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Highways Hotline		0845 649 6609
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SOCIAL COMMITTEE

FORTH COMING PUB NIGHTS & EVENTS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE & BINGO NIGHT - SATURDAY 24TH NOVEMBER

7pm- midnight

Complementary Mulled Wine & Mince pie followed by Carols round the tree. Followed by some games of bingo in the hall

ANNUAL NATIVITY & TEA – SUNDAY 16TH DECEMBER

4pm-6pm

NEW YEARS EVE FAMILY PARTY NIGHT –

MONDAY 31ST DECEMBER

8pm onwards, Fun, games & music bring your own refreshments

PIE & PEA SUPPER & QUIZ NIGHT – SATURDAY 26TH JANUARY

7.30pm-midnight



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Welcome to the Christmas Edition 2012 of the Newsletter brought to you by Walton Parish Council.

COMMUNITY LED PLAN

The first draft of the Community Led Plan is nearly completed and will be delivered to each household in the next few weeks. A group of volunteers has collated the information from the 41 Questionnaires that were returned and the results form the basis of the plan.

After the draft plan has been issued an Open Morning will be held to get feedback on the plan and discuss any items of concern or that have been missed off. Following the Open Morning the plan will be finalised and passed to the Parish Council for adoption. This will form the basis of projects and work areas for the next few years.

HALLOWEEN

The Village Halloween Party was held on the Sunday 28th October with 40 children attending in some tremendous costumes from pumpkins and witches to vampires and mummies. Penny Clover kindly judged the best pumpkin competition and the best dressed boy & best dressed girl. Stu-di-doo did a great job of keeping the children entertained for the afternoon with all the children heading home with a Halloween balloon. Prize list:

*5 and under 1st Daniel Carr, 2nd Lexi McSherry, 3rd Jack Whiteford
6-8 years 1st Rob Harding, 2nd William Kyle, 3rd Rosie Winter
9 & over 1st Billy Davidson, 2nd Lucy Winter, 3rd Emily Norman
Best dressed boy – Archie Wood, Best dressed girl – Millie MaCrae*

The Social Committee would like to say a huge Thank you to everyone who came and supported us.

CUMBRIA FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE: MAKING YOUR HOMES SAFER

FREE Home Safety Visit • FREE Smoke Alarm Fitted • FREE Fire Plan

Every home in Cumbria is eligible to apply for a **free home safety visit** to assist householders to identify potential fire hazards and how to reduce them.

We will help design a **free** fire plan so that your family will know how to react if you have a fire in your home. If needed we will fit a **free** battery powered smoke alarm to ensure your family will get an early warning of fire.

Don't Wait, Ring Now: 0800 358 4777

HOME SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES UNDER PRESSURE-

East Cumbria Family Support home support service matches volunteers with families who have at least 1 child under 8 years old and are experiencing difficulties relating to health or disability, emotional wellbeing or parenting. In the current climate the need for family support is greater than ever. Volunteers visit usually for a couple of hours each week to give practical and emotional support. Ongoing individual and group support is given to volunteers, and travel expenses paid. If you are interested in helping to support families with young children and have a few hours to spare each week, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact: Sarah Craig, Eden Family Support Coordinator on 01768 862917/593102 or Dan Nicholson Carlisle Family Support Coordinator on 01228 227348.

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

Monday 14th January 2013

Monday 11th March 2013 (7pm start)

Monday 13th May 2013

Monday 8th July 2013

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.

Grants for Community Groups



Grant funding is available for voluntary and not for profit community groups who are involved in community and/or youth projects.



Who can apply?

We welcome funding applications from a variety of community groups including play-groups, playground committees, residents groups, sports groups, village halls, parish councils, youth clubs, heritage groups, environmental groups, arts groups, health groups and local charities.

What can groups apply for?

Grants are available for community based projects or initiatives that will benefit the local area. Funding is intended to invest in communities to bring about a positive and lasting change for the benefit of the whole community.

Successful funding applications have been for a wide range of projects including; setting up a community group, educational toys/equipment, community notice boards, upgrading or refurbishment of a village hall, community signage, etc.

How can groups apply or find out more?

Funding is split across 17 different areas of the Carlisle District based on County Council electoral divisions. Each area deals with its grants through a local community grants panel that considers each application.

It is worth contacting your local Area Engagement Officer who will be happy to discuss your project, provide you with the criteria for funding and an application form.

Further information and an application form is available on the County Council website www.cumbria.gov.uk/neighbourhoodforum/grant

Contact us:
Carlisle Area Support Team
Cumbria County Council

t: 01228 226474
e: joanne.mckenna@cumbria.gov.uk

Your local
neighbourhood
forum

READING ROOM

Work has now begun on the reading room. The Village Hall Management Committee hope to have the room ready to use in the new year. If you would like to know anything about this project please contact the secretary at james@waltonparish.co.uk. An **open day** is planned to celebrate it's completion—further details will be on the noticeboards and website.

BRAMPTON LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

The Brampton Local History Group meets in Brampton Community Centre on the third Thursday of each month at 7.30 pm. Admission £2, includes refreshments. **All Welcome.** Contact: Alan Oliver – 016977 2484, Sheila Mainwaring – 016977 42507 or David Moorat 016799 2802 for more information.

PLANNING

We would like to enable you to view **planning applications** in the village hall. We know that the only way you can currently view plans for our parish is either via the internet or at the Civic Centre so we plan to try and display them in the **Village Hall**. You will be able to view the plans on a **Monday** or **Wednesday** morning between 9.30am and 12noon **ONLY** when the Post Office is open. This may be subject to change depending on Hall bookings but in the main it is hoped that the system will work well. The plans must be kept in the Hall and not removed or copied.

BROADBAND

Cumbria County Council have agreed that BT will deal with the provision of superfast broadband for the County. The contract has not yet been signed as they must wait for State Aid approval, and this is due by the end of 2012. Details of the contract are limited at present, but the intention is that 93% of Cumbria will receive Superfast Broadband (24mbps or more) and those rural areas that do not receive this, will receive a minimum of 2mbps, which is a significant improvement on current speeds. More information will be known once the contract is signed, and hopefully this State Aid approval won't take too long. For any further information, please contact Tom on tom@waltonparish.co.uk



CLERKS AND COUNCILLORS SURGERIES

We are very aware that there are sometimes issues you wish to discuss with a councillor or the clerk but don't want to do this either over the phone or at a public meeting.

We are therefore pleased to announce that you will now be able to speak to us in person two extra ways:

1—we will run a **councillors surgery** for **30** minutes prior to each Parish Council meeting where you can meet one-on-one with a councillor in private. Please feel free to come along at 7pm to talk to a councillor.

2—the Clerk will be available to speak to you in the Village Hall between 10am and 11am on:

Wednesday .27th February,

Wednesday 24th April

Wednesday 26th June.

Please be aware that circumstances do sometimes change (e.g. holidays/children being ill) so this may not always be possible. The new arrangements will be for a trial period and please give us feedback on whether this is working.

NOTICEBOARD

The new noticeboard has finally been put in place at Nickies Hill. If you have any **notices** please do make sure you put a copy in here too. We will clean it out regularly so if you place a trade advert in there it may be replaced with up-to-date posters!

BRAMPTON AND DISTRICT CHOIR

Invite you to join them for their **FESTIVE CONCERT** on Friday 7th December 2012 at 7.30pm in William Howard School, Brampton. Tickets: £5.00 / under 12's free and proceeds to the Alzheimer's Society, Cumbria. Tickets available from the Cumberland Building Society, Brampton, or on the door or by email to secretary@bramptonanddistrictchoir.com.

DEBT COUNSELLING

The Clerk has details of where you can obtain confidential and free debt counselling in the Parish. If you require this information you can contact us in complete confidence and we will put you in touch with someone who can help.

SEASONS GREETINGS

This is the last edition of the newsletter this year and although early your Councillors and Clerk would like to wish all of our parishioners a very **Merry Christmas** and a happy New Year!



SPEEDING

Concerns have been raised regarding speeding within the village. We are in discussions with the police about any action that can be taken. We will keep you informed of any progress in our next edition.

HOMEBIRDS

Gillian Whiteford, Corinna Coates & Hazel Winter would like to say a huge Thank You to everyone who came to Walton Village Hall on Sunday 21st October and supported their Homebirds Afternoon, They had an excellent turnout and raised a fantastic £750 for their four charities.

POLICE REPORT

It's that time of year again fuels thefts rise significantly, please be aware of the following advice:

- Securing your Oil tank with a wooden or metal fence, trellis or wall which can give significant protection to the tank.
- A metal grill or cage with a lockable access point across the top of this wall or fence can further improve security. The wall or fence should be as close to the tanks and as high as possible.

You may not be aware but there is a sensor alarm you can purchase from local agricultural dealers, the sensor is fitted to the top of the tank, and if the fuel level suddenly drops or falls below quarter full at alarm sounds inside your property, alerting you to a possible theft, the pack also comes with a alarm sign to place on the tank, we believe the price of these alarms are approx. £80, contact your nearest agricultural supplier for more information on these alarms. Also a reminder to check your oil levels this will help you monitor usage and check none has gone missing report any suspicious activity calling 101.

PRECEPT

In a change to previous years we will be setting our precept at our January 2013 meeting (rather than in November).

JOIN THE BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH 26—27 JANUARY 2013



Do you like watching the birds in your garden? Then take part in the world's biggest wildlife survey – the RSPB's Big Garden **Birdwatch**. This is the conservation charity's most important event of the year. It is when people across the country look out of their window and spend an hour of their weekend recording how many birds they see.

Last year, over half a million people counted more than nine million garden birds. The information from this survey helps the RSPB form a comprehensive picture of how well – or not so well - each species is doing. Over the past three decades, participants have helped the RSPB discover that populations of house sparrows, starlings have declined while the numbers of blue tits and goldfinches in gardens have increased.

Doing the Big Garden Birdwatch not only helps the RSPB track the ups and downs of garden birds, but gives you the perfect excuse to sit down with a cup of tea and enjoy the wildlife in your garden.

Taking part is very simple. Over the weekend of the 26-27 January, spend one hour counting the largest number of each bird species you see at a time in your garden. Then give your results through our website www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch or by post. You can get loads more information about the Big Garden Birdwatch and a free pack by going on our website or calling the hotline 0300 456 8330.

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

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

Lawrence.fisher@cumbria.gov.uk or on 01228 512550