

Cross Tree Chronicle

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Reverend Barraclough outside Old Rectory House
Circa 1920

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A note from the Editors

Congratulations to Richard & Elaine Kent and Kevin & Emma Edwards on celebrating their silver wedding Anniversary over the last couple of months, we wish you many more happy years to come!

We also wish our younger villagers good luck in starting school in Clevedon and Wraxall.

Please remember as the nights draw in you may have more time to read, the church bookshop is open everyday, do pop in, choose your book and put your donation in the wall!

Extra copies of the Chronicle are available every month from the church and farm shop or you can receive it by email.

Walton Common (Dave Horlick)

Doesn't time fly! The main wildlife 'season' is already winding down and we are busy preparing for 2018 with hay cuts and the like.

Last winter our efforts concentrated around exposing the archaeological features, making sure that any dangerous trees were made safe and trying to control invasive trees such as Turkey Oaks and Holm Oaks. This winter we will continue work on expanding the grassland areas with some selective felling and thinning of trees that have encroached over time. We also hope to make some improvements to the lower path by widening it in places and introducing some open 'bays'.

By the time you read this, the final guided walk of the year will have taken place. I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting people on these little walks. It has provided the opportunity to ask questions about the reserve, its wildlife and its history ... and I hope I have managed to answer a few of them. All being well, I will continue them again next year.

If you want to keep up to date on the wildlife sightings on the Common, take a look at my blog (<https://waltoncommon.wordpress.com/>)

Social Club (Andrew Francis)

It's been a fairly quiet month for the Social Club so there isn't a great deal to report in this edition but shortly after this Chronicle went to print, we held our AGM. This is an opportunity for people in the village to come and hear what we have been doing in the last twelve months, to find out how our finances are and to hear about how we are intending to distribute the money raised from the 2017 fete. We will also hopefully have elected some new members to our committee as both Emma Edwards and Deb Tovey have indicated their intention to step down this year.

Several of the committee were of course involved in the village Open Gardens event which was a huge success and saw around 200 people visit each of the gardens which had been opened for the Bank Holiday Monday. I know from personal experience how much work is involved in getting the gardens ready so it was fantastic to hear how much money was raised for the church and what a tremendous success the whole weekend turned out to be.

Unfortunately we had to cancel the Village BYO BBQ we had planned due to a general lack of interest from people. We try and plan events that people would want to attend so if you have any ideas about an event you would like us to arrange or host then please do let us know.

Finally I should mention that the next event we have planned in the social club calendar is the Christmas Cheese and Wine Quiz Night – this is a very popular event and is always sold out so get your tickets sorted as soon as they become available, details will follow in due course. We may even squeeze in a Coffee Morning with free cake in between.

W.I. News (Rosemary Tucker)

At our meeting on Thursday 19th we will be listening to Judith Boulden and Sally Bell telling us about "the community first responders" who are active in Clevedon. The competition will be for an unusual fridge magnet. We will also be making arrangements for our Christmas meeting which will be lunch at the Masonic Hall in Clevedon on 14th December. Visitors are always welcome. Please contact me for further details.

Parish Council (Don Hill)

The Parish Council met on 11th September, after a 'summer break' during August. As usual during the summer period, things have tended to be quiet.

Policing: We were lucky to have a visit from PC Jen Clarke, our Police Beat Officer. One of the policing economies of recent years is that Police no longer attend Parish Council meetings as a matter of routine, but Jen has always been first class at keeping us in touch. She could tell us that there has been no recent reported crime in the Parish. Speeding and SpeedWatch issues were discussed, as well as the proposed Walton Street 20mph speed limit, which is still under review with North Somerset Council. Following complaints of noisy, speeding bikers on their way to Weston-super-Mare on Thursday evenings, the Clerk complained to the Weston Bike Night organisers. Their response was positive, but it will be next Spring before their influence on the speeding element of their Thursday evening fraternity can be judged, as the meets in WsM are only held during spring and summer.

Lorraine Field: In view of concerns about levels, the application paperwork for 14 new pitches on Lorraine Filed was reviewed by members. It appears that site levels on this new application are virtually identical to those on the original one. Whatever was on the drawings, this point was not made clear in the supporting application notes and it has led to a lot of very justified concerns. We understand the site will be re-profiled, to take it back to the original levels and adherence to the original levels will need to be checked by NSC as construction ensues. Our ward Councillor, Nigel Ashton, is monitoring the progress and outcomes.

Broadband: Now that we know Gigaclear have been appointed as installation contractors for our area, we are expecting to learn, over the next few weeks, what the fast-broadband expectations might be for those households who receive their broadband via Clevedon. Doesn't this bright, technological world move fast!

Gardening Club (Alison Stott)

At the September meeting we talked about various gardens members had visited over the Summer including Highgrove. Another local garden open under the National Garden Scheme, which several of us visited, inspired us with its variety, both in the different areas and in the planting. Flowers brought from members' gardens were admired, in particular the beautiful dahlias from Anne and Colin's garden and especially the large pinky-apricot coloured Dahlia "Labyrinth". Having been out of fashion for years, these large-headed dahlias with their vibrant colours are now back in favour and look wonderful in the borders.

Next meeting is on Wednesday, October 11th, 2.30pm at Alison Stott's.

St. Paul's Church (Sue Betts)

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

Flower Festival:

What a wonderful weekend! If we thanked everyone involved individually it would take up the whole of the Village Chronicle so we will just have to say thank you all our flower arrangers, our stewards, our buskers and especially the refreshment team and a big thank you to all who had their garden open, thank you Emma for organising what was a very successful village event. And of course all who visited and donated to our village church funds. We raised £1739.61!! What an amazing total.

Harvest Home:

So to thank you all, Brodie and I would like to invite you to our Harvest Home with lunch at 1pm followed by our Harvest Festival at 3pm. All you need to bring is something for our local food bank, it can be fresh, packs or tins of food, any donation would be gratefully received. If you are going to join us for lunch please ring Sue or Brodie so we can make sure we have enough soup bowls!

Autumn Song:

Sister Hilda Mary and our curate Martin are holding an evening of poetry and song on Saturday 14th October in our church raising money for Mission to Seamen. If you are thinking 'what is a nun and a curate going to come up with?' I think you are going to be surprised because Sister Hilda is a lively character and Martin is an excellent guitarist so it will be a very entertaining evening. Tickets are £5 available from Brodie and Sue and include wine, nibbles and chocolates.

Christmas Shoeboxes:

Sorry about the delay, we are waiting for Clevedon Baptist Church to supply us with all we need. Once they are in I will put up a big poster up on our noticeboard or watch out for a Mouse Message.

Things coming up:

- Sunday 19th November: International Toilet Day
- Saturday 25th November: Helen James and The Summerhouse Band concert
- Saturday 2nd December: Christmas Festival

Village Hall (Deb Tovey)

The Village Hall continues to be hired out on a regular basis, including a hiring for a wedding reception a few weeks ago.

Val said that it was beautifully decorated which shows how versatile our Hall can be!

We look forward to more bookings as Christmas approaches.

Save the date

Village Christmas Lunch

Sunday 17th December

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Dates for Your Diary

Date	Event	Time
Sunday 1 st	HARVEST HOME, St. Paul's Church *: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Harvest Lunch - Harvest Festival 	1pm 3pm
Saturday 7 th	Welcome In community café, St. Paul's Church	10:30am onwards
Sunday 8 th	Holy Communion, St. Paul's Church	11:15am
Monday 9 th	Parish Council, Village Hall	7:30pm
Wednesday 12 th	Gardening Club, The Manor (Alison Stott's)	2:30pm
Saturday 14 th	Autumn Song, St Paul's Church – an evening of poetry and song *	7:30pm
Sunday 15 th	Morning Prayer, St. Paul's Church	11:15am
Thursday 19 th	W.I. Village Hall *	2:30pm
Sunday 22 nd	Holy Communion, St. Paul's Church	11:15am
Sunday 29 th	Morning Prayer, St. Paul's Church	11:15am

* More details in the information sheet under the relevant section

Village Agent (Sarah Friend)

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.

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