

# Walton News

Welcome to the April 2016 Edition of the  
Newsletter & Annual Report brought to you by  
Walton Parish Council.

## CLASSES IN THE VILLAGE HALL

There is a one day **scarf weaving** course going to take place in the Village Hall on Thursday 9th June. This will be with Jan Beadle and will be at a cost of £40. Spaces are limited to only 8 people so please book quickly with Jenn Blair on 07788 584 557.

**Computer classes** are also taking place for beginners on Wednesdays from 11.30am - 1pm. Please also ring Jenn to reserve a place.

## MIDSUMMER MUSIC WITH 'RED SPIDER'

Saturday 2 July from 6.30pm until Late in the Marquee on the Village Green with BBQ & Licensed Bar.

Come along for an evening of live music from popular local band 'Red Spider' who play an exciting mix of Blues, Soul and Rock & Roll.

Tickets will be available from Walton Post Office & The Reading Room Café. Look out for posters on the Village Noticeboard & Walton Parish Facebook page

## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

We are holding our Annual Parish Meeting on **Monday 9th May**. This is not a meeting of the Parish Council but is instead a meeting for all electors of the parish to discuss any matters relevant and important to you. If you would like anything on the agenda please contact Sarah or there will be an open discussion item for you to raise items on the night. Please note this meeting will begin at 7.15pm and will be immediately followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

## **WALTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AGM**

The AGM will be held on Friday 27 May, 7pm in the Hall, everyone welcome. We always welcome new members on to the committee so if you are interested please come along to the AGM to find out more.

## **RAILINGS NEAR TO CHURCH**

Some of our Parish Councillors have volunteered to paint the railings outside of the church. This will bring to an end what has been a long restoration project.

## **BORDER RAMBLER BUS SERVICE**

The Border Rambler is proposing to commence a Thursday service through the following villages from the beginning of September and needs your help and feedback to assess the service viability. The Service will run through Lanercost, Walton, Hethersgill, Smithfield, Scaleby and Houghton Hall to Carlisle. All eligible passengers will be able to use NoW Card concessionary travel.



Anyone who would like to use the bus service please contact us via email [info@borderramblerbus.co.uk](mailto:info@borderramblerbus.co.uk) or leave a voice message on 07510 643 084. Please leave your contact details and let us know if you would plan to use the bus service occasionally or frequently. We will get back to you to discuss our plans.

Border Rambler have been running since September 2015 through the flooding and adverse weather this winter, we have never missed a service day yet and have carried over 1000 passengers.

## **PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

The dates for our Parish Council meetings in 2016 are set to take place as follows:

**Monday 9 May - Monday 11 July**

**Monday 12 September - Monday 14 November**

Please remember we sometimes need to change the date but we always post the official notice of the meeting date on the noticeboard and website three clear working days in advance (the Tuesday before the Monday meeting). Additional meetings are also called when necessary for urgent business.

## **LITTER PICKING/PARISH TIDY UP**

Are you interested in taking part in a litter pick now that the lighter nights are here? Please remember that we would only be able to do the 30mph roads or those roads deemed safe enough (with a large grass verge that can be walked on). Please contact us if you are happy to help out and we will fix up a date that suits those willing to help.

## ACCOUNTS

Please find below a summary of our accounts. If you have any queries or would like further information please get in touch with Sarah who will explain!

2014/15	Walton PC Accounts Summary	2015/16
<u>£</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>£</u>
5,051	Precept and CTRS Grant	5,127
4,678	Donations, Projects & Grants	1,238
101	Wayleave	104
698	Training, Sales & Advertising	60
455	VAT Reclaimed	506
524	Play Area Group pre-payments	0
25	Defibrillator Income	0
4	Bank Interest	4
<u>£</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>£</u>
1,160	Administration	837
1,956	Employee Salary & Expenses	1,976
3,211	Maintenance	1,692
804	Audit & Legal Costs	496
287	Newsletter	238
466	VAT Paid	486
210	Play Area Expenditure	462
650	Donations/Grants	1,108
406	Defibrillator Expenditure	12
5,480	Projects	500
11,417	Balance Brought Forward	8,323
11,536	Add Receipts	7,039
14,630	Less Payments	7,807
8,323	Balance 31st March	7,555
£1,307 ring- fenced money only for play area works		

## MR HAROLD FARRER COMMEMORATION

After reviewing the situation with the plaque for our former Chairman Mr H Farrer, we have taken the decision not to put it onto a bench after all. Instead we are going to have a new mount made for it and move it to a nearby tree. This fits in better with the families wishes.

## PLAY AREA

Following updated advice we are reviewing the ways in which we manage our play area. The area is already visually inspected once per week by a volunteer and we previously had an annual inspection carried out by trained inspectors. To ensure we are complying with the latest safety guidance, the trained inspectors will now be visiting four times per year. This will help us ensure that if any safety concerns arise, we can deal with them quickly.

As part of this, the safety checks now include the goal posts we have on the Green. We have received updated guidelines for how we need to manage goal posts following a number of deaths of children else where in the country. We will try and minimise any impact that these changes may bring and will post full updates as and when any actions are determined.

## MEMORIES OF THE MOSSES

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2 – 7 pm at Stapleton Village Hall**

When you think of Walton Moss or Bolton Fell Moss, what do you think of? What memories do they invoke - from recently or long ago?

In times of rapid change, recording these memories for the future is important, otherwise they are lost forever. We would love to create a 'Memories of the Mosses' project with you - collecting, sharing and celebrating local people's memories of life and landscape on and around Bolton Fell and Walton Mosses.

If you, or someone you know, would like to share your stories, drop-in and join us anytime between **2 – 7pm on the 6<sup>th</sup> June at Stapleton Village Hall**. If you have old photographs or objects that would help bring the memories alive, please bring them along. Or, get in touch directly using the contact details below.

Together we will discuss how best to capture the memories – it may be a booklet of story snippets and photographs, or voice recordings published online. Sarah Thomas, a landscape writer will be joining us to help create a

space for your stories to be heard. We look forward to hearing your memories of the mosses!

This event is supported by Cumbria BogLIFE, a Natural England project.

## **BIOLOGICAL RECORDERS 'BIOBLITZ' AT BOLTON FELL MOSS**

**Sunday 26 June 10am – 4pm**

A day in which biological recorders are invited to find and record as many forms of life as they can at Bolton Fell Moss. Delivered in partnership with Cumbria Biodiversity Data Centre. Booking is essential – Gary Hedges; 01228 618717; [recordingofficer@cbdc.org.uk](mailto:recordingofficer@cbdc.org.uk)

## **IT'S A BOG'S LIFE AT BOLTON FELL MOSS—A GUIDED WALK**

**Sunday 17 July 1 – 3pm**

Join us for a gentle stroll on the moss, to an area of the bog that was never part of the past commercial peat-cutting operations, and get up close to a variety of bog wildlife. On the way we will take a look at an area that has recently been restored by Natural England, to see how this rare habitat is now coming back to life.

No booking required. Wellies are essential. All ages welcome. The peat is soft and uneven and unsuitable for those with limited mobility.

Meet at the main entrance to the old peat-bagging factory site, located on the northern side of the bog between Boltonfellend and Stapleton. Grid reference NY 486 699

For more information regarding any of the above, contact: Tania Crockett, Cumbria BogLIFE Community Engagement Officer, [tania.crockett@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:tania.crockett@naturalengland.org.uk); 07881 255343; 02080 262189

### ***YOUR ADVERT COULD APPEAR HERE!***

If you would like to advertise in the Walton News please contact Sarah on 01228 231124 for further information.

We hand deliver to all households in the parish of Walton and we also publish this newsletter on our website.

## RECYCLING

We have a very useful recycling service at the Village Hall, however we have noticed that some bags are being left here and the items not placed in the correct bins. Please ensure you deposit all recyclable items in the correct bins and take away anything that cannot fit or is not recyclable.

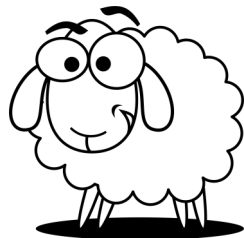
There is a larger recycling facility at Brampton if you require additional services. It is based at Townfoot Industrial Estate, Brampton, Cumbria, CA8 1SW and is open from 10am—6pm every day except Tuesdays. The range of goods they recycle is as below:

	wood & timber		hardcore & rubble		tyres		scrap metal
	food tins & drink cans		mixed glass bottles & jars		garden waste		newspapers & magazines
	cardboard		Books		batteries		fluorescent tubes
	large appliances		small appliances		tv's & monitors		fridges & freezers
	gas bottles		household & garden chemicals		plastics		mixed textiles & clothes
	used engine oil		car batteries		discs		paint
	bicycles						

There is a permit scheme in operation at Brampton recycling centre. This means that if you want to bring your household rubbish to Brampton Household Waste Recycling Centre using a van, pickup or a twin axle trailer (up to 3 meters long) you will require a permit to do so. You can find out more on 016977 41651 .

## SHEEP AND DOGS

Our local Police Community Support Officer has reminded us about the problem of dogs running loose and worrying sheep, especially at this time of year. She has asked that people be vigilant both with their own dogs near sheep and to keep an eye out for other people allowing dogs to run with livestock and try to get descriptions, car registration numbers etc. and report the matter to Police.



## **NEWS FROM LEES HILL C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL**

### **“Caring, sharing, and always learning.”**

We began last term with a visit from ZOOLAB to give the children a ‘Chinese New Year’ experience. ZOOLAB brought some exotic creatures into school, some of which we were allowed to touch – even the snake and ‘Gizmo’ the tree frog! This gave the children a wonderful opportunity to experience some unusual creatures up close. Carrying on with the animal theme - Jack, Abbie and Jessica brought in their pet lambs – spring is definitely in the air.

We were visited by the junior class from Gilsland School. Everyone enjoyed completing team building exercises, enjoying lunch together and having fun. It was a great opportunity to make friends before our joint residential trip. We plan to visit Gilsland School next time and arrange a visit for the infants too.

To celebrate ‘National Book week’ we focussed on books by Roald Dahl. We all came to school in our sleepwear. The children chose new books from the library van and enjoyed sharing and listening to stories which was great fun. The school council held a sponsored swim in aid of Sport’s Relief. The children completed tasks appropriate, but challenging, to their swimming ability while raising vital funds for charity. The PTA have bought new large building blocks, a play kitchen & lego construction sets. The children love getting new toys and resources – thanks to everyone who supports our fund raising efforts.

Well done to everyone who participated in the U-Dance festival at The Sands Centre it was a fantastic experience. Our dance was called ‘My favourite Dream’. We held our customary Easter competition which was a ‘decorated egg’ this year. The children made them at home and then brought them in to be judged with prizes donated by the PTA. Parents were invited to join us for collective worship, see the display of fabulous eggs and the prize giving.

This term we will be having our free trip to Walby Farm Park which we won with our scrapbook that we entered at The Cumberland Show, the junior class will be going away on their residential trip and the PTA plan to hold another disco and party for the children. We will also be working on our garden.

We have recently had an OFSTED inspection. We are delighted that Lees Hill School is officially a ‘good’ school. The inspector made some really positive comments. The full report is available to read on our website. We have also ‘SIAMS’ (church) inspection and, again, were judged to be ‘good’. We are currently developing a new website which we hope to complete and go live by the end of May. Don’t forget Community Lunch on first Wednesday of every month – contact the school office for details



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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU, ..... Ma'am

To celebrate the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday we are holding a **COMMUNITY GARDEN PARTY**, The Vicarage Garden at Lanercost (Dacre Hall if wet) Saturday 11 June 2016 at 2:30.

We are inviting, as honoured guests, everyone in the local parishes who is celebrating their 90<sup>th</sup> birthday this year. Tea will be served, cake cut and we will be toasting Her Majesty and all our nonagenarians. £10 per person £30 family ticket (for 2 adults and up to 3 children). To book a place ring: Jan Allon-Smith (016977 2478) or Elizabeth Harding (016977 2538).

Item from the School Children ; Live Music; Bring & Buy; Plant stall (contributions please). Any surplus proceeds will be shared between local and Royal charities

**Calling all imminent nonagenarians.** We want to invite everyone who has a 90<sup>th</sup> birthday this year to be a guest of honour at the garden Party. If you know of someone who is celebrating their ninetieth birthday this year, please let Jan Allon-Smith (016977 2478 or [jan.allon.smith@gmail.com](mailto:jan.allon.smith@gmail.com)) have their name and address.

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## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT APRIL 2016

A year has now passed since the new Parish Council team were voted in on the May 2015 Election. I would like to thank all of the Council team for their individual help and input to the parish and especially to Sarah Kyle, our Clerk for her advice and direction. I would also like to thank City Councillor Syd Bowman and County Councillor John Mallinson for their regular support and help.

The Council have had to follow up on some difficult issues over the last year:

Setting the Precept for 2016/2017. The tax the parish council collects from each household and is paid alongside the council tax payment. Spending over the last period was deliberately high to reduce the high reserves the Parish Council had accumulated, however for 2016/2017 we now had to reduce spending to be more in line with the normal parish incomes. Coupled with the fact we also lost some grants, we organised the budget into Essential and Non essential spending. Hence we managed to keep the increase in precept to a minimum and continue with a detailed review at each council meeting. The frustration for the team is that we are going to have to be careful with the spending (support of projects etc.) for this year until we know we have the costs all under control.

Land Adjacent to the Grove- the parish council continue to be in contact with the various authorities and solicitors to transfer this area of land to Walton Parish Council ownership.

Noticeboard – No objections were received to the proposed moving of the board into the bus shelter therefore Cllrs Winter and Hogg proceeded with the relocation.

Play Area Inspections – It was resolved that a yearly programme of maintenance inspections would be commenced from April 2016 at a cost of £205 per annum. Councillors have also re-designed the weekly checklist used.

Pathways in Moor - sleepers and necessary materials were purchased. The initial works were completed before the sleepers were transported into the Moor. Cllr Winter coordinated volunteers to renovate and repair the path through the woodland.

Railings at the Church - Cllr Armstrong noted that the railings have been straightened and repaired however work is still in progress and should be completed shortly when better weather arrives to allow them to be painted.

Cattle Straying into the Village - A complaint was heard that cattle from Walton Moss have been straying onto the Village Green, creating a hazard with both hoof prints and animal waste. Following a review in which all relevant parties were involved - the Council resolved to check the liability insurances for the Parish Green and put in place a regular risk assessment on the condition of the Green. Enquires were also made into the possibility and cost of a cattle grid to be placed on the Moss to stop the cattle roaming down to the village.

Risk assessment review – assess risk issues around the village and parish and further necessary actions.

Internal Auditor – A note of thanks was sent to Mrs P Cronin for her work as internal auditor in recent years. Mrs M Warwick has been provided with terms of reference for the position.

On a slightly lighter note Councillor Brocklebank was involved in the Superfast Broadband service being piped to Walton. This is now up and running and available.

Summer Activity Day – A total of 26 children attended the summer play day held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2015.

The Lime trees around the village green continue to be maintained with regular pruning of the lower foliage by members of the Council as well as official regular checks on their general condition.

Defibrillator Signage - Consideration was given to placing directional signs for the defibrillator in the parish. This is now agreed to go ahead.

The Parish Council continue to support the following groups:

Walton Village Hall Management Committee; Save Our Pub group and Hadrian's Wall Walks group.

Jonathan Fowler

8<sup>th</sup> April 2016

## USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS



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Dog Fouling		01228 817380
Police		101

**Sid Bowman** represents our Parish at Carlisle City Council. If you have a City Council related issue which you wish to raise, he can be contacted at: **01228 561185 or SydB@carlisle.gov.uk**

**John Mallinson** is your local County Councillor. If you have a County Council related issue which you wish to raise he can be contacted at:

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