

Cross Tree Chronicle

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Rest a while at Walton Bay
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A note from the Editors

Thank you for the interest in last month's picture of Mount Pleasant lookout. Andrew Waygood (Gamekeeper) provided us with more information on a second tower in West Wood which, as you can see from the photos below, is in far better condition. Thank you Andrew for sharing this information.



Did you know that you can access maps online of our area and beyond at www.kypwest.org.uk? There are maps dating back to the 1800's and you can overlay old and new maps to see what has changed over the years. This is a fascinating website and we have both spent many hours virtually exploring the village and beyond.

Don't forget this month is the heritage open days (7th - 10th September) – an opportunity to experience local history, architecture and culture all for free. Please visit www.heritageopendays.org.uk for more details.

Congratulations to everyone who organised the Flower Festival and Open Gardens over the August Bank Holiday weekend. Hundreds of people supported the event and made it very successful – more details next month.

Dog Fouling

Due to an excessive amount of dog faeces along the old railway line and around the livestock handling facility dogs are no longer permitted in that area. It is also kindly requested that dog owners remove faeces from farmyard entrances, field gateways and any other areas where livestock may graze. Not only is it extremely unpleasant to stand in but infected dog faeces is a serious disease risk to cattle and sheep as it can cause abortions and infected meat will be condemned.

Thank you, Claire Flower-Simmonds.

Community Speedwatch (Rachel Dickinson)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We now have the speedwatch signs ready to install in the village and need volunteers to put them up. Please let me know if you can help?

We need also volunteers to man the speed gun. If you have an hour spare please let me know?

We are also in the process of ordering the signs which will tell drivers how many speeding motorists have been reported.

W.I. News (Rosemary Tucker)

At our meeting on Thursday 21st, Pat Hase will give us a talk called "Fact or Fiction" The competition is for a Harvest Buttonhole.

Don't forget the coffee and cake morning on Saturday 2nd at 10:30am at the Chapel, Walton Street, £3 entry and as always, a bring-and-buy table and a raffle. All proceeds to our charity fund.

Social Club (Andrew Francis)

By the time you read this we will have had the Open Gardens event and hopefully we have been able to help contribute to the village once again.

We have two planned events for your diary this month; firstly we are planning a village Bring Your Own BBQ at the Village Hall on Friday 15th at 7:30pm. We will provide accompaniments and bread, you bring the meat (or veggy option) and something to drink – no charge, just be prepared to buy a few raffle tickets.

Secondly, we are holding our Social Club AGM on Tuesday 26th at 7.30pm in the Church. A number of committee members have already said that they plan to stand down this year and we really need your support to keep the club going – no club means no fete, no quiz, no coffee mornings, no BBQ, no concerts; so there really is a good reason to come along and get involved – it's not onerous and your involvement can be as little or as much as you want – every little helps – I hope to see you there.

Lastly, Emma Edwards has decided to stand down from the committee and it would be remise of me not to mention the 30 years she has been helping out with village events and in particular, her involvement with the annual village fete. The committee chose to mark her achievements by presenting her with a garden bench in recognition of her outstanding contribution to our village.



Parish Council (Don Hill)

QUIET LANES: Various parish councils in North Somerset are investigating the possibility of establishing a network of Quiet Lanes. We have been asked to look at what might be possible for Walton-in-Gordano, so the topic will be an agenda item at the September 11th Parish Council meeting. There is a brief description of Quiet Lanes below, culled from a Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) brochure. For free brochure download visit: <http://www.cpre.org.uk/resources/transport/roads>.

The supporting Department of Transport Quiet Lane regulations are at: <http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20100303233328/http://www.dft.gov.uk/pgr/sustainable/homezones/>

Country Lanes are an integral part of our rural environment, but the volume and speed of traffic, and the presence of heavy lorries can make them uninviting and intimidating. Via the 'Transport Act 2000' and the Department of Transport's 'The Quiet Lanes and Home Zones (England) Regulations 2006', Local authorities can designate country lanes as Quiet Lanes. These lanes can promote environmentally sustainable transport and lower speed limits. Quiet Lanes are minor rural roads catering for walkers, cyclists, horse riders and the mobility-impaired, encouraging drivers to respect other road users. They can encourage journeys on foot or bicycle, and for recreation. Lower speed limits (ideally to 20mph) and discrete signage can encourage drivers to slow down and promote a more tranquil rural environment. Quiet Lanes can be single roads or a network of lanes which can provide alternative, more tranquil routes, and also links to public rights of way. By reducing the intimidating effects of traffic on rural roads, building community links and encouraging healthy, recreational activities, Quiet Lanes play a key role in improving quality of life. A successful Quiet Lane looks similar to the existing lane; it should protect and enhance local character and distinctiveness, perhaps with the help of soft landscaping and engineered methods. Signs should be discrete (the one pictured is the official Quiet Lane sign) whilst indicating clearly that road users are in a Quiet Lane. Approach signage could route traffic away from a Quiet Lane, which might have a narrow lane entrance to deter through traffic. Currently, no user group has priority on any lane. CPRE believes motorised traffic should respect the presence of walkers, cyclists and horse riders who should have priority on a Quiet Lane. Quiet Lanes are essentially self-enforcing. Enforcement largely depends on advertising, and maintaining public awareness.



St. Paul's Church (Sue Betts)

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

Flower Festival: Thank you to all who helped over the weekend.

Open Doors: This English Heritage weekend is a nationwide event. All kinds of places are open which, unlike our village church, are usually out of reach. Details of local places to visit will be available from the church throughout the weekend alongside history trails for our own church. Refreshments including ploughman's lunches will be available all day Saturday and from 1pm on Sunday.

Poetry Evening Saturday 14th October: After the great success of our opera evening we thought we would have ago at poetry – how cultured is that! Starting at 7.30pm in the Church, tickets for £5.00 will be available from Brodie and Sue, and include refreshments of wine and nibbles.

Jams and Pickles: I'm happy to take any spare produces which will be made into all kinds of preserves to be sold at our Christmas Festival on Saturday 2nd December.

Christmas shoeboxes now available from the back of the church.

Harvest Festival coming soon Sunday 1st October.

Village Directory	
Parish Councillors (http://www.waltoningordanopc.org.uk/)	
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Bob Baldwin	As above (Clevedon Road)

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Event	Time
Saturday 2 nd	W.I. Coffee and Cake Morning, The Chapel, Walton Street *	10:30am
Saturday 2 nd	Welcome In, St. Paul's Church	10.30am onwards
Sunday 3 rd	Morning Prayer, St. Paul's Church	11:15am
Thursday 7 th – Sunday 10 th	English Heritage Open Doors weekend, St. Paul's Church *	
Sunday 10 th	Holy Communion, St. Paul's Church	11:15am
Monday 11 th	Parish Council, Village Hall	7:30pm
Friday 15 th	Social Club BYO BBQ, Village Hall *	7:30pm
Sunday 17 th	Morning Prayer, St. Paul's Church	11:15am
Thursday 21 st	W.I., Village Hall *	2:30pm
Sunday 24 th	Holy Communion and Baptism of Charlie Tunstall, St. Paul's Church	11:15am
Tuesday 26 th	Social Club AGM, St. Paul's Church *	7:30pm

* More details in the information sheet under the relevant section

FREE Guided Walks on Walton Common Nature Reserve



Come and meet the warden for a guided walk on the Common. Learn about the amazing wildlife that can be found, the history of the reserve and its future management. Walks will take place on the following Saturday of each month:

22nd April
27th May
24th June
22nd July
26th August
23rd September



Meet at the reserve entrance off Walton Street at 11:00am (by the kissing gate). Access details can be found on the Avon Wildlife Trust website.

avonwildlifetrust.org.uk

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