

CROSS TREE CHRONICLE

Walton-in-Gordano Village Magazine

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The
**WALTON
ARMS**

Traditional Pub Night

**Friday 25th October
7pm**

**Walton-in-Gordano
Village Hall**

BYO Drinks and Glasses

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A Note from the Editors

This month we look forward to the Village Pub night, organised by the social committee. It's a great opportunity to meet your neighbours and catch up with village news.

Thank you to James Bond who has kindly worked out the signals on the flags on last month's picture of the signal station. The five flags on the left-hand hoist, from the top downwards, read O, I, T, M, O and the three on the right-hand side N, I, T. He awaits access to the Admiralty code-book to find out what this actually means. **Stop Press!!** Steve Russell has a copy of the code book and will be sharing the information with us soon.

Village History - The shops at Walton

The first post office recorded was in 1885 at Manor Cottages, it then moved for a short while to 'The Old Post Office' in Walton Street. Its next destination was Plum Tree Cottage run by the Nisbet family until 1931. Then it went back to 'The Old Post Office' run by Ada & Daisy Blake - this was also the location of the first Bed & Breakfast establishment in the village. The post office closed in 1955 and made its final re-location to Cross Tree Stores.

Cross Tree Stores began in 1872 as a beer house; the longest serving family was the Coles family 1901 -1948. There have been several shopkeepers over the years - the last shopkeeper was Emma Edwards. It finally closed in 2014.

The Bay had a shop for many years run by the Ross Family and Walton Down Farm was the location for the cobbler's shop.

Walton has always been 'the dry village' in the Gordano valley as it has never had a pub.



Community Speedwatch (Kevin Edwards)

Just one session since the last Chronicle involving our two regular volunteers John and Julian. This took place by Plum Tree Cottage and a total of 515 vehicles were counted in 1 hour with 19 reported for exceeding the 30mph limit and the fastest speed was 47mph.

This month we have a new member (Colin Ferns) joining the group but we are always looking for more people to join our friendly band of volunteers – if you have any spare time then just let me know.

As many of you will know I no longer live in the village and have decided to step down as coordinator From November I am leaving the role in the very capable hands of John Jackson who will be responsible for rallying the troops for future sessions.

Parish Council (Don Hill)

URGENT BROADBAND UPDATE: You may have heard that Connecting Devon and Somerset (CDS) has cancelled Gigaclear’s contracts to deliver full-fibre broadband in Devon and Somerset. Their verbose, face-saving statement says they intend to seek other contractors to provide faster broadband services. However, their site says, for our area, that as we have private sector companies offering us faster broadband services (which has always been the case), we no longer qualify, under state-aid rules, to get that service from them.

Given that much of Walton Bay has been provided with faster broadband by BT out of Portishead, it leaves the Village and Walton Street needing an improved service.

We now, realistically, only have one opportunity for the community to be affordably connected to a fibre-to-the-home fast broadband network in the foreseeable future: this is via Truespeed, a company we have introduced you to before.

Essentially, there are not, currently, enough people in Walton-in-Gordano who have expressed sufficient interest in the scheme for us to be considered yet. If we can get a few more people to sign-up we will be included in the Truespeed fibre-to-the-home broadband roll-out. **Truespeed need between around 15 and 20 homes to sign up for their service before they are able to commit to supplying us.** We need another 10 of you to sign up to ‘get us across the line’. If we don’t do this NOW, we will forego the chance of seeing any fast broadband being available to us for at least 3-4 years.

Remember - the only commitment is to a £120 one-off installation fee (with the first essential 30% of registrants getting this free!), and an 18-month fixed price contract at £47.50 per month, which includes a telephone line, which can carry your existing telephone number.

Signing up is a no-risk process: you commit to taking the Truespeed service, only so long as they provide that service within 6 months of your sign up - so those at the start of the process risk nothing, as it will take Truespeed 6 months from the decision to go ahead to them actually having the service available.

Truespeed are active in many of the villages around us - don't let us be the ones to miss out!!

To sign up, visit <https://www.truespeed.com/andy>, type in your post code, follow the online instructions, allow 2 minutes! For queries contact Truespeed's **Andy Moore, Community Engagement Manager**. Email: amoore@truespeed.com. Mobile: 07548 239261. *TrueSpeed Communications Ltd, Milands House, 4 Rock Road, Keynsham BS31 1BL. Website: <https://www.truespeed.com>.*

NOTE: This is far from being an advertisement for Truespeed - it is, however, and urgent plea for us to commit to fast broadband - something so many of us have said we urgently need.



St. Paul's Church (Sue Betts)

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

Harvest Festival: Come and join us for this lovely traditional, rural service with all your favourite hymns. Please bring along a donation for our local Food Bank of tins or packets of food. The service will be followed by our 'Harvest Home' lunch, please bring along a plate of savoury food to add to our 'bring and share' lunch.

Christmas Cakes!!!

Would you like me to make you a Christmas Cake this year?

A 6" iced or un-iced cake (gluten / lactose free available) for £4. Larger sizes also possible

Contact me to place your order

Jams and Pickles: I am happy to accept any excess fruit or veg for me to turn into an endless variety of jams and pickles. Please drop off all produce at my house (1 Kings Road, Portishead).

Colossal Christmas Chocolate Challenge: We are aiming set a World Record for the largest Christmas Chocolate Selection Box. We have contacted the Guinness World Records and put in our application – and our attempt on the World Record will be on Saturday 7th December (the same day as our Christmas Fayre). We are aiming for at least 200 Chocolate Bars which after the record attempt will go to the local Food Bank ready for Christmas. We are planning on making a large single layer box with a lid decorated by the children at Highdown School. Now we need your help – there will be a large jar at the back of the Church from the beginning of October to receive your donations of Chocolate Bars – safely tucked away where the Church Mice can see them but can't reach them. Watch out for a mock-up of the Christmas Chocolate Selection Box at the Harvest Festival.

Flower Festival: And finally, it seems quite some time since our Flower Festival, but this is the first opportunity we have had to say 'thank you' to all who supported us in any way. What a truly amazing weekend, our busiest ever – we made a record £2,047. Part of this will go to the Maintenance Fund to pay for the scaffolding we will need for essential work to be carried out on the Church.

We welcome two new visitors to our Church – Dave the Dormouse adopted from Avon Wildlife Trust, and Eco-Mouse, our Environmental Champion.

Social Club (Andrew Francis and Barbara Wilyman)

A meeting was held in September to start the planning of the 2020 fete, in order for the fete to run next year we need your support, below is a list of tasks which you might be able to help with, please contact Andrew ralf.789@btinternet.com or Barbara 873652 with your offers of support.

Thursday 9th July

1. Help layout parking
2. Collect tables/chairs from Portishead and deliver to the marquee (van required)

Friday 10th July

1. Setting up the village hall
2. Erecting gazebos
3. Setting up marquee
4. Collect PA system from Portbury

5. Move freezers from storage
6. Set up Hog roast
7. Collect pork from Portishead
8. Sort and label items for marquee stalls

Saturday 11th July

1. Turn on hog roast 6am
2. Collect flower tubs for visual display
3. Help to operate stalls and side shows throughout the afternoon
4. Organise Teas/refreshments
5. Clear the site

Sunday 12th July

1. Return tables/chairs to Portishead
2. Launder tea towels and return to the hall
3. Collate rubbish and recycling.

Village Pub Night Friday 25th October

Open at **7pm in the village hall**, pub style games available, bring your own drinks/glasses, some nibbles will be provided. A great opportunity to meet your neighbours and have a chat, **free entry**.

For further details contact me, **Barbara 873652**. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Gardening Club (Alison Stott)

A good selection of late summer flowers was brought to our meeting, notably pale pink Japanese Anenomes, red and deep pink Dahlias, white Choisya and Eugryphia, the variegated Acer negundo “Flamingo” and a spring-flowering dwarf Syringa in bloom for a second time this year. Members noted that other shrubs have also flowered again out of their usual season this year, in particular wisterias and magnolias. Hibiscus was the subject of our presentation from the exotic flowers of the tropical species to the hardy plants of more temperate zones. The latter group provides valuable shrubs for our gardens, their elegant and vibrant flowers appearing in August and September, later than most other shrubs.

Next meeting is on Wednesday, 2nd October at 2:30pm at Anne and Colin’s.

Village Directory	
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Bob Baldwin	As above (Clevedon Road)

Dates for Your Diary		
Date	Event	Time
Saturday 5 th	Welcome In Community Café, St. Paul's Church – Coffee, cake and chat!	10:30am onwards
Sunday 6 th	Harvest Festival Service, followed by 'Harvest Home' lunch, St. Paul's Church *	11:15am
Sunday 13 th	Holy Communion, St. Paul's Church	11:15am
Monday 14 th	Parish Council, Village Hall	7:30pm
Sunday 20 th	Morning Prayer, St. Paul's Church	11:15am
Friday 25 th	Pub Night, Village Hall *	7pm
Sunday 27 th	Holy Communion, St. Paul's Church	11:15am

* More details in the information sheet under the relevant section

Recycling Calendar

	Rubbish	Recycling & Food Waste	Garden Waste
October:			
Tuesday 1 st	x	✓	✓
Tuesday 8 th	✓	✓	x
Tuesday 15 th	x	✓	✓
Tuesday 22 nd	✓	✓	x
Tuesday 29 th	x	✓	✓
November:			
Tuesday 5 th	✓	✓	x
Tuesday 12 th	x	✓	✓

Sheri Russell's Lemon Doughnuts

2½ oz butter, 8 oz SR flour, milk, pinch of salt & sugar, grated peel of 1 lemon

Rub the butter into the flour. Add the sugar, salt and lemon peel.

Mix into a soft dough with the milk. Heat enough oil to deep fry the doughnuts. Roll out the dough to ¾ ins thick. Cut into strips 1 ins wide & 3 ins long. Cut a slit in the middle longways and push the bottom end up and through the cut in the middle.

Fry in manageable batches and toss in sugar

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