

Walton News

Welcome to the Winter 2018/19 Edition of the Newsletter brought to you by Walton Parish Council



PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The 2019 Parish Council meetings will be held on:

Monday 14th January

Monday 11th March

Monday 13th May

Monday 8th July

Monday 9th September

Monday 11th November



The official notice of the meeting date, venue and agenda will be posted on the notice board and website in advance of the meeting.

All meetings are open to the public and we welcome the involvement of anyone who would like to participate in matters related to your village.

For those who are interested in an active role, you could find your way onto the Parish Council in the future. Please come along and find out more.

AWARD WINNING WALTON READING ROOM



We were delighted to hear the news that the winner in the category of Best Village Café at the

Carlisle Living Awards 2018

was **Walton Reading Room**
Congratulations Paula on such a fantastic achievement.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our December meeting is a **Christmas Flowers Demonstration** by Lynda Fraser on Wednesday 5th December at 8pm. Visitors are welcome to join us. *£4 per person*



Walton WI meet on the first Wednesday of every month in Walton Village Hall.

We enjoy talks and activity sessions on a wide range of subjects, as well as enjoying visits and meals out together—there is something for everyone!

Please contact Una Armstrong on 016977 2730 for more information.



CRAFTS WITH SANTA

Sunday 2nd December at 2.30pm

Come along and enjoy Crafts with Santa
in the Village Hall

£5 per Child

Please contact Emma Brocklebank
or Sally Slater



CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS SWITCH ON



START THE
FESTIVE
SEASON...
MINCE PIES AND
MULLED WINE
FOR YOU
TO ENJOY



Sunday 2nd December at 4pm

Celebrate the switch on of the lights on your village Christmas Tree

Outside the Village Hall

Everyone Welcome!

NEWS FROM LEES HILL C OF E PRIMARY



During the summer break, we were delighted to receive some exciting news! We had been nominated and shortlisted for the 'Best Primary School' category in the **Golden Apple awards**



2018. The awards ceremony took place on 5th October and was an inspirational evening. Unfortunately, it wasn't our turn to win, but it was a great achievement to be shortlisted to one of the three finalists. We would like to say thank you to our whole school community; parents, staff, governors, friends, helpers and most of all our children, for making this possible.



Hard work has been ongoing throughout the holidays and our **Outdoor Area** looks even more fantastic now. Our trim trail and sports arena are complete and we are enjoying using our new

equipment in playtime, different lessons and for worship and quiet times.



The new term has got off to a flying start and we are very busy! We have welcomed new children into nursery, reception, year 3 and year 6 and we are enjoying getting to know our new friends. We have also welcomed a new teaching assistant and apprentice to our school team.

A **Candle Party Fundraiser** took place in school on Monday 24th September. This was well attended and raised £102 for our school PTA funds.



The whole school went on a trip to **Long Meg** to find out about the changes in our local area from the stone age to the iron age. This was a hands-on day, with lots of different tasks to learn more about the site, how it came to be there and what it might have been used for. We worked with a local archaeologist and teamed up

with the North Pennines AONB to find out more about the ancient site. The children did lots of measuring, detective work, discussing and team work. The beautiful blue sky helped all children and helpers to have a fantastic learning experience. We even had time to hide one of our Lees Hill School rocks!

We all had a super morning on Tuesday 2nd October working with volunteers from the **RSPB** to make bird boxes. They will look great around our school grounds and we are looking forward to watching them closely for visitors. Thanks to Bob, Pat and Christine for their help and sharing their passion for wildlife.



At the time of writing, we are in the midst of **RE Week**. The theme for this year is music and worship. We have learned some new hymns already, looked at the meaning behind the popular hymn 'Make me a Channel of your Peace' and we have even linked the theme to our Christmas card designs this year. Watch out for one coming your way this Christmas and you can see what a good job we have done!

We have four **After School Clubs** running. The themes this term are cookery, sport, art and STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths). Cookery club baked buns this week and the children will be preparing soup and bread for our soup share next week.

Our **Toddler Group** runs every Tuesday 9.30-11am in the school hall. This includes lots of play, snacks and a tea or coffee for grown-ups. First session free then 50p per family and children of all ages are welcome.

On a Thursday afternoon, we have **Gardening** time for as long as the weather permits. We are looking for more helpers to continue to make our garden space look beautiful and to widen the range of fruit and vegetables we grow. If you would be able to offer any time at all, please contact school on 016977 2577. This can be one off help or weekly/monthly.

Keep an eye on our website www.leeshill.cumbria.sch.uk and **Walton Parish** Facebook page for up to date school news.

Quotes worth sharing from the experts we have worked with this half term;

"It was lovely to work with you, staff and importantly the pupils. The school has a lovely relaxed feel and the children are up for having a go and doing their best. It has been great to see a site like Long Meg give the school the resource it needs to deliver different aspects of the curriculum" Fiona from North Pennines AONB

"I've worked with several schools over the years and I thought your children were among the very best - interested, enthusiastic and an absolute pleasure to work with!" Paul, Long Meg expert

"Just to thank all the Staff for making us so welcome when we came to make the boxes - we enjoyed the event and hopefully the children found it worthwhile" Bob, RSPB volunteer

COMMUNITY LITTER PICK



Could you Join In and Volunteer?

Litter not only spoils how our beautiful Cumbrian landscape looks, it also creates toxins and pollutants that are harmful to the land and the wildlife and livestock that live here.

Carelessly chucked away rubbish can clog and pollute our waterways, affect our soils and be incredibly harmful to creatures that unwittingly ingest it, or become tangled in our discarded debris.

Some parishioners have said they are unhappy about the litter that is around the village and along our verges and therefore the Parish Council are arranging a Community Litter Pick event which will be formally registered with 'Keep Britain Tidy' and 'Friends of the Lake District'. Cumbria County Council will offer their support by providing the equipment needed.

Please register your interest with us via clerk@waltonparish.co.uk or keep a look out for a poster going on the notice board when all the details are finalised.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

Walton Parish Council seeks a person with an interest in supporting the local community for the post of **Clerk to the Parish Council**, from 1st January 2019.

The Clerk is responsible for managing the Council's day to day business, providing advice and implementing decisions.

Applicants will need to be computer literate, able to prepare Council agendas and record minutes, be familiar with book keeping and financial procedures and be able to correspond with external organisations on behalf of the Council.

For an informal discussion, an application form and job description, please contact the Chairman, Jonathan Fowler on 016977 3431 (evenings) or email jonathan.fowler1@btinternet.com



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SMITHFIELD CARLISLE CUMBRIA

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CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

Do you need help recycling your real Christmas tree this year? Hospice at Home is organising a festive fundraising initiative unique to the area that not only recycles trees after the festive season but will also raise funds for the local charity. Book your tree collection at www.charityxmastreecollection.com and make a donation of your choice to Hospice at Home. On **Monday 7 January 2019** the charity team and volunteers will collect the trees and take them to be recycled locally. Simply leave the tree in your front garden or outside your property and Hospice at Home will do the rest.

For more information about the Charity or the Christmas Tree Collections please visit: www.hospiceathome.co.uk

Parish Councillors, your Clerk & Useful Contacts



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Syd 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:
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