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Village Clean-up Team

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A Note from the Editors

This month we begin the yearly 'look back' at the events of our village organisations.

We start with the Parish Church AGM (21st) followed by the Village Hall AGM (22nd). This is your opportunity to support the small band of people who all work incredibly hard to keep these buildings open and available for us all to use. 'Community' does not just happen it requires us to give a little of our time to support these committees; without a pub, shop, church and hall a village can become soulless, so if you can support in anyway do let them know. I know how much your support would be appreciated.

Fantastic turnout for the village clear-up this year and a lovely lunch provided by the church - our village 'pin ups' are proudly displayed on the front page this month.

Next month we look forward to our Easter celebrations - more details in the April Chronicle.

Finally, we send our congratulations to Anne Greenhill who is this month celebrating her 80th birthday – have a wonderful day Anne!



W.I. News (Rosemary Brace)

YOUR W.I. NEEDS YOU! In April we will be 89 years old, quite an achievement as we have met in the Village Hall for all of those years. Indeed, the Women's Institute ran the hall when there was little interest from anyone else to maintain it as they saw the hall as a very important part of village life. Now we need help to keep going but we only have 18 members, none of whom live in the parish of Walton in Gordano.

Try one of our meetings - they are very varied and not all Jam and Jerusalem! Everyone is welcome. This month we have Mike Amos talking about seasonal vegetables and the competition is an animal made from a vegetable. Tea and cake are served and we will make the arrangements for our birthday lunch at the Conservative Club in April.

Also we are organising an outing to Morwellham Quay in September.

A programme of our meetings is on the notice board in the hall and also in the Chronicle. We look forward to seeing you.



Meetings take place on the third Thursday each month at 2.30 p.m. at Walton-in-Gordano Village Hall.
(There are one or two exceptions, so please check the programme below.)

Why not come along to one of our meetings as a visitor, which will cost just £3.00, listen to a speaker and enjoy a cup of tea and cake.

PROGRAMME FOR 2019

21 st March	Seasonal Vegetables - Mike Amos
April	No meeting
16 th May	Windmills - Sarah Harris
20 th June	THE LIFE AND TIMES OF ROSEMARY CALDICOTT - Hannah Wiltshire
18 th July	MORECOMBE AND WISE - Graham Sparks
15 th August	CREAM TEAM IN VILLAGE HALL
8 th September	ANNUAL TRIP TO MORWELLHAM QUAY, TAVISTOCK - Contact Barbara Hancock on 01275 875993
19 th September	RIDING FOR LIFE - Mark Green
17 th October	PUNCH AND JUDY - Pete Milsom
21 st November	AGM AND FLOWER ARRANGING DEMONSTRATION - Jill Haywood
12 th December	CHRISTMAS LUNCH - (NOT IN HALL)

Parish Council (Don Hill)

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY – Thursday May 2nd 2019: This will be our Local Government election day, when we will be voting for our choices to represent us on North Somerset Council and on Walton-in-Gordano Parish Council.

To be operational our Parish Council has to have three Councillors and can have up to five. The Council currently meets on the second Monday of each month except August. In May there is an Annual Parish Meeting: arranged by the Parish Council, this is a meeting of residents, not a Parish Council meeting.

Sometimes Parish Council agendas are busy and sometimes they are fairly thin, but there are always a range of issues that relate to and command the concerns and ambitions of the Parish. The work is voluntary and covers a range of matters from emergency services, transport, planning, highways, footpaths, parish maintenance, flood prevention, local educational provision and much more. There is a part time Parish Clerk who, as the

servant of the Council, is paid to keep the wheels turning and make sure projects, communications, and administration are kept on the boil.

To find out more about our Parish Council visit <http://www.waltoningordanopc.org.uk/>

If you would like to put yourself forward for election to the Parish Council, visit the election pages of North Somerset Council at www.n-somerset.gov.uk/my-council/voting/standing-for-election/about-standing-for-election/. This link will point you in the right direction to follow your interest in becoming either a North Somerset Councillor or a Parish Councillor.

Village Hall (Deb Tovey)

The AGM will be held on Friday, 22nd March, 8pm in the Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

We need to boost the numbers on the Committee. 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.

Gardening Club (Alison Stott)

After a long break over the Christmas and New Year festivities there was an enthusiastic air at our early February meeting. We had a surprisingly large number of flowers to admire and discuss from several gardens and the general consensus was that for yet another season plants are, in general, ahead of schedule. Some of the camellias and chamaemoles (Japanese quince) showed signs of the recent cold snap with browning petals but otherwise the snowdrops, leucojum, Scilla, primroses, pulmonaria, iris unguicularia, to name but a few, and in particular the wide selection of hellebores looked wonderful. There was even a cutting of Lithospermum Diffusa "Heavenly Blue", a low-spreading rockery plant which normally flowers in Spring and Summer but is in flower now in this village garden. Several members brought specimens of Hamamelis (Witch hazel) which was, fortuitously, the topic for this month's presentation. This shrub, with its spider-like flowers, provides much appreciated scent and colour during the dark days of winter and hints at the welcome Spring to come.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 13th March at 2:30pm at Rene and Bob Truby's home.



Community Speedwatch (Kevin Edwards)

Myself, John and Julian did two 1 hour sessions this month (with a third planned after publication of the Chronicle).

Date	Total Count	Vehicles Reported	Speed Range (mph)
14/02/19	741	11	37 – 43mph
22/02/19	576	16	38 – 47mph

If you would like to help and make the village a safer place, then please call or email me for more details – full training is provided.

Social Club (Andrew Francis)

It was fantastic to have such a great turn-out for the Village Clean-Up on Saturday 2nd February, we had 12 villagers join together to clear the brook and the roadside verges through the village as well as cleaning up the area around the tree, hall and main road. Thanks go to Nick, Rachel, Deb, Henry, Richard, Darryl, Barbara, Steve, Nigel, Alison & Kevin and I should also mention Tom who was on holiday at the time of the clear-up but did a litter pick before leaving. Well done to all, it really makes a big difference to how the village looks.

A reminder that we will be holding another **Pub Night** on **Friday 29th March** so do please put this date in your diary as this always proves to be a popular and fun event.



Traditional Pub Night
 7 pm Friday 29th March
 Walton-in-Gordano Village Hall
 BYO Drinks and Glasses



Fete 2019: Unfortunately, no volunteers have yet come forward to offer a few hours to help with the teas at the fete. Whilst members of the committee are more than willing to do the teas themselves this leaves other unfilled roles elsewhere, so if you would be happy to help, but would prefer not to do the teas then please put yourself forward and we can discuss a suitable role for you. **Without your support there will be NO fete this year** for the sake of a few hours of your time on one Saturday of the year. We simply cannot do it all!

PLEASE let me know urgently if you can help. Thank you.



St. Paul's Church (Sue Betts)

Welcome In and Come and Join Us: Both our monthly coffee morning and our service and lunch are rapidly gaining popularity. If you haven't joined us in the past why not come and see what it's all about, you are very welcome. If you couldn't make it to last month's Thanksgiving Service, Brodie and I want to say a big 'thank you' to all of you who have supported our parish church over the last year. We have been truly blessed by all those who come forward, in all different ways, to help out. Your support is very much appreciated by Brodie and myself.

Church AGM: This will be our last formal AGM as next year we are going to combine our AGM with our Thanksgiving Service, it makes much more sense to do it that way. Everyone is welcome!

Mothering Sunday: There will be a special service for Mothering Sunday, if you have children or grandchildren it will be suitable for them with some activities and our favourite hymns. And of course, beautiful posies supplied by Sheri.

ChurchAlive19: This year we are looking at our church building and going through the list of jobs necessary to keep it good order or to improve how we use the church building. We have recently received a full structural report and although there are no severe problems there are lots of bits and bobs that need doing. Sheri and Steve are pouring over the report and coming up with a list of jobs you may wish to support.

The first job we want to do is to improve the electrical supply to the top part of the church where we sit to eat. This would mean we could have some more heating in that area and switch more than just the kettle on without all electricity tripping off. This will cost £1600. To pay for this we are issuing **ChurchAlive19 Shares** at just £10 each. You can buy as many shares as you like and every penny donated will go to our ChurchAlive19 fund and will make it warmer when we have coffee! Please contact me if you would like to become a shareholder.

Lent Giving: It's traditional during the season coming up to Easter to give something up. During Lent you might give up chocolate, alcohol or anything else which is a sacrifice to you. This year instead of giving up why not just give? Our Lent Giving Appeal is for Easter Chicks or more correctly Easter Chickens. For just £4 you can give a chicken to a needy family in Africa where it will go to provide eggs and lots more. Please see our Lent Giving form.

Village Diary	
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Elaine Kent	evkent@talktalk.net / 01275 872494 (Walton Street)
Bob Baldwin	As above (Clevedon Road)

Dates for Your Diary		
Date	Event	Time
Saturday 2 nd	Welcome In Community Café, St. Paul's Church *	10:30am onwards
Sunday 3 rd	Come and Join Us service, St. Paul's Church (followed by Bring and Share Lunch) *	11:15am
Sunday 10 th	Holy Communion, St. Paul's Church	11:15am
Monday 11 th	Parish Council, Village Hall	7:30pm
Wednesday 13 th	Gardening Club, Rene and Bob Truby's	2:30pm
Sunday 17 th	Morning Prayer, St. Paul's Church	11:15am
Thursday 21 st	W.I. Village Hall *	2:30pm
	St. Paul's Church AGM *	7.30pm
Sunday 24 th	Holy Communion, St. Paul's Church	11:15am
Friday 29 th	Pub Night, Village Hall *	7pm
Sunday 31 st	Mothering Sunday, St. Paul's Church *	11.15am

* More details in the information sheet under the relevant section

Recycling Calendar

	Rubbish	Recycling & Food Waste	Garden Waste
March:			
Tuesday 5 th	x	✓	✓
Tuesday 12 th	✓	✓	x
Tuesday 19 th	x	✓	✓
Tuesday 26 th	✓	✓	x
April:			
Tuesday 2 nd	x	✓	✓
Tuesday 9 th	✓	✓	x

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