

BURNing ISSUES

Walkerburn News – Issue Thirty – August 2004

Walkerburn – Looking Forward With Your Help

In a year that's seen everyone concentrating on the past 150 years of Walkerburn's existence it is perhaps appropriate that we also take the opportunity to start looking forward to it's future development.

The Feasibility Study for a Community Mall is finally coming to an end and is looking extremely positive and WAVE is in the final stages of planning a new community pathway, orchard and wetland area running from the Tweed Valley Hotel alongside the River to Caberston Road. Both these projects are large developments with a view to increasing the appeal of Walkerburn and its surrounding area to not only local but to national and overseas visitors as well.

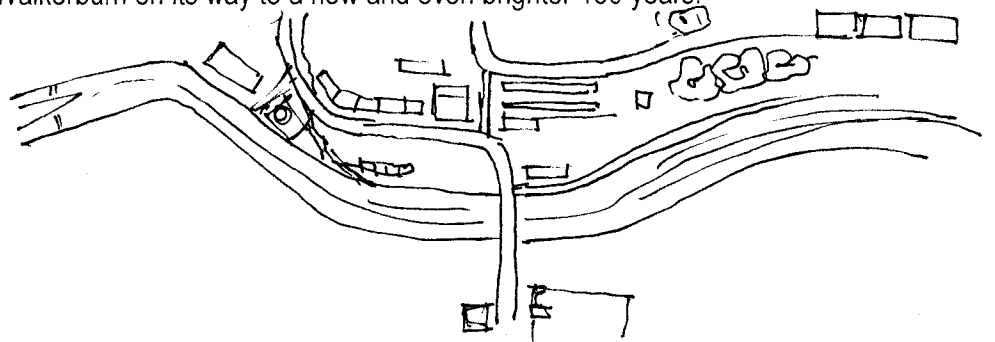
To ensure that the community itself is able to benefit from both these projects as well as future developments, we need to start looking at setting up a formal community structure that can take Walkerburn forward for the next 150 years. To ensure the safety from liability for any member the best vehicle is a Company Limited by Guarantee that can then apply for charitable status. By using such a formal structure the Community can not only access additional sources of funding but also take advantage of changes in legislation both current and in the future. Both local and national government are very keen to see such community led development organisations in place in every village and town throughout Scotland. I should point out that this is not to take the place of any groups already in existence, particularly the Community Council, but to work alongside and (where able) to assist them. The same applies to existing businesses where it is not intended to compete, but to work alongside and where possible provide opportunities to expand and develop, consequently giving a much needed economic boost to the area.

It is essential that as a whole community we take the chance to grasp the opportunities that all areas of Government are currently providing to ensure that the most is made of the potential already in Walkerburn.

I am taking this opportunity to invite you to a public meeting in the Village Hall on Wednesday 25th August at 7.30pm. Wendy Reid from the Development Trusts Association Scotland will be attending to explain the role of a Development Trust and answer any questions and I will be talking about a Company Limited by Guarantee and its role in Community Development.

It is hoped that as many community members as possible will attend this meeting giving everyone, young and old, worker and resident, the chance to discuss, ask questions and possibly decide if this new way forward is what they want for Walkerburn. Your attendance as an important member of Walkerburn is vital at this crucial stage, which is the first step to establishing a community structure that can represent the interests of the village and cover the legal implications of such interests. Therefore please make every effort to come to the meeting to add your experience and knowledge to the debate that will set Walkerburn on its way to a new and even brighter 150 years.

Cathie Sutherland
Community Development Worker
Walkerburn and Innerleithen



Walkerburn 150th Anniversary Celebrations

Diary Dates as at 1 August 2004

Event	Date
WAVE Sponsored Picnic in the Park	Sunday 15th August – from 12.00 in Alexandra Park. For more details see article on page 3 – PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE FROM PREVIOUSLY ADVERTISED
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 - see p5 for further details
Concert with Bruce Davies, Singer/Songwriter and Guitarist	Sunday 29 August - 7 pm in Walkerburn Church – See article on p4 for further details
Flower Show	Saturday 11 September – 2 pm in Village Hall – Special 150 th Award
Pensioners Coffee Morning	Saturday 18 th September 10.00 to 12.00 in Village Hall
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

Walkerburn SWRI Craft Fair on 25th September Celebrating Walkerburn's 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

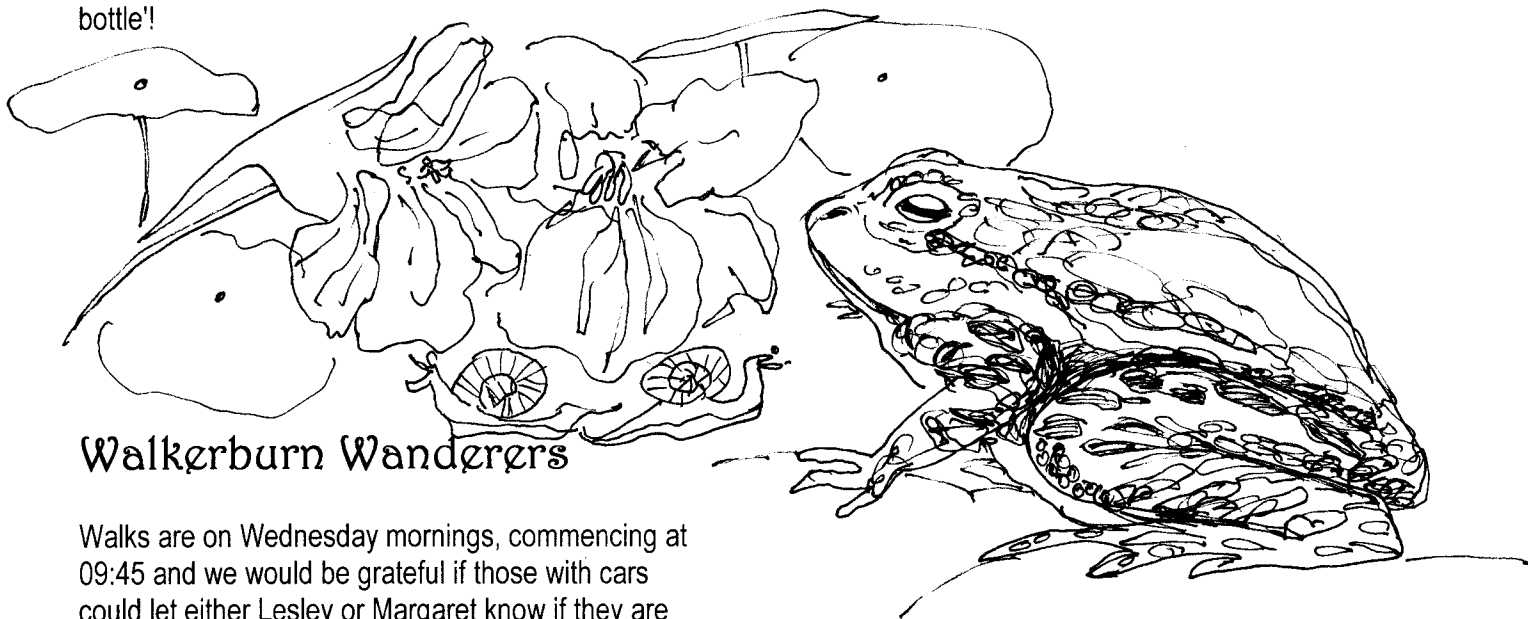


Nature Notes

August Wild Side

One of the biggest boons to wildlife in a garden is, apparently, a pond. It attracts all kinds of creatures and just like us, they need water and some also enjoy a good bath from time to time. We have an upturned dustbin lid with a couple of large stones in as a birdbath but we don't have pond. We did have some long wet grass which attracted one amphibian to us; the common frog. Judging by the size of it, a 2004 'baby' and thanks to my better half's sharp eyes, it escaped the strimmer. Not having a pond means I am unlikely to see newts here in the garden but at least those amphibians operating on lungs visit. Big toads hide amongst the flowerpots and stones, and of course, for both frogs and toads, this damp weather of late has been ideal. They can happily munch through the slugs that also love a damp summer and my plants! A sign that it's now late summer was my first ever sighting of Fly Agaric toadstools, those red and white spotted ones that fairies sit under, near Holylee. Each 'crop' doesn't last long but they can be seen popping up from now until late autumn especially near birch and pine trees. Nice to look at but poisonous and for all I'm told I'm often away with them, I didn't see any fairies.

We have had some nice weather though and in some of those pleasant evenings, there have been lots of insects about, besides those that nibble you. Bats love these 'night fliers', especially moths. Many moths 'hide up' during the day amongst leaves or on tree bark or walls, and if you grow honeysuckle in the garden, you're bound to be visited by lots of moths at night. Disturbing the ivy, I also disturbed a Yellow Underwing moth. This large (by my standards at about 2.5 - 3 cm long) moth was hidden up for the day and was very well camouflaged until it opened out its wings to reveal bright orange rear wings. This is when I am so glad we've kept the children's 'bug bottle' - to get a good look at small beasties before putting them back. It's also handy for Dad to catch the spiders in for throwing out of the house. Next month is when those big spiders come indoors looking for a mate. Soon be time, then, to buy a bigger 'bug bottle'!



Walkerburn Wanderers

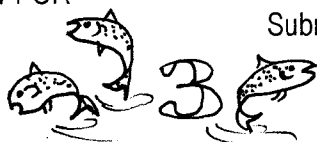
Walks are on Wednesday mornings, commencing at 09:45 and we would be grateful if those with cars could let either Lesley or Margaret know if they are able to provide transport for the walks where we cannot go by bus.

Contacts: Lesley Thornton – 01896 870251
Margaret Blake – 01896 879500

Walks for mid-August/September

- 11 August Lindinny (by car)
- 18 August Innerleithen Golf Course (by bus)
- 25 August Squirrel Walk and Ponds, Glentress (by car)
- 1 September The Eildon Hills (by car)
- 8 September The Ettrick Water, Selkirk (by car)

PLEASE SEE POST OFFICE WINDOW FOR
DETAILS OF WEEKLY WALKS
Lesley Thornton



Picnic in the Park Change of Date

When- Sunday 15th August –the fun starts at 12pm
Where- Alexandra Park

Due to the Peebles Show being held on the same day as the Picnic in the Park, the WAVE group decided to change the date from Saturday 14th August to Sunday 15th August. All other details remain the same. Don't forget to bring your own food, drinks and seats/rugs as no refreshments or facilities are provided.

Submitted on behalf of WAVE

Digital Television and Radio in Walkerburn and District

Following complaints from our Councillor and the Community Council, Michael Moore our MP and Jeremy Purvis our MSP have been trying to get assurances from the Government both in Westminster and Edinburgh that our TV and radio reception will improve and that when the change-over is made to digital TV by 2010 that everyone in this area will be able to receive the service.

Recently Michael Moore received an update from Ofcom and he has sent a copy of their letter to the Community Council. This short summary will bring you up-to-date but please visit the website for fuller details from the report to the government on 'Driving Digital Switchover':

<http://www.ofcom.org.uk/research/dso/report/?a=87101>.

As you know, at present, most people in the area can receive the four analogue TV services of BBC1, BBC2, ITV and Channel 4, all of which are broadcast from transmitters at Peebles, Innerleithen and Clovenfords. None of these transmitters yet broadcasts either digital TV or digital radio services and no one pretends that the existing coverage within the valley is complete. About 75% of the UK population can already receive digital TV and radio services and the government plans to extend this to cover areas that can receive the existing analogue service by the year 2010. No one should lose access to the services they already have but there is no guarantee of any improvement. How this will be achieved is currently being planned. One of the problems with introducing digital services for TV is that they can start to interfere with existing analogue reception so until analogue services are switched off not all digital services will be switched on.

Digital radio does not face the same problems as digital TV and the radio companies can choose when and where to introduce digital radio services – it is a commercial decision. BBC radio plans at present will extend their digital coverage to about 85% of UK and commercial radio (Digital One) already has 85% coverage. The problem is that there is no enforcement action that can be taken to make either the BBC or Digital One extend their coverage to the Tweed Valley.

In summary, we have an assurance that digital TV services will have the same coverage as our existing analogue service but no assurance that those who have poor reception at present will have an improved service and no guarantee that the current level of analogue service will be maintained until the switch-over. The Community Council will continue to press for stronger assurances.

BRUCE DAVIES CONCERT

Sunday 29th August 7.00pm
Walkerburn Parish Church

Fife based singer-songwriter Bruce Davies will appear in concert on Sunday 29th August at Walkerburn Parish Church at 7.00pm. Bruce's rich voice and tasteful acoustic six and twelve string guitar style, coupled with a repertoire that is as diverse as the land he hails from, have won him friends on three continents. Not only is he a faithful interpreter of the music of Scotland, but also an award winning songwriter. His search for special songs written by others, which he can take to new audiences is unceasing. He sings songs that have moved him and passionately wants to share them with audiences and move them too, whether to laughter or tears. One reviewer said, "many folk singers sing for their hands and feet, Bruce Davies sings for the head and the heart." He was happy to read that!

The eclectic mix of material and his sheer professionalism has been responsible for the range of venues and countries he had played in. Of the many highlights from his appearances on three continents, Bruce rates his two solo concerts at the United Nations New York as probably the most special so far! He has a long list of radio and television credits, including BBC Songs of Praise, where he sung and spoke of his faith with Isla St. Clair.

This concert is part of a series of events celebrating the 150th anniversary of the village of Walkerburn and you can expect to hear songs from all six of his currently available CDs, and maybe some surprises when he makes his first visit to Walkerburn.

Although there is no set charge for tickets there is a suggested donation of £3.00 per person and there will be tea or coffee available during the interval. Further information about the concert may be had by calling the minister Janice Faris on 01896 830309.

Walkerburn Innerleithen Partnership

There is a new face at the helm of WIP for the coming year with Barry Keepence (Walkerburn) taking over from John Birks (Innerleithen) as chairperson of the group. He is very keen to spend the £110,000 (approx) left in the pot for the remaining 18 months of the project. If you have an idea for a project and wonder if you might be eligible for a grant please contact Cathie Sutherland (Development Worker) at TAVO 01721 723 123 or email cathie.sutherland@tavo.org.uk



Village Memorabilia Exhibition

Saturday 28th August

9am to 7pm

Come and take a walk down Walkerburn's own Memory Lane with exhibits and photographs from the Mill and old amenities now sadly no longer around. Also remember or discover memorable occasions in Walkerburn's history, such as the opening of the new units by Prince Edward. Whether you were born in Walkerburn or have moved here, this is your opportunity to see original artefacts from the past 150 years. Look out for posters in all the usual places that will be advertising this event soon.

Denise Hanks

150th Anniversary

Commemorative Mug

There is currently in production a 150th Anniversary commemorative mug that has been designed and produced locally by Made For Life Ceramics.

There are only 150 of these mugs and each will be individually numbered. They will be available at the cost price of £5.00 with the exception of No 1 and No150 that will be auctioned to the highest bidder. Don't miss this opportunity to buy an antique of the future.

See next months BURNing Issues for sales outlets and auction details.

Jane Gaze

WALKERBURN RFC 200 CLUB

July Winners

£50	44	Jean Glendinning
£10	45	Adrian Keddie
£5	75	Colin Laidlaw
£5	171	Spike Hughes

Cost of next draw £1.00
Date of next draw 29th August 2004

Walkerburn Computer Project

We are taking names for the next set of computer courses that will start September/ October depending on numbers. To make it worthwhile for the tutors to travel to Walkerburn to run the course we do need to have a minimum of 8 people.

The courses will run on Monday's during the day from 12-5pm and are likely to be for beginners. We have tried to organise an evening class but unfortunately there are no tutors available to run them. We will continue to try to find a tutor and if successful we will advertise in Burning Issues and in the usual places. If you are interested in signing up to the courses please put your name down on the form displayed on the notice board in the Computer Room at the HB club.

Denise Hanks
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WALKERBURN FITNESS GROUP

Get Fit For Free

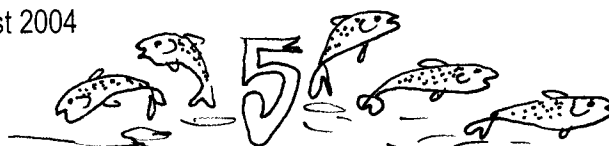
The success of Guid Fettle for the over fifties has paved the way for this fitness class now fully funded by Healthy Living Network.

From 2nd August, the "Walkerburn Fitness Group" will meet in the Village Hall every Monday morning from 9.30 – 10.15am. There is no charge and the group is open to all ages. The activity is a gentle exercise class, provides an opportunity to meet other people and is lots of fun.

For further information please contact: Mary Baillie,
Community Health Volunteer 01896 870 246.

Come and join us!

Joan Pigge



WALKERBURN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Report of meeting on 19th July 2004

A police representative was unable to attend the meeting.

From the minutes of the last meeting three points were raised. The Traffic Slow Down flashing the speed of passing cars would cost £192 for its use from a Friday night to a Sunday night. There could be problems in getting permission to site it. If local folk manned it we would be able to ascertain the percentage of speeding vehicles and what speeds were reached, which data might be of interest to the police. However data from this machine would not offer grounds for prosecution. Mr Kerr was asked to get clarification on conditions of hire of the machine. Possible use of chicanes, 30mph count down signs, road surfaces, speed camera and signs that gave the car speed with a smiley face or not as appropriate were also mentioned. Meanwhile the council noted that Police had been active in the village with regard to speeding and had stopped many cars.

The Council was to enter a team for the Bowling Club Tournament. There was mention of the trophy played for by the council and the bowling club being resurrected.

Jean McGregor did not wish the housing development in Tweedholm Avenue named after her. The name for this would probably be Tweedbank (court, place, square or something).

The SB Local Plan Consultation had been extended until October. Three members of WCC were to attend a meeting on 28th July.

Regarding digital TV and radio there was no change in the general situation. Members were urged to keep reminding politicians that Walkerburn was in a black hole.

Mary Daykin was not present to report on the 150th Committee. £300 had been given to the Festival Committee, £80.79p had paid for the school shirts in the video and £50 towards production of the Anniversary Programme delivered to all houses by the BURNing Issues team. The church had been paid for meetings held on its premises.

The council was asked for £500 money "up front" to help pay for the production of a commemorative mug. WAVE was willing to put up £250. The money was to be repaid to those bodies when the limited edition of 150 mugs was sold at £5 each. The meeting was in favour provided that this was a legal use of public funds and the venture Ok'ed by the council's financiers.

At the TAVO AGM, Miss McIntosh was presented with a bouquet at her retiral as Hon. President of TAVO.

Planning request had been received for a builder's workshop at the Garage at the entrance to the village. Various points including noise, pavement obstruction, dangers from fork lift and site traffic, unsightly at the entrance to the village were discussed. There was also a planning application to build a house on the plot of land in Park Avenue opposite "Minchview". The house would have a weatherboarding finish. These plans were to be examined more closely at the close of the meeting.

Secretary's remuneration was to be discussed privately at the conclusion of the meeting.

There was to be a major change in arrangements for out of hours Health Care. A meeting on this was scheduled for 23rd August. If details of new arrangements were known in time they would be put in BURNing Issues.

Police had stated that they were having a purge on underage drinking.

The Local Plan was out. Notices about it were in the post office, press and local library; details were on the Council Web site and Cllr Purves would supply some notes on it to BURNing Issues.

Next meeting in the Hall at 7pm on 16th August.

Joan Pigge

E&OE

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.



THANK YOU

The BURNing Issues team would like to say a big thank you to those who have made donations towards our production costs via the collection tins in the Post Office - £2.83 and HB Club - £2.22.

It is much appreciated.

WRFC NEWS!

AUGUST

Training

Tuesday & Thursday 7-9

Fridays 7-9pm Mini rugby training

Games

Sat 14th North Berwick (home) KO 3pm

Sat 21st Penicuik (away) KO 3pm

Sat 28th Hawick Trades (away) KO 3pm

Social

Sun 22nd Private Party

SEPTEMBER

Training

Tuesday & Thursday 7-9

Friday 7-9pm Mini Rugby Training

Games

Sat 11th Duns (home) KO 3pm

Social

Thurs 2nd 9pm Management Committee Meeting

Sun 5th 11am -3pm Car Boot Sale, Bar, BBQ & Teas

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.

Mini Rugby continues during the summer on Friday evenings from 7-9pm. 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.

Membership Charges

£15.00 for Players, £5 for student players, £5 for social members £1 for students and pensioners.

Memberships are due by August 30th 2004. 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.

The Club is seeking sponsorship for Home Games. Host a lunch party with your friends in the Clubhouse, where we will serve a 3 course lunch with drinks and home game to follow (minimum of 10 per party). Alternatively sponsor 'A position for a Season' you can pick your position number in the team and give £30 towards that strip, or sponsor a 'Ball for Season' at £200.

The Ladies Committee needs a few more helpers to assist with Team Teas, which is good fun, two or three times in a season. It is not hard to do! The 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?

To arrange hire of the function area in the clubhouse please feel free to telephone the Secretary on 01896 870762

Sarah Fraser-Ballantyne

CAR BOOT SALE

HAVE A CLEAR OUT NOW

Or come and browse.

In aid of Walkerburn Rugby Club Funds.

**SUNDAY
5TH SEPTEMBER 2004
11AM-3PM**

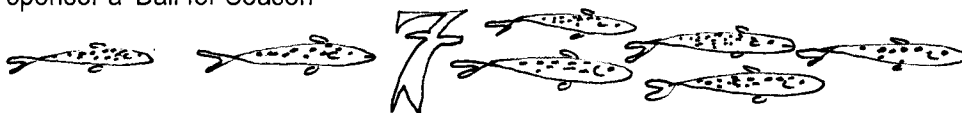
Clubhouse Bar Open,

Barbecue, Coffees, Teas Juices.

All welcome come and support our club
On Walkerburn Rugby Club Pitch at Caberston
Haugh

£6.00 per Car Boot

book your space in advance on 01896 870762



Innerleithen Music Festival, on Saturday 21st August,

PRESENTS:

**a *Walkerburn* guitar workshop & concert by
Martin Simpson**

+

a performance by local children along with Kathy Stewart

Come and enjoy, in Walkerburn Village Hall, the workshop starting at 2:30pm, concert starting at 4:00pm – see below for prices and *SPECIAL* offer!

Martin Simpson

- winner of BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards 2004 “Musician of the Year”
- winner of BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards 2002 “Best instrumentalist” & “Best Album”

It is with great pleasure and relish that Innerleithen Music Festival, in collaboration with Walkerburn as part of their 150th anniversary celebrations, are staging a workshop and concert by a truly great artist on Saturday 21st August in the wonderfully refurbished Walkerburn Village Hall.

Martin Simpson is one of the world’s premiere acoustic guitarists, and a powerful songwriter and fine singer. His playing is instantly recognisable and revered among guitar fans. His body of work is very diverse, encompassing all types of traditional and acoustic music.

He celebrated his return to living in the UK in 2002 by winning BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards for “Best Instrumentalist” and “Album of the Year”. In October 2002 he started his collaboration with Martin Carthy, Juan Martin and Martin Taylor in Martins 4. His latest album, “*Righteousness and Humidity*” was released in September 2003 and was nominated in the “Best Album” category at the 2004 BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards. He won the award “Musician of the Year” at the BBC Folk Awards 2004. Learn more at: www.martinsimpson.com

Martin will be holding a Guitar Workshop in the Village Hall between 2:30 and 3:30pm on Saturday 21st August, admission £3

He will then perform in concert at the same venue, starting time 4:00pm, admission £8*

* see below for *SPECIAL* offer

But that's not all!

Innerleithen Music Festival has also funded a sessional musician, Kathy Stewart, to work with children in both Walkerburn and Innerleithen Primary Schools. At 4:00pm, before the Martin Simpson concert, the Walkerburn children who have been involved in this work will appear in concert themselves. Come along and enjoy their contribution to the Music Festival.

But that's not all!! *Special* *Special* *Special* *Special* *Special*

It has been agreed with the Music Festival committee that if you bring along this issue of *Burning Issues* you will be entitled (subject to availability) to one Martin Simpson concert ticket at HALF PRICE (one ticket per copy of *Burning Issues*) that's just £4 to see one of the leading acoustic guitarists not only in this country - but in the world!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!