



Walton Parish Council

A new Parish Council will meet for the first time on 16th May 2023. Nominations for the Parish Council need to be submitted by 4pm, 4th April 2023 (see accompanying information from the Parish clerk). In the last 12 months, the Parish Council has secured grant funding for the refurbishment of the Play area which has just been completed. This should see its use continuing for a further 10 years at least.

A big focus for the Parish Council continues to be the Village Green - its maintenance and protection. This year's new grass cutting contract will see a slightly smaller area being cut in 2023, a reduced number of cuts overall and no grass being collected. This should reduce the cost to a manageable amount. However, the future of the Village Green is still a matter of concern and the expectation is that the new Parish council will look to Parishioners' views for a future direction i.e. 2024 onwards. The Parish Council is making £500 available to support events over the Coronation weekend. Other support to mark the event includes help to install a new flagpole and the planting of 10 fruit trees this year on the edge of the Village Green.

Graham Shaw, Chair

Coronation Plans

Thank you to everyone who came to the meeting in January and gave ideas about how the Parish can celebrate the coronation of King Charles III in May. Lots of suggestions were discussed and a plan drawn up. We can still add more in though so if you have any more suggestions or ideas of how we could mark the coronation, please let us know!

Thursday 04 May 2023

Volunteers needed to help put up marquees on Village Green.

Friday 5 May 2023

Nerf Battle Party for children in Parish.

Saturday 6 May 2023

Volunteers needed to help decorate marquee, bring tables & chairs across, lay dance floor, put up lights etc.

Sunday 7 May 2023

- Bring your own picnic lunch to the marquee
- Rounders etc. equipment available
- Bouncy Castle
- Hog Roast (6pm-ish)
- Show the Coronation Concert on a big screen with sound system
- Bar by Old Vicarage Brewery

Monday 8 May

Volunteers needed to help clear the marquees, take down the marquees, clear the green.

Other Suggestions:

- Boules and / or croquet tournament – could become an annual event with a 'Coronation Cup' presented to the winner each year.
- An aerial drone photo of everyone there as a commemorative record.
- Raised flower beds to be made & placed by each 'Welcome to Walton' sign (4 in total) and planted with red, white & blue flowers.
- Workshops to be held in Village Hall where households can plant their own flower pots or hanging baskets with red, white and blue flowers.

Walton Village Hall News

Since the last Parish newsletter we have said a huge “Thank you” to Helen as she hung up her apron in the tearoom at Christmas. She has done a brilliant job at keeping us all well-fed over the last four years, and her hard work and warm welcome made the tearoom a real hub of the Parish.

Glenys and her team stepped in to get us through January and February with delicious soups, coffees and lots of chat. Well done ladies! Thank you for giving your time and energy for the benefit of many, and thank you to everyone who came along to support our community café.

On 1st March we welcomed Nicola and Richard into the Tearoom. They have hit the ground running and are open 7 days a week so do pop in to say hello and try some of their delicious looking goodies.

Here is an Easter recipe from Nicola, a hint of what is served in the tearoom!

Mini Eggs Crispy Cake

50g butter

275g marshmallows

150g rice crispies

200g mini eggs

Topping

100g white chocolate

200g mini eggs

Method

Line a 9” square tin.

Melt butter and marshmallows over a low heat. When melted, remove from the heat, add the rice crispies and stir in well. Stir in the mini eggs then press the mixture down in the tin.

Melt the white chocolate and pour over the top of the mixture, and decorate with the remaining mini eggs. Put in the fridge for at least a couple of hours, then slice and enjoy.



Walton WI

Walton WI meets in the Village Hall on the first Wednesday of the month, 7.30pm.

Visitors are welcome to our meetings (£4.50 per person).

Our upcoming meetings include:

Wednesday 5 April: Entertainment with Robin Simpson

Wednesday 3 May: The Art of Belly Dancing

We are also having a coach trip to RHS Harlow Carr near Harrogate on

Tuesday 6 June. If you would like to join us for a day out (£25 per person) please get in touch with Emma on 016977 45409 for more details and to reserve your place.

Walton WI members are knitting bunting and decorations for the coronation celebrations in May. If you would like to help, patterns are available from the Tearoom. There are usually some WI members in the Tearoom each Friday morning so come along then to find out more.

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Walton Reading Group

Walton Reading Group meets on the second Thursday of the month, 7:00 - 8:30pm in the Old Vicarage Brewery; everyone is welcome to join us. Here are the books we will be discussing over the next few months:

Thursday 13 April - 'I Am, I Am, I Am' by Maggie O'Farrell

Thursday 11 May - 'Tidelines' by Phillippa Gregory

Thursday 8 June - 'Diary of a Nobody' by Brian Bilston

Thursday 13 July - 'It Ends with Us' by Colleen Hoover

Church Services April and May 2023

Church services are usually held twice a month at St. Mary's Church Walton at 11am.

The first Sunday of the month is a Holy Communion service.

The third Sunday is a morning worship service.

ALL WELCOME!

Sunday 2nd April 2023 - Palm Sunday

10am Benefice Service at Lanercost Priory.

Please note change of time and location! **No service at Walton.**

Sunday 9th April 2023 - Easter Day service with Walton and Lees Hill School.

11am Holy Communion at Walton.

Sunday 23rd April 2023 - 11am Holy Communion at Walton.

Sunday 30th April 2023 - 10am Holy Communion Benefice Service at Nether Denton Church. All welcome.

Sunday 7th May 2023 - Coronation Weekend.

11am Methodist-led Holy Communion at Walton.

Sunday 21st May 2023 - 11am Morning Worship at Walton.

Sunday 28th May 2023 - Pentecost

11am Holy Communion at Walton.

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Easter Bingo Evening

Family bingo in aid of Walton Church funds.

Saturday 1 April 2023 in Walton Village Hall.

Entrance from 6:30pm: eyes down from 7:00pm.

Ticket price: £5 per adult, £2 per child.

Entrance to include all bingo tickets for the night.

- Please bring your own refreshments.
- Raffle available.



Walton & Lees Hill CE Primary School

As always at Walton and Lees Hill Primary School, we have had an action packed few months filled with lots of exciting activities and wonderful learning opportunities.

If we cast our minds all the way back to Christmas, we had a busy month celebrating an important Christian Holiday, as well as spreading Christmas cheer.

It was a busy end of term for us, with our Christingle service in school, Carol Singing in Walton Village and of course our school play. We closed the school term with a community Christmas Lunch, and it was lovely to welcome in so many friends and family members of the school to share the occasion with us.



After the Christmas holidays we came back to school feeling refreshed and excited for the term ahead. The term got off to a brilliant start, with the main school children visiting The Theatre by The Lake in Keswick to watch a performance of the Borrowers on the first Friday back. This was a fantastic day out and the performance was magical.

Throughout January and February, we had weekly Mindfulness sessions take place in school, with Bewcastle school pupils also in attendance, hosted by Leigh from Nivora Wellbeing. We also had weekly Yoga Sessions with Amanda Drago, which were a great opportunity to explore movement and relaxation.

We have continued to forge our partnership with Bewcastle School, and recently spent the morning there with our pupils. The children very much enjoyed exploring the school and building on new friendships with the pupils of Bewcastle.

Our Junior pupils have been working hard on choreographing and rehearsing dance routines over the past couple of months for the Udance Festival. On Wednesday 8th March, pupils from WLHS and Bewcastle performed together up on stage at The Sands Centre, Carlisle. The performance was absolutely fantastic and we are so proud of all those who took part!



During our first week back after February half term, we had a very special visit from the Mayor and Mayoress of Carlisle. Also in attendance were their sergeants. They brought with them the mace and sword as well as the mayoral chains of office.

Pupils enjoyed chatting to them about their roles and getting to look at the exciting items they brought with them!

We also held World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March. Everyone came to school in their pyjamas, with teddies and blankets to keep cosy! The day was action packed, filled with book themed crafts, special story sessions, a very tasty Book-nic lunch and many other exciting activities. We all enjoyed sharing lots of funny, thrilling and adventurous stories with each other. Pupils brought in their favourite books from home to share with their peers and it was lovely to hear all about the favourites from home. Parents and carers also came along to join in the fun, and it was great to be able to share the day with families!



On Wednesday 15th, pupils celebrated the special women in their lives by hosting an Afternoon Treat at school. This event was fantastic and a lot of effort went into putting it together behind the scenes. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make it such a wonderful occasion and thank you to everyone who took the time to attend!



Our Nursery setting has had an exciting change recently and we are now able to offer our two-year-old care provision over five mornings a week. This is because we have recently welcomed Mrs Stephenson into the school family. We have also been lucky enough to welcome some new starters into Nursery and are loving watching our Nursery family grow.

Our toddler group is still running on Thursday afternoons, between 1:15 and 2:45. These groups are a casual drop in for parents, carers and their little ones. We have lots of toys, craft activities and a tasty snack available for our toddlers, and a hot cuppa waiting for the grown-ups! The group runs during term time and we are always delighted to see new faces!

The rest of the term ahead is filling up with lots of exciting opportunities, including an upcoming trip to the Samye Ling Monastery, visit to Brampton Fire Station, our Scholastic Book Fair and lots of Easter activities. We are very much looking forward to the Easter service at Walton Church and hope that many pupils, their families, and member of the wider community will be attending with us.

We wish everyone a very happy Easter, when the time comes and look forward to continuing to share so many wonderful experiences with all our pupils here at Walton and Lees Hill Primary School over the forthcoming months.

<https://www.leeshill.cumbria.sch.uk/>

Walton Young Farmers

Walton Young Farmers Club first started in 1945, making this our 77th year and making us one of the oldest and longest running clubs in the country. We meet regularly on Monday nights every two weeks attending many different local businesses and venues, with our usual meeting places being Walton Village Hall or Walton & Lees Hill Primary School.

This year we welcomed a significant increase in members joining our club; we now have around 75 members, almost double what we had this time last year. This is a great achievement for what was once classed as a small club. Young Farmers is for anyone aged 10 - 28, and is a great way to meet new people and to make new friends.

Our meetings to date have included: Walby Farm Park Visit, Games Nights, Capontree Vets Talk & Tour, a sponsored walk where we raised over £750 for the farming mental health charity Yellow Wellies - The Farm Safety Foundation, Fire Station visit, stock judging plus much more. Our future meetings are all for preparation for the annual Northern District Field Day on Saturday 3rd June 2023 held at Wood Hall Farm, Hesket New Market, CA7 8JY, to which members of the public are all invited.

If anyone is looking to join as a member, get involved as an advisory member, or would like to ask any questions then please contact Lee by email to lee-waltonyfc@outlook.com

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Old Vicarage Brewery

Open again every Friday from 24th March 2023, 6 - 10pm.
Then every Saturday also, from 13th May.

Wildlife gardening tips for spring

The start of spring is an exciting time full of wonder and optimism, the days get longer and warmer as nature bursts back into life. We can all do something to make a difference for wildlife this season.

One of the first areas to look at is the lawn. Even mowing the lawn less frequently can make a big difference as lawns are mini nature reserves and the longer the grass, the more species it houses. Early spring flowers like clover and dandelion can be a lifesaver for bees, and other invertebrates living in the lawn are an important food source for birds.

Why not take part in Plantlife's annual [No Mow May](#) campaign? Leaving your lawnmower in the shed and letting your grass grow long for the month of May. In this way, smaller plants like clover, daisies, violets and selfheal will get a chance to flower giving pollinators a head start. If letting the lawn grow feels too drastic, why not leave part of it to grow mowing a neat path around it or through it?



You could create a cornfield annual meadow? For me, this is one of the easiest and most cost effective ways of encouraging wildlife into your garden and as you can see from ours it looks stunning. The simplest way to create a colourful, nectar-rich meadow in a short space of time is by sowing a patch of cornfield annuals. These plants establish and grow very quickly, and in the course of their short lives provide plenty of nectar for insects and seeds for birds.

A neglected part of the garden or an overgrown or unused border is perfect place to create your mini meadow. Clear the area by turning over the soil, removing any weeds or large stones, and rake the soil to a fine tilth and you're ready to sow!

Common poppy, cornflower, corncockle, corn marigold and corn chamomile are ideal and the seeds can be bought online very cheaply. By June you will have a spectacular show, the envy of all your neighbours!

Another reason to celebrate spring is the return of house martins to the village. These fantastic birds arrive back from their long journey from Africa at the end of April or the beginning of May. You may have noticed their mud nests on your home from previous years. Unfortunately these birds need our help. In December 2021, house martins were moved to the red list of birds of concern in the UK following a 72% decline in the last 50 years leading to risk of extinction. The last two years have seen numbers collapse in Walton.



You can attract house martins to nest on your house by putting up artificial nest cups under your eaves or gable ends to give them a permanent home year after year. House martins do leave droppings, which can be an issue for some households, but they are easily removed with a brush or hosepipe or a board can be

placed to catch it. Personally it was an honour when they chose to nest under our eaves and they need all the help they can get.

Adam Reynolds

Art at Slack House Organic Farm

Still Life Workshop with Tanya Fionn

Saturday 13th May 10am—3pm

Join Tanya Fionn and discover the art of Still Life painting. The workshop is suitable for all abilities, as participants will be guided throughout the process. Any medium can be used as participants will bring their own materials.

Organic lunch and refreshments will be provided throughout the session.

Session fee £30 per person

To book contact Jill: slackhouseevents@yahoo.com or 016977 47076

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NOTICE OF ELECTION

ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCILLORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT

1. An election is to be held of **EIGHT** Parish Councillors for the Parish of Walton.
2. Nomination papers must be delivered to the Returning Officer, Electoral Services, 8th Floor, Civic Centre, Carlisle CA3 8QG on any day after the date of this notice, but not later than **4pm on Tuesday, 4th April 2023**.
3. Forms of nomination paper may be obtained from the Returning Officer or from Allan Dawes, Clerk to Walton Parish Council, Hill Crest, Cannon Field, Roadhead, Carlisle, CA6 6NB. The Returning Officer will, at the request of any elector for the parish, prepare a nomination paper for signature.
4. If the election is contested, the Poll in respect of such election will take place on **Thursday, 4th May 2023**.
5. Electors should take note that new applications to vote by post or applications to change or cancel an existing postal or proxy vote must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at the Civic Centre, Carlisle not later than **5.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 18th April 2023** if they are to be effective for this election.
6. New applications to vote by proxy must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at the Civic Centre, Carlisle not later than **5.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 25th April 2023** if they are to be effective for this election, except applications to vote by proxy on grounds of medical or business emergency occurring after 5.00 p.m. on the above closing date. Such applications may be made until 5.00 p.m. on polling day.

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Dr Jason Gooding
Returning Officer

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