

**DIARY**

<b>APRIL 12</b>	<b>VILLAGE HALL CONCERT</b>
<b>APRIL 14</b>	<b>PARISH COUNCIL MEETING</b>
<b>APRIL 17</b>	<b>W.I.</b>
<b>APRIL 23</b>	<b>SOCIAL CLUB</b>
<b>MAY 16</b>	<b>TEA DANCE</b>

**THE PARISH COUNCIL**

March 31st is the end of our financial year: it has been a curiously intense one! It is perhaps an appropriate moment to say a few thank-yous to Police and NSC personnel who provide critical support to Parish Council work.

We must thank our Police beat manager, PC Jenny Clark and her team, who help to keep crime relatively low within the Parish. The police could use more support for Neighbourhood Watch (contact the Clerk if you can help!).

The speed of traffic, through all roads in the Parish, continues to be worrisome. 20mph on Walton Street and 30mph on the Coast road through Walton Bay are dreams that are currently being worked on. NSC's, Mike Brown and Andy Carroll look after our highways and footpaths respectively, and Claire Leandro, NSC's Assistant Director of Adult Care, acts as a Parish Liaison Officer, attending Parish Council meetings and being hugely useful in projecting nudges in the most effective directions in NSC to ensure that things get done for the Parish that need to be done. The Parish is fortunate in the range of NSC contacts via whom it is confident of support: Parish and Ward Councillors are sensitive to the spirit of cooperation that has helped get some critical things done, not least the recent completion of new culverts to take Walton Brook under the highway in Moor Lane.

Wanting things that cannot be afforded, or understanding the plans of groups outside the parish which might affect people inside the parish, is always problematic. With Drainage issues, Cycle Ways, Walton Common, Neighbourhood Watch, and several other burgeoning issues, this past year has seen a growing interest in the doings of the Parish Council. Long may this continue.

The next meeting will be on **April 14 at 7.30**.

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**Councillors:** Brian Cannell 874291, Ann Charlesworth 874292, Richard Kent 872476, Floss Morgan 340419, Mike Ralston 872741

**WALTON-IN-GORDANO VILLAGE HALL**

The AGM of the Village Hall Committee of Management took place on March 7th. A new committee is constituted each year. As there were no new nominations, the 2014-15 committee has the same membership as its predecessor.

Having had to spend over £5000 on repairs to the sewage system during 2013, the committee, who some years ago ceded its fund raising activities to the Social Club, urgently needs to rebuild its bank balance - fund raising ideas to Floss Morgan (01275 340419) or Sue Betts (01275

848645) please! There is also room for two more enthusiastic members to join the committee; if you want to be one of them, please contact Don Hill (01934 835578).

## **CROSS TREE STORES**

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

I am rearranging the shop hours. Unfortunately this is due to health reasons and I have taken the decision with great regret. I will not be able to offer a 'carry out' service for chicken feed and coal but I do offer a free delivery service, so please ask.

#### **NEW HOURS**

**MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY**

**8.30 – 5pm**

**WEDNESDAY & SATURDAY**

**8.30 – 2pm (half day)**

### **OUR CHARITY RAFFLE**

During April I will be having a hamper full of lovely products from the shop for you to win. **£1 A TICKET**. All proceeds going to support my brother Neil who is cycling Clevedon pier to Brighton pier and my sister, Amy who is doing the Race for Life, money divided between **PENNY BROYN & CANCER RESEARCH**.

### **WANTED ...EMPTY TEA BOXES**

During May we will be making Gas mask boxes to hand out at the 1940 village fete this year. Please bring them to the village shop and we will spend an afternoon transforming them (free tea/coffee and chat) Thank you in advance.

**Submitted by Emma Edwards**

## **W I**

This month on Thursday 17th April we celebrate our 84th birthday with a lunch at the village hall. This is at 12-30 for 1pm. We have invited the other institutes in our group so will enjoy a sociable time together. The competition is for an Easter bonnet (to be modelled) and we will have a bring and buy table as well as a raffle. Mr. Tim Lewis will entertain us with his presentation "Around the world in 80 days". If you have not already put your name on the list for your preference, please ring me on 878671 to do so. We look forward to seeing you all there.

**Submitted by R.Tucker.**

## **SOCIAL CLUB**

### **GUITAR AND MANDOLIN CONCERT**

(Duo Ricardo) Village Hall, Saturday, **12th April**, 7.30pm Tickets £5 from Cross Tree Stores. Bring your own food, drink and glass. A lovely musical evening to look forward to. Phone Graham on 873408 for more details.

### **COMMITTEE MEETING**

Wednesday **23rd April**, 7.30pm Cross Tree Stores. All welcome.

### **TEA DANCE**

Village Hall, Friday **16th May**, 2.30pm. Tickets £3.50 from Cross Tree Stores. Light refreshments included. Phone Brenda on 873408 for more details. You don't have to be able to dance to come to this new event! It's a fun, social get-together for everyone to enjoy music, chat and dancing. If you can dance please come along and encourage others to join in!

**Submitted by Floss Morgan.**

## GARDENING CLUB

At our March meeting we admired colourful samples of spring flowers from the gardens at the Manor House and Crosstree Farm. They included pink chionodoxa, bergenia, a flawless white camellia and several double hellebores. Some of these held their heads high rather than drooping modestly towards the earth! We also watched an unusual DVD about the recently built glass house in Shanghai, which is the largest in the world. In their research programme they include experimental studies of plant reactions to unusual environments. We hope to arrange soon an outing to one of the south west's beautiful gardens. **IN MAY WE PLAN TO HOLD A VILLAGE PLANT EXCHANGE DAY – DATE ETC TO FOLLOW.**

*Submitted by A Hollingsworth*

## ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

### Services for April

Sunday 6th	11.15am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 13th	3pm	Palm Sunday
Sunday 20th	11.15am	Easter Day Communion Service
Sunday 27th	11.15am	Holy Communion

### Palm Sunday

At our service last year we all took a palm cross with the name of some one present written on it so that we could keep them in our prayers – do you know where that cross is? If so please bring it with you to the service and we will add a further name to it – I'm sure mine is on our Welsh Dresser somewhere! Our service will include many of our favourite seasonal hymns, a bit like an Easter Carol service, and will be followed by refreshments in the church.

### Agape Meal Monday 14th 7pm in the church.

Even Noel, our vicar, finds it difficult to define what an Agape meal is. It is easier to say what it is not. It's not a reenactment of the Last Supper and it's not anything frightfully pious but it is a meal sharing both food and Christian fellowship. The meal will consist of lamb casserole and a desert (all dietary needs catered for) There is no charge but a donation to cover the costs of the food would be appreciated. We are holding the meal in our new open space and there will be lots of candles and a warm, welcoming atmosphere. Please join us by ringing Sue on 848645.

### Easter Festival

After the resounding success of our Christmas Festival we are following it with our Easter Festival on **Saturday 19th April** from 10.30am to 4pm. There will be homemade refreshments available all day including lunch and all kinds of stalls and games. Also there will be an Easter Egg Hunt available all day. How about coming in your Easter Bonnet! Also there will be the creation of a new 'Mousketeers' church banner and various children's activities so there's some thing for everyone to join in with.

### Mouseketeers

During April a letter will be dropping through your door asking for your support. Please take a little time to read it. After our recent AGM there are all kinds of ideas being worked on which may mean changes to our village church but while any plans are put into place we still have to keep our church alive – think of our village with nowhere for christenings, weddings or funerals, with nowhere for our friends and family after death, with nowhere to celebrate the passing of the year with carol services and festivals. And this why we are fighting on. Please come and join the fight.

**COPY FOR THE MAY INFORMATION SHEET TO AUDREY HOLLINGSWORTH AT SPRING HEAD COTTAGE BY FRIDAY APRIL 25, PLEASE**