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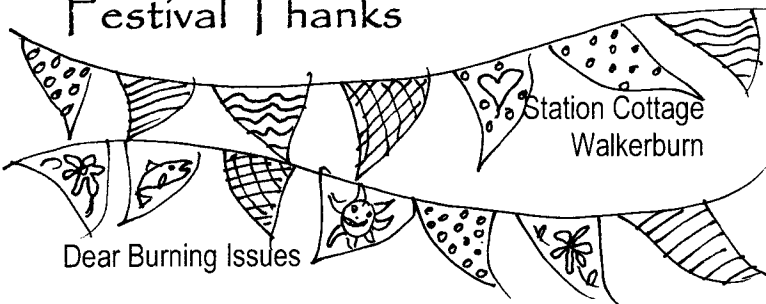
Walkerburn News – Issue Twenty Nine – July 2004

BT RELEASE BROADBAND DATE

BT has finally released the dates when Borders exchanges are expected to be upgraded providing live broadband access to the Internet. According to their web site Walkerburn will be active from 2 February 2005. Assuming that BT maintain their schedule for enabling exchanges this will be a very important step forward for both businesses and individuals within Walkerburn and its surroundings. Without a Broadband enabled exchange it would be very difficult to encourage businesses to consider relocation to Walkerburn. This is one positive step in the regeneration of Walkerburn and it is hoped that a further step will be taken when the results of the Feasibility Study for a Community Mall are produced (current projected release date is end of August).

Cathie Sutherland

Festival Thanks



Dear Burning Issues

Through the courtesy of your columns may I take this opportunity to thank all the people of Walkerburn and surrounds, who helped make Festival Week so memorable.

Special thanks to the Festival Committee for all their hard work and for looking after me so well and to Miss Bean who installed me as Festival Lass. My Mum, Dad and sister Alison for helping me through a hectic week, and to all the kind folk for the cards, presents and good wishes.

I had a really enjoyable week, topped of with a spectacular bonfire and firework display.

Yours faithfully
Christine Horsburgh
Walkerburn Festival Lass 2004

Walkerburn Computer Project

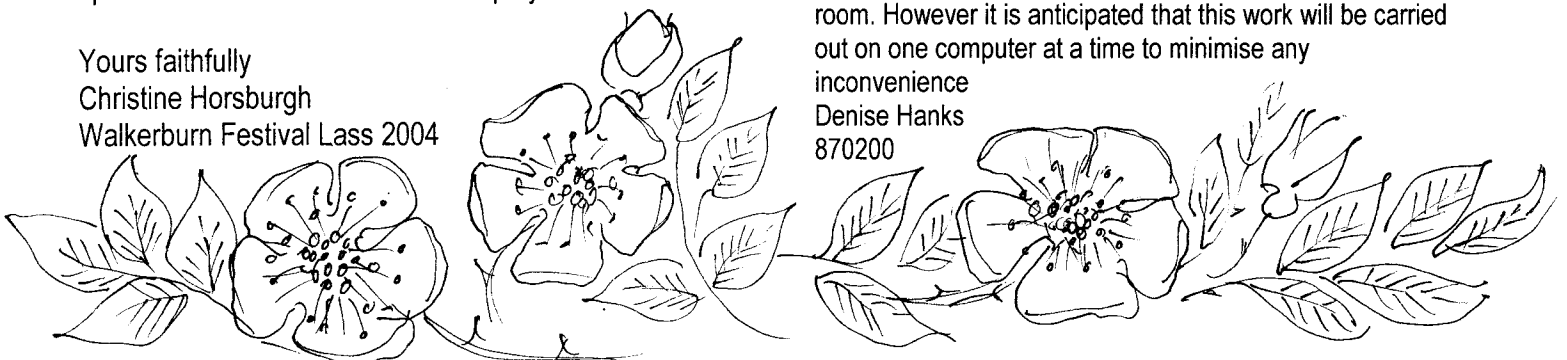
Congratulations to the six people who completed the Publishing Course held at the computer room in the HB club. There were certainly a lot of very professional 2005 calendars being produced. The course was subsidised by Direct Grants and run by Barbara King from Education Works. There will be a break from courses during the summer holidays but we hope to resume in September/October. (All courses will be advertised in Burning Issues).

The Computer Room will be open as usual during the summer holidays, with Internet access half price to all children and under 18's in full time education.

Unfortunately we are experiencing technical problems with some of the computers, probably from the latest viruses/worms, so they are in need a bit of R and R.

Therefore over the summer we hope to run the latest anti-virus programmes and Microsoft updates on each of the PC's which may involve their removal from the computer room. However it is anticipated that this work will be carried out on one computer at a time to minimise any inconvenience

Denise Hanks
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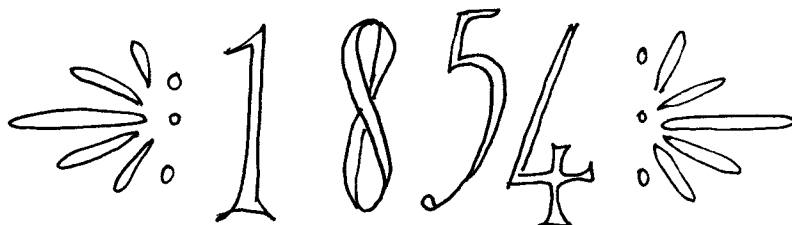


Walkerburn 150th Anniversary Celebrations

Diary Dates as at 1 July 2004

Event	Date
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 – from 12.00 in Alexandra Park. For more details see article on page 3
Innerleithen Music Festival Workshop and Session with Martin Simpson, BBC Radio 2 Musician of the Year	Saturday 21 August in 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 One parent of each child performing in Recital will get half price 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
Youth Club Cooking Evening	Saturday 20 November in Village Hall
Ecumenical Evening Service	Sunday 28 November in Walkerburn Church
Winter Walk to the Minch Moor	Friday 31 December

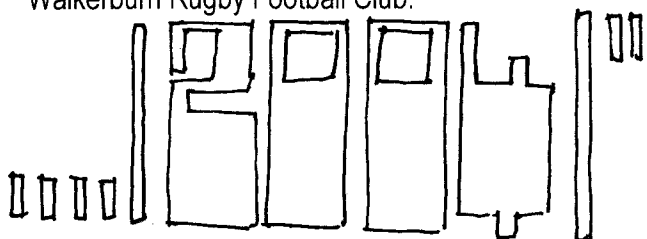
Chairman: Mary Daykin Tel. 870471
Co-ord Notes: John Purves Tel: 870447
Diary Dates: Lesley Thornton Tel: 870251



Commemorative Tea Towels

The Walkerburn Commemorative Tea Towels are available for sale from the Post Office, George Hotel and at the Guild's July Coffee Mornings. They are priced at £3.50 and make a wonderful gift and memento of this special year.

Eventual profits will go to Walkerburn Primary and Walkerburn Rugby Football Club.



Memorabilia Exhibition

Reminder

If anyone has old photos or memorabilia to do with Walkerburn and they are willing for it to be included in the Village Memorabilia Exhibition please let either Molly McIntosh or John Purves know.

Good care will be taken of anything loaned for the exhibition and it will be safely returned to you.

Cathie Sutherland



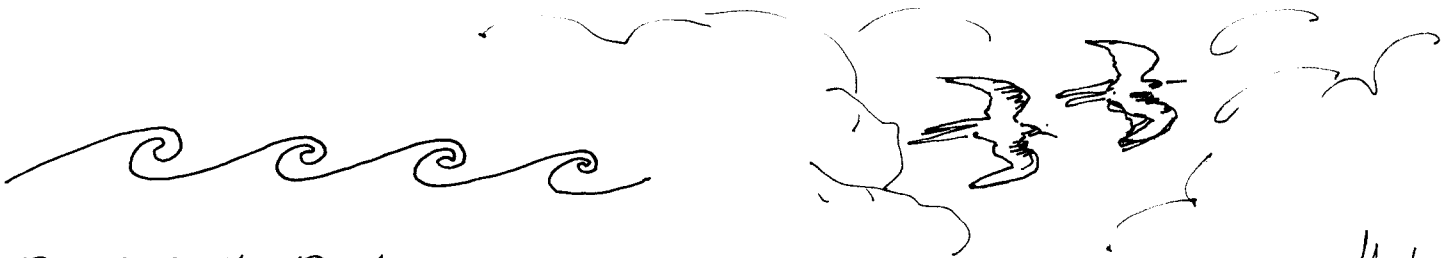
Nature Notes

July Wild Side

I have had great pleasure watching the young birds coming to the feeders in the garden and even seeing the woodpecker feed his young, hidden (almost) from sight, up higher in a neighbouring tree. The great tits are now much more self-sufficient and have been joined by some small blue tits in their acrobatic stunts. I must correct myself from last month when I said that the tits raised only one brood a year. I have since discovered that great tits can have two broods in a good year and I suspect this may be such a year!

On my wanderings along the river, I am always pleased to see the sandpiper, a summer visitor to our shores. There is a long beach I know well, where whole flocks "play" in the waves. They are of course feeding in the shallows and because of their colouring they are hard to spot until they move or take off with their loud musical noise. With a long straight bill and long legs, they are small waders, only about 8 inches (20cm) in length. They are grey-brown above, pale below with a white wing bar and dark tail, which is clearly visible in flight. Shaped like a small oystercatcher, with similar shaped pointed wings, they fly low along the surface of the water alternately gliding and flickering. They nest on the banks of the Tweed and this is the ideal time to see them, as the young will be swimming, feeding and just about flying. They will have been fully independent since four weeks old and are busy feeding and gaining strength for their flight to Africa in October.

Before your thoughts perhaps turn to flights and sunnier climes, take a turn outside. As far as nature goes, this has so far been an excellent year with trees and shrubs heavy with blossom, therefore plenty insects and so in turn lots of birds and small mammals. We live in an area with a wide range of habitats and hence a huge selection of wildlife, so get outdoors and enjoy it and see what you can find. Wherever you're spending it, have a good summer!



Picnic in the Park

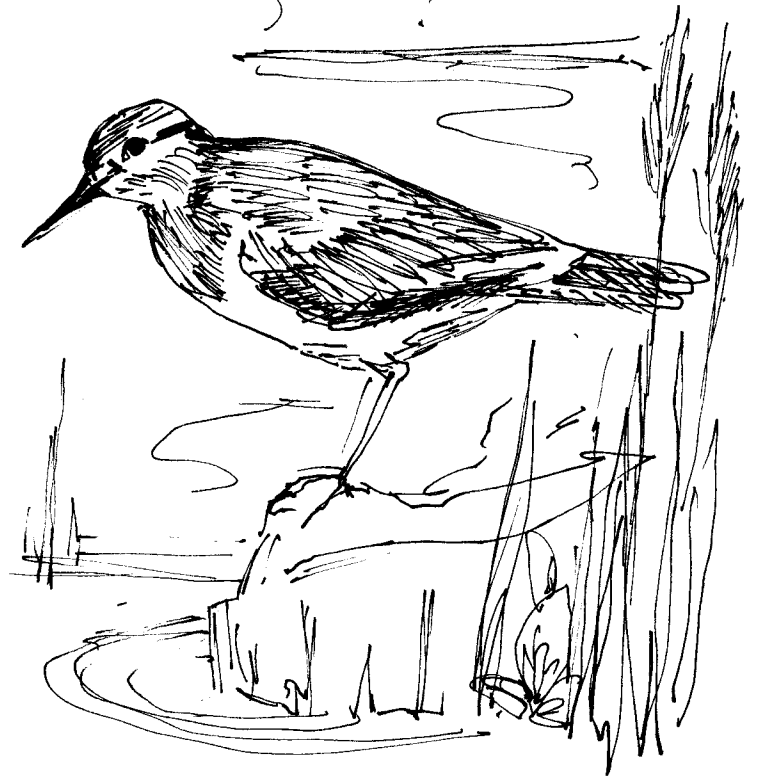
When- Saturday 14th August –the fun starts at 12pm

Where- Alexandra Park

What- As part of the 150th Anniversary Celebrations WAVE have arranged an informal fun, family day in Alexandra Park. At the moment the event is very casual, with the intention of people turning up and just enjoying an old fashioned picnic and each other's company, with as little organisation as possible. A sort of street party but held in the Park. The sporting highlights will be a Rounders match (providing we can get some posts), Tug of War, and Football (not in the same league as Euro 2004- more like a friendly kick around with jumpers for goal posts). We are not organising food and drink so bring your own picnic (unless anyone/organisation would like to volunteer to run a BBQ). Lets hope for a sunny day as if it rains don't turn up!!!

Look out for Posters in the normal places to advertise the event!

Submitted on behalf of WAVE



Walkerburn Innerleithen Partnership

The Partnership has awarded a total of five grants over the last year one under infrastructure, three under community and one under Tourism. WIP also held its first AGM in June and said farewell to our SBC advisor John Gray who has retired.

The first award was, perhaps appropriately, an infrastructure grant to help fund the upgrading of the walkway between Walkerburn and Innerleithen along the Tweed. The three community projects funded were all events, the St Ronans Tattoo held on a beautiful day at the beginning of June and the Innerleithen Pipe Band Championships held on a not so nice day a couple of weeks later and still to come the Innerleithen Music Festival which this year includes events within Walkerburn. According to all concerned both the Tattoo and the Pipe Band Championships were considered a great success with the funding from WIP making a major contribution to both this years events as well as providing much needed help in ensuring that both events continue to develop over the years ahead. The tourism grant is to provide upgraded facilities in a local hotel that will help to attract more visitors to the area.

The turnout for the AGM was rather disappointing and it would have been nice to have had a more positive response from both communities, particularly as the partnership is really in place to allow the residents of Walkerburn and Innerleithen as big a say as possible about how the available funds are to be used. If there is anyone that would be interested in working on any of the assessment panels or the Management team please contact me through TAVO either by phone or email. The duties are not onerous and generally only require attending either a monthly meeting of the Management team or an assessment meeting as and when required.

On a final note we still have a large pot of money available and if you have any ideas that might provide a basis for a project please let us know remembering that there must be an element of economic benefit involved and a group ready and willing to take the project forward.

Cathie Sutherland
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WRFC NEWS!

20th June the AGM and the Election of Office Bearers for Season 2004-5 took place at the Clubhouse and was well attended. Minutes are available in the Clubhouse or from the Secretary on 01896-870762. Peter Hope remains as Hon. President, Grant Fraser as Hon. Vice President, Steve Henderson as Hon. Treasurer, Sarah Fraser-Ballantyne as Hon. Secretary. Andrew Thoms as Fixture Secretary, Chad Dawtry as Membership Secretary, Ian Millar as the new Rugby Co-ordinator.

Colin McCudden was elected Captain and David Waldie Vice Captain.

The Club will play in the Edinburgh District League and the BT Cup and also play many 'Friendlies' during the 2004-5 season. The Annual Sevens Tournament is planned for 7th May 2005.

7-9pm every Friday night Mini Rugby continues during the summer. All Boys and Girls of Primary School Age are welcome.

A Tag rugby tournament for local schools will be arranged at the start of the new term.

20th July 7-9 Full Training restarts on Tuesdays and Thursday evenings.

New Players welcome. Some new coaches have been recruited adding to the challenge to players.

Membership Charges are £15 for Players, £5 for student players, £5 for Social Member, £1 for Students and Pensioners. Memberships are due by August 30th '04. Forms are available in the Clubhouse or phone the Membership Secretary on 01896-757607.

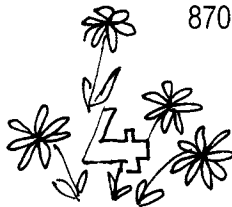
Fixture Cards will be issued on payment of Membership fees. These will also include the planned social events, (although there may be others as the year goes on)

The Clubhouse will be open as usual on Training nights and at weekends during Home games and Internationals. Watch this space for any news.

Ladies Committee needs a few more helpers to assist with team teas which is good fun, just phone the Secretary if you would like to help two or three times in a season. It is not hard to do!

Bar Committee would also appreciate an occasional offer of help. Perhaps you can offer your time for an occasional function or would like to enjoy the company and friendly banter?

Hire of Clubhouse? To arrange any functions please feel free to telephone the Secretary on 01896-870762.



WALKERBURN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Walkerburn Community Council AGM –21/6/2004

The chairman of WCC –Mollie McIntosh, opened the AGM with her annual report. The highlights were:
Calor Gas Award –WCC entered 5 categories and received 2 commendations and 1 special award.

Planning applications- Several planning applications came before the WCC including the Wind farm application on Minch Moor, which is still ongoing after several public meetings.

Anti social behaviour-there was a public meeting where SBHA, and the police explained the ASB laws and how an ASBO could be initiated.

3 councillors resigned S. Henderson, H. Patterson, and D.Brown all of whom were thanked for their service to Walkerburn.

J. Purves organised a community folder, which holds information sent from SBC and other voluntary organisations. This is located in the Post Office.

An exhibition on how Walkerburn is regenerating itself was held in the Public Hall and was well received by all who attended it, including people from other communities in different districts and countries.

150th Celebrations- The WCC set up a sub-committee to co-ordinate events planned by all the organisations in Walkerburn. They also set aside funds to help organisations, which may incur additional expense as part of the celebrations. To mark the 150th Anniversary, the WCC have gifted a clock which is to be located on the Public Hall. In October the chairman attended a seminar with other Community Councils and reported that similar issues arose in their communities.

December was marked by the Christmas tree at the Public Hall, kindly donated by Dr Mackay. J. Purves produced operational guidelines for WCC and several other local councils have now adopted it.

Dog fouling continues to be a big issue in Walkerburn.

Treasurers Report- Mr Harrison reported on the WCC accounts and explained that the income was made up from the SBC grant and the major expenditure was the rental of the Public Hall /Church for the WCC monthly meetings and expenses incurred due to the WCC election held in May 2003.

Cllr Purves updated the WCC on the results of the nominations for the 3 vacant positions on the WCC. There were 3 nominations received for 3 posts, however after clarification, one of the nominations was invalid. The results were that S.Harrison and D.Barbour were duly nominated onto the WCC. With nearly a full complement of community councillor the official posts were allocated for 2004-2005.

Chairman- Mollie McIntosh

Vice-chairman- Mary Daykin

Treasurer – Steve Harrison

Planning contact- Martin Innes

Secretary-Mrs Thornton did not wish to continue as secretary, however she agreed to stay until a replacement could be found.

E. Coburn agreed to audit the accounts.

The next AGM will be June 13th or 20th 2005 depending on the date of the Summer Festival. The chairman closed the AGM by thanking all community councillors for their service over the past year.

The normal WCC meeting followed with the issues below discussed;

30mph Flashing signs –there is only 1 set in the area and it is allocated to accident blackspots and Walkerburn is not one.

The Chairman will continue to chase SBC about repainting the road at the entrances/exits to the village.

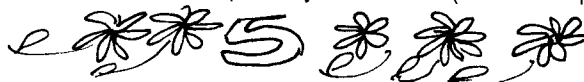
WCC received apologies for the inconvenience caused by the rubbish at Park Avenue, and assurances that the work would be hopefully completed in 2months.

WCC will be entering a bowling team in the Bowling Club's competition on 24th July

Possible names of the new development off Tweedholm Avenue are Tweedbank Square and McGregor Place.

Update from 150th Anniversary Committee- the programme is nearly ready, the WCC have set aside money for projects, which was advertised in June's edition of the Burning Issues. Next meeting Monday 5th July 7pm at the Public Hall.

Forest Enterprise meeting – Their planting strategy was discussed and to summarise where the land is in view then planting would be attractive and in inner areas where the land isn't on view, planting would be commercial. It is hoped that this strategy would prevent the dense block planting that we currently have around Walkerburn However due to the pending wind farm applications replanting is on hold in Ellibank and Traquair forest. Forest Enterprise was asked to consider requests that the land goes back to heather, especially Plora Hill. (Cont next page)



E.Fraser has applied for change of use from showroom to work shop for Scott Motors. After considerable discussion it was agreed that WCC would write expressing concern to the proposal on the grounds of road use and appearance to the entrance of the village.

Correspondence

WCC received annual grant from SBC.

The Planning draft policy has been sent out from SBC for comment. Cllr Purves strongly recommended that each community councillor had access to a copy and thoroughly read the document as it will be the form basis of the Local Plan for the Borders. It was agreed that all councillors would try and read the document and have comments ready for a meeting on 28/7/2004 when the planners are going to present the local plan to all Tweeddale district councillors and answer any questions.

October school holiday dates –It was agreed that WCC would write and support the decision of Walkerburn School who want to return to the usual date.

WCC received literature on the New Ways Awards.

Following the campaign by Michael Moore, Jeremy Purvis and local Councillor Patricia Purves to improve digital reception in Walkerburn, Of Com confirmed that if you receive analogue reception now then you will be able to receive digital reception in 2010, however if you don't receive analogue reception you will not get digital in 2010. The campaign will continue.

The issue about sewage brought about by the announcement from Scottish water that they would not allow any additional housing due to the inability of the current sewage system to cope with any new developments was discussed. This could prevent any economic development in Walkerburn which falls within the affected area ie Peebles to Clovenford.

AOB

A complaint was received by a local resident who claimed there was a discharge of sewage at Bold Burn. Cllr Purves to investigate.

Steve Harrison had completed the Calor Gas Awards on behalf of WCC.

It was noted that the Walkerburn website had no events on it and did not carry any information on the 150th Anniversary celebrations. It was agreed that Dr Henderson would be informed so he could send the appropriate information.

The Festival committee thanked WCC for approving their application for funds to assist the additional costs of events organised to celebrate the 150th Anniversary, notably the commemorative badges for pupils of Walkerburn School and ex Festival Principals and by supporting the Ceilidh Dance. This allowed the Festival Committee to finance from their own funds the spectacular Firework display on Friday.

Next meeting Monday 19th July, 7pm in the Public Hall.

Denise Hanks

Walkerburn SWRI Craft Fair on 25th September Celebrating Walkerburn 150th Anniversary

Members are reminded that we are holding a Craft Fair in the Public Hall on Saturday 25th September from 10 until 4

The duties and times help is required are as follows:-

Kitchen	10am – 12noon, 12 noon – 2pm, 2pm - 4pm
Serving Coffee	10am – 12 noon, 12 noon – 2pm, 2pm – 4pm
Raffle	10am – 12 noon, 12 noon – 2pm, 2pm – 4pm
Manning the Rural Stall	10am – 12 noon, 12 noon – 2pm, 2pm – 4pm

If you are available for one or more of these times, please contact Margaret Tucker on 830 077.

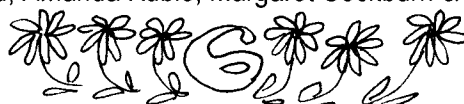
Donations of Baking & Handicrafts are required for our own stall.

It would be appreciated if we can have a 1950's theme. This means wearing appropriate dress where possible.

As many members as possible will be needed to clear the hall.

Thank you

Lynn Macdonald, Amanda Kubie, Margaret Cockburn & Helen Paterson





A BIG THANK YOU from the Festival Committee

The Festival committee would like to take this opportunity to thank all its Sponsors, Patrons, Volunteers and Organisations of Walkerburn who supported the Summer Festival and contributed to its success. Also many thanks to all the people from Walkerburn and Innerleithen and surrounding areas who came and joined in the celebrations which we hoped were extra special to mark the 150th Anniversary of the founding of Walkerburn. It was really noticeable how everyone rallied round and it is impossible to individually name all those people and organisations who helped during the Summer Festival. The comments we have received were extremely positive with many of you remarking that it has continued the 'feel good factor' started by the Church Flower Festival and the opening of the newly refurbished Public Hall.

Results of the Raffle –apologies for any misspellings!

- 1st Prize -£75 -Janette Fraser
- 2nd Prize - Lambs wool sweater-'Monty'
- 3rd Prize- bottle of whisky –Ian Fraser
- 4th Prize-bottle of Vodka- Lesley Thornton
- 5th Prize- photo frame- Anne Kerr
- 6th Prize- bottle of wine- Ian Fraser
- 7th Prize-bottle of wine – Billy Summerville
- 8th Prize- bottle of wine- Ann Irvine



The Bike ride on Tuesday proved very popular as well as competitive, so for those people who raced their way to Ellibank lodge and back to the HB club in 30minutes here are the top 5 positions

- First- Jamie Biggar
- Second- David Meldrum
- Third – Craig Hope
- Fourth- unfortunately the name was rubbed off the board but we believe it was one of the Lothian Lads!!
- Fifth- Lee Hamilton

Well done to all those who took part in Walkerburn's first Bike ride out.
Submitted on behalf of the Festival Committee.



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 name, address and telephone number. This will be withheld by request to the editor.

Well Done

I would like to say a great big well done to the festival committee for pulling off a great week. For the nights the family and I were able to attend-THEY WERE SUPER. The Fancy Dress Parade and the Bon Fire have been the best I have seen for many years – a lot of effort put in by a lot of people. The fireworks were a real treat too a great end to a super night.

Once again-WELL DONE to all on the Committee and the people of Walkerburn for supporting the Festival

Yours sincerely

Georgina Boggs, Tweedbank

Didn't we have a Wonderful Week?

Many thanks to those involved in making this year's Festival so special for the people of Walkerburn.

From the minute the bunting went up things went with a swing and it was a pleasure to see so many people enjoying the events which unfolded. The Committee pulled out all the stops to make the Festival special during the 150th Anniversary of Walkerburn and the Festival Lass should be applauded for the part she played so splendidly.

The Committee and their helpers deserve our heartfelt thanks.

A Thankful Resident (name and address supplied)

Pensioners Day Out

We were blessed with lovely weather for our outing on 9th June. We had an excellent lunch at the Dolphin in Eyemouth then we went on to Berwick where we shopped, walked or just sat in the sun. A small bag of sweets (Thorntons) were found in the bus, so far we haven't been able to contact anyone who left them.

Our Coffee Morning is on 18th September in the Public Hall. We hope to see everyone there.

M Baillie

Lucky Winners

Walkerburn R. F. C. 200 Club

200 Club Special:

£100 73 Trish Anderson

£100 4 Tom Anderson

£100 89 Bob Lithgoe

Next Draw takes place on 25th July 2004

Reminder that subscriptions are due now to Jock Anderson

£ 30 115 Robert Kurowski

£ 10 186 Terry McCormick

£ 5 179 Colin Beetson

£ 5 82 Les Glendinning

Cost of Next Draw single £1, Yearly £12 (now due)

Editors Note

Once again we have received a letter, via the collection tin at the HB Club, which did not include a name or address. As has been stated on many occasions we will not print any letter where the contributor does not provide a name and address although this information will be withheld from printing if requested.

The writer of the letter was obviously not impressed with the production and layout of Burning Issues. If the person concerned is prepared to come forward and assist with this side of the newsletter your input would be more than welcome or if anyone else can help for that matter. If not then I'm afraid you will need to grin and bear our humble efforts. We are only unpaid volunteers after all.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy belated 40th Birthday to
Bryan Sommerville

From your friends
(Yes you do have some!)