

Walton News

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

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHT SWITCH ON

Come along on Sunday 7th December at 4.30pm to see the Christmas Tree lights being switched on. There will be carols around the tree, mulled wine and mince pies—everyone is welcome so please do join us.



CRAFTS WITH SANTA



Come to Walton Village Hall on Sunday 7 December 3.00—4.30pm for an afternoon of Christmas Crafts & visit from Santa. £3.00 per child (Reception age children & younger must be accompanied by an adult throughout). Booking is essential. Contact Emma on 016977 45409 or emma@waltonparish.co.uk. Followed by the switch on of

Walton's Christmas Tree Lights at 4.30pm with mulled wine & mince pies—everyone welcome!

RACE NIGHT

The Village Hall Management Committee are delighted to inform you that a race night will be taking place in the Village Hall on Saturday 28th February. Tickets will go on sale nearer the time but please keep the date free as it promises to be a fantastic night out!

PLAY AREA GROUP

As everyone in the Parish will be aware, Walton Play Area Group have operated for a number of years and have been successful in bringing to Walton a fantastic new play area and associated event equipment. They have also hosted numerous activity days and the very well supported meal for pensioners earlier this year. The time has however now come for them to wrap things up and with immediate effect the Group are no longer operating. If you have any queries regarding this or any aspect of the play area in the future please contact clerk@waltonparish.co.uk. Our thanks are warmly given to Mel Warwick and Fiona Ritson who have donated countless hours of their time to make such a huge difference to so many

families. The assets of the Group have now been distributed between the Parish Council, Village Hall and the catchment primary school, Lees Hill, for continued use.

GRASS CUTTING

The Parish Council recently advertised for grass cutting contractors to tender for a three year contract to maintain the Village Green and some selected nearby areas. We were very pleased to receive five tender documents back in response to our advert which ensured a competitive process for the Parish. We are currently taking up references for two shortlisted contractors and will make our final decision in January.

VILLAGE HALL INFORMATION

Walton Village Hall Management Committee would like to thank everyone for the support they have given the Hall this year. Our Coffee Morning on Saturday 8 November raised £112 for Village Hall funds - thank you to everyone who joined us for coffee and all those who helped on the day. We are planning more events for 2015 including the already mentioned Race Night on Saturday 28 February and a Curry Night in April. Further details will follow nearer the time, we look forward to seeing you there. If you have any suggestions for future social events, or would like to get involved with organising events, please get in touch with any of the Committee, our details are on the noticeboard by the Hall door.

Wilson Memorial Homes - Charity No. 224967

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Applicants are invited for future vacancies of the
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Tel: 016977 45019

Email: wilsonmemorialhomes@yahoo.com

Or write to

The Clerk, Wilson Memorial Homes, Brampton
Community Centre, Union Lane, Brampton, CA8 1BX

CAMP OUT AND SPORTS DAY

All the campers had great fun at the Camp Out organised by the Play Area Group back in August. Despite some wet and windy conditions at times, 8 tents full of campers survived the night and had great fun. Activities were run during the afternoon and evening; tea and breakfast were also provided. The most common words used by the children to describe the event were "awesome" and "epic" which is always a good sign! Thank you to the organisers, funders and parents who helped with the activities, food and entertainment.

TEAROOM

Are you thinking of taking on a new venture for 2015? Well, the lease is available for the popular Walton Tearoom. An attractive building in a central village location with competitive leasing arrangements. Contact Emma on 016977 45409 or email emma@waltonparish.co.uk for further information.

RAILINGS NEAR TO CHURCH

The Parish Council were very pleased to see so much interest generated in the recently discussed issue regarding the railings near to the church. The railings, as many of you will know, have been a feature of the Village Green for a number of years and have reached the stage where they require a bit of maintenance to keep them looking tidy. The query was raised at the time of discussion as to whether they should be taken down, as fencing of the Green is not legal and we do not afford that type of protection against parking on any other area of grass in the Village. The matter was discussed at our November PC meeting and it was decided to investigate the cost of replacement or repair before we consider the matter again at our January meeting. If you do have any views on this matter we would be happy to hear them.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The dates for our Parish Council meetings in 2015 are set to take place as follows:

Monday 12 January
Monday 9 March
Monday 11 May
Monday 13 July
Monday 14 September
Monday 9 November

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.

LAND TRANSFER

The transfer of the two pockets of land from Cumbria County Council is now complete. The legal paperwork has been signed by the Parish Council which gives us ownership of the two pieces of land in the Village.

SPEEDING

Three volunteers have come forward to be trained for the radar speed gun for use in the parish. Their details have been forwarded to the police to enable the training to be carried out.

COUNTY COUNCIL BUDGET CONSULTATION

The County Council are currently consulting on their budget plans. You have until 20th January to respond—check our their website www.cumbria.gov.uk for full details.

CHILDREN'S PLAY SCHEME

Three Sports and Physical Activity Days were held in the Village Hall in August. These were on the whole well supported with 54 children attending over the 3 days. Thanks are once again given to the Play Area Group and Cumbria County Council for funding the days in full.

RECYCLING BINS

As reported in the previous edition, the Parish Council have been looking into recycling following the concerns of some Parishioners. The recycling centre has been monitored over the past 4 months and it is great to see that it is so frequently used. The Parish Council no longer gain monetary benefits from the recycling centre as they did previously, and these are really in addition to the collections that most of the Parish receive every two weeks. However, some outlying properties do not receive these door to door collections, and the communal recycling centre is an essential part of being able to recycle materials.



We would be grateful if those using the bins could take into consideration the local residents, and if the bins are full, then please take your recycling back home for another day, or to other nearby centres (Brampton, Hethersgill). Also, some items are not able to be recycled so please do not leave these in or near to the bins. Signs will also be erected near the bins to help inform users in the near future. It is great that so many in the Parish recycle materials and it is clear that our centre is well used.

BRAMPTON CHOIR CONCERT 2014

The annual concert will take place on Friday December 12th at William Howard School Brampton at 7.30pm. Tickets are £6 with under 12s free. The concert will be an evening of pleasant and Christmassy songs; Musical Director: Andy Webster, Accompanist: Jerry King. Tickets from The Cumberland Building Society, Brampton. Choir Members, on the door or by email from secretary@bramptonanddistrictchoir.com.

TREES

At our September meeting we agreed to have some maintenance work carried out on some of the Lime Trees in the Village. This work is due to take place any time and may have even been carried out before you receive this newsletter. The works were essential to the health of the trees and the safety of the parish.

NATIVITY TEA

Unfortunately the Church Nativity will not be taking place this year due to a lack of children able to participate. Thanks are given to Penny Clover for running this over the past 12 years—we are sure the popular annual gathering will be a huge miss.

BROADBAND

As you will know, the Green cabinet has been in the Parish for some time now, but has not yet been switched on. Connecting Cumbria have confirmed that there were issues and blockages whilst laying the "spine" to the Parish and this has held matters up. They are now looking at a date of Spring 2015 for superfast speeds being available in our Parish.

VICTORIA COUNTY HISTORY AND WALTON PARISH

Compiling the Victoria County History was started by Arthur Doubleday in 1899 and dedicated to Queen Victoria. It was intended to produce a history of each English county. Arthur Doubleday underestimated the effort that would be required to complete the history and 115 years later it remains active in 34 counties including Cumberland.

The history is produced by volunteers working in each parish who compile histories of their parishes in a standard format. The parish histories are then brought together into county histories, known as Red Books. The preparation of the history is overseen by local universities, Lancaster University looks after Cumberland.

Pam and Paul Cronin have taken over the task of compiling the history for Walton Parish which was started by Libby Seddon. The history covers every aspect of parish life so do not be surprised if the Cronins ask you about your memories of the area. If you want to find out more about the Victoria County History you can contact Pam and Paul on 016977 3261 or look at the VCH website www.victoriacountyhistory.ac.uk.

BUS SERVICES

As mentioned in the past two editions, the bus services are due to cease imminently. The Parish Council have been asked to consider working as a small group with a number of other parishes to develop a business plan to establish a volunteer service, like the Fell Runner scheme elsewhere in the County. We need your views on this—would you be willing to help be a volunteer driver? And, would you want to use such a volunteer service as a passenger? At the moment the Parish Council do not propose taking part in

the Group and unless we hear that there is sufficient demand we will not be progressing. Please get in touch asap—and no later than 6th December—if you have any strong views on this subject.

EMAIL ALERTS

The Parish Council have become aware that sometimes when information is being delivered door-to-door in the parish the 40 or so houses that are outside the village boundary are often forgotten about. We understand how frustrating this is and how disappointing it is to realise you have missed out on information or events taking place. Although most information is published on our website it could often be missed if people do not regularly check it.—or indeed if the organisers have not sent us notice of it. To try and help solve this problem we would like to be able to email event notices and other relevant information to people in the future (if and when we receive them)— if you would like to begin receiving these please send your details to clerk@waltonparish.co.uk.

We will still deliver your Walton News as a hard copy to your door if you wish—but can email the updates in between issues. Similarly, if you have information to share don't forget to send us a copy too!

PRECEPT

The Parish Council took the decision to raise the precept by the current inflationary rate for the financial year 2015/16. This represents a £76 increase over the whole parish (approx. 115 households). We have been informed that our income will drop by over £523 next year so we will need to carefully look at the precept next November and our spending plans.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Your Parish Councillors, Clerk and Village Hall Committee would like to wish everyone in the Parish and surrounding areas a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2015.





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NEWS FROM LEES HILL

CEILIDH

A ceilidh featuring local band Jiggery Pokery will take place at Lees Hill School on Friday 6th February. Everyone is invited—Please keep a watch on the noticeboards, facebook page and website for details.

JOIN US FOR LUNCH WHENEVER YOU LIKE

Everyone in our school community is welcome to join us here at school for lunch and to enjoy Mrs Metcalf's tasty meals every day. Mrs Metcalf would like to extend the offer of a school meal to friends, family of the school and member's of the school community. If you would like to come along any day of the week to join us for lunch, please telephone school to book in for a meal. 016977 2577. One week's notice is required for ordering purposes. Lunch is served from 12:05pm every day.

AND

Join us for Christmas Lunch Tuesday 16th December.

CELEBRATIONS AT THE CAIRN

Monday 15th September was a very special occasion after school when many children, parents and staff went to the 'Cairn for the Union' in Gretna. MP Rory Stewart and Rev'd Janice Murray joined us there where we sang 'Christ be our Light', 'Caravan of Love', listened to a Bible reading by Janice and shared prayers. We were thrilled to be featured on the Hands Across the Border website.



SATURDAY AFTERNOON SINGING STARS



During the afternoon of Saturday 27th September, a few of our families went to Hexham Abbey to join in with a singing workshop, held by an *capella* group called Voces8. The afternoon was action packed with lots of fun singing activities and ended with a full version of 'Happy' by Pharrell Williams in 4 different parts. We all sounded brilliant!

A WARM WELCOME GOES TO.....

This September we welcomed two new members of staff; Barbara Metcalf our new cook and Bethany Bennett our new apprentice teaching assistant. Both have made a positive impact in school already—it is great to have them with us! We also welcomed nine new children; Amy, in the junior class, Sophie and Jessica in the infant class, and into our new nursery—Abbie, Jessica, Charlotte, Maisy, Matthew and Sam. Everyone is settling in very well to school life here.

**Give us a ring on 016977 2577 and speak to Louise Lyons in the Office,
our Head teacher Jill Simpson OR pop in to visit us**

Parish Councillors, your Clerk & Useful Contacts



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