



WALTON NEWS

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PLEASE SUPPORT WALTON VILLAGE HALL

Please Support Walton Village Hall in it's bid to win a new kitchen courtesy of Border Kitchens in Association with the Carlisle City Council.

A new kitchen would be a great way to start off the New Year in Walton Village Hall. The hall is now the only remaining public venue for social events in our parish. It is hoped that the "Pub Nights" which are being trialled for the last Saturday of October, November and December 2011 will become a popular and regular event.

In addition we have had enquiries from volunteers interested in running a tearoom type facility in Walton Village Hall. This would be open to everyone, so that both locals and also the many walkers we have passing through can enjoy the benefits.

A new kitchen would enhance the hall and provide better facilities for all users.

You can support Walton Village Hall in this competition.

Our community can start voting for Walton Village Hall to win the make-over from the 1st November 2011.

Here is how you can vote:

The vote will be accepted in three ways and must include name, address, Tel. Number and e-mail(if applicable), along with the reason why you feel Walton Village Hall should win this competition, to ensure validity:-

Email:- borderkitchens@btconnect.com - Place the name of "Walton Village Hall" in the Subject Line

Website:- www.borderkitchenscumbria.co.uk - There will be a page dedicated to the voters that should be completed in full.

Write to: Village Hall Competition, Border Kitchens, 9 High Cross Street, Brampton, Cumbria CA8 1RP

**Please note that only one vote per person in any form is valid.
Voting Closes 31 January 2012.**

And remember, to be in a chance to win we need as many people as possible to vote for Walton Village Hall. For more info please contact Mel Warwick on 41848.



YOUTH COUNCIL

The Parish Council are still looking at establishing a Youth Council –this is on hold until clarification of the best practice for the role of the Youth Council is provided by the Government. Further updates will be provided in the Spring newsletter.

MAP BOARD

Work is progressing and the board will be in place in the new year. We have been very fortunate to receive almost 100% grant funding for this board and are grateful to Carlisle City Council/Carlisle Parish Councils Association and County Councillor Fisher.

COMMUNITY LED PLAN (PARISH PLAN)

For those of you that remember the Parish Plan being produced it will probably barely seem like five years ago. However, the Walton Parish Plan is now due for renewal. The Parish Council will be looking for a small number of volunteers to form an independent group to produce an updated Community Led Plan (as they are now known) to see us through from 2012 – 2017 and beyond. If you are interested please contact John on 42122 or Sarah on 2769.

PLAY AREA

All work has now been completed on the play area with the laying of some additional designs on the tarmac in between the Hall and the Green. The Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to thank Mel Warwick and Fiona Ritson for their dedication and hard work in bringing this project to fruition. They both continue to work on behalf of all parishioners in bringing further funding through a “Sustainability Grant”. The Group will be handling all arrangements for this themselves (as opposed to their finances being handled by the Council) so we wish them every success in their new venture! If you would like further information or would like to offer assistance with the Sustainability Grant please contact Mel on 41848.

YOUTH CLUB

We are sorry to inform everyone that the Youth Club that was to be held in Walton Village Hall will **not** be going ahead. Despite their best efforts the small number of adult volunteers could not manage to gain enough support to make the project viable. Thanks are given to Marie Ashcroft and Pam Cronin in the work they did do in trying to make this project successful.

FUTURE PARISH COUNCIL PROJECTS

More bad news we are afraid – our application for grant funding for research and promotion of the Village Green through Friends of the Lake District was unsuccessful. The bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund was made by Friends of the Lake District for a number of Council's in the area and unfortunately did not progress to the second round.

On a similar note, the bid we submitted to Carlisle City Council to pay for a new noticeboard at Nickies Hill was also turned down – the Parish Council will look again at the funding options for this in 2012.

Finally, at the time of writing, we are still unsure of whether our application to refurbish the two remaining fingerposts has been successful or not. We will find out in December and will let you know in our Spring Newsletter.

PC DATES

Please check the back page of this newsletter for the 2012 dates – some of these have changed from previously published.



Ian and Gill extend a very warm welcome to you and your pets. We are a small brand new Boarding Kennel and Cattery with 5* accommodation and facilities, offering the highest standards of individual care and attention. Quiet, peaceful location and lots of countryside walks and activities.

We also have our own qualified Groomer and new Grooming Parlour on site.

You can visit our kennels anytime without an appointment during our opening hours and we will be more than happy to show you around.

For further information please contact 016977 42951 or visit www.boardingkennelscumbria.co.uk

CAR PARK

Discussions were held about the Village Car Park at our last Parish Council meeting. Although it was agreed that the safety of parishioners, especially children, is paramount, the issue will require careful financial and legal planning to overcome the restrictive legislation covering Village Green. Councillors Wood and Fowler are however investigating how we can progress this.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

PUB NIGHT's were also held on Saturday 29th October 2011 and 26th November and were very well attended. The Hall will be open on **Saturday 31st December (New Year's Eve)** - the Hall have a pool table and darts board to keep you busy and a quiz will be available for anyone who would like to test their knowledge! The pub nights will also continue in 2012 on the **last Saturday of each month** – further information will be on the noticeboards.

A children's Halloween party was held on Sunday 30th October and the party complete with magic show was enjoyed by the many youngsters who attended.



CHRISTMAS TEA

The annual nativity tea will be held in the Village Hall on Sunday 18th December after the Church Nativity Play. Please feel free to come along for a cup of tea and mince pie and to wish everyone a Merry Christmas!

HOME BIRDS AFTERNOON

Gill & Hazel would like to thank everyone who came and supported them on Sunday 13th November at their "Home Birds" afternoon in Walton Village Hall. The hall was full of lovely Christmas decorations, home ware, gifts, a delicious cake stall and Phoenix cards. An enjoyable afternoon was had by all and an amazing £1,410 was raised for SCBU (Special Care Baby Unit). Thanks again everyone for your generosity.

The winners of the Christmas Song & Carol Quiz were Chloe Wood (Hillfield) and Jacqueline Armstrong (Newtown). They had a fantastic raffle and thank everyone who kindly donated prizes, the raffle winners are listed in full on the PC website.

VILLAGE HALL TEA ROOM

A trial opening of a Tea Room was held in the Village Hall in September and again in October. Both days were a success and it is hoped that the organisers – Brampton Community Centre – will be able to make the opening a regular fixture. Please support them if you are able to in the future.

TRAINING

Parish Councillors met recently with others from Hethersgill, Burtholme, Irthington and Brampton to take part in a very useful and informative training course. The course covered lots of topics regarding how to operate as a good Parish Council and is part of the continuing efforts of the Parish Council to provide an effective and pragmatic service to the Parish.

VILLAGE GREEN LAND REGISTRY APPLICATION

We are extremely pleased (and relived) to announce that our Land Registration application for the Village Green has now been agreed by all concerned parties. Pending approval from the Land Registry the Village Green will now be officially registered as belonging to the Parish Council and this will hopefully open up new lines of funding in the future.

PRECEPT

At the November PC meeting it was agreed to raise the annual precept slightly by £154 – representing a small rise of approximately £1 per household. This is essential in helping us cover our increasing fixed costs around the Parish such as insurance and grass cutting.

UP-COMING....

If you have any articles for our next newsletter please provide them to the Clerk by email or in writing 14 February at the latest!

FINALLY

Merry Christmas from all of your Councillors and Clerk!



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Police		0845 33 00 247
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There is a white post box on the Village Hall and any correspondence for the Parish Council, Play Area Group, Village Hall Committee or Social Committee can be posted in it.

You are welcome at all PC Meetings. They are scheduled to take place at 7.30pm in the Village Hall:

Monday 9th January 2012

Monday 12th March 2012 (with the Annual Parish Meeting)

Monday 14th May 2012 (Annual Meeting of the PC)

Monday 9th July 2012

Monday 10th September 2012

Monday 12th November 2012

All meetings are subject to change so please check the website and noticeboard regularly. The official notice is placed 3 working days before the meeting on the notice board to confirm the date. Additional meetings are called when necessary for urgent matters, including planning applications.