

Cross Tree Chronicle

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SMALL COMMUNITY WITH A BIG HEART !

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A note from the Editors

Welcome to all our new readers (via email). As a community, we welcome everyone to our events. We hope you enjoy keeping in-touch with our village.

If you would like to receive the Chronicle via email then please let us know.

FOCUS ONWalton Social Club

The social club is one of the longest surviving clubs in the village. It started in 1924 as the Amusements Committee, and at that time, all events were held in the Schoolroom. The first whist drive and dance made a profit of £6.37! The first fete was held on 4th August 1926, making the 2018 fete our 92nd! The village hall was built in 1929 when all social activities were transferred to the hall; this included crib and whist, skittles, pantomimes, tea dances, evening parties, jubilee events and fashion shows. The committee originally consisted of two groups - the women discussing catering and the men discussing finances and beer! It is probably the only thing that has changed over the past 90 years; today the committee work together providing the social activities for the whole community. The division of funds have for the past 90 years been distributed throughout the community, supporting the Chapel, Church and Hall. Thousands of pounds have been donated to keep them open and available to all.

Parish Magazine Deliveries (Rosemary Tucker)

As from January 1st someone is needed every month to deliver the magazines within the village as I am retiring from doing this. Copies are collected on a Thursday from All Saints Church for delivering to 14 properties in Moor Lane and Walton Street (to Hill Cottage), leaving the remaining ones in the church. I also collect the yearly payment of £6 from the homes I deliver to. If anyone can volunteer then I can give a list of who I deliver to. If you are interested then please contact Sue Betts. Thank you.

Dog Day Care

Vine Cottage, Norton's Wood Lane

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

St. Paul's Church (Sue Betts)

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

Help flush away poverty - pass the potty!: We are collecting around the village and Walton Bay on Saturday 18th November door to door hoping to raise enough money to provide a toilet for people who have no sanitation. And of course, we are going to PASS THE POTTY! 2.4 billion people don't have a loo and this causes illnesses which kill one child every two minutes somewhere in the world, to find out more go to www.toilettwinning.org. For just £60 we can provide a toilet, clean water and disease prevention training – we can do it! **Could you help and collect from a handful of your neighbours?** Please contact me – I can provide a potty!

Our service on Sunday 19th November has a kind of watery toilety theme – we are going to have some unique hymns. Let's hope we are flushed with success raising money for this appeal!

Christmas Shoeboxes: We have had all kinds of problems with these this year but there will be boxes in the church by the first week in November – we hope. You will then have a month to fill them.

Helen James and the Summerhouse Band

A 5-piece folk music group with Helen James (guitar and vocals), Paul Barclay (vocals), Alice Barclay (violin), Camilla Litchfield (Cello), Ken Dale (Keyboard)

Saturday 25th November

St. Paul's Church, 7.30pm
£5 (light refreshments included)

proceeds for new cancer care centre
Contact Graham Matthews for more details
Email: g.matthews1@hotmail.com, Tel: 01275 873408

Social Club (Andrew Francis)

Thank you to everyone who attend the AGM in September, as always we appreciate the support from the community. A new committee was formed consisting of Andrew Francis (Chair), Barbara Wilyman (Secretary), Sue Betts (Treasurer) and a further 9 members from the village.

The 2017 funds were distributed as follows:

- £300 allocated for speed watch;
- 4 Gazebos gifted to the village for events;
- 25 outside chairs gifted to the church;
- £120 for printing the Chronicle;
- £600 donated to the hall;
- £600 donated to the church with a further £488.90 donated from the Open Gardens event.

Audited accounts are available - please see Sue Betts for further details.



Christmas Quiz Night



Friday 8th December

7.30pm, Village Hall

Tickets from:

Andrew Francis or Graham Matthews

Gardening Club (Alison Stott)

A large turnout and quite a few flowers from members gardens meant we had lots to talk about and admire including: dahlias, roses, verbena bonariensis, nerines, Japanese anemones and a very pretty delicate grass from North America, panicum virgatum. A photograph of autumn flowering snowdrops, galanthus reginae olgae, in a local garden and the fruit from a Strawberry tree (Arbutus unedo) made an interesting addition. We finished with a short presentation about maples and acers.

Next meeting at the home of Anne and Colin Greenhill on Wednesday 22nd November at 2.30pm.

Parish Council (Don Hill)

Faster Broadband: The Parish has now been included in the 2nd phase roll-out of fast broadband. Gigaclear will be installing a new Fibre to the Premises (FTTP) broadband network in our area over the next 3 years bringing speeds from 50Mbps (£41.30 per month) up to 1000Mbps (£76.60 per month). There is an activation fee of £100 and a charge (£130) for taking fibre from your front door to your router. This may not be a cheap option, but you do end up with genuine super-fast broadband, rather than the half-way house of fibre to cabinet that BT have rolled out in the first phase. Gigaclear and Connecting Devon and Somerset (CDS) are currently finalising the rollout schedule for the coverage area and will send out communications to the properties involved as soon as the scheduling process is complete. In the meantime, you may register your interest by visiting: <https://www.gigaclear.com/postcode-checker/connectingdevonandsomerset> and typing in your postcode. This does not commit you to anything, it just allows Gigaclear to keep you informed on progress with the rollout. You can find out more about CDS by going to www.connectingdevonandsomerset.co.uk.

B3124 - Heavy Lorries: Motorway closures can cause chaos on our local roads - particularly unplanned ones with no signposted diversions in place. Although lorries have special sat navs that guide them away from secondary roads, many lorry drivers are ignoring this guidance and use the B3124 when there is an unplanned closure - even though they might be disciplined for doing so by their transport departments. To address the problem of routing during an unscheduled closure, we need to know, firstly, what guidance to drivers NSC and Highways England have in place. If there is none, should there be, and what form should it take? We are consulting with NSC to see what, realistically, can be done to ease this ever-growing problem.

Village Gateways and Planters: Adding these to the entrances and exits of the village are not only pleasant to the community but they signal to motorist's that they are entering a populated area. With such a short stretch of the B3124, and with its twists and turns concealing what few properties run adjacent to it, this feature would be particularly significant in our village. Cllr. Dickinson will be walking the parish with a senior highways engineer to review the most critical problems and possible strategies for easing them.

IT'S CHRISTMAS!!!! (Barbara Wilyman – a concerned villager)

Did anybody else notice how festive Weston in Gordano looked last year? Practically every house from one end of the village to the other, along the main road through the village, had some form of Christmas lighting decoration.

Would that be possible in our village this year? Unfortunately, I don't live along the main road but would any of the residents that do, including Walton Street if possible, consider putting some form of lighting decoration by their front gates? From the Manor House to Hackwood House would look great. Nowadays it is possible to have lights running on batteries so the electricity question is not so much of a problem.

Could the Village Hall put some lights around their notice boards or a tree fixed to the wall somehow? I would help put a tree by our Cross Tree or at least wrap some lights around its trunk perhaps – what do you think?

As well as lifting the spirits of passers-by and villagers - the underlying reason is to make the village look like it is 'somewhere' in the hope of slowing down the traffic and hopefully making the village safer. At the moment, I strongly feel that the traffic does not even bother to brake as there is no feeling of having 'arrived' in a place. Weston in Gordano have managed to slow their traffic right down. Any feedback would be great (good or bad). Please email me at nigelwilyman@hotmail.com.

W.I. News (Rosemary Tucker)

On Thursday 16th November we will meet in the Village Hall at 2-30pm for our A.G.M. and Craft afternoon. There will also be a bring-and-buy sales table. Mrs Rose Hockerday is coming along to show us how to make a poppy and then we will all make one to take home, sounds fun! We will also have some festive nibbles to enjoy. If anyone would like to join the committee please let me know and I will pass your name forward.

We also will finalise the arrangements for the Christmas luncheon in December.

Village Directory	
Parish Councillors (http://www.waltoningordanopc.org.uk/)	
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W.I. Vice President	
Rosemary Tucker	rosemarytucker444@btinternet.com 07795 510001
Community Speedwatch Coordinator	
Rachel Dickinson	07813 853921
Village Agent	
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Walton Common Volunteer Warden (Avon Wildlife Trust)	
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Village Hall Bookings, Caretaker & Gardening	
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Parish Notice Board Key Holders	
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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
Saturday 4 th	Welcome In, St. Paul's Church	10:30am onwards
Sunday 12 th	Remembrance Sunday, St. Paul's Church *Note earlier start time*	10:55am
Monday 13 th	Parish Council, Village Hall	7:30pm
Thursday 16 th	W.I., Village Hall *	2:30pm
Saturday 18 th	Pass the potty *	All day
Sunday 19 th	World Toilet Day Celebration, St. Paul's Church *	11:15am
Wednesday 22 nd	Gardening Club, Cross Tree Farm (Colin and Anne Greenhill)	2:30pm
Saturday 25 th	Folk Concert, St. Paul's Church *	7:30pm
Sunday 26 th	Holy Communion, St. Paul's Church	11:15am

* More details in the information sheet under the relevant section

Christmas at Walton in Gordano

- Saturday 2nd Christmas Festival, 10.30am to 4pm, St Paul's Church (also Village Postbox opens)
- Sunday 3rd Advent Carol Service, 11.15am, St Pauls Church
- Sunday 10th Woolly Service, 11.15am, St. Paul's Church
- Saturday 16th Village Postbox closes
- Sunday 17th Christmas Lunch 1pm, Village Hall
- Sunday 24th Christmas Eve service with breakfast, 9.30am, St. Paul's Church
- Christmas Day Carols and Communion, 11.15am, St Paul's Church



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