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WALTON IN GORDANO INFORMATION SHEET DECEMBER 2016



A Note from the Editors

We would like to say farewell to Andy, Jan & Stefan at Myrtle Cottage who are leaving for pastures new. Andy served as a parish councillor and hall committee member during his time in the village.

A huge thank you to Audrey who keeps us informed of the rising level of the brook which allows the 'bottom' end of the village time to prepare in bad weather.

Merry Christmas from Kevin, Emma, Adam, Holly & Ben (not forgetting Daisy, Ted, Bailey & Tilly (our dogs)).

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 3 rd	'The Welcome In', St. Pauls Church	10:30am – 12:30
Sunday 4 th	Woolly Service with Holy Communion – St. Pauls Church (see below for details)	11:15am
Sunday 11 th	Carol Service, St. Pauls Church. All your favourite carols followed by mulled wine, stolen and mince pies.	6pm
Monday 12 th	Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall	7:30pm
Sunday 18 th	Christmas Lunch, Village Hall (see below for details)	12:00
	Christingle Carol Service, St. Pauls Church with Nativity Play for all the young and young at heart.	3pm
Sunday 25 th	Christmas Day Service, St Pauls Church. A family service for all ages – please bring your best present and wear your finest hat!	10.30 am

Parish Council

Broadband: Over 60 of you have already registered an interest in the Community Broadband initiative! Please keep the registrations coming by visiting <http://www.waltoningordanopc.org.uk/> and clicking on the "Register for Community Broadband" button. We are eagerly waiting for costings from BT so that we can see, realistically, if we can afford it.

Information Sheet: The Social Club announced, in late October, that it has decided to produce and circulate a monthly Information Sheet from January 2017. That intention makes the Parish Council-funded Information Sheet redundant, and this December 2016 issue is, therefore, the last. So long as the Social Club publication is inclusive of the various interests within the Parish that lie outside the club itself, it will have the opportunity to be much more than simply an 'Information Sheet' - a restriction that the public service nature of local government places on a Parish Council publication. We shall look forward to the new, more vital publication and wish the Social Club well in the challenges that its long-term production will inevitably present.

It is now a legal requirement that the first port of call for much Parish Council information is its website - in our case [waltoningordanopc.org.uk](http://www.waltoningordanopc.org.uk). This will, as now, be the definitive source of Parish Council information - supported by the Parish noticeboards, of course and by entries in the new publication as appropriate.

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W.I.

A very happy Christmas and peaceful new year to you all. We have our Christmas meal on 8th December at 12 noon for 12:30 - do not forget to bring your present for Father Christmas 's sack (value £3 please).

The following day is the Avon Federation Carol service in Bath at 2:30 pm and the following Thursday 15th is our group Carol service in St. Mary's Church, Yatton at 7:30pm. These events will certainly put us in festive mood I'm sure. For any further details on these events please contact me, Rosemary on 07795 510001 or rosemarytucker444@btinternet.com

St Pauls Church

From 26th Nov to 11th December - Village Post Box open

10p per card delivered in the parish and to church members. Proceeds donated to Next Link – a refuge for battered women and their children.

Sunday 4th - Woolly Service with Holy Communion

Instead of your usual collection please bring something woolly - socks, hat, gloves for the cold and needy or nappies and baby food. Followed by decorating the churchyard. We are going to place flowers on graves in the churchyard which are no longer visited by family or friends. Please feel welcome to just come along after the service at 12.15 if you would like to join in.

Sunday 18th - Walton-in-Gordano Christmas Lunch

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO JOIN US for this BRING AND SHARE MEAL

Please contact me for details. RSVP Sue tel 848645 or e-mail roybetts7@btinternet.com

Note, there is no service on Sunday 1st January

**A great big THANK YOU for all your support in 2016
it has been amazing!
A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL**

Gardening Club

The suggestions of plants suitable for a difficult site (it needs plants that are shallow rooting, perennial, shade-tolerant) are being acted upon. Cultivated hellebores are now in place. More suggestions, such as periwinkle, will follow shortly. We were all grateful for the gift of irises, to flower next spring/summer. One of us had spectacular success with a line of monster sunflowers, grown just for the fun of it.

A local villain, ivy, thrives in this area's stone walls. If left, it weakens the structure. Three of us are already tackling it.

Our next meeting will be on January 25th at Cross Tree Farm, at 2.30pm.

Social Committee

A huge thank you to everyone who attended the annual quiz - the hall was packed, food lovely and the company great! We raised £138.

From January the social committee have offered to take over the publication of the newsletter, we will edit, print and fund it. There is a wonderful team of villagers who will continue to deliver it. We would like to thank the Parish Council for 'listening' all those years ago and supporting the idea of a newsletter, it is an invaluable form of communication in our community.

You will see some changes over the next couple of months and we would greatly appreciate your input as it is YOUR Newsletter. There will be an opportunity to advertise your business, offer services sell items, share good news stories. There will be a new section for Walton Bay recognising the vibrant community you have established on the bay. Anything of interest please email Emma.

Community Speed Watch

The Speed watch training commenced on 25th November and we now have 4 trained Speed watch staff who will be carrying out speed checks in the village. If anyone else would like to join they still can please contact the coordinator Rachel Dickinson for more details. 07813 853921.

Village Hall

You may have heard that John Flower has very kindly offered to give up a piece of his field at the side of the Hall to enable a car park to be created. Obviously this is very exciting news but, having met with our local North Somerset Councillor, Nigel Ashton, it is not straight forward as the Hall is in the Green Belt and is in an area designated as a Site of Scientific Interest.

As I write this, we, the Committee, have not had the opportunity to meet and discuss the way forward, so watch this space

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2017 Parish Magazines

If you require 2017 Parish Magazines delivered to your door then put £6 in a named envelope and deliver to Rosemary, The Chapel, Walton Street.

Recycling Information

As our collection day is a Tuesday, there is no change to collections over the festive period.

From 1st March 2017 garden waste will only be collected in the new green waste (wheely bin) containers. These can be ordered online at www.n-somerset.gov.uk/gardenwaste. Register by Sunday 18th December for a reduced one-off fee of £20 per bin and guaranteed delivery by Wednesday 1st March. After this date costs increase to £25 per bin and delivery dates are not guaranteed.

Village Agent

Just a reminder that your Village Agent is Sarah Friend. Sarah supports the over 50's signposting services available. To speak to Sarah or arrange a visit sarah.friend@curo-group.co.uk or 07422 078548

Free Papers

Free copies of the North Somerset Times are available from Church Farm, Walton Street and the Bay, Walton Bay. You can also get copies of Gordano Living from the phone box at the bottom of Walton Street.

Copy for the January information sheet to be submitted by Friday 23rd December



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