



BURNing ISSUES

Walkerburn News - Issue Seven - September 2002

HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE NETWORK

The application to the National Lottery, led by Borders Health Board has finally been approved.

Walkerburn/Innerleithen, Langlee, Selkirk, Eyemouth and Burnfoot, were areas identified a number of years ago as being in need some TLC. Unemployment, rural isolation and few facilities have taken their toll on the health and lifestyles of residents, statistically more so in Walkerburn than in Innerleithen, which is why the project will be based in our village for the next 4 years.

Many of you will remember Barbara Nettleton, who ran Focus Groups a couple of years ago, she asked the Evergreens, Bowlers, Parents, Teenagers and others what their interests and concerns were with regard to local health issues. She wishes to pass on her thanks for all the help she received and best wishes to all residents who wish to take part in the future of the Healthy Living Centre (HLC).

Audrey Laycock is the HLC Network Co-ordinator at Health Promotions and she is organising a Family Health and Fun Day at the Rugby Pitch on Sunday 22 September to launch the project locally. There will be a chance to meet her and find out how the community can benefit from being a Healthy Living Centre. The funding will provide a Health Project employee, who will share their week between Walkerburn and Selkirk. They will help us identify our health priorities, is it healthy cooking classes, exercise classes, ramblers, cycling? The emphasis will be on providing things within the village and also offering the opportunity for training to residents to keep the activities, and ourselves, running for longer than the 4 years of funding.

See the full page advertisement for more details on the Family Fun and Health Day - remember - Its For You!!

Walkerburn Scottish Women's Rural Institute

We are a small group of women, there are twenty three of us at present, who meet regularly for a chat and to listen to a speaker or demonstrator. Our speakers cover a wide variety of topics of general or specific interest, for example we have heard from Mr Stuart Ruffle on his involvement with the search and rescue dogs, from Mrs Sandra Parrish on the uses and benefits of Aloe Vera and from Mrs Ruth Griffiths on the making of sweets.

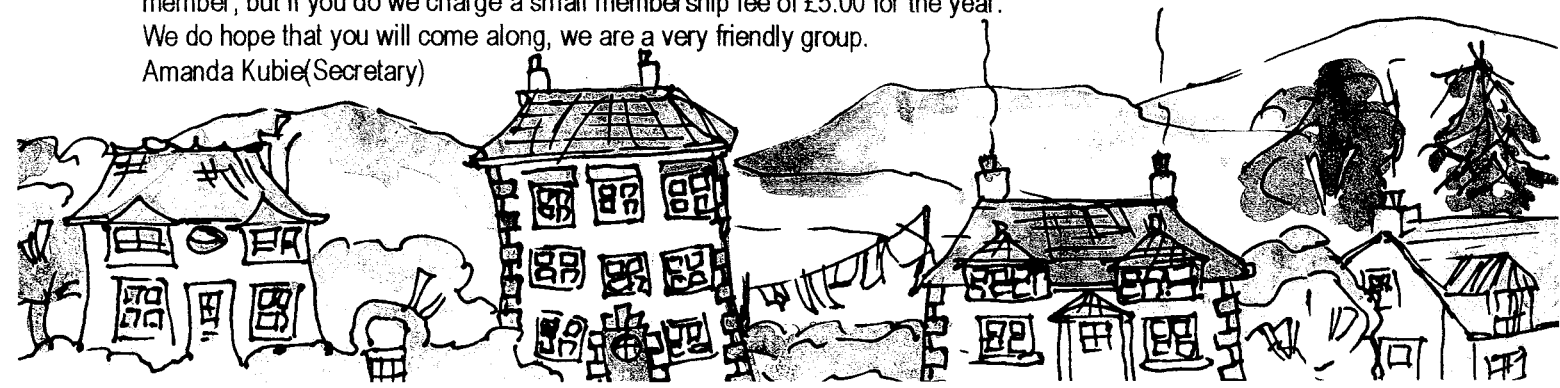
The SWRI is not just for the retired or elderly. In fact I do not think that we have a single member that considers herself either retired or elderly. We welcome members of all ages who enjoy a laugh and a bit of fun. Once a year we try to have an outing to somewhere of interest to everyone and as members of the national association of Scottish Women's Rural Institutes we have the opportunity on joining handicraft classes and other activities all over the country.

The SWRI was first established for women to support other women in the running of their homes and bringing up their families. Today with television and so many other support groups at hand, advice and help is never in short supply, however, many people find it difficult to mix in their community and the SWRI still has a role to play in getting people together.

Whatever your reason, why not come along on the first Wednesday of every month from October to April. We meet in the Community Hall at 7.30pm and our speaker for the 2 October is Mrs Sue Elliot. She will be talking about her hand dyed silk goods and there will be an opportunity to buy some of these items. There is no obligation to become a member, but if you do we charge a small membership fee of £5.00 for the year.

We do hope that you will come along, we are a very friendly group.

Amanda Kubie(Secretary)



Editorial

It's back! Did you miss your newsletter over the summer? If you did this edition will certainly make up for it! Number 7 is the BIG BURNING ISSUE, lots of important news about community and business developments in the 'Burn.

It is hoped that in future "Burning Issues" will come out 12 months of the year, however to do this will require more voluntary assistance. There will be an AGM for the newsletter group on Friday 4 October at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Come along and have a glass of wine (or two) and find out what's involved in producing each edition.

It has been brought to our attention that not every household has received Burning Issues. If you know of any gaps in our circulation please let us know. We do know that at least one copy gets sent overseas so if you know any Walkerburn ex-pats who would like a copy we can provide it. Deadlines for articles to be printed is the first day of the month. Don't forget!

We no longer have Ann Watt on our team, she has moved to St Boswells. We miss her and her contributions particularly Nature Notes, if anyone out there would like to take this column over it would be most appreciated.

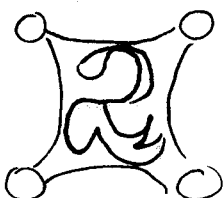
A quick reminder of Who's Who at BURNING Issues HQ.

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Donna Allen (Treasurer) 870 492

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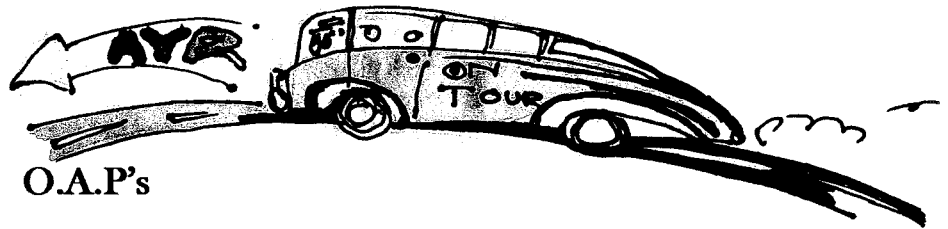


COOKS CORNER

Remember in issue 6 we gave you a recipe for Nettle Soup. Denise very generously volunteered to try this out and report back to everyone. Here are the results.

Having loads of nettles I was delighted to try the recipe for Nettle Soup in the last addition of Burning Issues.

So quite literally, I grasped the 'nettle' with both hands, and assisted only by a pair of marigolds I went off to do battle with the nettles. After a lot of washing, chopping, frying and liquidising the soup was ready for tasting, and guess what- it was really very good. It was something of a cross between watercress and spinach, with a definite peppery undertone! It gave me an idea for the next 'Nettle creation' -Nettle Dhall- something tells me it might have a certain sting to it!



O.A.P's

The next get together will be held at the H.B. Club on the 9th October. The bus trip to Ayr on the 12th June went very well. Everyone had a great time enjoying a pleasant stop at Lanark and looking forward to next year's trip. There is an outing to the Christmas Panto in December at the Kings Theatre Edinburgh for those who can't wait until next year.

OAP contact is Margaret Turnball.

Ish'uze Youth Action Project

Ish'uze Youth Action Project have arranged for Scottish Youth Theatre to bring their National Roadshow to Peebles. This event is for 12 – 21 year olds regardless of previous drama experience and includes a 60 minute practical drama workshop for up to 40 participants plus short informal talk about how young people can get involved with Scottish Youth Theatre and drama activities in the local area. The roadshow is taking place at the MacFarlane Hall, Peebles on Tuesday 17th September from 7pm – 8.30pm and is FREE.

To book a place please call Ish'uze 01721 724 779



The WAVE Group of Walkerburn is coming of age and you are all invited....

At the last meeting of the WAVE group everyone agreed that there should be a formalisation of the rules and regulations under which the group is run. It was suggested that the group be formed into an Unincorporated Organisation which will adopt it's own constitution or set of rules.

This is another step towards improving the village and that is why it is so important that everyone comes to the next WAVE meeting. This meeting will be **on Tuesday September 24th at 7.30pm at the HB Club**, and the proposed agenda is as follows:

1. Agree the minutes of the last meeting.
2. Review the proposed draft constitution document and discuss and agree any suggested changes.

If an agreement is reached it will be proposed that the constitution is adopted.

3. Vote on the WAVE group adopting the final agreed constitution document.
4. Elect the office bearers for the newly formed organisation.
5. Set the date for the next WAVE meeting
6. AOB

Please make the effort to attend this meeting, as the goal of the meeting is to vote for the office bearers that will represent the views of the WAVE GROUP on your behalf.



The Mill Group

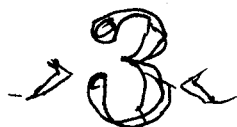
The mill group met on July 16th where there were 3 presentations:

Richard Atkins- an architect who was involved in converting an old school building in Edinburgh into an office block for short term rental. The project was funded by charitable donations and was implemented in an environmentally friendly way reusing material and was energy efficient.

Bill Thompson- local farm owner has a vision to uplift Walkerburn by building a number of houses in the north side of the village, which would complement the existing properties and provide the opportunity to expand the services. Bill stressed that no detail plans have been made and no approval would be sought until the Wave Committee and the village have been consulted. Bill was prepared to consider donating part of his land to a scheme to add village services such as a community hall.

Jim Bennett- from Scotland Unlimited, believed there was an opportunity to obtain funding for a feasibility report and to develop a vision for 'The future of Walkerburn 2010'. This would incorporate all the elements of the village from the Mill regeneration, new houses, improved village services, improving the appearance of the village resulting in a regenerated Walkerburn.

The mill group reported back to the Wave Committee on 13 August and the agreed next step is for the village to agree and be united in the goals of the future of Walkerburn.



Seeing is Believing

Through his involvement with the business section of the WAVE group, David Barbour of DCB Welding was asked to meet representatives of 'Business in the Community'. This organisation's objectives are to ensure that corporate social responsibility is recognised as an integral part of successful business behaviour.

David met representatives at his workshop where he described the decline of Walkerburn since the mill closure and the community's vision for regeneration. This led to a further meeting at the Mill buildings also attended by Mags Henderson and Danni Hill (Danni is the Walkerburn representative on the Borders wide Youth Forum).

These meetings have had an immediate benefit for the community in the form of assistance for the Youth Club. The long term benefit will be the participation of 'Business In The Community' in redevelopment of the Mill Buildings for both community and business use.

For more information on 'Business In The Community' visit

<http://www.bitc.org.uk/sib/>

Community Council.

A reminder of who's who on The Walkerburn Community council,

Miss Molly McIntosh- Chairman
Dr Steve Henderson- Vice Chairman
Mr John Gebbie- Treasurer
Mrs Helen Paterson- Secretary
Mr Martin Innes- Councillor
Mrs Dorothy Brown- Councillor
Mrs Margaret Henderson- Councillor
Mrs Mary Deakin - Councillor

WIN !

Cash Prize

For Designing New Signs For Our Village (Eastern Approach and Western Approach)

The competition is open to all. Including grannies, grand dads, uncles, aunts, parents, kids & pets of Walkerburn and the surrounding areas.

Enter for either competition or both

Illustrated Walkerburn Road Sign.

You are invited to submit a sketch (Idea) for a new sign/signs.

Slogan – A traffic calming message /Sign

(For example "Watch out - here comes Walkerburn")

words for the new sign which will make people take notice of their speed!

WHAT TO DO: Write your name, address and telephone number ON THE BACK of your design/slogan. Deliver to Walkerburn Post Office, EH43 6AA by Thursday 10th October 2002.

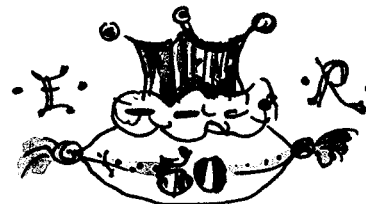
Remember to write your details on the back.

Designs will be on display on Sunday 13 October from 10.30am and judged at 12 noon in Walkerburn Rugby Clubhouse.

The judges' decision is final.

Prizes have been donated by local sponsors, to whom we are most grateful. This competition will be promoted by the Jubilee '52 Group. Thank you to the Walkerburn Newsletter, "BURNing Issues" for publishing.

Funding for this project has been applied for through the Queens Golden Jubilee Awards for All Fund.



DO YOU NEED HELP!!

Lady Gardener available for end of season clearance etc.
Reasonable rates phone 870 224



SCHOOL NEWS

Walkerburn Out of School Care Club will be opening in the Rugby Club soon. The new club will offer childcare facilities after school between 3.00pm and 6.00pm and also during holidays and in-service days from 9.00am to 6.00pm.

Funding has been granted from the New Opportunities Fund, to help get the club started and to assist with buying equipment. Parents using the club will be charged a small fee on a session basis and some funding will be available after the first year. The club need 2 members of staff, a Playleader and Assistant Playleader, details of these posts are in the Situations Vacant column in this edition of Burning Issues. There will be 16 child places available and research from the school has shown that the parents are very positive and enthusiastic about the venture.

The Care Club is part of a growing network throughout the Borders that recognises that parents in rural locations have difficulty in finding affordable childcare, which limits their opportunities and choices for work. It is also envisaged that children will be using the club socially, so that those living in more isolated areas can meet and play with their classmates in a fund environment.

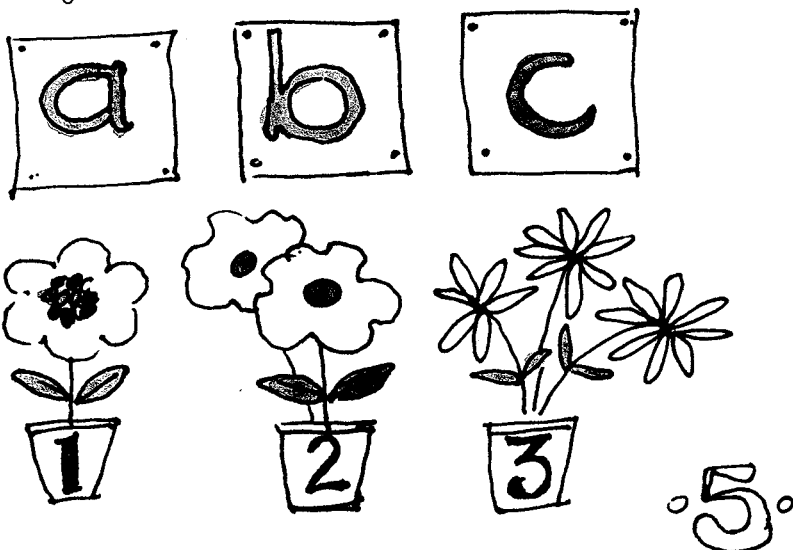
Further information about the Out of School Care Club is available from any committee member.

Chrissie Tait, The School House
Donna Allen, 11 Glenbenna
Helen Leng, Juniper Bank Steading
Lorna-Jane Hunter, 77 Tweedholm Avenue

Primary School Open Evening

Monday 28th October
7.00pm to 9.00pm

Members of the community and friends of the school are invited to come along and see what the children have been doing and find out what's new.



SITUATIONS VACANT

Out of School Learning Activity Leader (2 posts)

Walkerburn Primary School
Applicants are required to work Tuesday afternoons from 3pm to 5pm. They should have knowledge and experience of activities for young people, should be enthusiastic, flexible with lots of energy. Salary is approx £6.00 per hour.. For application form and further details contact Mrs Frew (Headteacher) 870 235



Playground Supervisor

Walkerburn Primary School *Care*
Hours – Monday to Friday (school terms only)
8.45am to 9.00am
10.15am to 10.30am
12.30pm to 1.00pm
3.00pm to 3.15pm
The purpose is to supervise the children at play and applicants should have a calm and pleasant personality. They should be able to engage children in games and have lots of common sense. For and application form and for details contact Mrs Frew (Headteacher) on 870 235

Playleader and Assistant Playleader

Walkerburn Out of School Care Club
The new club is currently recruiting staff who will ideally have a SVQ 111 in Playwork or an appropriate qualification in Childcare and be willing to undertake further training.
Hours – Monday to Friday
School Term 2.45pm to 6.15pm
Holidays & In-Service Days will be shifts between 8.45am and 6.15pm
Salary will be approx. £7.00 and £6.00 per hour depending on experience. Candidates should be enthusiastic about working with children of all ages, be flexible, energetic and have a happy positive attitude. Application Forms and further information is available from Mrs Chrissie Tait (Management Committee Chairperson) by phoning 870 551.

Flower and Vegetable Show

Well, that's it over again and it wasn't as bad as I thought it might be. We all know what sort of summer we have had and it has not been good for our exhibitors. Somehow they still managed to defy the elements and come up with the goods. I'm sure visitors to the show were quite impressed and if you didn't look in – shame on you! The judges thought the exhibits on show were top quality and although numbers were down in the flower and vegetable sections the industrial and children's sections were well supported and the 17 trophies that were presented at the end of the show were well deserved.

The Vegetable Association has been ongoing since 1870 and is the oldest organisation in the village. We would very much like to keep going and any support, either by showing or helping on the committee would be much appreciated

Please give it some thought and contact me if you want any further information.

Eric Pearce (President)

TROPHY WINNERS

Caddon View Trophy & Rosette for Best Exhibit in Flower Section	Shiela Keddie
The F.L. Ballantyne Cup & Rosette for Best Exhibit in Vegetable Section	T. White
Nan Hislop Cup (Industrial) Best Exhibit in Classes 78-97 inclusive	M Brodie
C.W.McIntosh Memorial Cup & Rosette (Industrial) Best Exhibit in Classes 98-108 inclusive	Myra Little
Gift Token for Best Exhibit in Junior Section	Joe Lothian
Lady Darling Trophy for Best Nine Onions	T White
Shaw Baillie Trophy for Heaviest Single Onion	M Salton
Lady Thomson Centenary Cup for Collection of Dahlias	Adrian Keddie
A.D. Aitken Rose Trophy for Four H.T. Roses	M Salton
The Ballantyne Cup for Best Miniature Garden	Ross Tucker

AGGREGATE POINTS PRIZES

Flower Section	Special Prize from Mr G Hall	M Salton
Vegetable Section	The Juniper Bank Cup	M Salton
Industrial Section	The Hilda Ballantyne Memorial Cup	Jean Gillie
Most Points In Show	The Walkerburn Vegetable Association Cup	M Salton
Most Points In Show by Walkerburn WRI Member	The Rural Cup by Mrs Butlin	Mae Pearce
Most Points in Junior Section (109-118)	Walkerburn Vegetable Association Junior Cup	Ross Tucker
Most Points in Classes 82- 87	The Felicity Ballantyne Memorial Salver for preserves	Jean Gillie

OUTSTANDING EXHIBITS

The Jeremy Ballantyne Chrysanthemum Cup for Best Exhibit in Classes 46-51 inclusive	Henry Currie
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GARDEN COMPETITIONS

Best Kept Garden	I Robson
Best Floral Display	M Tucker



Minutes of WAVE Meeting

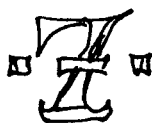
Held on Tuesday 13th August at 7.30pm in the HB Club.

Guests: Steve Almay – TAVO Development Worker for Walkerburn / Innerleithen.
Marlene Borthwick – TAVO
Sandy Watson – Scottish Enterprise Borders
Ian Jenkins – MSP for Tweeddale

Subjects Under Discussion: European Community Objective Two Funding
The Old Mill
Youth Project
Newsletter
Healthy Living Centre
Environment Group
Constitution

The meeting started with a review and explanation of the European Community Objective Two Funding and the Vibrant Communities Group meeting held to discuss possible options for accessing these funds. Simon Lynch and Marlene Borthwick confirmed that Borders Regional Council had agreed an amount of around £7,500 with the intention of approaching Scottish Enterprise Borders for matched funding. This would then be used to prepare a bid for matched funding from the EU Objective Two Fund. Sandy Watson then described how this sort of funding was used in Eyemouth where an earlier successful bid was made. Community Groups set up a forum to discuss intended projects and were involved in the decision making process for using the funds but the final decision rested with the Council. This combined community / business decision making process had the effect of bringing these groups together and getting them more involved. Any successful proposed bid would in effect set up a fund for access by both Walkerburn and Innerleithen Business and Community Groups, e.g. a Business Open Day to encourage new business to Walkerburn. The WAVE group was reminded that any EU funding obtained is governed by specific criteria which any projects must meet and that the current funds available will be withdrawn in March 2004, the next deadline for submissions is 19th September 2002 followed by another in February 2003. The meeting was told that Trevor Burrows is to prepare an Objective Two submission on behalf of Walkerburn and Innerleithen for September 19th and a letter from the WAVE group is to be sent to Trevor thanking him for his assistance.

Two separate meetings have been held about the old mill. The first was held in July by the Mill Group from within WAVE and a report about this meeting will be included as an article with the next edition of Burning Issues. A copy of a report about the meeting, prepared by Steve Harrison, was circulated to everyone at the meeting. A separate meeting was held between Scottish Borders Council, Scottish Enterprise Borders and the Scottish Executive to discuss the idea of a Community Mall being placed at the Old Mill. The idea of the Mall is being encouraged by the Executive however the main concern centred around the need for capital investment. Scottish Borders Council will not support this unless the Mall is self sustaining, this would require a full feasibility study covering all aspects including revenue. It was agreed to find the necessary funding and for a brief to be drawn up for a feasibility study. Based on the outcome of the study Scottish Borders Council and the Community would then need to decide if this was a viable option before progressing further. Sandy Watson is trying to find rules of good practice for these malls. The Scottish Executive cannot directly fund this project but will support Scottish Borders Council with additional funds, further discussion followed on these matters including the need for a community area. A Community Group will be formed for taking this further with a smaller sub group of interested people to become involved in the feasibility study as a liaison group between Scottish Borders Council and Scottish Enterprise Borders and the firm engaged to prepare the Feasibility Study. Ian Jenkins kindly offered his assistance to push the Executive for any support required.



Mags Henderson gave a brief summary of the Youth Club activities prior to the club closing for the summer holidays. The lease document for the teen park is still outstanding together with a letter from Scottish Borders Council and this is causing a delay in applying for the lottery grant required to take this project further. Mention was made of £50,000 available from Scottish Borders Council for skate parks within the Borders, Mags is to take this further.

Cathie Sutherland confirmed that the newsletter was not being produced during the summer break however this was under review given the activities and news over the last two months. The next edition is to be printed around 15th September but any articles or items to be included must be with a member of the newsletter group by 1 September for inclusion in that edition.

Meeting was informed that the grant to set up and maintain a Healthy Living Centre for Walkerburn has been agreed and an article about this will be included in the newsletter.

Colin Kerr has started to gather the information required by the Environment Group to proceed with their proposed projects and he will give a review at the next WAVE meeting.

Marlene Borthwick and Simon Lynch provided information covering the need for a constitution. The WAVE Group must have a constitution to enable it to apply for funding and to make it accountable to the village. A discussion about the links between WAVE and the Community Council and also the various options available to the group took place. There are three main formal structures that could be considered:

1. Unincorporated Group – the simplest and most common. This type of group can also be set up with Charitable Status obtained from the Inland Revenue.
2. Charitable Trust – Allows access to more funds and partnerships between agencies and the Trust.
3. Co-operative Group – Such as Melrose Crofters Group and Lothian and Borders Co-Operative.

It was agreed that the group would be set up using the simplest form available and a draft constitution based on this format was supplied by Simon. Copies of this constitution will be forwarded with the next edition of the BURNing Issues together with an invitation to the whole community to attend the next meeting so that the Constitution could be adopted. Simon asked that everyone read the objectives he had included and discuss with others in the community so that any changes can be made and included the final adopted version.

Agreed that the next WAVE meeting would be on Tuesday 24th September at 7.30 in the HB Club. Andrew Tweedie confirmed that he would be away on holiday at the time of the next meeting and Steve Harrison was nominated to act as interim chairman for that meeting.

Andrew thanked Sandy Watson, Ian Jenkins, Steve Almay and Marlene Borthwick for attending and their interest and support prior to closing the meeting.



RUGBY CLUB NEWS

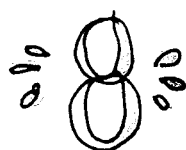
Sponsored Walk

A sponsored walk to raise much needed funds for the club has been organised on Sunday 27th October. Make it a family day out and join everyone for exercise, food and fun. A sponsorship form and further information is attached to this issue of BURNing Issues.

Car Boot Sale

Start planning to have a clear out now!! Put it in your diary, Car Boot Sale in aid of Walkerburn Rugby Club. Sunday 30 March 2003 or Sunday 7 April 2003 (to be confirmed) 12 noon – 5pm £6.00 per car boot. On the Rugby Club Pitch at Caberston Haugh.

Clubhouse Bar Open. Food being served



!!! REMEMBER !!!

WEEKLY

Tues: Crusaders for 8-11 years,
6.50pm –8.05pm
Wed: Crusaders for S1-S3, 7.00pm-
8.30pm
Thurs: Youth Club 7.00pm -9.00pm
Village Hall.

SEPTEMBER

Tues 17th: Scottish Youth Theatre
Roadshow 7pm – 8pm
Fri 20th: Midnight Fever H.B. Club
9pm- 12 midnight.
Sun 22nd: Family Health and Fund
Day 1pm – 5pm at Rugby Club
Tues 24th: WAVE meeting 7.30pm in
H.B. Club
Sun 29th: Summer Festival AGM
7pm in Ante Room of Village Hall.

OCTOBER

Wed 2nd: SWRI meeting 7.30pm in
Village Hall.
Fri 4th: BURNing ISSUES AGM
7.30pm in Village Hall.
Wed 9th: O.A.P's get together in HB
Club
Sun 27th: Rugby Club Sponsored
Walk 11am at Rugby Club
Mon 28th: Walkerburn Primary
School
Open Evening 7pm – 9pm.

YOUTH CLUB UPDATE

FOOTBALL

26 Youth Club members visited Hampden on 21st August to watch Scotland v Denmark, only 1 goal scored – by Denmark (boo-hoo) however a great time was had by all. The club is hoping to see Scotland play Canada on 15th October. Lots of new equipment including table football, goal nets, a steering wheel for the Playstation and the biggest hit so far is the dance mat also for the Playstation (please please can the grown ups have a shot of this).

BUSINESS IN THE COMMUNITY

As a result of meetings with representatives from Business in the Community, the Bank of Scotland has donated 4 reconditioned PC's (2 with internet access) that will be located in the H.B. Club. Richmond Homes has refurbished the room at no cost to the club. Once arrangements have been made the computing facility will be accessible to the whole community. Boots the Chemist has also made a donation in the form of lots of makeup for pamper sessions and makeovers (not just for the girls) and "smelly stuff" and hair gels for the boys. Lots of fun!!

FAR AWAY CLOSE TOGETHER

This was the name given to the event in Germany attended by George Gilchrist (Youth Club member). George is an executive member of the Youth Forum and was selected to represent Tweeddale. He worked with other young people from all over Europe on a project to refurbish classrooms in a refugee camp occupied by families from Kurdistan, Yugoslavia and Lebanon. Far Away Close Together was essentially a cultural exchange, George's personal contribution was to don his kilt and deliver a rendition of the "Address to the Haggis" on Scottish Night.

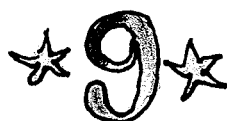
It is hoped that Walkerburn Youth Club will be involved in similar exchanges in future.

TAVO NEWS

Many of you will know by now that Simon Lynch who has been working with several groups in Walkerburn, including the WAVE group, has moved on and is now working in the Selkirk area. He will still be involved for a few hours a week in the Walkerburn/Innerleithen area as he is continuing with his work as a fieldworker for the Scottish Borders Rural Partnership here so you should still see him around.

TAVO is delighted to have appointed Steve Almay who lives in Walkerburn as a Development Worker. Steve will be starting work on 9th September and will be based in the Volunteer Resource Centre, School Brae, High Street, Peebles. Tel 01721 723 123 or e-mail him at steve.almay@tavo.org.uk. Steve will be able to help any existing groups with queries on funding sources, constitutions etc and he would be interested to meet with anyone thinking of setting up a new voluntary or community group. He will only be working 12 hours a week but a message can be left at any time and he will get back to you as soon as possible.

Steve and Simon have both been employed as a result of European funding received by the Councils for Voluntary Service (ie Tweeddale Association of Voluntary Organisations in this area) throughout the South of Scotland. In Tweeddale this funding is only available until the end of June 2003.



Letters to the Editor

The Editorial Team reserves the right to edit or omit letters. Views expressed attach only to the writers. All submissions must include a full address and telephone number.

Walkerburn Vegetable Show

WOW what big onions you grow here! I was so impressed by all the displays at the show. The vegetables were enormous and the Chrysanthemums, Dahlias and Gladioli were absolutely fabulous, truly wonderful colours. The cakes, jams and chutney on show looked mouthwatering; it seemed a shame that only the judges had the privilege of tasting them.

However I did console myself in a cup of coffee, which included a scone, and pancake with home made strawberry jam – the best bargain ever at 50p!

Well done to everybody who entered and organised the event– having visited the Peebles show, the displays were every bit as good. You did Walkerburn village proud! And have inspired me to enter next year, is there a nettle flan category? DH

Walkerburn Festival

Dear Villagers

Once more the village has had a very successful Summer Festival. This would not have been possible but for the many helpers and sponsors, my sincere THANKS to one and all. To follow on from this years festival the Annual General Meeting has been set for Sunday 29 September at 7.00pm in the anteroom of the Public Hall, all residents of the village are most welcome. If we are to continue making the festival a success, new ideas and committee members are required so if you can spare an hour or two of your time, please come along.

Yours sincerely, Colin Kerr (President)

Dear Burning Issues

Although it was a long time ago I would like to thank everyone who made the festival such good fun. It was nice to see all the flags and decorated houses. Also I would like to thank all my friends for the cards and gifts I was given. I had a great time and I'm sure everyone will agree that the festival was brilliant.

Katherine (Festival Lass 2002)

Re, Ivy Garden and Ima Driver

Dear Editor

If I may assume that these ladies both live in Tweedholm Avenue, please could they get together and pay a visit to .com you nitty council to ask for their help. Harmonious modern living could be achieved if some of the residents in council houses who hate and have absolutely no time for gardening and would prefer just a wee drying green, were asked to give their weed space back to the council. It would be possible to create new access to garages and parking spaces in the neglected gardens. Sadly full employment within the village has gone, thus time available to tend one's meadow is now spent travelling, washing and maintaining the motor. Private transport to work is essential to most Walkerburn residents as locations and shift times are incompatible with a bus service.

Nothing comes cheap, but it is about time Walkerburn was updated and after years of neglect, it would be a small contribution from the council to improve the quality of life for all residents.

Mr O Pinionated



DRAFT CONSTITUTION

This constitution was adopted on the _____ day of _____ 2002 by

WALKERBURN ACTION GROUP

The Walkerburn Action Group/WAVE exists to promote the development and improvement within Walkerburn.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the organisation are:

- (1) To advance, promote, encourage, co-ordinate and facilitate actions leading to improvements in the lives and opportunities of people in the Walkerburn Community Council Area
- (2) To enhance the appearance of Walkerburn.
- (3) To promote Walkerburn as a good place to live, visit and work.
- (4) In so doing, ensure that the local environment is protected and enhanced as part of any development by the Group and that any development is sustainable.
- (5) To press for an effective representation for Walkerburn at local, regional, national and international level.

POWERS

To further the above objectives, the Group may:

- engage and pay fees to professional and technical advisers/consultants to assist in the work of the Group
- take out membership of such organisations as are considered to be in the interests of and compatible with the objectives of the Group
- promote and carry out or assist in promoting and carrying out research, surveys and investigations and where considered appropriate publish the results
- arrange and provide for or join in arranging and providing for the holding of exhibitions, meetings, lectures, classes, seminars and training courses
- collect and disseminate information on all matters affecting the objectives and exchange such information with other bodies having similar objectives whether in this country or overseas
- cause to be prepared and printed or otherwise reproduced and circulated, free of charge or for payment, such papers, books, periodicals, pamphlets or other documents and media or films or recorded tapes (whether audio or visual or both) as shall further the objectives
- purchase, take on lease or exchange, hire or otherwise acquire any property and any rights and privileges considered appropriate for the promotion of the objectives and construct, maintain and alter any buildings considered appropriate for the work of the Group
- make regulations for the management of any property which may be so required

- sell, let, grant securities over, dispose of or turn to account all or any of the property or assets of the Group
- borrow or raise money for the objectives and accept gifts on such terms and on such security as shall be deemed to be appropriate
- raise funds and invite and receive contributions from any person or persons by way of subscription or otherwise
- invest the funds of the Group not immediately required for the objectives in or upon such investments, securities or property as may be thought fit, subject nevertheless to such conditions (if any) as may at the time be imposed or required by law and
- do all lawful things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the objectives.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be open to all residents of Walkerburn.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Group shall be managed by an Executive Committee

- The Executive Committee shall consist of at least 6 members.
- The Executive Committee shall appoint a Chairperson, a Secretary, Treasurer and such other officers as are deemed necessary
- If vacancies occur amongst the Officers, the Committee shall have the power to fill them from among its members
- The Committee may co-opt up to three full members of the Group to serve on the Committee until the next Annual General Meeting
- All members of the Executive Committee shall retire from office at the Annual General Meeting following the date on which they came into office and must be re-appointed.
- Sub-committees of members may be formed to meet as required to fulfil particular activities as decided at a committee meeting
- AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP shall be open to other interested parties but such Affiliate members shall have NO voting rights

PROCEDURE AT ALL MEETINGS

- The quorum at a meeting of the Group or any appointed sub-committee shall be half of the total actual membership of the Executive Committee or subcommittee at that time or such other number as the Group may in a meeting from time to time determine. Unless otherwise specified at a meeting, the decision making process will be by consensus
- Minutes shall be kept of all meetings containing a note of all those present and a record of all proceedings, resolutions and decisions. Notes will be made at meetings of all subcommittees as appropriate
- Minutes of meetings shall be made available members

FINANCE

- All funds raised by or on behalf of the Group shall be applied to further the objectives of the Group and for no other purpose; this shall not, however, prevent the payment in good faith of reasonable and proper remuneration and fees to professional and technical advisers or the repayment to members of the Group of reasonable out of pocket expenses.
- The Honorary Treasurer shall keep proper accounting records and shall prepare proper accounts as the Executive Committee may direct. The accounts shall be examined as required by an independent examiner.
- A bank account shall be opened in the name of the Group as decided by the Executive Committee. The Group shall authorise in writing four members of the Executive Committee, one of whom shall be the treasurer, to sign cheques on behalf of the Group. Cheques up to the sum of £50 shall be signed by the Treasurer only and all other cheques in excess of this amount shall be signed by any two of the four authorised signatories.

ALTERATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION

The constitution may be changed at an Extraordinary General Meeting providing

- notice (setting out the terms of all proposed changes) shall be given to members not less than 21 clear days before the meeting at which the alteration is proposed.
- two thirds of the votes cast in relation to the resolution at such EGM of the Group are in favour

If the Group has achieved Charitable Status, no alteration(s) shall be made to the Constitution which would cause the Group to cease to be recognised as as charity for tax purposes

DISSOLUTION OF THE GROUP

Dissolution shall abide by the same rules as for alterations to the Constitution:

- If such decision is confirmed by a two thirds majority, the Group shall sell all assets as considered appropriate and settle any debts and liabilities of the Group.
- Any assets remaining after the satisfaction of such debts and liabilities shall be given or transferred to such other charitable organisation(s) having objectives similar to the objectives of the Group as the members may determine.

Direct Grants

small grants to voluntary and community organisations in Scotland's ESF Objective 3 Programme area.

- **Ideas but no money?**
- **Energy but no funds?**
- **Eager but no resources?**

Direct Grants may be what you are looking for!

Organisations can apply for 100% of the cost of new projects up to a usual maximum of £10,000 - though £15,000 may be available in exceptional circumstances.

The programme will support projects that constitute a new activity for a small voluntary or community group. Previous experience of grant funding is not required - in fact groups that have received substantial funding income from other sources within the last three years are not eligible to apply! It has been specifically set up to support new ideas which target the needs of excluded individuals and communities. The grants can be spent on the project running costs of a wide range of activities which fall into three main categories.

- **projects that improve local networking** such as community surveys, project-specific feasibility studies or community learning programmes.
- **projects that help people work together** such as food co-ops, village hall development groups, community forums, self-help groups and youth projects.
- **projects that develop community enterprise** - this means new start, not-for-profit community-based enterprises with no previous trading or commercial activity.

The Direct Grants scheme is being managed and administered by the Scottish Council of Voluntary Organisations using funding from the European Social Fund, Communities Scotland and the Scottish Enterprise Network. It is being promoted and supported locally by the network of Councils for Voluntary Service who can supply information and application packs as well as project development advice.

Contact Steve Almay or Marlene Borthwick at Tweeddale Association of Voluntary Organisations, Volunteer Resource Centre, School Brae, High Street, Peebles EH45 8AL, or phone 01721 723123





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mobile 07721 336594

RJ Hall Engineering
Welding Fabrication & Mobile Service
01896 870 516
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Fencer

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Border Locksmiths
Vehicle and General
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Paul Allen
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01896 870 492
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Clothes Shopping to your home
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Willowbank Self Catering
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01896 870 554

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Tartan Window Cleaning
0131 440 2256

If you would like to advertise in BURNING ISSUES please contact D Allen on 01896 870 492

MAKE IT A FAMILY DAY OUT - EXERCISE, FOOD AND FUN!

Walkerburn Rugby Football Club

Caberston Haugh

Sponsored Walk to raise much needed funds for the Club

SUNDAY 27TH October 2002 11am start

From Caberston Haugh WRFC by car to start at Traquair

Walk from Traquair to Glenbenna, partly along Southern Upland Way. Maps available... east back to the Clubhouse (approx 4 miles) for soup and rolls at £1 per head.

Bar Open.

Display and Judging of Walkerburn Signs Competition at 12 Noon

NAME

ADDRESS/Phone

AMOUNT

Walkerburn Family Fun

and Health Day

**Sunday 22nd September
1-5pm in the Rugby Club**

Whats on offer for all ages



Canoeing

Car Boot Sale

Test Your Fitness

Parachute Games

Find Out About Healthier Food

Sumo / Wrestling Games

Up 2 U Project

Touch Rugby

Health MOT

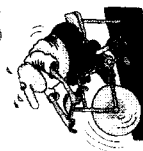
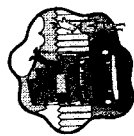
Guid Fettle Project

Bouncy Castle

Human Table Football

Face Painting

Refreshments



For more information about the day see Mags Henderson or ring Audrey Laycock, Borders Primary Care Trust 01835 824485

Total

SPONSORSHIP FORMS AVAILABLE FROM and money collected & handed in by 27th October -

Head Teacher Mrs Frew at Walkerburn Primary School or

Mr and Mrs Robertson at Walkerburn Post Office

WRFC OR CALL Sarah on 870762

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!! Look forward to seeing you there on the day!