

BURNing ISSUES

Walkerburn News - Issue Twenty Seven - May 2004

Walkerburn Exchange to be Upgraded for Broadband

BT announced in an article in the Southern Reporter dated April 29th that it intends to speed up the arrival of broadband in the Borders and bring the service to another 16 local exchanges, including Walkerburn, by the summer of 2005.

The roll out programme for the 16 local exchanges affected by this change will be announced in detail by the end of June. In the article BT acknowledges that the local campaigns in and around the Borders have contributed to this change in their decision requiring communities to meet specific triggers prior to the local exchange being upgraded. The broadband registration scheme will now cease and our thanks go to all those in the community who have already registered their interest. BT is currently working with service providers so people can place an order for broadband as soon as the go-live date for their exchange is fixed.

Cathie Sutherland

Walkerburn Community Clear Up

WAVE is organising another "fun" clear up of Walkerburn on Sunday 30 May between 2pm and 4pm. It is hoped that everyone will support this worthwhile event and pick up rubbish to help ensure that Walkerburn is looking its best. We are again approaching the Council for gloves and bin bags for volunteers and are hoping to provide refreshments afterwards for everyone helping out. Everyone should meet at the village hall between 1.45 and 2 pm to collect bags and gloves. Please ensure that if you are intending to collect rubbish that you wear stout shoes or boots.

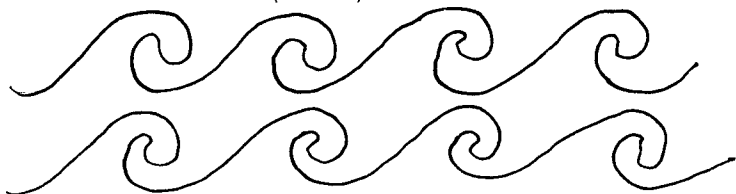
Please contact Sara Keepence on 870 560 if you are interested in volunteering to collect rubbish and /or by pledging cakes/ savouries etc to feed the volunteers.
Cathie Sutherland (WAVE)



The Festival Lad or Lass for 2004 will be announced at the School Coffee Evening on Wednesday 19th May. The evening will run from 6.30 to 8.30pm with the usual stalls and refreshments.
Donna Allen

Visit to Walkerburn Of Rt. Hon Lord Steel of Aikwood KBE, PC, DL

Sir David Steel in his position as Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland is visiting Walkerburn as part of the village's 150th Anniversary celebrations. He will be visiting the school and then moving on to the Church for tea and biscuits where there will also be exhibitions by various groups within the community on display. This is a public visit by Sir David and everyone in the village is welcome at the Church to view the exhibitions and for refreshments between 4 and 4.30pm.



Editorial

!!! REMEMBER !!!

WEEKLY

Mon: Walkernburn Fitness Group 9.45am HB Club
Tues: Crusaders for 8-11 years, 6.50pm – 8.05pm
Wed: Crusaders for S1-S3, 7.00pm – 8.30pm
Thurs: Youth Club 7.00pm, Church Guild 7.30pm in the Church Hall.
Fri: Mixed Touch Rugby 6pm at Caberston Haugh begins 21st May

MAY

Fri 14th & Sat 15th: Church Memorabilia with Flowers 10am to 6pm in the Church
Sat 15th: Rugby Club Dinner 6.30pm for 7pm
Wed 19th: Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly visit to Village 3-4.30pm
Wed 19th: Primary School Coffee Evening – Announcement of Festival Lad or Lass 6.30-8.30pm
Fri 21st: 'Pure Malt' at the George Hotel
Sun 23rd: Rugby Club Car Boot Sale 2-5pm
Tues 25th: WAVE meeting 7pm in the HB Club
Sat 29th: Vegetable Association Coffee Morning 10-11.30 in Village Hall
Sun 30th: Village Clean Up 2-4pm

JUNE

Fri 4th: Conor McAfee at the George Hotel
Sun 13th: Start of Festival Week
Sun 20th: AGM for Rugby Club 7pm in the clubhouse
Tues 22nd & Wed 23rd: Primary School open afternoons 1-3pm
Tues 22nd: WIP quarterly forum meeting 7.30pm venue to be announced
Tues 29th: WAVE meeting at 7pm in the HB Club

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Collection tins for people to contribute towards the costs of producing the Burning Issues are held at the Post Office and the HB Club. Our thanks go to Pam and Ian and the HB Club Committee for agreeing to do this for us. Many thanks to all those who have already made a contribution.



It has been brought to the attention of Burning Issues that not only is it Walkernburn's 150th anniversary this year but it is also the 120th Anniversary of the Walkernburn Rugby Club. Did you know that our Rugby Club is the 25th oldest member of the Scottish Rugby Union? This is very impressive when you consider the size of our small community. It is great that such a milestone has been reached by the club, especially in view of all the hard times it has been through in the last few years, however it still needs our support.

There is a Car Boot sale coming up on Sunday 23rd May between 11am and 3pm and every car boot costs just £6.00. If you don't have anything to sell you could always go along and buy – one persons junk is another ones treasure so they tell us. The Clubhouse Bar will be open and there is a BBQ as well as coffee tea and juices. This will also give you the opportunity to see all the hard work that the various club members, friends and sponsors have put into the renovations.

Remember if you want to respond to anything you read please do so in writing, there is a box for contributions in the Post Office, or you can e.mail us at walkerburnnews@hotmail.com

The deadline for all contributions is 1st of each month, either by e mail or in the post box.

A quick reminder of Who's Who at BURNing Issues HQ.
Cathie Sutherland (Chairperson)
Jane Gaze (Vice Chairperson)
Joan Pigge (Secretary)
Karen McMurdo (Treasurer)

Walkerburn 150th Anniversary Celebrations

Diary Dates as at 1 May 2004

Event	Date
Memorabilia with Flowers - "A Walk through the Years"	Friday/Saturday 14 & 15 May – 10 am to 6 pm in Walkerburn Church. Tea, Coffee and Biscuits.
Visit to the Village by Sir David Steel, Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland	Wednesday 19 May – 3.00 to 4.30 pm
Primary School Coffee Evening	Wednesday 19 May - 6.30 to 8.30 pm in Primary School. Announcement of Festival Lad or Lass
Vegetable Association Coffee Morning	Saturday 29 May – 10.00 to 11.30 am in Village Hall
Village Clean Up	Sunday 30 May - 2pm to 4pm. Meet in the Village Hall at 1.45pm.
Summer Festival	Sunday 13 June – Saturday 19 June inclusive.
Festival Touch Rugby Sevens	Saturday 19 June at Caberston Haugh.
Primary School Open Afternoons	Tuesday 22 & Wednesday 23 June – 1.00 to 3.00 pm
Guild Coffee Morning	Wednesday 7 July 10.00 – 12.00 in Walkerburn Village Hall
Guild Coffee Morning	Wednesday 14 July 10.00 – 12.00 in Walkerburn Church Hall
Guild Coffee Morning	Wednesday 21 July 10.00 – 12.00 in Walkerburn Church Hall
Bowling Club All Day Celebration Tournament	Saturday 24 July – 9.00 am onwards
Guild Coffee Morning	Wednesday 28 July 10.00 – 12.00 in Walkerburn Church Hall
WAVE Sponsored Picnic in the Park and Car Boot Sale	Saturday 14 August – details to follow.
Innerleithen Music Festival Workshop and Session with Martin Simpson, BBC Radio 2 Musician of the Year	Saturday 21 August in Walkerburn Village Hall Guitar Workshop – 2.30 to 3.30 Primary School Children's Recital – 4.00 - 4.30 Concert – 4.30 – 5.30 Admission prices: Workshop £3/Concert £8 Parents of Children Performing in Recital will get Free Admission Community Transport Bus between Innerleithen and Walkerburn
Village Memorabilia Exhibition	Saturday 28 August in Village Hall
Concert with Bruce Davies, Singer/Songwriter and Guitarist	Sunday 29 August - 7 pm in Walkerburn Church
Flower Show	Saturday 11 September – 2 pm in Village Hall – Special 150 th Award
SWRI Craft Fair	Saturday 25 September in Village Hall – 10am – 4pm
Guild Coffee Morning (Victorian Theme)	Saturday 13 November 10.00 to 12.00 in Village Hall
Remembrance Day Service	Sunday 14 November in Walkerburn Church
Ecumenical Evening Service	Sunday 28 November in Walkerburn Church
Youth Club Cooking Evening	Saturday 20 November in Village Hall – time to be arranged

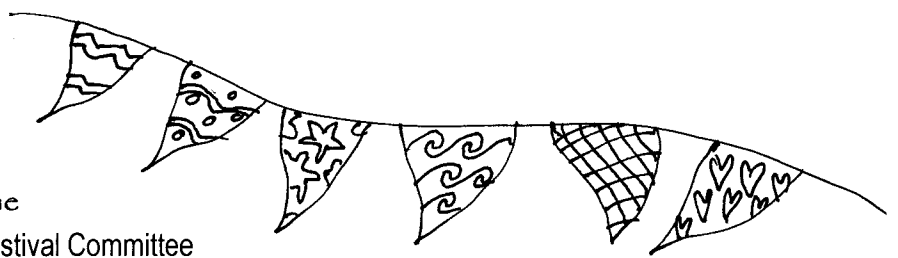
Chairman: Mary Daykin Tel. 870471
Co-ord Notes: John Purves Tel: 870447
Diary Dates: Lesley Thornton Tel: 870251



Walkerburn Festival News

Sunday 13th June – Saturday 19th June

Submitted by Denise Hanks on behalf of the Festival Committee



Coffee Morning

Many thanks to the HB Club for stepping into the brink and allowing us to hold our coffee morning there whilst the Public Hall is undergoing its modernisation.

We raised £378, which will help fund the cost of the Summer Festival and on behalf of the Festival committee thanks to everyone who donated, helped and supported our Coffee Morning

The Cake and Candy stall was a firm favourite, as were the Lucky Straws. There was fierce competition to become Walkerburn's Pea sucking champion and the title goes to Suzanne Fraser who saw off her main challenger Rachel by 1 pea!! Jodie Black found the missing key in Opportunity Locks and Donna and Paul Allen certainly had the winning combination by swooping the Roll the Ball and Hidden Treasure. John Craig was the closest to guessing the number of raisins, sultanas and currants in the Cake.

Old Festival Lads and Lasses Appeal

Were you an 'old' Festival Lad or Lass of Walkerburn or are you in contact with anyone who was one and has now moved away from the village???. If the answer is YES please contact any member of the Festival Committee NOW!! Also if you have any photos of previous Festival Lads or Lasses again please contact us.

Monday Night is Concert Night

In celebration of Walkerburn's 150th Anniversary the concert on Monday will feature songs from various past decades, which we hope you will all join in with. So to get you in the mood /groove, please enter into the spirit by wearing an article of clothing from the past. Depending on how bold you are this can be as little as an accessory to the full dress of flares and tied dyed T-shirt or Flapper style dress. It really doesn't matter what era you choose as we hope to feature music from most decades.

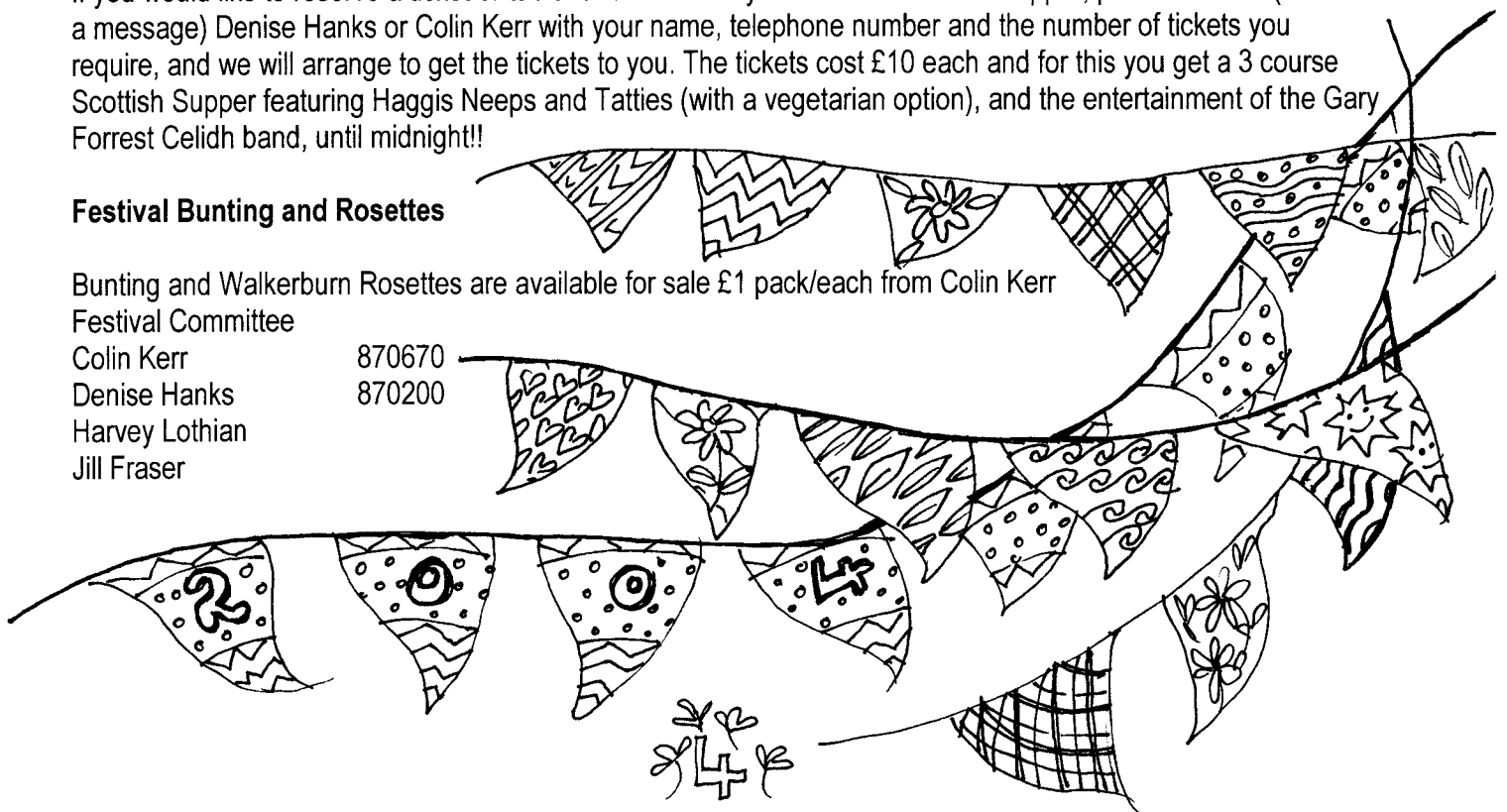
Reserve your ticket for the Celidh on Saturday 19th June

If you would like to reserve a ticket or table for the Saturday Celidh and Scottish Supper, please contact (or leave a message) Denise Hanks or Colin Kerr with your name, telephone number and the number of tickets you require, and we will arrange to get the tickets to you. The tickets cost £10 each and for this you get a 3 course Scottish Supper featuring Haggis Neeps and Tatties (with a vegetarian option), and the entertainment of the Gary Forrest Celidh band, until midnight!!

Festival Bunting and Rosettes

Bunting and Walkerburn Rosettes are available for sale £1 pack/each from Colin Kerr
Festival Committee

Colin Kerr 870670
Denise Hanks 870200
Harvey Lothian
Jill Fraser



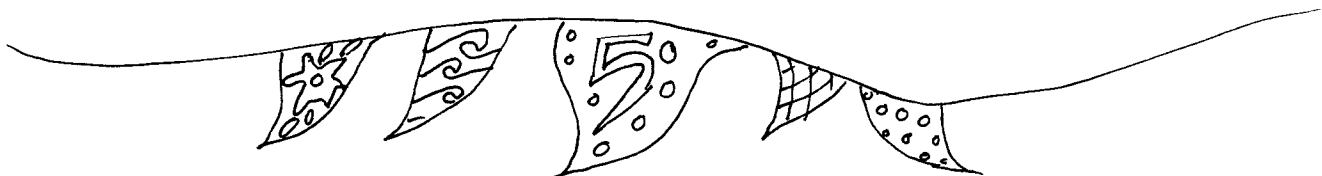
Pledge Your Support

Every year the Festival Committee sends out a plea for helpers who can volunteer 1 to 2 hours of their time during the festival to help with the running of any event. Usually our willing helpers put themselves forward at the start of the Festival week, however it is becoming increasingly important that the Festival committee can brief our volunteers well ahead of the Festival as to what they will be expected to do, to ensure the safety and enjoyment of everybody attending the Festival (We don't expect 'volunteers' to attend Festival meetings, unless they wish to do so).

This year, we are asking for you to pledge your support to an event by 'advertising' the help required for each event in the table below. Please pledge your support now and contact any member of the Festival Committee if you can help. The Festival is a Village Festival, put on for the Village and needs the help and support of all residents in the Village to ensure its survival. In other words YOUR FESTIVAL NEEDS YOU!!!

If you cannot pledge your time, you can become a Patron of the Festival for £10, for which you will receive a rosette and entry into the Patron's caravan on Friday.

Event	Duties	No of Hours
Saturday 12 June	Putting up Bunting around the village	2hours
Sunday 13 June Sports Day	Marshalling of Sports Day, Helping set out races Litter picking Serving on Barbeque	2 hour shifts
Monday 14 June Concert	Setting up Hall for Concert Marshalling procession Helping back stage	1 hour shifts
Tuesday 15 June Horse and Bike Ride Outs	Marshalling along routes, opening and closing of gates.	2hours
Wednesday 16 June Fun in the Park	Manning of stalls Helping in the Festival Hut with juice and crisps Managing Bouncy Castle	2hours
Thursday 17 June Teenage Disco	Setting up of Disco and helping with managing disco	2hour shifts
Friday 18 June Fancy Dress parade and Torchlight procession	Marshalling of route Helping in the Festival hut and Barbeque	1 hour shifts
Saturday 19 June Health and Fun Day	Marshalling the attractions, Litter picking	2hour shifts
Rugby Touch Sevens	Marshalling of event, and Litter picking	2hour shifts
Celidh and Scottish Supper	Preparation of Hall and serving of Celidh Supper	2 hour shifts



Just a note to let you know what's happening with the Healthy Living Network presently, here in Walkerburn. We're here to help you to help yourself improve your health and fitness.

Firstly we welcome Sheila Horsburgh as our administrative support for the village. She's working part time from the Primary School so, if you need any information about anything on offer or have any queries, give her a ring, telephone 01896 870235, and she'll get the information out to you.

The Healthy Living Network is helping Walkerburn Primary School PTA to fund swimming for ALL the primary school children this term. Previously, only one class has been able to go swimming each year, paid for by PTA fundraising. In a school next to the river Tweed, swimming is an important skill, it helps keep you fit and healthy and it's fun, so we're glad to be involved.

We now have two local volunteers who have trained in cookery and are planning to start up some additional cookery groups in the village. We're also looking at starting an additional exercise/fitness group in the evening with Body Pumping (!) proving that getting fit is fun ...so watch this space!

In the meantime, here's what's happening already.

Days/Dates	Times	Activity	Location	Open to...
Monday	9.30-10.30am	Fitness group	HBMI club	ALL
Monday	10.30-11.30am	Microwave Cookery Group	HBMI club	ALL
Mondays	6.00-7.00pm	Junior Dance-Break/Street Dancing	Church Hall	Primaries 4 to 7 inclusive
Mondays	7.00pm-8.00pm	Senior Dance Break/Street Dancing	Church Hall	S1-S6 Inclusive

All these Healthy Living Network activities are provided free of charge so come along and join in.

Nicola Souness

CHANGES IN YOUR LOCAL NHS SERVICES THIS AFFECTS EVERYONE

(summary of information advert provided by Cathie Sutherland)

From April 20 out-of-hours care for all patients registered with a GP in the Borders has been transferred to a new service called NHS 24. From this date if you phone your GP out of hours you will be given a set of instructions to follow so that your call can be transferred to the new service. Alternatively you can phone the service direct at local rates on 08454 24 24 24

Initially you will speak to a call handler who will ask for a few important details, your name, where you live, who your doctor is, your phone number and the reason you are calling. You will be put through to an experienced NHS 24 nurse, who can arrange for you to be seen by a doctor at a local out-of-hours centre, hospital or, if it's appropriate, in your own home. **If you need to be seen by a doctor you will be seen by a local doctor.** NHS 24 does not replace your existing services – it works with your local doctor, hospital and ambulance teams to make sure you see the right health professional at the right time at the right place for your needs.

HANDY HINT: If you are taking medicines for whatever reason, keep a list of these near the telephone. This will save time as the nurse advisor will need to know what you are taking in order to make a full assessment.

NHS 24 also has Health Information Advisors available to assist with general enquiries about local services such as smoking cessation groups, asthma support groups etc.

If you are very ill and think you need an ambulance, you should still call 999. If you call NHS 24 and the call handler thinks you need an ambulance, you will be asked to stay on the line while this is arranged for you.



School News

Vaila Baillie (Chairperson, Walkerburn School Council)

The Pupil Council

Walkerburn Primary School has had a Pupil Council for 6 months now. The members were elected by their friends to represent the views of all the children.

The council members are:

- P7 Vaila Baillie (Chair person)
- P6 Alastair Tait
- P5 Jodie Black
- P4 Joe Lothian
- P3 Kyle Armstrong
- P2 Amberly Roberson
- P1 Ruth Tweedy

The council meets regularly and the chairperson goes round the classes to report back and encourage the younger members to consult with the other children, she has also been invited to represent the pupils at school board meetings. The council have helped and advised the teachers on new playground equipment and other school activities. They are also helping to organise the coffee evening on the 19th May.

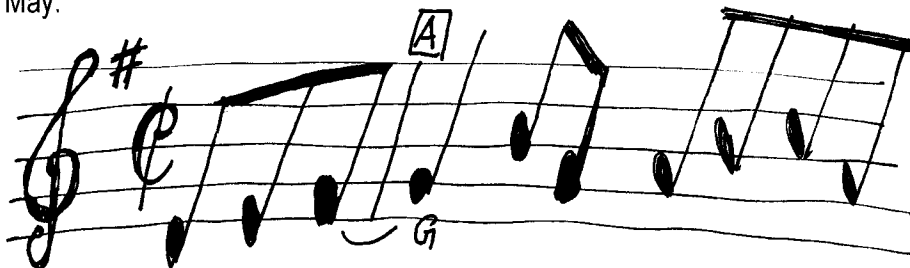
Other School News

All the children have been very busy with sporting activities recently, the whole school goes to swimming lessons at Galashiels pool on Friday mornings thanks to funding from the PTA. The older pupils have been taking part in football training at the Out of School Learning and rugby training in school; they have all had the chance to go to tournaments in Galashiels and Peebles.

The whole school is very busy with the community events to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the village, rehearsing for the Festival Concert, preparing for the Victorian Open Days in May.

Music at the George

Jane Gaze



Come along on alternate Thursday evenings at the George and you can listen to some great traditional tunes. Musicians from near and far have been gathering for lively sessions, the first night witnessed thirty-seven musicians playing seventeen different instruments, including seven fiddlers! The next session is on May 20th. On Friday 21st May "Pure Malt" make their appearance playing their unique turn on traditional folk music. For something a little more "rocking" come along on the 4th June when Conor McAfee (front man of The New Locals) makes an appearance delivering some rowdy covers of well known numbers.

Holiday Club News

Submitted by Mhairi Helen Tucker on behalf of the Holiday Club

The Holiday Club kicked off to a rewarding start on Monday 4th April, with approximately 30 energetic kids all rearing and ready to listen, and of course desperate to find the 'Mighty Godsword'. The children participated in many things such as games, crafts, quizzes, team challenges, and of course the lovely messy challenges that Heather Lothian prepared each day. Their memories were proved to be in good gear when Julie Knox put them to a test with the memory verse.

However none of this could be possible without the help of everyone. The leaders –Margaret Tucker, Julie Knox, Donna Allen, Charlotte Borthwick and Heather Lothian, and helpers Sarah Tucker, Mhairi Tucker, Lauren Knox, Emma Knox, Lilly Appleby, Allan Robertson, Katherine and Elizabeth Hynd, Judy Tait and newcomer Sian Bond who did a terrific job in her first year. With Aileen up front, things were kept exciting and well under control. Many thanks to Margaret Gates and all the kitchen staff and tray bake makers who made a lunch that could have been served in Heaven.



Walkerburn RFC

Sara Fraser-Ballantyne (Secretary)

Summer Calender

Saturday May 15th

Annual Dinner 6.30 for 7pm. Ladies welcome.

Tickets available by phoning 01896 870 762

Friday May 21st

Mixed Touch Rugby starts again for the summer at 6pm. Just turn up!

Saturday 22nd May

Casino Royale opens at 7.30pm. All welcome

Sunday 23rd May

Car Boot Sale / Burger Stall – 11am to 3pm £6 per boot. To pre register phone 01896 870 762

Minis Training Session

Monday 7th June

Club Tour to Spain

Saturday 19th June

Walkerburn Festival Touch Rugby Tournament

Sunday 20th June

AGM in the Clubhouse at 7pm

Training restarts at end of July on Tuesday and Thursday at 7pm. Actual date will be confirmed later.

Walkerburn Wanderers

(L Thornton)

Walks for May/June are as follows:

19 May – TAVO Mini-bus to Dawyk Gardens.

26 May – Forestry Road from Glenbenna to Innerleithen

2 June – The Eildons Hills

9 June – Thornielee

16 June – No walk – Festival Week

Free Printer Cartridges to a Good Home

A recent office move uncovered 2 colour ink cartridges for the Epson Stylus Colour model numbers 440, 640, 740, and 1 black cartridge for the Epson Stylus Colour model numbers 440, 640, 660, 670, 750, and 1200. Please phone 01896 870492 if you have a printer which can use these cartridges.

Donna Allen

SB Local

A new service for everyone

Scottish Borders Council is committed to improving services, and wants to become much more responsive to local communities.

SB Local is a new Council service being piloted in the Tweeddale area to deal with everyday roads, cleansing & parks matters in a quick & effective way. The new service started in mid-January 2004 and is being run as a trial up to 31/03/05. Already positive feedback is being received from Councillors & the public for the work being undertaken and funding has been allocated for similar squads in some other areas this financial year.

The SB Local squad consists of a three man team & special vehicle. They are equipped to deal with small scale road & footway repairs, litter control, clearing blocked gullies & other minor drainage issues, clearing fly-tipping & dog fouling, cutting back vegetation, repairing & cleaning signs, temporary filling pot holes etc. They are backed by a local Area Manager, Craig Blackie and support group based in Rosetta Road, Peebles.

For more demanding work the Council still use their conventional workforce to deal with major road repairs, street lighting & programmed work like refuse collection, street sweeping & winter maintenance etc. Posters have been widely distributed throughout Tweeddale detailing the work SB Local can undertake & "Feedback" cards are given out following work undertaken seeking comments from residents. Contact SB local for help or further information on Freephone 0800 376 1030 or e-mail sblocal@scotborders.gov.uk

Craig Blackie

Walkerburn Fitness Group

The group meets every Monday between 9.45am and 10.30am at a cost of £1 per session. At the moment we meet at the HB Club but this may change once the Village Hall reopens. Come and join us!

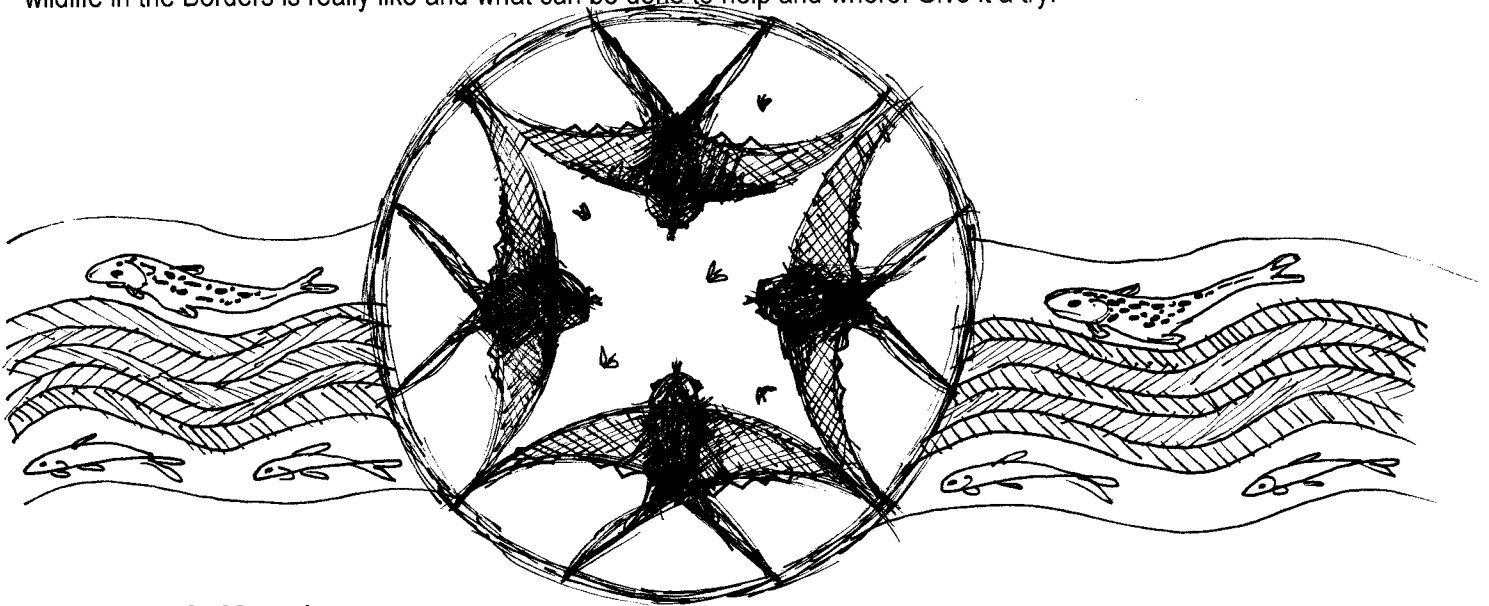


Nature Notes from Isaac

May Wild Side

It's amazing what a bit of sunshine and some April showers do! The birds are all busy finding a mate or nesting, butterflies and bees doing the same and of course the grass and those dreaded weeds are growing too. I love the wildlife but I also love my garden and it's striking a balance between the two. Still, it's nice to see everything greening up at last. And... I have had a visit from a nuthatch! I was so thrilled; the whole family were dragged through to see. Although they're not big birds they positively dwarf some of the tits and the siskins. The siskins have become regular visitors to the nut holders in the garden and I've noticed that what they lack in stature, they make up for in attitude! If anyone dare go near them and what a row they get. When I said they hiss, I really wasn't kidding. They are a very faithful couple though and check up on the other often. As in many households, I suspect, it is 'she' who wears the trousers, so to speak! I realise a lot of the birds are about to disappear for a while to raise their families, but I've enjoyed seeing them so much and you can learn so much by just sitting quietly and watching. I'll look forward to the antics of the wee ones.

The bats are out and about on these warm evenings and it's good to see the martins and swallows back, although the swallows seem to be fewer every year. They are certainly finding plenty of insects to eat, as an evening walk by the river will show. It always fascinates me to see them swoop down and fly along the surface of the water feeding and yet not get wet. I often wonder how long it takes to learn how to do that. Just comes naturally, I suppose. Hope lots of you are going to take part in the Borders Backyard Biodiversity survey. It's been advertised in the local papers. Just ring the Ranger Service at Harestanes for your copy. It just asks what visits your garden. You choose the time span and then tick the boxes for rare/frequent/often. It's as simple as that! It will give a better idea of what wildlife in the Borders is really like and what can be done to help and where. Give it a try.



Yes its Official: WAG 1-AMEC ○
(Denise Hanks)

The first round against the Minch Moor Wind Farm application has gone to WAG, with a little help from the Ministry of Defence. The MOD has lodged a holding objection until research has been completed in September 2004 because of their concerns regarding wind farm developments within 30km of their Eskdalemuir Seismological Recording station. At least this will allow us a welcome breathing space to regroup and work out our next steps in the campaign to stop the Minch Moor wind farm application



Vegetable Association Coffee Morning

The Vegetable Association are holding their annual coffee morning in the newly refurbished Village Hall on Saturday 29th May at 10am. All the usual stalls and refreshments will be available and it is also intended to try and have a selection of plants for sale (weather and plants permitting). Come and support our oldest village association and see what the hard work and chaos around the top of Hall Street over the last few months has been all about.
CS on behalf of Vegetable Assoc

WALKERBURN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Report on meeting 19.04.04

All members of the council were present with Cllr Garvie in attendance to discuss matters concerning our village.

First was a presentation from Mr. Craig Blackie of Scottish Borders Council describing the new initiative of the Chief Executive which took the form of a "hit squad" effecting a quick fix to minor problems like Pot Holes, Dog Fouling, Rubbish Clearing, Blocked Drains, small scale fly tipping etc. Success in this last is illustrated by their cleansing the countryside of 180 tyres, 4 frigs and 48 car batteries in 3 months. Mr. Blackie was asked to write an article for the next edition of BURNing Issues to make all village inhabitants more familiar with this new and very helpful service.

The Police representative said the village had recently been very quiet. Though acting as dog wardens could be considered part of police duty, with the current lack of man power, this activity was only of low priority. Articulated forestry lorries on Caberston Road were still going too fast. To control this it was necessary to get the time and registration number of the lorry when it would then be possible to check the tachograph yielding speed and name of driver. This would necessitate someone logging speeding lorries at about 5am.

Several points arose from the minutes of the last meeting.

The concrete planter at the entrance to the village would be planted by Mrs Tucker and Ms Davkin as the council would not do it. Plants and compost were in hand.

The council would write to the SBC asking it not to stop the hanging baskets on the lamposts this year. The surfaces of Hall St., Tweedholm Ave., Park Ave., and Caberston Rd., were all getting "chewed up". Mr. Blackie would be asked to take a look at these areas and if the work was too much for the "Hit Squad" it was hoped that the need for repair would be passed to the appropriate department.

Details to be ascertained regarding the possibility of new drains being required in Tweedholm Ave. by the current housing development. Such work could cause severe parking problems.

It was disappointing that to date no one had asked for nomination forms to fill the 3 vacancies on the council.

Regarding the 150th Anniversary: The Walkerburn song (words and music) was known to 2 local people who were to write music suitable for the piano so it could be performed at concerts etc. It was noted that the visitor to the village from the General Assembly in May was the Lord High Commissioner and not the Purse Bearer. The musician at the Innerleithen Festival workshop was one of the 4 most highly regarded guitarists in the UK. It was agreed that the £250 from the Calor Gas award put aside for the Anniversary fund would be used to help those who applied to the council for financial aid in developing their project for the celebrations. Walkerburn had its own crest. Mr. Kerr would have a copy of it soon and if the council agreed it was suitable to incorporate in stationary etc. they would see to the crest being registered if this were not already the case.

The council agreed to pay the cost of the insurance for the village clean up at the end of May.

The Chairman would apply for a grant to replace the Christmas lights which had been destroyed.

Application for Planning permission had been received for a house and garage at Glenbenna for which outline planning permission had been approved and work had commenced. Outline planning permission had been requested to demolish Purvis Hill garage and build a house. Planning permission was requested for a workshop and yard at Caberston Haugh. The council noted how this application would be affected by policies No. 18 and 107 concerning residential and recreational use of land.

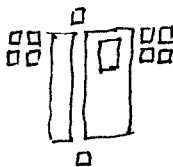
Councillor Garvie advised the meeting of notice received from the Ministry of Defence concerning the proposed windfarm on Minch Moor. MOD had placed a "holding objection" on the windfarm as it lay within 30Kms of Eskdale Muir seismicological station. This was standard procedure. Turbines within 30-80Kms of Eskdale were subject to research.

A letter was to be drafted with regard to the possibility of greater representation on the Area Committee.

It was clarified that the land by the hall where the public toilets were situated belonged to the village and had been loaned to the SBC. The council executive had approved that the land was returned to village hall ownership and a possible amenity for this area would be considered after hall renovations had been completed.

Next meeting will be Monday 17th May

Joan Pigge



E&OE