

Cross Tree Chronicle March 2017



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2 Sandstone Cottages

A note from the Editors

Don't forget this month the recycling centre at Blackrock Quarry changes its hours (closed on Tuesdays) also the garden waste service will no longer accept our green bags - green bins are now available. For further details call Council Connect on 01275 888 802.

Welcome to the new villagers in 2 Cross Tree Cottage we hope you enjoy being part of this lovely community.

Congratulations Seamus & Katherine of 1 Cross Tree Cottage on opening your first shop in Alexandra Road, Clevedon.

Did you know...

During the 1980's Pele (football player) visited the Manor House, he was a friend of the Wills family!

Congratulations to Bob & Val Baldwin who are celebrating 50 years as residents in this village.

Keep sending in your articles for the Chronicle: news, views, items for sale or help wanted; if you have a business you would like to promote, large or small, please share it with the community.

Village Hall (Deb Tovey)

We continue to refurbish the Hall - the decorator has been in recently and the rear lobby and toilets are now looking very fresh after their lick of paint.

AGM REMINDER: Everyone welcome to attend on Monday 20th.

W.I. News (Rosemary Tucker)

At this month's meeting we have Mr. Joe Norman from Marlens talking to us. We will be presenting him with a cheque for the charity and have been fundraising during 2016 for them.

The competition this month is for a Postcard of Clevedon sea front, old or new and we will also have a bring-and-buy sales table. New members are always welcome.



Farm Watch

Rural crimes can really be reduced by the use of Farm Watch schemes. By using your knowledge and awareness of what is happening on and around your land, you can help to reduce crime and deter criminals.

In rural areas, farmers are at the greatest risk of crimes such as theft and vandalism. Although these crimes happen at all levels of our society, they can have a major impact on the day-to-day running of a farm.

To join the Farm Watch scheme please email
ruralcrimeteam@avonandsomerset.police.uk



Neighbourhood Watch (Bob Baldwin / Elaine Kent)

Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) is about you and your neighbours coming together to have a say in the issues that matter to you in your community. Your local co-ordinators are listed in the "Village Directory" on page 7.



Community Speedwatch (Rachel Dickinson)

Motorists who speed through residential neighbourhoods are very often unaware of the impact their actions have on local residents, or the danger they pose to other road users and pedestrians and this is something Speedwatch is working with communities to address.

The weather prevented volunteers being able to go out on the days they were available this month. If we had more volunteers we would hopefully be able to cover dates when the current volunteers are not available.

In the meantime we received an update from the central Speedwatch team about the force-wide day of action on 20th January 2017 which we took part in. 34 schemes operated on the day running more than 40 sessions. Just over 11,000 vehicles passed a Speedwatch group that day with 436 being reported to the police.

From this you will see we are all working towards safer roads. If you have one hour free time please volunteer to help reduce speeds in our village. Thank you.

Parish Council

Some key items from the Parish Council Meeting of 6th February 2017:

Coast Road/Two Acres Junction: The inspection cover has been repaired!

Parking on the B3124: on the Hall side, between the bus stop and Moor Lane, has become common. This area is 'blind' to traffic approaching from Portishead. Recently an HGV, travelling at a proper speed miraculously avoided a collision with cars parked in relation to a Children's event - the outcome could have been different; but the parking was irresponsible rather than illegal. The Council will work with NSC to seek a solution.

Cross Tree Chronicle: the meeting commented very favourably on the way this is developing.

Broadband: Connecting Devon and Somerset (CDS) are the regional body charged with upgrading broadband provision to rural households with a speed below 2Mb. They are doing so in two phases, and until now, Walton-in-Gordano was not included in their plans. Because of this we asked BT to provide a quote under their Community Fibre initiative. That quote is an alarming £83K. Obviously this could only be afforded if CDS re-instate their voucher scheme for phase 2 - it was for £500 (per household with less than 2Mb) during stage 1 - and the households then 'pooled' that money towards covering the cost. Now, suddenly, CDS phase two will roll out up to 2020 and includes Walton-in-Gordano: meaning we will get at least 30Mb. BT confirm that they will supply Walton Bay with FTTP (Fibre To The Premises) - very fast at 50Mb plus - once a particular way-leave is resolved. They have no plans for the 'Village'. BT has been asked to re-quote for Fibre to the premises for the village. When this is in, it can be discussed with CDS who will by then have a better idea of what they can do for us relative to funding, timescale, etc. We could still utilise BT if there is new voucher funding, and if they can provide a faster service, sooner, than CDS. Either way, it at last looks as though we will get better broadband, but from who and when and for how much is still unclear. We should know fairly soon - by the spring hopefully.

Visit waltoningordanoparishcouncil.org.uk to see minutes and find out more about what the Council does.

Social Committee (Emma Edwards)

Walton Country Fair (15/07/2017)

I am the fete co-ordinator and need your support with running stalls and helping with the teas. Any time you could offer would be gratefully

Coffee and Cakes

Saturday 11th March

VILLAGE HALL

10.30am

Everyone Welcome



received. All the money raised supports the community. **We have** a great event planned this year - please look at our notice board (opposite Village School – next to the Church) for up to date information. This year we have donkeys,

Morris dancing, a village bar and more! Please contact me.

Spotlight On Your Village Agent



My name is Sarah Friend and I am the Village Agent for your community. As a Village Agent, having come from a rural background myself, I understand that the needs and wishes of people living in rural areas may be different to those in urban communities. My role is to help all those aged over 50 to access information and advice to allow them to remain living independently within the community. My aim is to listen and work with those who need my help to achieve these wishes.

I can help with all sorts of issues you may have, from transport to medical appointments, support for carers, fire safety checks, advice on unwanted callers and scams, claiming for benefits, help with mobility to helping you find activity groups so you can socialise with others.

If you would like advice on anything please contact me (my contact details are in the “Village Directory” on page 7).

I look forward to helping and working with you in your community.

This service provided by the West of England Rural Network, or WERN as it is better known, is part of Community Connect in partnership with Curo and funded by North Somerset Council.

St. Paul's Church (Sue Betts)

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

Lent Giving: Lent starts on March 1st and this year we are supporting the charity Marie Curie nurses. They provide care and support for people living with any terminal illness, and their families. Last year they cared for over 40,000 people across the UK. Our Lent Giving form is covered with daffodils, please join us by supporting this very worthy charity by either picking up a form for the back of the church or find one coming through your door.

Church AGM: Sorry if you missed out on the giant cake at our Thanksgiving Service but this is another chance to find out what has been happening in our church in 2016 and what we are looking forward to in 2017.

Mothering Sunday: All welcome - mums, grans and great grans! An informal service for young and old with pretty posies for all.

Easter Festival: On Saturday 8th April we have our Easter Festival in the Church at 10.30am. There will be plenty of stalls including handicrafts and homemade cakes – and weather permitting an Easter Egg Hunt. And of course not forgetting some delicious refreshments, including Brodie's tasty Bacon Rolls. So come along and enjoy a lovely village event with something for everyone of all ages.

Introducing Davious Kilyoowa: We have sponsored a little boy in Uganda, through the charity Care for Uganda, his name is Davious Kilyoowa, he is 3 years old and he and his mother Agnes live in the 'Luwero Triangle' – an area of Uganda that was devastated by civil war in the 1980s. Your giving at our Flower Festival service last year and at our 'Welcome In' has been particularly generous which has meant we will be there to support Davious as he sets out on his life – he will be attending Jesus Alive School, he's only going to be in the 'baby class'. We will carry on supporting Davious throughout his time in school. We also have a photo of Davious, Sue is going to get a frame for it, so that it can have pride of place in the church, a new member of our Walton-in-Gordano community.

Village Directory

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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
Every Saturday	Gordano Valley Art Group, Village Hall	1:30 – 3:30pm
Wednesday 1 st	Gardening Club, Cross Tree Farm	2:30pm
Saturday 4 th	'The Welcome In', St. Pauls Church. Come for coffee, cake and chat	10:30am
Sunday 5 th	Morning Prayer, St. Pauls Church	11:15am
Saturday 11 th	Coffee and Cakes, Village Hall	10:30am
Sunday 12 th	Holy Communion, St. Pauls Church	11:15am
Monday 13 th	Parish Council, Village Hall	7:30pm
Thursday 16 th	W.I., Village Hall *	2:30pm
Sunday 19 th	Morning Prayer, St. Pauls Church (with baptism of Vincent and Stephanie Aldom)	11:15am
Monday 20 th	Hall AGM, Village Hall	8pm
Thursday 23 rd	Church AGM, St. Pauls Church *	7:30pm
Sunday 26 th	Mothering Sunday all-age service, St. Pauls Church *	11:15am

* More details in the information sheet under the relevant section



Spring is nearly here: Ben Edwards

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