

Walton News

**Welcome to the January 2016 Edition of the
Newsletter brought to you by Walton Parish Council**

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Monday 9th May at 7.30pm in Walton Village Hall. Please let the Clerk have any items you would like to discuss or simply come along and talk to us on the evening.

NEWSLETTER

In the future this newsletter will be distributed approx. once every 4 months instead of once every 3. We are a little late with this edition due to the Christmas holidays but we hope to bring you the next instalment in late May. If you have any articles you would like included please don't forget to get them to Sarah as soon as possible and by 20 April at the latest.

RAILINGS NEAR TO CHURCH

We are still progressing the railings on the Green near to the church. We hope to sort out their painting in the near future once all repairs are completed and will discuss this at our March meeting.

NOTICEBOARD

The noticeboard has now been moved inside of the bus shelter. We haven't had any comments or complaints so presume you are ok with the decision?

FIRST AID TRAINING

The Parish Council were pleased to host some free first aid training. A small number of parishioners came along and listened to useful advice as provided by the North West Ambulance Service. We can organize this again once we have sufficient demand so please do let us know if you missed out and wish to take part.

LITTER PICKING/PARISH TIDY UP

Unfortunately the litter pick we had hoped to hold last year was cancelled due to a lack of volunteers. We are considering trying to hold it during the Spring—would you be interested in taking part? We would only be able to do the 30mph roads or those roads deemed safe enough (with a large grass verge that can be walked on). Please contact us if you are happy to help out.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The dates for our Parish Council meetings in 2016 are set to take place as follows:

Monday 14 March

Monday 9 May (also Annual Parish Meeting)

Monday 11 July

Monday 12 September

Monday 14 November

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

Thanks go to our parish councillors who volunteered to do some maintenance work in the Moor to improve the pathways.

CHILDREN'S PLAY SCHEME

The Parish Council were delighted that 26 children attended the play scheme in August which was fully funded by Cumbria County Council and Carlisle City Council.

ADVICE SERVICES

An exciting and innovative way of accessing advice is available for the first time. People living in rural areas will be able to receive advice and assistance from the four key advice providers in Carlisle & Eden: Age UK, Citizens Advice, Benefits Advice Service Carlisle City Council and the Cumbria Law Centre.

The charities (together with the Benefits Advice Service in Carlisle) are

partners in Carlisle and Eden Advice Link, a project funded by the Big Lottery. People will be able to access the wide-ranging advice and information services currently offered by the respective agencies.

A vast range of advice and information is available to people accessing the services - from the hugely comprehensive service offered by generalist advisors at Citizens Advice, to the legal casework and representation from caseworkers from Citizens Advice and the Law Centre, as well as other specialism's, including Debt, Welfare Benefits and issues facing older people.

This service is available via Skype video technology, whereby clients and advisers can see and speak with each other, but can also share documents, have photos taken (e.g. for a blue badge application) and can work together to complete applications (e.g. for benefits) online.

The equipment is currently housed at various locations and include Brampton Community Centre and Longtown Community Centre. You can access this service by contacting the advice charities by phone – Age UK on 01228 536673 or 01768 863618, Citizens Advice on 01768 891503 or 01228 633900, Benefits Advice Service 01228 917406 and the Law Centre on 01228 515129 – where an assessment will take place and suitable action, including making an appointment taken.

For more information contact: Mark Barrett on 07823 410051.

LICENSING ACT 2003 - NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE

Notice is given that PAULA JANE GIORDAN has applied to Carlisle City Council Licensing Authority for a Premises Licence under Section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises known as THE READING ROOM AT WALTON, to allow the sale, by retail of alcohol. Sunday – Saturday 10.30HRS – 22.30 HRS.

Anyone who wishes to make representations regarding this application must give notice in writing to: Licensing, Civic Centre, Carlisle, CA3 8QG or by emailing licensing@carlisle.gov.uk. Representations must be received by 10th February 2016. The Application Record and Register may be viewed during normal office hours at the above address or at www.carlisle.gov.uk

It is an offence under Section 158 of the Licensing Act 2003, knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application and the maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction for the offence is up to level 5 on the standard scale (£5000)

BROADBAND

Good news - the green cabinet in the middle of the Parish has now gone live enabling superfast broadband to be delivered. Your current internet is not simply updated, you will need to check internet providers and whether it is available at your property (as it may not reach across the whole Parish), and set up a new deal. I am looking at hosting a "Digital Inclusion" meeting at the Village Hall to give further information and advice, but if there are any questions in the meantime please do not hesitate to contact me on tom@waltonparish.co.uk or on 45409. Further information can also be found at www.connectingcumbria.org.uk

BOLTON FELL MOSS

Bolton Fell Moss in Hethersgill is undergoing a massive make-over as you will be probably aware. On Tuesday 26 January and Sunday 31 January from 10am—1pm you are invited to meet at Hethersgill Parish Hall for an illustrated introduction to the Cumbria BOGlifE project, followed by a guided walk on the Moss. You will be able to see it being restored to a living bog habitat and help shape plans for public access.

You will need wellies, waterproofs and warm clothing. All ages are welcome although as the peat is soft and uneven, the full guided walk will be unsuitable for pushchairs or for those with limited mobility. However access is possible for the first section of the walk as you will be shown the site from the northern edge of the bog. For further information please contact Tania Crocket on 07881 225343. Lift sharing is encouraged please to reduce the number of vehicles visting the bog.

POST OFFICE OPENING TIMES

Don't forget that the Post Office is open in the Village Hall on Monday and Wednesday's from 9.30am—12noon.

READING ROOM CAFÉ

The Reading Room Café will be re-opening after its winter break in March. Keep an eye on the noticeboards and Facebook page for the confirmed date.

YOUR ADVERT COULD APPEAR HERE!

If you would like to advertise in the Walton News please contact Sarah on 01228 231124 for further information.

COMPUTER CLASSES

Computer classes have just begun in the Village Hall. These began on Wednesday 13th January and will be running for 5 weeks. There is Beginners Computing from 9.30am—11am (£25) or Developing Skills from 11.30am—1pm (£25). A “Using Your Tablet Computer” was also available for two weeks. For further information please telephone Jenn Blair 07788584557

PRECEPT

The Parish Council took the very difficult decision to raise the precept by just under 4% this year. We have been working at a loss making budget for some years and the time has come when we must ensure our income is equal to that of expected expenditure. We will be reviewing our finances again in November 2016 and we will publish a summary of our accounts for you in our next newsletter in May.

MR HAROLD FARRER COMMEMORATION

We will be moving the plaque for our former Chairman Mr H Farrer onto a bench on the Village Green in the near future. The tree we planted a few

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years ago has unfortunately not stood the test of time so we feel that the bench may be a more appropriate commemoration for his service.

WALTON VILLAGE HALL

We have had several enjoyable social events recently – Thanks to Anne Findlay for her help at the Domino Drive in November, & to 'Father Christmas' for visiting our Crafts with Santa & Christmas tree light switch on. Thanks also to those who organised delivery of, put up and took down the Village Christmas tree. We finished off 2015 & welcomed in 2016 on New Year's Eve with an evening of fun & games.

We already have several events planned for 2016 – please keep an eye on the Village Noticeboard & Walton Parish Facebook page for further details. Everyone is very welcome to join us at these events so please add these dates to your diary:

Family Quiz	Saturday 30 January 6.30pm
Race Night	Saturday 27 February 7pm
Summer Music Evening	Saturday 2 July

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Please contact us on 016977 2577 for all school inquiries, hall hire, nursery places and community lunch bookings.

NEWS FROM LEES HILL SCHOOL

Welcome back everyone! We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and wish everyone a happy new year! The children all enjoyed making christingles and some of our children attended the Christingle Service at Lanercost which was lovely – many thanks to The Mothers Union for organising the event.

The Christmas play was fantastic – lots of singing and dancing. The PTA bought a snazzy new stage and also new costumes for the children which were brilliant. We were all a little sad as Mrs Simpson came in to say her final goodbyes. The children presented her with flowers and leaving gifts and everyone thanked her for all her hard work over the last nine years. We all wish her well for the future.

The following day we all set off on a trip to Hexham theatre so see an ‘Odd Socks’ production of the legend of King Arthur. It was a great show and everyone thoroughly enjoyed it. The Christmas party was, as always, great fun with gorgeous food, games, crafts and a visit from Santa. Christmas lunch was very well attended as we were joined by parents and friends. It was lovely and everyone enjoyed their lunch. Finally, we held our Christmas Carol Service at Walton church to mark the last day of term and broke up for the holidays. Phew..... ready for a well-earned rest!!!

Over the next term the children will be learning dance in PE and they are also beginning swimming lessons – all that should work off the excess Christmas pud! The junior class are currently studying the Vikings and the infant’s topic this half term is ‘Fairy Tales’.

Don’t forget that we hold a community lunch on the first Wednesday of every month at school for the small charge of £4.50. Please call school to book a place one week in advance, thank you. Everyone is welcome and we look forward to seeing you there.

LAND REGISTRY APPLICATION

Progress is slowly being made to register the last piece of land in the Village to the ownership of the Parish Council. Councillor Hogg is due to meet with a representative from Land Registry who will determine if the Council can be deemed the rightful owners. We will let you know the outcome in our next newsletter.

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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