

Walton News

**Welcome to the Spring 2014 Edition of the
Newsletter brought to you by Walton Parish Council.**

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Monday 12 May 2014 at 7.00pm. The meeting is your chance to have your say on matters affecting you—the meeting is not a Parish Council meeting but is a meeting of electors of our parish. As such you determine the agenda — please get in touch with the Clerk if you have a relevant parish matter to discuss. You can either write to Sarah at Hill House, Walton, CA8 2DY; telephone on 016977 2769 (Monday to Friday 9am—3pm where possible please) or email waltonpc@hotmail.co.uk. Please do let her have any agenda items by Friday 2 May 2014 at the very latest.

CHAIRS REPORT

Looking back over the last year the Parish Council have been very busy. Although a lot of the work has little tangible evidence, the Parish Council have actually been very active within the community while continuing to support the needs and wishes of the parishioners.

The Parish Council realise the benefit of the work that groups and organisations do within the community and have actively supported and worked with the Walton Village Hall Management Committee, the Walton Village Hall Social Committee, the Play Area Group, the Cumbria Rural Support Group and Carlisle Parish Councils Association. In addition the Parish Council also work alongside the City and County Council for the benefit of the parish. The Parish Council have also supported local initiatives such as attending the William Howard Young Citizen project.

Specific work and achievements undertaken by the Parish Council this year include; completion of the Community Led Plan which provides information on the views, opinions and wishes of the parishioners and provides an

action plan for future projects, continued provision of an active web site and newsletter to provide information to parishioners, support for the purchase and a commitment for the ongoing upkeep of the defibrillator.

Projects which have been undertaken or are ongoing include working with the police with respect to perceived speeding, working with the City Council dog enforcement officer, provision of support and promotion for superfast broadband to the parish and working on the asset transfer of land from the County Council. The Parish Council have also developed a tree management plan and a policy for tracks on the village green.

Financially the Parish Council are aware of the continuing hard economic times and with this in mind agreed to keep the precept increase down to a low amount and instead use the reserves we have, while maintaining the services we offer.

Once again it is worth mentioning that the councillors are all volunteers and the work we do is in our own time. I would like to thank the councillors for their hard work and support and extend that to the Clerk, Sarah Kyle, and the City and County Councillors, Syd Bowman and John Mallinson for their continued advice and support as well as the support Lawrence Fisher provided before the boundary changes meant he was no longer our County Councillor.

While we do try to provide a service to the parish we are aware that there are some areas where people consider we are deficient and could improve. Please let us know if or how we can improve the work we do and while I cannot offer any guarantees of improvement I can promise we will do our best for the parish.

FIRST AID/DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

As most of you will have noticed, the defibrillator is now installed on the exterior of the Village Hall. In the event of an emergency you will be given the code for the cabinet by the 999 operators in order to access the defibrillator. A large number of people attended our first aid training which we hope was very useful. If you have any questions on the defibrillator please don't hesitate to get in touch with us.



SPEEDING

Following concerns over speeding in the village, the CRASH team

installed a speed measurement device in two locations. Results indicated that the mean speed alongside the village green was 22.5mph and the mean speed alongside Irthing View was 24.7mph. Following these results it was very kindly agreed with Cumbria Constabulary that they would go ahead with plans to install a temporary "Speed Indication Device" in the village to help motorists gauge their speed perception. At the time of writing we were waiting for the SID to be delivered so watch this space.

TREES

We have had some very high winds in recent months. As such we are having a "climbing" risk inspection carried out of the lime trees to ensure their continued safety. A crown uplift has also now been carried out to tidy them up before the new growth begins. If you do have any concerns or questions over any tree in the parish please contact us. Please do not attempt to do any work yourself on them. Our insurance cover is dependent upon us using trained and qualified persons for such works and it is important we ensure that only these people are employed.

BROADBAND

As some of you may have seen, a new green cabinet has been installed near the bus stop in the centre of the village. This is good news which suggests that progress is being made in order to deliver superfast broadband to the Parish. There is no news yet regarding when it will go "live". If you do not have any broadband at present, I would be grateful to hear from you so we can look possible options and speak to Connecting Cumbria. Contact Tom on 45409 or tom@waltonparish.co.uk



CUMBRIA GATEWAY HANDYMAN SERVICE

In conjunction with Cumbria County Council and the Neighbourhood Care Independence programme the Handyperson scheme is designed to help Cumbrian residents with small repairs in their homes and gardens.

The service comprises professional, friendly service and 100% reliable using fully vetted handymen/women. Attractive and competitive rates with fixed charges on viewing jobs, no call out charge to assess work required and fixed appointment times.

Things that need fixed, fitted, repaired, filling, sealing or hanging. This is

exactly what the 'Handyperson Scheme' specialises in – they are the small job experts.

Call Cumbria Gateway on 01228 524450 or 077785 29232 for more information or an informal chat.

OIL BUYING CO-OPERATIVE

Would you be interested in potentially saving money when purchasing your heating oil? The Parish Council is supporting a community initiative to create an oil buying co-operative in the parish. If residents can get a full tanker delivery to a 'collective' it will result in oil being a few pence cheaper than by making individual purchases. It is economical (time and transport costs) to the supplier and has proven successful in other parts of the Country already.

However many 'members' are involved, all would get topped up at the instigation of the person who needs fuel - it doesn't matter if the demand is for more than one tanker full; in that event everyone gets enough to keep them going and another load is triggered as soon as anyone needs more. A chosen volunteer would be responsible for the ordering of each tanker but your bill would still be sent individually to you and only local suppliers would be used.

If you are interested in finding out more please contact clerk@waltonparish.co.uk or telephone Sarah on 2769.

CEILIDH

A ceilidh with music provided by local band Jiggery Pokery will take place at the Dacre Hall, Lanercost on 25th April. Tickets are £6 each and can be purchased from Elizabeth Harding on 016977 2538.

CHILDREN'S PLAY SCHEME

We are very pleased to announce that we will be holding some children's activity days in the village hall during the summer. We have arranged dates of Thursday 7th August, Thursday 14th

August and Thursday 21st August between 10am and 3pm. The scheme will be delivered by the Cumbrian Sports and Physical Activities Foundation using fully trained play workers. The days are open to all children aged between 5 and 12 years old and will cost £3 per day. You will need to send your child with a packed lunch and drink. All bookings for the days are to be made directly with the Cumbrian Sports Foundation—details will be provided on the



noticeboards and in local children's schoolbags. We will also publish the booking details on the website and Facebook so please do keep a watch on these for more information. The days have been funded by the Walton Parish Play Area Group and the Cumbria County Council Community Grants.

CAMP OUT

Following the disappointment of having to cancel the last planned camp out on the Village Green due to the atrocious weather, the Play Area Group are currently putting plans in place to organise a new date during Summer 2014. Fingers crossed for better weather on the chosen day!! Full details when confirmed will again be provided on the website, noticeboards and Facebook page.



LAND TRANSFER

The asset transfer of the two pieces of County Council land to the Parish Council is slowly making progress. Legal agreements between ourselves and the County Council have delayed the process considerably but we are hopeful to have the contracts signed very soon.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The dates for our Parish Council meetings in 2014 are set to take place as follows:

Monday 12 May 2014 (preceded by Annual Parish Meeting for all electors at 7pm)

Monday 14 July 2014

Monday 8 September 2014

Monday 10 November 2014

Please do bear in mind that we sometimes need to change the date due to unforeseen circumstances 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, such as planning applications.

NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE

Could you receive an emailed copy of this newsletter instead of this printed version? To help us cut costs and to be more environmentally friendly we would like to see as many households as possible receive an electronic

version in the future. If you are willing to receive electronic versions please email waltonpc@hotmail.co.uk with your home address and we will ensure you are added to our mailing list. We do keep all previous editions of the newsletter on the website too in case you need to refer back to them. All of the minutes and lots of other useful documents can be found on there as well so don't forget to check it regularly at www.waltonparish.co.uk. Thanks are given to Ivan Whetton for all of his help in maintaining the website.

VILLAGE HALL

You are invited to the **Annual General Meeting of Walton Village Hall on Friday 16th May 2014 at 7:00pm**. The AGM is open to all parishioners so please come along.

We are a friendly, welcoming group of volunteers who work to ensure the successful future of our Village Hall. We are always open to fresh ideas, and are keen to welcome new committee members. We have a number of interesting projects planned and any help, either on a regular or one off basis, would be greatly appreciated.

There are a number of roles that the volunteers at Walton Village Hall, which is a registered charity, perform. These include:

- the upkeep of the building, including co-ordinating routine maintenance, day-to-day running requirements and bookings administration;
- larger project work for the improvement of the facilities provided;
- fundraising and sourcing of appropriate grant funding to subsidise the letting income of the village hall; and
- promotion and provision of hall premises for community use and organising community events.

Questionnaires will shortly be distributed to all households and user groups to find out what you would like from the village hall. Please do take the time to respond, as it is your suggestions that will help decide future plans, events and projects. Even if you do not currently use the village hall your views are important to us to help draw up a "wish list" of what Hall users would like.

Over the last year we have improved some of the facilities, including a boiler replacement, a new flat roof, refurbishment of the toilets and installation of a sliding door. This was enabled with funding from Cumbria County Council Community Grants; County Councillor John Mallinson; Walton Parish Council; Carlisle Parish Councils Association; Carlisle City Council and City Councillor Sid Bowman, together with regular letting income and funds raised at events organised by Walton Village Hall Social Committee. We would like to thank these funders for their support and also thank all Hall users for their patience

whilst these renovations took place.

This month has seen the folding of Walton Village Hall Social Committee in its current format following the resignation of its members. We would like to thank Linda Wilson, Hazel Winter, Fraser Winter, Gill Whiteford, Tommy Mark, Moira Mark, Hazel Douglas and all past committee members who have given their valuable time and energy to this cause over the years. We are taking this opportunity to review the way the Walton Village Hall committee is structured, and as we have several social events planned for this year we will soon be looking for volunteers to help us make these happen.

A very simple way to support our Village Hall is to register for free with www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/waltonvillagehall and select Walton Village Hall as your good cause. You can then raise donations when you shop online, without costing you any extra. UK taxpayers can help raise even more by signing up to Gift Aid too. Thanks to our supporters shopping online, we've already raised £48.67.

The notice board on the Village Hall now displays a new activities sheet which details regular Hall user groups and useful contact phone numbers.

We are pleased to welcome Heather and Vicky back as Walton Tearoom opens for the 2014 season. They are open week days 10am – 4pm, why not pop in for a tasty lunch or a sweet treat!

Walton Post Office (open Monday & Wednesday 9.30am – 12pm in the Hall) has just been awarded funding to provide computers for community use. They will be connected to the internet, and have printing facilities. We are hoping to run basic training for anyone interested in learning to use a computer and the internet. More information will follow soon.

We look forward to seeing you at the AGM. Refreshments will be provided for you after the meeting!

RURAL WHEELS

Rural Wheels provides door-to-door transport for people who do not have, or are unable to access scheduled transport.

The service can be used for a variety of purposes including:

- Making connections with buses or trains
- Doctor, Dentist or Optician appointments
- Visiting friends or family in hospital
- Shopping
- Visiting friends or family

It does not duplicate other County Council transport provision and therefore cannot be used for transport to day care, school, nursery or college and

cannot be used for hospital appointments/treatment if Patient Transport is available. If you need transport to get you to your hospital appointment please check your eligibility for Patient Transport by contacting the Patient Transport Service run by North West Ambulance on 0800 032 3240.

Rural Wheels uses a 'Smartcard' to pay for travel and a central booking system to plan journeys. Passengers need to apply for the Smartcard before they are able to travel. The value of the Smartcard can be topped up with the transport provider or alternatively at local post offices (including Brampton Post Office), libraries and mobile libraries. It can be topped up by £5, £10 or £20 per time. Transport requests must be booked by telephone before noon the day before travelling and passengers may be asked to be flexible about their travel time and also to share transport which will be at a reduced fare.

Further information on the service can be obtained by telephoning 0845 602 3786 or by emailing integrated.transport@cumbria.gov.uk

SUNDAY LUNCH WITH THE WRINKLIES

Over forty people were provided with a three course meal, wine and entertainment in the Village Hall on Sunday 9th February. The Walton Village Play Area Group, with funding from the Celebrate your Space Grant (which was another round of funding from the Play Area main funders the Big Lottery and Groundworks UK) were very pleased to provide this event for the more senior members of our parish and friends. The afternoon was very well received and many thanks have been provided to Mel and Fiona for their hard work in organising the meal. Photos from the day are now on display in the Village Hall.



Raffle winners:

Ena Foster — £25 Hamilton's shoe shop voucher

Betty Spears — Milk Tray

Ian Bullough — £10 Cranstons voucher
 Sid Finlay — Box of Biscuits
 Lorraine Bullough — Box of Roses chocolates
 Alan Armstrong — £20 Fruits 'n' Roots hamper
 Nora Lightfoot — Wine
 Rita Routledge — £15 Signature hair & beauty voucher

Quiz winners:

1st Team Knowles, Ivison, Smith — £12 cash prize
 2nd "The Virgins" - £6 cash prize

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Walton Village Hall Social Committee would like to thank everyone who has helped and supported the social and fundraising events during 2013 in any way. With your help we have been able arrange the following activities:

20 April	- car treasure hunt – 14 cars entered and many stayed to enjoy jacket potatoes	£171.78 raised
25 May	- pub night – traditional games theme	
6 July	- 'A Bit of a Doo' – BBQ and disco attended by 150 parishioners and friends	£1105.15 raised
31 August	- Duck Race –every household in the village bought at least one duck!	£270.00 raised
18 September	- Pampered Chef Party	£118.00 raised
30 November	- annual Christmas tree lights switch on with carols and mulled wine and mice pies	
15 December	- Nativity tea and raffle	£92.00 raised
31 December	- New Year's Eve family party	

Through funds raised at these events and previous events in 2012 the Social Committee has been able to donate the following amounts towards repair and maintenance projects for the village hall:

£110 for new plates and cutlery to cater for 60 persons
 £1500 towards the reading room refurbishment
 £1000 towards the new boiler
 £1200 towards the flat roof repair
 £300 towards the gents' toilets refurbishment

Sadly differences between the two committees have resulted in the Social

Committee deciding to call it a day and cease all activities. The balance of £746.47 has been transferred to the Management Committee on the understanding that the money is used for repairs and maintenance and the Social Committee has been wound up. Kindest regards Linda Wilson, Moira Mark, Tommy Mark, Gillian Whiteford, Hazel Winter, Fraser Winter, Hazel Douglas. The Social Committee

ACCOUNTS

A summary of our accounts is provided for you on the following page. Please note these have not yet been either internally verified or externally audited as yet and hence are subject to change and correction. Thanks go to our Internal Verifier Pam Cronin for volunteering to check through them; once Pam has confirmed their accuracy the accounts are subject to national audit checks also. When the external audit report is complete notice is published in case any of you wish to inspect the accounts— full details of the dates and times they are available will be published too.

You will notice we have made a healthy gain this year. This is partly due to almost £1000 being carried forward for the tree work we mentioned earlier. We also saved a little money with reduced grass cutting costs due to the wet weather and the decision to not print every house a copy of the Community Led Plan. On top of that the figures include a large amount of money specifically ring-fenced for play area led projects—such as the play days we will provide during August that we mentioned earlier in the newsletter. Finally we have also a little bit of money still to pay out for the electrical installation of the defibrillator (any spare money will be kept for on-going maintenance). If you have any more detailed questions about the accounts please contact the Clerk who will hopefully be able to answer you.

SCAMS

There are numerous scams circulating our area at all times. The Police advise anyone who suspects a scam, or who has been the victim of a scam, to report it to them on www.actionfraud.police.uk or 0300 123 2040. The charity **Think Jessica** (www.thinkjessica.com) provides a lot of useful advice about scams. Their 12-page booklet, '[Scam mail is blackmail](#)', is particularly useful and covers: lottery and prize draw scams, clairvoyant scams, catalogue scams, courier scams, bank / building society scams and more.

You can order a **free hard copy** of this booklet by writing to: Think Jessica, PO Box 4442, Chesterfield S44 9AS (Please enclose a 2nd class stamp)

Or by emailing advice@thinkjessica.com.

2012/13	Walton PC Accounts Summary	2013/14
£	<u>Income</u>	£
4,879	Precept	4,952
3,776	Donations, Projects & Grants	6,804
97	Wayleave	100
200	Recycling	220
236	Training, Sales & Advertising	280
932	VAT Reclaimed	677
579	Play Area Group pre-payments	1,355
0	Defibrillator Income	1,395
5	Bank Interest	£4
£	<u>Expenditure</u>	£
1,318	Administration	841
1,720	Employee Salary & Expenses	1,737
1,600	Maintenance	1,155
435	Audit & Legal Costs	235
227	Newsletter	234
748	VAT Paid	657
0	Play Area Expenditure	153
1,240	Donations/Grants	772
0	Defibrillator Expenditure	1,033
3,517	Projects	5,470
8,018	Balance Carried Forward	7,917
10,704	Add Receipts	15,787
10,805	Less Payments	12,287
7,917	Balance 31st March 2014	10,704
7,917	Represented by Cash at Bank	11,417

J Evans, Chair and S Kyle, Clerk & RFO

Parish Councillors, your Clerk & Useful Contacts



Chair	John Evans	016977 42122
Vice Chair	Jonathan Fowler	016977 3431
	Alan Armstrong (Montcalm)	016977 3164
	Simon Wood	016977 42570
	Gordon Kyle	016977 2521
	Austen Davies	016977 2438
	Tom Brocklebank	016977 45409
	Alan Armstrong (Townhead)	016977 2730
Clerk	Sarah Kyle Hill House, Walton, Brampton, CA8 2DY (Office Hours Monday— Friday 9am—3pm)	016977 2769
Highways Hotline		0845 609 6609
Dog Fouling		01228 817380
Police		101

MOBILE SHOP



Some of our more rural parishioners might not know but a mobile shop has begun visiting the Village on a Tuesday and Friday, selling groceries, including fresh fruit and veg, bread, milk, meat, tinned goods, pet food, household cleaners, and more. Orders can also be placed for delivery to your door. Contact 07843 796013 for more information..

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:

01228 533746 or john.mallinson@cumbria.gov.uk