a whole year now. As I write this we have just five animals on the Common (a couple of newcomers among them). This is set to increase slightly in the near future with a few new cattle arriving.

June will also see the arrival of some new butterflies; look out for Marbled Whites, Dark Green and Silver-washed Fritillaries, Meadow Browns, various Skippers and many more besides!

W.I. News (Rosemary Tucker)

At our June meeting we have Mr. John Barkley talking about "Memories of a Village Grocer" and the competition will be for an old food tin, with or without its contents.

On the Sunday before we have our outing to the Royal Mint at Llantrisant for a guided tour, followed by a visit to St. Fagans for the afternoon. We then stop at the Swan Inn at Almondsbury for a Sunday roast at 6pm before returning home. There may be a couple of places left on the coach, so if you would like to join us the cost is £33 inclusive and we leave the village at 9:20am. Contact me if you would like to join us.

Please don't forget that we are running a pick a card stall at the Country Fair, themed on food and drink, any donations to me please.

Gardening Club (Alison Stott)

The topic for the meeting held at the end of April was Tulips. A short talk was given about the history and cultivation of these spring bulbs, the phenomenon of the "Tulip Mania" of 1636 - 1637 in the Netherlands and the distinctions between the various tulip groups and their best growing conditions.

Several members brought tulips and other flowers from their gardens to discuss and we admired a Rhododendron and Weigela in flower from a sheltered Walton Bay garden. A cutting of Chilean Myrtle (*Lumus Apiculata*) was also presented with a request for more detailed information which fortunately could be produced with the help of an RHS encyclopaedia.

All in all we had a lively discussion and the visit finished with a walk around the Manor House gardens.

Social Committee (Emma Edwards)

Unfortunately due to lack of interest we have cancelled the Swing Night this month. We are keen to know what events you would like to support so at the Country Fair we will have a suggestion box. We aim to organise events that bring the community together and raise much needed funds to keep our hall and church open. As a result of last year's events we have purchased 4 gazebos which from August the community can hire for £10 each - please contact Andrew or Emma to arrange collection.

Country Fair

The day is nearly upon us, we have a great line up of attractions for you going back to our roots as a Country Fair! If you would like to help I would be very grateful.

This time of year we are looking for your support with bric-a-brac items, books, silent auction items (good quality bric-a-brac), raffle prizes, tombola items and bottles (filled). If you can provide any of the above, you are welcome to leave them at the back of the church or contact me and I will arrange collection, or just bring them to my cottage.

Next month look out for your raffle tickets in the Chronicle, first prize £50!

'Man/women power' need on Friday 14th July, to put up gazebos, carry

tables and chairs, 7pm in the field.

Open Gardens Day

We look forward to opening 5 gardens this year on MONDAY 28th AUGUST 10am – 4pm. This event is supporting St Paul's Church who kindly allow us to use the church for meetings. It will cost £3 to visit all 5 gardens, something different in everyone. Refreshments will be provided at the church. You can buy your maps on the day. If anyone else would like to open their garden please just get in touch, we always welcome more.

Parish Council

The May Parish Council meeting is the 'Annual Meeting' at which elections of Chair, Vice Chair and Representatives to Outside Bodies take place. Brian Cannell was re-elected Chair of the Council and Mike Ralston was re-elected Vice Chair. Nigel Wilyman and Rachel Dickinson were re-confirmed as the Parish Council representatives on the Village Hall Committee, and Mike Ralston, to the Gordano Greenway. PC Jen Clarke reported that there has been a recent spate of thefts from cars (some unlocked) in Clevedon; she pleads that we do lock unattended vehicles at all times.

The Annual Parish Meeting was held in the Village Hall on the evening of May 8th. Reports were received from the Parish Council, St Paul's Church, The W.I., The Village Hall Committee, The Social Club, The Village Agent and SpeedWatch. All are available at waltoningordanopc.org.uk.

Various housekeeping matters were covered, and will be actioned by the Parish Council as needed - the Cross Tree lower branches need pruning - reporting potholes to North Somerset Council via the internet or telephone - a re-run of the reasoning behind why the PC did not purchase the telephone box at Cross Tree - the current lull in the Gordano Greenway project - the operating criteria for SpeedWatch and the problem of speeding bikers along the B3124 on some evenings.

NSC will shortly send the Parish Council their proposals for a 20mph speed limit for Walton Street. The hope of the 40mph stretch of the Coast Road becoming a 30mph zone does not look to be possible on the near horizon, as it does not fulfil criteria that would have to be applied under current legislation; however, the possibility will continue to be pressed.

As to broadband, Cllr Ralston was not able to update the meeting as his non-attendance was unplanned. The evident confusion about what exactly will change due to the inclusion of the Parish in the Connecting Devon & Somerset 2nd phase roll-out and the unexpected work by BT at Walton Bay remains. Clarification is awaiting the appointment of the contractor for our area who will replace BT. Unfortunately there has been some legal challenge to the original appointment of a contractor in our area - the other areas have their contractors already confirmed.

Visit waltoningordanopc.org.uk to see minutes and find out more about the Council.

St. Paul's Church (Sue Betts)

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

Summer Evening of Song and Readings

Danniella is both a professional opera singer and granddaughter to Bob and Rene Truby. She is coming to our church to entertain us with a selection of her favourite songs alongside a number of light-hearted summer readings. Tickets are £5 from Brodie or Sue and include refreshments and chocolates to share during the performances.

Service for Unity on the Great Get Together Weekend

After the success of the recent street parties celebrating royal events, it has been thought that an annual get together all over the country would be a great idea. Again we are holding a 'street party' in our churchyard with a bring and share lunch. You will all be receiving an invitation with all the details. Before the lunch the service at 11.15am will focus on prayers for peace and unity not just here in the UK but around the world. It's also Father's Day so why not bring all the family.

Caroline Sackley and Martin Little

We have two new members of our clergy team join us in June. Caroline is both an experienced priest and nurse whereas Martin has only just been ordained and will be with for three years to complete his training. Martin is very musical and can play the organ and Caroline's husband is a carpenter – what useful skills as well as adding to the variety of our worship.

Village Directory

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

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W.I. Vice President

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Community Speedwatch Coordinator

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| Rachel Dickinson | 07813 853921 |
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Village Agent

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Walton Common Volunteer Warden (Avon Wildlife)

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Social Committee Secretary

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| Emma Edwards | Contact details on front page |
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Village Hall Bookings, Caretaker & Gardening

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Parish Notice Board Key Holders

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| Graham Matthews | 01275 873408 (Walton Bay) |
| Bob Baldwin | As above (Walton Village) |

Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators

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| Elaine Kent | evkent@talktalk.net / 01275 872476 (Walton Street) |
| Bob Baldwin | As above (Clevedon Road) |

| Dates for Your Diary | | |
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| Date | Event | Time |
| Saturday 3 rd | Welcome In, St Paul's Church | 10.30am onwards |
| Saturday 3 rd | Evening of Song featuring Danniella Zamparelli, St. Paul's Church * | 7.30pm |
| Sunday 4 th | Whit Sunday, St. Paul's Church | 11.15am |
| Wednesday 7 th | Gardening Club, Bob and Rene Truby's | 2:30pm |
| Sunday 11 th | Holy Communion, St. Paul's Church | 11.15am |
| Sunday 11 th | W.I. Outing to the Royal Mint at Llantrisant * | |
| Monday 12 th | Parish Council, Village Hall | 7:30pm |
| Thursday 15 th | W.I. Village Hall * | 2:30pm |
| Sunday 18 th | Service for Unity followed by The Great Get Together 'Street Party', St. Paul's Church * | 11.15am |
| Sunday 25 th | Holy Communion, St. Paul's Church | 11.15am |

* More details in the information sheet under the relevant section

FREE Guided Walks on Walton Common Nature Reserve



Come and meet the warden for a guided walk on the Common. Learn about the amazing wildlife that can be found, the history of the reserve and its future management. Walks will take place on the following Saturday of each month:

- 22nd April
- 27th May
- 24th June
- 22nd July
- 26th August
- 23rd September



Meet at the reserve entrance off Walton Street at 11:00am (by the kissing gate). Access details can be found on the Avon Wildlife Trust website.

avonwildlifetrust.org.uk

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