



# Walton Newsletter

Autumn 2021



# Walton & Lees Hill CE Primary School News

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At the time of writing, school staff are busy making the final preparations for the start of the new academic year whilst the final summer holiday club session is in full swing at our school.

Our school environment has been the ideal setting for the four holiday club sessions we have hosted throughout the summer holidays. Local children have enjoyed the wealth of space in our school hall and our fantastic outdoor areas.



We have got so many things to look forward to as we return to school. To inspire our topic this half-term, our school field will be the venue for a camp out with evening team building activities and a campfire before a night in a tepee. The next day, children will participate in a survival workshop, to find out what life was like in the stone-age era.

This experience will build on our summer activity days at Whithaugh, when we had a sleepover in our school hall. Children in years 5 and 6 had a brilliant couple of days, with the opportunity to learn lots of new skills. Canoeing, archery and climbing were just a few of the experiences on offer, during our time there.

In addition to these activity days, we were able to provide all children in school with many experiences to end a very turbulent school year. The sun shone on our sports day at the beginning of July and in the last week of term, we welcomed Feet to Football, for a full day of activities with bubble footballs, inflatable penalty shoot out and football dartboard. We all literally had a ball!



On Sunday 11th July, Kirkups fish and chip van visited our school for the first time. Thank you to those who attended to sample their wonderful food! We've had so many positive comments and lots of requests for their return, so pop the next visit in your diary!

***Friday 1st October will be fish and chip night 5:30pm-7:30pm***

Everyone is welcome and our school grounds will be open for those who wish to stay to eat their fish and chips with friends.

Each half-term we focus on a Christian Value. As we return to school, generosity will be our theme. We will celebrate harvest time in October and we are kindly asking the community to help us out by being generous together. We would like any donations of harvest produce, to be used to make up parcels to be delivered to people in Walton.

Our whole school will spend the afternoon in Walton on Wednesday 13th October, using St Mary's Church as a base. Throughout the afternoon, we will make up and deliver parcels and end with harvest readings, songs and prayers on the green from 3pm.

Please come along and join us if you are able to and if you have any donations of produce, these can be brought along to church from 1pm on 13th October or they can be left with Helen at the tearoom beforehand.

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Exciting news! We are delighted to be welcoming 2-year-olds to our school from mid-September. Childcare and education for 2-year-olds is something that our school can offer because of the staff expertise, indoor and outdoor resources and nurturing older children that we already have at our school. Please get in touch for more information about provision for 2-year-olds.

Did you know our school facilities are available to hire? We have a wealth of indoor and outdoor space, which could be ideal for meetings, sporting practise and events, parties and fitness classes.

If you or anyone you know is interested in using our school, then please give us a call on 016977 2577.     *Fiona Stobart and Lynn Rooney*

'God loves a cheerful giver' 2 Corinthians 9.7

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### Walton Reading Room Cafe

Wednesday to Sunday (10am to 4pm)

**THRIFTY THURSDAY** back on the menu

Main Course, Pudding & Drink only £8.00

Watch my Facebook page for up to date info.

Free WiFi, Dog Friendly, People Friendly

Helen 07794 388408

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Opening: Monday and Wednesday 09:30 - 12:00

## Village Hall News



After being closed from March 2020 we are pleased that Walton Village Hall will reopen from September this year. The Post office will continue to open each Monday and Wednesday morning and Helen's tearoom will continue to operate out of the Hall until she closes for Christmas.

We are looking forward to welcoming our regular user - Walton WI and Walton Young Farmers back from September.

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## Walton Women's Institute

Walton WI meets on the first Wednesday of every month. We have been lucky enough for most members to be able to meet online since May 2020 and have enjoyed listening to speakers and taking part in workshops led by people from all over the country, including a lady from Guernsey who talked to us about her childhood on the island during WW2, a facial using Neal's Yard products and a demo from Castle Chocolates in Carlisle on how they make their Easter eggs, as well as some delicious chocolates to try!

From September we are planning to meet back in the Village Hall, starting with Coffee & Cake on Wednesday 1 September at 7.30pm. If you would like to know about our WI, or would like to join us for our September meeting, please contact Una Armstrong on 016977 2730.



## Church News

St. Mary's Church, Walton is part of the diocese with Lanercost Priory and Churches at Nether Denton and Gilsland. The Revd Angela Hughes serves all Churches and regularly leads worship at Walton.

We opened the Church again for communal and private worship, following a period of closure during Covid. During the closure of the Church building there were weekly services available via youtube, led by members of the Church community.

We are now able to have regular services at 11am. These are on the first and third Sundays in a month. The first Sunday is a Holy Communion service, either Anglican or Methodist led. The third service is a morning worship led by a lay member of the Church.

The Walton Church committee are always keen to welcome new members of the congregation and for further information on services or Church related matters please contact one of the Churchwardens: Phil Knowles (016977 41232) or Charlotte Shaw (01697 543002).

Thank you      Everyone who helped out in the pandemic.  
                  Councillors and parishioners who cut and strim the grass.

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## Newspaper delivery

Did you know we have a newspaper delivery system for anyone who would like to receive a daily or weekly newspaper? Papers are collected by volunteers each morning (Mon-Sat) from Brampton Post Office and are delivered to the newspaper box in the book/bus shelter, where each person then collects their own paper. If you would like to be included in the delivery system, please contact Chris Mitchelson at the Post Office, and they deal with all orders and payments.

## **Walton Reading Group**

We are pleased to be meeting together again after over a year of zoom meetings! Our meetings take place on the 2nd Thursday of the month in the Old Vicarage Brewery from 7pm. Anyone is welcome to come along, for more details please contact Emma on 016977 45409.

Here is a list of the books we will be talking about over the next few months:

09/09 Hamnet by Maggie O'Farrell

14/10 Hungry by Grace Dent

11/11 Away with the Penguins by Hazel Prior

09/12 Street Kid by Judy Westwater

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## **The Book Shelter**

We're sure you will have noticed that during April 2020 we moved the Book Swap out of the Village Hall and into the Bus Shelter as a way of giving people opportunities to get hold of books when all the libraries and shops were closed. We have received so many comments from people about how having access to books during the lockdowns has given them something to focus on and helped them pass the time - we are glad that people have found it useful.

Over time, the Book Swap has grown and grown—thank you to those who put the extra shelves up and to the passers by who stop and give it a tidy every now and then. Because it has proved so popular the Bus Shelter has now become the Book Shelter - we hope you continue to enjoy it!

## Squirrels

Brampton and District Red Squirrel Group are a registered charity who work within our area to preserve red squirrels in their natural environment.



Recently there have been many sightings of grey squirrels in our parish, but also a couple of sightings of a red squirrel. Red squirrels are native to our country, but their numbers have fallen significantly during the last century and they are now classified as endangered. Unfortunately, grey squirrels can carry a virus which doesn't appear to affect them but is deadly to red squirrels. The charity is able to provide live-catch traps to help remove grey squirrels from an area in order to help the red squirrels survive. They also keep a record of sightings of any squirrels to help monitor numbers in our area. Therefore, if you see any squirrels, either red or grey, in your garden or in the local area then please let Brampton & District Red Squirrel Group know.

If you would like to know more about the charity and the work they do, find out more about red squirrels and how to protect them, report squirrel sightings or speak to them about grey squirrel control, please contact Paul Bassindale on 07917 877303 or email: [banddrsg@gmail.com](mailto:banddrsg@gmail.com)

# Parish Accounts 2020/2021

## RECEIPTS

Precept	£7,500
Vat received	£381
Wayleave	£102
Interest Received	£12
Insurance contribution	£258
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£8,253</b>

## PAYMENTS

Staff	£1,751
Grass cutting	£1,480
Insurance	£1,161
Admin	£194
Subscriptions	£123
Audit fees	£50
Vat	£323
Misc repairs	£137
Play area	£50
Other Grants	£50
Data Commissioner	£35
Website	£43
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£5,397</b>
 <b>Net surplus</b>	 <b>£2,856</b>

Please note that the surplus does not take into account that the clerk resigned in December 2020 and the new clerk did not commence until March 2021 and does not cover for increases in insurance, tree management and grass cutting.

## **Parish Council Request**

Many organisations throughout the United Kingdom have over the years, set out there planning “vision” for the future, usually short-term but sometimes for longer periods of time.

Local authorities in the form of Districts, Towns and Villages are no exception and here in Walton we have produced a number of Parish Plans over the years the last one being in 2013.

As we, as a nation and a local community find ourselves coping with a pandemic many of us have never seen before the question needs to be addressed about how we can respond and cope in the changing circumstances we find ourselves in.

To that end we need to ask ourselves is, should we now devote some time re-looking at Village life and work and assess where we see our collective vision for the future? If the answer is yes then please assist in the process by offering to help. This can be done in the first instance by contacting the Clerk.

The Clerk to the Council is:-

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Hillcrest, Canon Field, Roadhead, Carlisle, CA6 6NB

or e-mail him at [clerk@waltonparish.co.uk](mailto:clerk@waltonparish.co.uk)

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