

**DIARY**

<b>MAY 15</b>	<b>7pm Parish Council Meeting &amp; AGM 8pm Annual Parish Meeting</b>
<b>MAY 15</b>	<b>W I</b>
<b>MAY 21</b>	<b>Gardening Club Outing</b>
<b>JUNE 2</b>	<b>88 Bus service via Walton Bay starts</b>
<b>JUNE 5</b>	<b>Open Meeting to discuss the future of St Paul's Church</b>

**PARISH COUNCIL****Policing**

Whilst there haven't been recent crimes in Walton, there have been in surrounding villages. It is worth reminding ourselves again of the need to be ever watchful of security in relation to our homes and property. Many of us older ones grew up with open doors, unsecured bikes - unlocked cars for those who had one. Such relaxed attitudes are today unwise. If you can't see it and keep an eye on it - be it your windows, your car, your shed - keep it shut and locked!

**Walton Common**

A Parish Councillor's recent walk on Walton Common was clouded by discarded dog excrement in plastic bags. This happens in many other places too, of course, and is blatantly inconsiderate. If waste is un-bagged it will at least break down. Bagged and "dumped" it will contaminate the area for a very long time. The practice is inexcusable. Please help to get the message out to dog users on the Common that they are not welcome unless they can abide by some simple rules of "common" decency!

**The May Parish Council Meeting**

This will be from **7pm** - half an hour earlier than usual - on **Monday 12th** in the Village Hall. This is the Parish Council's Annual General Meeting, at which the Chairman, Vice Chairman and representatives to outside bodies such as the Village Hall Committee are elected or reconfirmed.

**The Annual Parish Meeting**

This is at **8pm**, on **Monday 12th**, also in the Village Hall, (immediately following the Parish Council Meeting). The Annual Parish Meeting is a legally constituted forum where residents can raise any topic to do with the civil parish, for discussion (only residents are formally allowed to contribute). Attendance numbers are unpredictable, ranging from 5 to 25! Please do attend and help to ensure that the session can be a real and lively barometer of parish opinion.

**New Walton By Bus Service**

Service 88 will start running between Clevedon Six Ways and Portishead Hollis Avenue via Walton Bay, Mondays-Fridays, from June 2nd. The timetable is enclosed for you to keep.

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## **GAS MASKS AND RATION BOOKS?**

Do you have any still lurking in your house? Have you any 1940's clothes that your family kept from the days when they were worn? Do you know how many "points" it cost to buy a pound of butter? There will be a special (secure) display of such items at **the Fete on July 12<sup>th</sup>**. We also expect to see a number of land girls in attendance, and other citizens, suitably clad, from the days when food was simple and scarce and local produce was appreciated to the full.

Further ideas for our 2014 anniversary of those war years would be welcomed by the Social Committee – Emma in the shop, Floss at 5 Acres, Sue in the church, Rene at Sylvan Lea.

## **W I**

At our meeting on **Thursday 15th May at 2-30pm** in the village hall we welcome our president, Jacqui, back from her world cruise. We will be listening to a talk from Heather Saxby on "Round the Horn". The competition will be for a nautical item. We will be collecting names for The President's Luncheon on Saturday 19th July and do not forget Barbara will need money for the August outing.

Submitted by R.Tucker

## **GARDENING CLUB**

Out visit to Weston Arboretum is now arranged, **for May 21**. We are due to arrive at about 12 noon. Our next meeting will be at the **Manor House on June 18<sup>th</sup>, at 2.30pm**.

Submitted by A Hollingsworth.

## **ST. PAUL'S CHURCH**

### **Services for May**

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> 11.15am All- age Service  
Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> 11.15am Holy Communion  
Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> 11.15am Morning Prayer  
Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> 11.15am Holy Communion

### **New Churchwarden**

On May 1<sup>st</sup> of our churchwardens signing in for the new year ahead. This year Brodie Lyon has come forward to take up the post, along with Sue. Our thanks go to her and also to Sheri who is retiring from the churchwarden role. Sheri has done great work as churchwarden, especially organizing repair work including the testing task of the wormwood treatment and the troublesome bats. Thank you again, Sheri.

### **Easter Festival**

Thank you to all who helped or supported our Easter Festival. Over £300 was raised. Many people commented on how beautiful the flowers looked – many saying they were the best ever seen at Easter so a big THANK YOU to all the flower arrangers especially Celia and Brenda and to Graham and Roger for all they did over the weekend.

### **A message from CM.**

Thank you all who have responded to my letter. My little mousey cousins – Clara, Charlie, Crispin and many more - have gone to new homes to say thank you for your generous donations.

### **Rogation Sunday**

This year will be on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June at 3pm and will include the unveiling ( that sounds a bit grand!) of our new Mouseketeer Banner "St. Paul's for one! St. Paul's for all!"

**The Provision of Community Space in our Parish  
Open Meeting Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm in the church.**

We are holding an open meeting to discuss the future of our village church. The way forward is difficult because we do not have enough money to support the church as it is, so we need to look at alternatives, one being changing the church layout so the building could be using as both church and village hall. This is very much at the beginning of this discussion. There have not been any decisions made yet, but we need to explore all ideas and this meeting is where the discussion starts. All are welcome. Please come along to express your views.

**COPY FOR THE JUNE INFORMATION SHEET TO AUDREY HOLLINGSWORTH AT SPRING  
HEAD COTTAGE BY FRIDAY MAY 23, PLEASE.**

