

Welcome to the August 2017 Edition of the Newsletter brought to you by Walton Parish Council



PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The remaining dates for the Parish Council meetings in 2017 are:

Monday 11th September Monday 13th November



The official notice of the meeting date, venue and agenda will be posted on the noticeboard and website in advance of the meeting. All meetings are open to the public and we welcome your involvement.

VILLAGE GREEN TREES & GRASS



Following the recent risk assessment, maintenance works on the Village Green trees to make them safe in the long term is now underway.

In response to comments received by parishioners, a decision has been made by the Parish Council to support more frequent cuts of the Village Green within the budget set for 2017-18.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT WALTON PARISH COUNCIL 2016-2017

Over the last year we have seen some changes, the most significant being the change of Council Clerk from Sarah Kyle to Caroline Thirlwell. Sarah has been an outstanding clerk for the Parish Council but decided to leave in October last year and hence the Council thanks her for her contribution, help and advice. Caroline has taken over and is fast learning the systems, I thank her for her help in the transition.

I would also, once again like to thank all of the Council team for their individual help, support and input to the parish. Thank you to the City Councillors Syd Bowman and 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 2017/2018. The tax the parish council collects from each household and is paid alongside the council tax payment. As identified last year spending has had to be reduced and carefully controlled over 2016/17 to be more in line with the normal parish incomes. Although yet to be completely confirmed (delay due to bank account authorisation) I expect spending to be still slightly above the level of income.

Once again the budget for 2017/18 has been organised into Essential and Nonessential spending and has been focused on maintenance of the village assets such as the Village green, trees and communications. The frustration for the team is that we are going to have to continue to be careful with the spending (support of projects etc.) for this year 2017 to 2018.

Play Area Inspections – The play area is now under Parish council control hence the need for regular inspections and follow up maintenance. It was resolved that a yearly programme of maintenance inspections would be commenced from April 2016 at a cost of £205 per annum. The regular inspections will continue, and will be paid for out of a play area budget that is reducing. Once the money has been used, the Council will need to budget for the play area requirements.

Tree risk assessments were carried out in 2016 identifying some trees needing attention and maintenance. With the help of a grant the council are managing a programme of maintenance that is ongoing through early 2017 as soon as the trees start to grow leaves.

Village green assessments were started in late 2016 to monitor the condition of the green from the point of view of damage from stray livestock, surface water drainage and rubbish. The results of these assessments are now starting to give some meaningful feedback and actions are being discussed and put into place. Examples are an investigation into the drainage of the lower green and who is responsible, cattle straying onto the green and how we control it (although this is not a new subject). An enquiry into fitting a cattle grid at the entrance to the Moss came back with an estimated cost of £25000.

Internal Auditor – Mrs M Warwick has given notice on the position and hence the Council will be advertising for a new person. We thank Mel for her help.

On a slightly lighter note:

The Lime trees around the village green continue to be maintained with regular pruning of the lower foliage by members of the Council.

Defibrillator – Re-training is being organised for this year. Details in the latest Newsletter.

The Newsletter finally made it out at the end of April with two further editions planned for this year.

The Parish Council continue to support the following groups:

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

Jonathan Fowler - 7th May 2017

FIRST AID / DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING



CUMBRIA FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE



More than 270,000 people suffer a heart attack every year. 12 young people die of a sudden cardiac arrest each week.

Your help could be vital - but do you know what to do?

Spending 2 hours of your life will give you the skills to try and save another person's life. It could be a family member or someone you know...

Skills you will learn include:

- General care of a casualty including the procedure for obtaining help
- Dealing with an unconscious person
- Giving rescue breaths
- Performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR)
- Dealing with choking
- Dealing with serious bleeding
- Dealing with a suspected heart attack casualty
- Demonstration on the use of a Defibrillator



Free training course near you!

Wednesday 20th September 2017

7:30-9:30pm at Walton Village Hall

If you would like to book on to this session, please contact

Caroline (Parish Council Clerk) at clerk@waltonparish.co.uk or 07921 103064



WALTON YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB



Walton Young Farmers meet fortnightly on Monday nights at Walton Village Hall. Young Farmers' Clubs provide anyone aged 10 to 26 with a fantastic chance to meet new friends, learn new skills, compete against other clubs and play an active role in the local community. Our first meeting will be Monday 11th September, 7.30pm at Walton Village Hall. If you would like any further information please contact Abigail Graham on 07827920128 or Amy Nicholson on 07975 675263.

BRAMPTON WALKERS ARE WELCOME

Walkers are Welcome towns & villages offer something special for walkers. Brampton is the UK's 66th Walkers are Welcome town.

Free led Walks for August & September

Both are meet at Moot Hall at 10.30am for car share to walk start. Bring a picnic and wear suitable clothing and footwear.

Sunday 13th August - Hidden River Walk

About 6 miles in the River Lyne area, including Low Luckens, Organic Farm and Hidden River Cafe. Leader, Nicky Beecham.

Sunday 10th September - Local Hills Walk

About 6 miles. From Talkin Village to Talkin Head Farm. Talkin Fell (381m) and Simmerson Hill (400m), Gairs, Low Hynam, Talkin. Leader, Chris Lloyd.

COFFEE MORNINGS

Saturday 12th August - Houghton Village Hall

9.00am to 1.00pm, Farmers' Market day. Organised by Brampton Community Centre cafe group. Fairtrade refreshments, home baking, recycled cards.

Saturday 26th August Brampton - Moot Hall

9.30am to 12.00pm Organised by Brampton Walkers are Welcome group. Walk information, raffle, cake stall.







Please flatten cardboard containers, rinse tins and jars, squash cans and plastic bottles and replace bottle tops

www.carlisle.gov.uk/refuseandrecycling

NEWS FROM LEES HILL C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

COMIC RELIEF

Well done to the children who organised a non-uniform day, best joke competition and bake sale. They raised an amazing £160 for a very worthy cause!

BAGS TO SCHOOL COLLECTION

The PTA arranged a 'bags to school collection'. We donated unwanted items of clothing, bedding, bags, belts etc. and took them to school. These were collected and weighed and raised a whopping £134 for PTA funds. This money will go towards paying for transporting the children to school trips and extra books and resources. **SWIMMING LESSONS**

All the children are going for swimming lessons this term and thoroughly enjoying it! Their progress has been fantastic. Mr Thompson the sports coach continues to come into school and the children love his lessons and after school club. We are looking forward to sports day.

ONE SMALL BIRD PROJECT

The children had a lovely day at Bewcastle School as part of the 'One Small Bird Project'. They made lots of new friends (and caught up with old ones!) and enjoyed a music and singing workshop. We are looking forward to our next workshop which will be at Lees Hill.

SATs

Thanks to Mrs Stobbart for running booster sessions for our year 6 pupils. They were a lot of fun in particular the breakfast sessions – perhaps that was because of the croissants and pan au chocolate! We wish them lots of luck!

PIRATE PARTY

On Friday the 12th of May the PTA threw an after school party. It was pirate themed to tie in with our current topic. The children changed into their party clothes or pirate costumes, played games, danced and had a great time. Many thanks to Brampton Co-op who, again, donated a variety of lovely treats for party food. Their generosity is greatly appreciated.

SCHOOL TRIP

The topic after half term is Amazing Art. To link with this theme the school trip will be to Crafty Monkeys where the children will be making various things out of clay. They will all use a potter's wheel and their creations will be fired and delivered to school for painting. It will be a fantastic experience.

ΡΤΑ

The PTA have a few fund raising and community events planned. Please keep checking the school website for details. We will add information as and when dates are confirmed.

Don't forget we have a community lunch on the first Wednesday of every month – contact school to book a place – 016977 2577

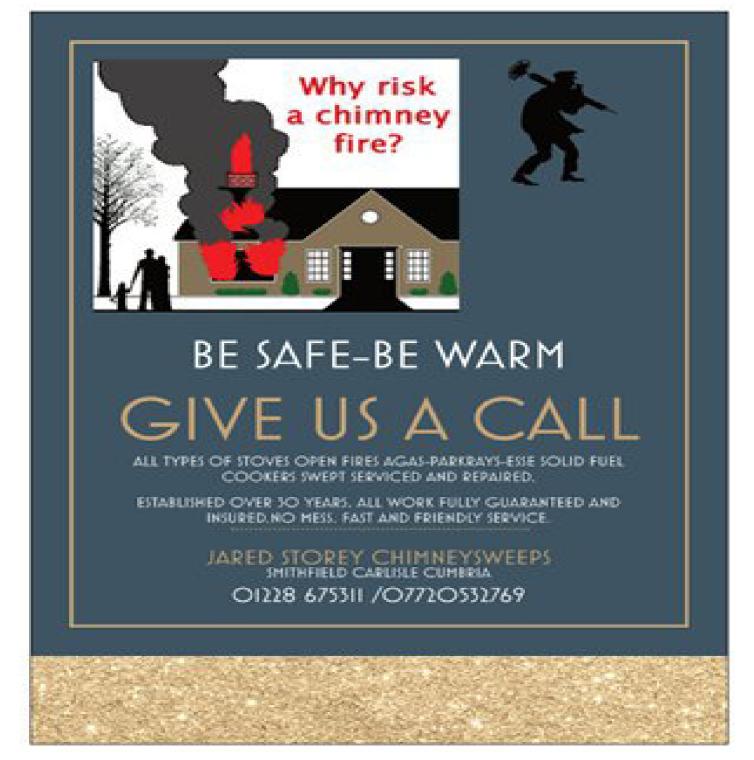
The school children were, once again, busy making exhibits for The Cumberland show. The theme was 'New Beginnings' and we were second with our scrapbook and fifth with the school display. Well done to everyone who contributed. The children have also been making entries for Gilsland Show – Good Luck! Our summer trip to 'Crafty Monkeys' was great fun and the pots the children made are fantastic. They have enjoyed our 'amazing art' topic this term and are looking forward to 'The Great Outdoors' topic in September.

Sports Day was held indoors because of the inclement weather but still lots of fun. It was a very close result but I the Blue team won overall. Whole school swimming lessons have now finished and have been very successful I with big improvements in the children's swimming abilities.

The children have been enjoying singing workshops with Bewcastle School in preparation for the 'One Small
Bird' performance held at The Sands Centre, Carlisle. It was a fantastic performance and the children were
amazing in spite of it being a very late night! The musical theme continued as many Lees Hill School pupils attended 'Music Week' at William Howard School. The culminating performance was, as always, fantastic.
Thanks to the brilliant music teachers at Lees Hill and William Howard.

We recently had a group of parents and children who volunteered and gave up their Sunday to come to school armed with their lawn mowers, gardening gloves, brushes, shovels and secateurs to tidy up the school grounds. They did an amazing job not only transforming the outdoor areas but proving how a bit of community spirit and hard work can make a massive difference! Thank you!

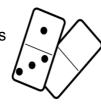
As part of our year end celebrations we held a 'Community Unity Day' in the church and hall in Walton. The 'Harry Potter' themed church service was lovely with musical performances from many children, hymns, poems and the sharing of memories followed by an award ceremony. It was a very emotional morning! The children then went to the village hall to enjoy a craft workshop and buffet lunch (contributed by the Co-op store, Brampton). To encourage independent learning the children had previously been put into groups, given £10.00 and had to devise their own fund raising stall to run in the afternoon. They had a great time running stalls selling a variety of things from ice creams to magic wands, a tombola, luck dip, guess the number of sweets in the jar and many more. Many locals popped in and enjoyed the afternoon while supporting the school – thank you! Congratulations to Ms Williamson, our infant teacher, who has just had a baby girl. Warmest best wishes to her and her family. We would like to wish everyone a happy, safe summer break.



BRAMPTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

Every Monday

Games Afternoon 2.00 - 4.00pm £2.00 includes tea, coffee & biscuits Play your favourite game such as dominoes, scrabble, cards etc in a relaxed friendly atmosphere



Every 3rd Tuesday

Bingo 7.30 - 9.30pm £1.00 includes tea. coffee & biscuits

Every Wednesday

Lets Get Playing 0 - 4years



Every Thursday

Breakfast Club for Senior Citizens 9.30 - 11.00am £3.00 for a wide choice and tea/coffee Full English add £1.50, Vegetarian £1.00

Every Friday

Crackerjacks Play Group 11.00am - 1.00pm £3.00 includes drink and biscuit

The refurbished Cafe is open Monday-Friday for light refreshments & lunches. For more information on the menu or any activity including the new Soft Play area, Tel 016977 45023 or see www.bramptoncommunitycentre.org.uk

CARLISLE CITY COUNCIL - KEEP CARLISLE CLEAN CAMPAIGN

Do you want to help us Keep Carlisle Clean?

We need your help to tackle enviro-crimes such as dog fouling, littering and fly-tipping.

We enforce all three problem areas and we want you to get in touch if you have any information that could result in perpetrators being caught.

No community should have to put up with streets and green spaces polluted with dog fouling. Not only is it a health hazard, it is also an unsightly mess. There is also no excuse to drop litter or fly-tip. Think twice before you hand over your rubbish to illegal operators - if it's fly-tipped you could face a hefty fine.

Enviro-crimes facts:

• It is an offence not to clean up after your dog has fouled. If caught, prosecution could result in a fine of up to £1,000. Bag it and bin! - any bin will do, dispose of your bagged waste responsibly.

• Fly-tipping is illegal and offenders can receive a fixed penalty fine of up £400. Before you pay for your waste to be taken away, check it is being disposed of the right way. If they dump the waste, you could face an unlimited fine and a prosecution through the courts. You can recycle your waste using household waste recycling centres or arrange a bulky waste collection by visiting www.carlisle.gov.uk/Residents/Bins-and-Recycling

• No ifs, no butts - if you drop litter - even a cigarette butt, you could face a fine of up to £2,500. If you'd like to find out more, please visit www.carlisle.gov.uk/Residents/Environmental-Problems/ keep-carlisle-clean



YOUR ADVERT COULD APPEAR HERE!

If you would like to advertise in the Walton News please contact Caroline on 07921103064 for further information.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

The Voluntary Social Car Scheme for Brampton needs additional volunteer drivers. Please contact Keith Meller: keith@borderramblerbus.co.uk



The Voluntary Social Car Scheme provides transport to members of the community who cannot make their journey by public or private transport. Typical journeys include getting to the shops, doctors, dentists, making public transport connections and visiting friends. Passengers make a contribution to-wards the cost of the transport. If 2 people travel together the fare is shared between them See: cumbria.gov.uk/voluntarycarscheme





Helping to minimise the amount of household waste we throw away

GIVE AND TAKE STALL

10am – 1pm Brampton Farmers' Markets

Saturday 26th August & Saturday 30th September



And ongoing on the last Saturday of each month

<u>GIVE</u> anything you no longer need And / Or <u>TAKE</u> anything you fancy for free Toys, Clothes, Books, Tools, Kitchen & Household Goods No furniture please Anything left over will be given to local charity shops to sell

MUSIC THERAPY FOR OLDER PEOPLE



Much more than just a 'musical experience'

Brampton Community Centre

Wednesday 30th August & 13th September 11.00am, £3.50

BOWLS OPEN DAY

SHORT MAT BOWLS TASTER OPEN DAY

BRAMPTON COMMUNITY CENTRE Monday 21st August 2017, 2.00pm - 5.00pm



Come and have a go and a bit of fun...

No charge ...

Prizes to be won!

Help and Equipment provided and all age groups and ability welcome

Come on your own or with friends and make a team

It would help is you could let us know if you are coming or if you require further information, please ring or email:

MIKE GODRIDGE 0169772965 <u>/michael.godridge9@gmail.com</u> or MARY HATCHER 01697742133/ <u>mary.hatcher47@icloud.com</u> (Away from 4th August) or leave your contact details at reception

IRTHING VALLEY INDOOR SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB meets at the Centre every Monday 1.30-3.30 p.m. and Friday 6.30 -8.30 p.m. September to April.



EMERGENCY PLANNING

ACTion with Communities in Cumbria (ACT) is encouraging households across the county to consider what



ACTion with communities in cumbria

local risks may affect them and how to be better prepared. A Household Emergency Plan leaflet will be delivered to you shortly. The leaflet includes practical suggestions for: having a plan; what to put in an emergency 'grab bag'; how to stay informed; and responding to an incident.

Parish Councillors, your Clerk & Useful Contacts



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Police		101
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Syd 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 Cyril.Bowman@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