



A note from the editors

Congratulations go to Neil and Mandy of Plum Tree Cottage on their forthcoming wedding and to Dan and Rachel Dickinson of Hackwood House on the birth of their second daughter.

Ray and Win Booth would like to thank everyone who sent gifts and cards on their 70th Wedding Anniversary.

Should you require any further information regarding items in the newsletter, then please contact the relevant organisation or person mentioned below.

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 3 rd	Welcome In, St Pauls Church	10:30 – 12:30pm
Sunday 4 th	Morning Prayer, St Pauls Church	11:15am
Monday 5 th	Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall (note change of date)	7:30pm
Thursday 8 th – Sunday 11 th	Heritage Open Doors Weekend	
Friday 9 th	History Talk, St Pauls Church	7pm
Saturday 10 th	Pet Blessing Service followed by group walk	10:30 – 4pm
	Avon Wildlife Walton Common Guided Walk	11am
	Gordano Valley Art Group, Village Hall	1:30 – 3:30pm
Sunday 11 th	Favourite Hymn Service, St Pauls Church	11:15am
	Jumble Trail	1 – 5pm
Monday 12 th	Social Committee AGM, St Pauls Church	7:30pm
Thursday 15 th	W.I Meeting, Village Hall	2:30pm
Saturday 17 th	Gordano Valley Art Group, Village Hall	1:30 – 3:30pm
Sunday 18 th	Morning Prayer, St Pauls Church	11:15am
Saturday 24 th	Fungi Foray on Walton Common. Meet by Taggart House. Bring a picnic. Contact Roy Betts 848645	11am
	Gordano Valley Art Group, Village Hall	1:30 – 3:30pm
Sunday 25 th	Holy Communion, St Pauls Church	11:15am

St Pauls Church

Heritage Open Doors weekend – there will be self-guided walks over the 4 days, a history talk from Rosemary Caldicott about a suspected murder here in Walton. Also 2 guided walks about the architecture of the Church building. Donations appreciated. Refreshments available.

The Pet Blessing Service will be followed by a group dog walk with bacon rolls, tea and cakes to follow.

The Jumble Trail is like a car-boot sale, just set up a stall outside your house. £2 per table.

For further details on all these activities please contact Sue Betts 848645.

Gordano Valley Art Group

The art group restarts on Saturday 10th, everyone welcome. An afternoon of watercolour painting. Equipment, Tea and Coffee supplied - £3. Contact Brenda Matthews 873408

W.I.

We have had a successful summer with a luncheon, outing to Holt Farm and being involved with the Village Fete and Flower Festival weekend at St. Paul's Church.

This month's speaker is Dr. Mike Amos on "where does our meat come from". The competition is for a home-made meat pasty. £3, visitors welcome. More details from Rosemary Tucker on rosemarytucker444@btinternet.com.

Parish Council

FASTER BROADBAND: Most people will be aware that the broadband provision in Walton-in-Gordano is less than optimal. BT confirmed last year that they will not be delivering super-fast broadband (fibre) to the village. Legally they don't have to do this until 2020, which means that if any of us in the village want better internet speeds in the meantime we will have to rely on applying individually for the £500 grant available to households with less than 2Mb/sec connection speeds or by all getting together as a community to apply for the BT 'Gap Funding Scheme'. The latter requires investment from the community but is partly funded by BT. The individual grant scheme can be accessed via <http://www.connectingdevonandsomerset.co.uk/cds-broadband-voucher-scheme/>. This is most likely to be for satellite broadband.

If you are interested in joining our Community Fibre initiative please visit the parish website 'Home' page at <http://waltoningordanopc.org.uk/>, and click on the "REGISTER FOR COMMUNITY FIBRE" button. This will take you to fuller information and a registration form that you will need to complete. Once we have 30-40 interested parties we can approach BT to start the process of estimates, planning and installation. **The dozen of you who have already registered an interest via the Clerk or Cllr Ralston, need not register again via the website.**

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Councillors: Brian Cannell 874291, Andy Brellisford (mobile) 07774 713508, Mike Ralston 872741, Nigel Wilyman 873652

Social Committee

Thank you for supporting us in 2016, we have donated £1500 to St Pauls Church, £1500 to the Village Hall and £350 to Community Speed Watch. Further details from Andrew Francis (Secretary) on 316970.

Community Speed Watch

A meeting for volunteers to be arranged shortly.
Coordinator: Rachel Dickinson 07813 853921 or oilease@hotmail.com.

Cream Tea

Kevin and Emma would like to thank everyone who came last month. A total of £200 was raised to be split between the Hall and Church.

Village Hall

July showed a variety of bookings in the Hall, from table tennis and band practice, to birthday parties, art classes, dog training and dancing. There was, of course, also the Village Fete and Celebration Lunch, plus a wedding reception at the end of the month.

The new "Hire This Hall" sign has generated a lot of enquiries, but please encourage anyone you know that may be interested in hiring the Hall, especially during weekdays to contact Bob Baldwin (879268).

New Chairman : Deb Tovey 879983 deb.tovey8@gmail.com