

Walton News

Welcome to the August 2015 Edition of the Newsletter brought to you by Walton Parish Council.

NEW COUNCILLORS

As you will all be aware, for the first time in many years, we had more people stand for Parish Council than the number of seats available. Eleven parishioners stood for the eight Council positions so that meant that on Thursday 7 May you all had the chance to democratically elect your councillors to serve a four year term.

Councillors elected were: Jonathan Fowler (Chairman), Tom Brocklebank (Vice-Chairman), Alan Armstrong, Simon Wood, Brian Hogg, Fraser Winter, Thomas Mounsey and Tommy Mark. Their contact details are available on the back page of this newsletter and on our website (www.waltonparish.co.uk).

The election did mean we lost some well established Councillors. Alan Armstrong chose not to re-stand in the election and Gordon Kyle and Austen Davies were unsuccessful in being elected. Our sincere thanks go to all three councillors for their efforts for the parish council over the years. We of course also lost our Chairman, who chose not to re-stand in the election - John Evans.....

DR JOHN EVANS

The Parish Council would like to give sincere thanks for all the work undertaken by John Evans both in his time as Councillor and especially in the years he served as Chairman. Dr Evans was instrumental in shaping the current Council as an efficient and well run body and was involved in many projects over the years that have really changed our parish for the better - such as the new play area and reading room development. Many thanks again John and good luck in all you do in the future!

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our WI meet on the 1st Wednesday of every month (except August) at 7.30pm. The meeting on 2nd September is planned to be a sweet demonstration. All new members are welcome. For more information please telephone Una Armstrong on 016977 2730.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Thanks to those who attended the Annual Parish Meeting in May. The meeting was useful and the PC are now taking on board issues raised at it, many of which are covered in this newsletter such as first aid training, recycling bins and a parish tidy up - please read on for more information.

RECYCLING BINS

Signage has recently been placed near the recycling bins to try and remind some users of the basic rules, namely, please wash and squash your items; and please do only place the correct waste in the appropriate bins. We also would remind you that if the bins are full then waste cannot be left adjacent to them - you risk being prosecuted for fly-tipping if you do.

RAILINGS NEAR TO CHURCH

Work remains ongoing to tidy up the railings near to the church. Many thanks go to Councillor Armstrong and his helpers for the work they have done to date to straighten up the railings and to replace the missing links. We will finalise the refurbishment arrangements at our September meeting.

NOTICEBOARD

A suggestion has been made to move the noticeboard from the Village Green to inside the bus shelter. We propose to make this move during September unless we have significant and valid objections. If you are concerned please do contact us and explain your concerns.

BORDER RAMBLER BUS SERVICE

The volunteer bus service we have discussed in previous editions of this newsletter is aiming to be up and running by early September. No route to incorporate Walton is as yet planned but the scheme is still in development so if you are interested, please let us know so we can feedback to those organising the service about any demand the parish has.



OPEN EVERYDAY
10 a.m. – 4.30 p.m.

FIRST AID TRAINING

The Parish Council are delighted to announce that they are hosting some Heart Start First aid training in the Village Hall at **7pm on Wednesday 30th September**. Everyone (including children from approx. age 6) are welcome to come along and either learn some new skills or have a refresher of some existing ones. Places must be pre-booked with the Clerk to ensure we have sufficient numbers and also to ensure the correct amount of training packs are available — contact details for Sarah are on the back page.

LITTER PICKING/PARISH TIDY UP

The Parish Council plan to host a parish litter pick/tidy up. We are provisionally looking at a Saturday or Sunday in early October. If you are interested in taking part we would be grateful if you could contact Sarah (again, contact details on the back page) as we need to have a rough idea of numbers to ensure we have sufficient safety equipment. Please note that children will be not permitted to assist in the event due to health and safety concerns. Once we finalise a date we will get in touch with everyone who has pre-registered to confirm arrangements.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

Monday 14 September &

Monday 9 November

Provisionally the first meeting in the New Year will be taking place on Monday 11th January 2016. Please remember we sometimes need to change the date 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, normally planning applications.

WALTON MOOR SLEEPERS

Work to improve the pathways in the Moor will commence in late September/early October. Many thanks to City Councillor Bowman and County Councillor Mallinson for helping to fund the purchase of new sleepers, which will be laid voluntarily by Councillors.

CHILDREN'S PLAY SCHEME

We would like to inform you that we will be holding a children's activity day in the village hall. We have arranged a date of **Thursday 20th August** between 10am and 3pm. The scheme will be delivered by the Cumbrian Sports and Physical Activities Foundation using fully trained play workers. The day is open to all children aged between 5 and 12 years old and will cost £5 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 by telephoning 01228 591241 or by emailing sheepmount@carlisleleisure.com. The days have been funded by Cumbria County Council Community Grants and City Cllr Bowman.



YOUR ADVERT COULD APPEAR HERE!

If you would like to advertise in the Walton News please contact Sarah on 01228 231124 for further information. We deliver directly to every household in the parish of Walton so could make the perfect advertising medium to promote your business or event.

SPEEDING

Three parishioners have now been trained in the use of a speed radar gun. The volunteers will chose a suitable opportunity to record speeds in one of four designated locations in the village. If you wish to discuss this further please contact Jonathan who will be happy to explain the full details to you.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT MEETINGS

Members of the public are more than welcome to attend all of our Parish Council meetings and we have a standing agenda item to allow you to voice your opinion on agenda items. A proper written policy to assist your understanding of this has now been adopted and is available to view on our website.

JACK THE POSTMAN RETIREMENT

As most of you will know, Jack the postman has now retired. A collection was taken for him, £415 was collected and he was given an Houghton Hall annual membership. The rest of the money was given to him in cash so he could buy himself something for his garden. A copy of his card and a picture is on the noticeboard if you would like to see.

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ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT

The Parish Council would like to thank Pamela Cronin for her work over recent years acting as the council's internal auditor. Pam has recently resigned from the role to allow her to join the Village Hall Committee but we would like to stress how grateful for her assistance the PC has been. The council have appointed Mel Warwick as her replacement. Please do remember we have to work within new transparency guidelines which means all of our financial information is available to view on our website.

BROADBAND

Do you run a business? Small and medium size enterprises are being offered help to apply for £3,000 vouchers to spend on superfast broadband connections. To receive a voucher, businesses need a bespoke connection quotation or to take a pre-registered package from a registered supplier (IP River, at Kingmoor Park, Carlisle, is the only registered supplier in Cumbria). The vouchers are issued on a first-come first-served basis and the £40m fund runs until March 2016, or until the money runs out. More information is online at www.connectionvouchers.co.uk.

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Village Hall Committee

The AGM was held in May, at which the previous Chair, John Evans, resigned. We would like to thank John for everything he undertook as Chair, his hard work & dedication have been much appreciated.

As well as members who continue on the committee, we welcome several new members too:

Chair & Bookings: Emma Brocklebank

Vice Chair: Tracy Jackson

Treasurer: Pam Cronin

Secretary: Rebecca Lowes

Parish Council Rep: Fraser Winter

and committee members **James Kyle, Paula Giordan** and **Mark Ashton**. Please contact any committee member if you have any suggestions for future events at the Hall, or would like to become involved in anyway.

Recent Events

In June we held our first Acoustic Night - 'Midsummer Music'. It was great to

welcome so many talented musicians and singers from the local area showcasing a wide range of musical styles and instruments.

Thanks go to all those who helped put up and take down the marquee, to those who helped with electrical equipment and refreshments, to Mark Ashton for hosting the evening, and of course to all the performers who gave us an enjoyable evening.

We held a Coffee & Cake morning in the Village Hall on 11 July which raised £60 for the Village Hall, thank you to everyone who came along; we hope you enjoyed a good catch up with friends as well as the delicious cake provided by the Reading Room Café.

Upcoming Events

We have a busy programme of both social events and fundraisers planned, keep an eye on the Village Noticeboard and Walton Parish Facebook page for further details:

- ◆ Friday 21 August Car Treasure Hunt £5 per car Everyone Welcome. Start from Village Hall at 5pm. Last car leaves 6.15pm. Bar & Supper available afterwards in the Village Hall
- ◆ Friday 25 September Curry Night in Walton Village Hall 6pm
- ◆ Friday 30 October Children's Halloween Film Event 2pm in the Village Hall
- ◆ Saturday 14 November Domino Drive

We would like to thank the Parish Council for organising the Summer Fun Day (details earlier in the newsletter).

The Reading Room Café

We are pleased to say that the Reading Room Café has quickly become an established part of the village, and is now open 7 days a week for the summer season.

Computer Classes

Thank you to Jenn Blair for organising the computer classes which have taken place in the Village Hall over the last year, which were very popular. We have just been awarded some funding from the William Milburn Trust which will go towards running further classes, details will follow in due course.

Parish Councillors, your Clerk & Useful Contacts



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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:

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