

# BURNing ISSUES

Walkerburn News – Issue/Thirty One – September 2004

## COMPUTER PROJECT REACHES FINAL OF NEW WAYS AWARDS

Another W.A.V.E. success

The Walkerburn Computer Project has made it through to the finals in the New Way Awards in the 'Best Community Project' category. WAVE entered the Computer project in this category because it is a great example of a local business working with the community to enhance the facilities for all people of Walkerburn, - Lets hope the judges agree! The winner of the category will be announced at the New Ways Award Dinner on 24<sup>th</sup> September, to which WAVE has been invited to attend.

### Computer Courses for Autumn 2004

The first evening course is due to start on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September at the HB club. We had a waiting list of 4 very patient people for the introductory course so unfortunately there are no spare places. However we are still hoping to run other courses during the day, if we can get the required 8 sign ups for Education Works to run them. Now that our funding from Direct Grants has been used we do have to have full numbers for every course being run to cover tutors costs.

However for those of you who would just like to know more about your own computer- the Computer Surgery will resume after its summer break on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 7pm- 8.30pm and costs £2. Last time this session was very informal with the group deciding on the content depending on their immediate issues. These tended to be around the general maintenance and what they could do to 'protect' their P.C's from the latest viruses/worms etc However we did diversify and had a go at creating Christmas cards and sending all singing and dancing Christmas e-mails which we located from the Internet. We did also get into e-bay purchasing and found that to be very addictive!

Anyone is welcome to come along but obviously computer access is limited to the 4 computers.

Denise Hanks (870 200)

### 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.

### Walkerburn 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Mugs

The special limited edition mugs have been produced and orders for them are being taken at the Post Office. The mugs are bone china and feature the Walkerburn Crest on the front. They are being sold at cost price of just £5. Each mug is numbered, with mug number 1 and 150 being auctioned to the highest bidder at a later date. Hurry to the Post office to put your order in now!

Brian Lees

# Walkerburn 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations

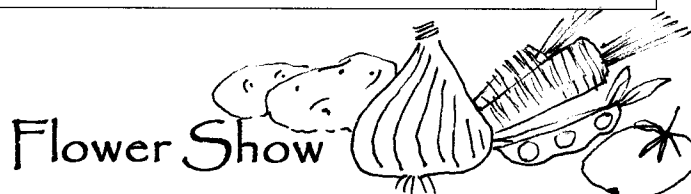
Diary Dates as at 1 September 2004

Event	Date
Flower Show	Saturday 11 September – 2 pm in Village Hall – Special 150 <sup>th</sup> Award
Pensioners Coffee Morning	Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> 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 150 Years

### Walkerburn S.W.R.I.

### Craft Fair

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September**

**From 10am to 4pm**

**In**

**Walkerburn Public Hall**

**Come Along and enjoy a  
coffee or light lunch.**

**Stalls include:**

**Cake and Candy**

**Home-made Pancakes**

**Work stall**

**Many different crafts to view  
and buy.**

Hopefully by now you're got your schedule for this year's show on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September and are scouring your gardens to see what you can enter. With over 40 classes to choose from in the vegetable section and over 30 in the flower section you are not short of choice. Even if you've never entered in a show before why not give it a go this year. We would be delighted to see you - like the Olympics it is the taking part that counts - but you might get a pleasant surprise and be a prize winner.

The industrial section with over 30 classes gives the ladies plenty of opportunities to display their baking and handicraft skills and is usually well supported but new challenges would be welcomed.

All the children at Walkerburn School have been issued with a special list of their own events and we look forward to the usual large entry.

This year being the 150th anniversary of the village we will be making special awards to commemorate the event, one each to a lady and a gent in the adult sections. The children also have their own chance to win a special award, donated by Sarah Fraser Ballantyne and this extra competition takes the form of 3 pieces of chocolate tray bake on a plate and we look forward to a large mouth watering display in this event.

Our Honorary President, J.J. Ballantyne has also offered to mark the 150th anniversary by donating a trophy for annual competition and this will be awarded to the exhibitor with most points in the Flower section of the show.

Finally we look forward to a large turnout on the show day both by exhibitors and spectators and as usual teas will be available during the afternoon.

All exhibitors are reminded that the hall will be open from 7 - 9 pm on Friday night and from 8 am to 9.45 am on Saturday to stage their exhibits. No exhibits will be accepted after 10 am. Best of luck to all

Eric Pearce (President)



# *Bowling Club News*

## *Walkerburn Village Champions 2004*



As their contribution to the village 150th celebrations the Club held an all day tournament on Saturday 24th July. Sixteen teams of 4 players took part, all from various organisations and firms in the village, and each team had to have at least two non-bowlers in their line-up. After a great days "bowling and a lot of hilarity Rathburn Chemicals beat the Flower Show in the first semi-final and D.B. Welding triumphed over the H.B. Club in the second one. As the final commenced it started to rain but undeterred both teams carried on with D.B. Welding emerging victorious. Our photograph shows the winning team of David, Dave, Tony and Scott showing off their trophies. The losing finalists and semi-finalists also received mementoes of the occasion and the Bowling Club is grateful to the Community Council who has agreed to re-imburse the club for the cost of the trophies from their special 150th anniversary fund. A most enjoyable day was the general opinion of all who took part and several players have expressed their intention to join the club next year as full time members. Thanks to an excellent catering profit the club was able to make a donation of £100 to the Village Hall Fund.

Why not let us do it again next year!

Eric Pearce

## *Thank You*

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> August saw the first concert held in Walkerburn as part of the Innerleithen Music Festival, the artist was Martin Simpson, a world renowned guitarist and singer. The wonderfully refurbished Village Hall did us proud as over 140 people packed in to listen to Martin, but before he appeared it was the turn of the children from Walkerburn Primary School, having been tutored by Kathy Stewart. It would be fair to say that the songs sung by the children made a great impact on the audience who loved the stage performance and then streamed out in the interval to hear them again giving another rendition by the bus stop. The words to the "Rainbow" song are printed on the last page. Lets hope that this is just the start of this musical tie between the two communities.

Many thanks to all who supported the enterprise, especially the Village Hall Committee and the Walkerburn 150<sup>th</sup> Celebrations Committee.

Steve Almey

# **WALKERBURN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Report on meeting 16th August 2004

With apologies from Cllr Garvie, Mrs. Thomson and David Barbour, the first item raised was the 150th Anniversary. Events would take place according to the program so it was thought only one more meeting would be required and then a final one to review the year's celebrations at the end of the year.

Traffic Slow machine could be hired from HSS in Edinburgh over a weekend at £126 for the hand held camera plus £108.50p for the repeater display. If hired from Monday to Friday, the costs would be £180 and £155 respectively. If hired, it would need to be manned (some councillors volunteered) but would provide proof of speeding traffic and assist our request to have a permanent speed camera in the village. Cllr Purves to investigate any liability and legality associated with this hiring and to ask the SBC for their written support of the project.

Members from Community Councils in Tweeddale attended the recent meeting at which there was a short presentation from the planners concerning a draft for the Local Plan. Expansion of Edinburgh meant that more people were buying houses in the Borders and the prices were in danger of going above what local people could afford. A response to the Local Plan was being drafted by the WCC. The planners will be talking to the Walkerburn, Innerleithen and Eyemouth partnerships. Possibly WIP could give a presentation to the Community Councils when they met on 21st September. Regarding the commemorative mugs, the rules stated that public money could not be lent to commercial enterprises so the WCC was unable to put any money up front to cover production costs until the mugs were sold.

Three planning applications had been received. Alterations to Tweedvale House, a house in Caberston Ave and erection of two more houses at Thomylee.

The village was again being entered for the Calor Gas Competition. Competition was fierce and our chances would be better in a year or two when current projects had proved themselves to be successful over a longer term.

The Feasibility Study Team plus three representatives from WAVE had a good report for the village with regard to a Community Mall. Support from local business looked good and the Steading had possibilities but was on the market. There was discussion with regard to possible money available from the Scottish Executive, advice from the Community Land Fund that there might yet be time to set up an organisation that permitted community right to buy which currently apparently could work retrospectively. The situation was being watched and early correct actions being pursued.

The development in Tweedholm Ave. had apparently hit snags with the water and electricity boards which accounted for the delay in these services being laid on to the site.

A draft of comments from councillors on the NHS Care Plan would be made. Comments from the council would need to be submitted after the meeting on 23rd August.

The council would retain its membership of TAVO

The playground fence needed attention. The playground was due to be upgraded this year.

The council favoured taking up the offer of having dog wardens visit the village at specific times and places for the purpose of control of dog fouling.

Sgt Dewar sought to clear up any misunderstanding concerning Inspectors at Peebles. The short term served by 2 Inspectors had not been intentional. It was not a "temporary post". One had received very quick promotion. After September or October, the Force was intending to appoint someone who would be in the post for a longer time and give greater continuity.

Next Meeting 7pm Public Hall 20th Sept 2004

Joan Pigge  
E & OE

## **Walkerburn Innerleithen Partnership**

The quarterly forum meeting of the Walkerburn Innerleithen Partnership is being held in the Innerleithen Council Chambers on Tuesday 21 September at 7.30pm. This meeting is an opportunity for people to get an update on what is happening with the Partnership as well as to ask questions or obtain information on what help can be provided for your project.

Cathie Sutherland

## **DRAFT LOCAL PLAN**

### **Public Consultation**

As part of the public consultation process the Planning Department are giving everyone the opportunity to attend a presentation about the Draft Plan at the Tweeddale Area Committee Meeting on Monday 27th September at Rosetta Road, Peebles. They will be staffing a help desk to discuss any issues you have about the plan between 5pm and 6.15pm. The meeting starts at 6.30pm and there will be further opportunity for the public to ask questions at the end of their presentation. This is an excellent opportunity for everyone to ask questions and say what you think as they are very keen to receive feedback from as many people as possible before the consultation closing date of 29th October.

Cathie Sutherland

## Nature Notes

September Wild Side

As summer draws to a close, there are still a few warm days left to spot butterflies as they feed up ready for hibernation. Some species hibernate as adults and others as chrysalids and this a great time to spot caterpillars. Lots of the really interesting caterpillars are in fact moths. This is where a good ID book is the only answer and often the most spectacular caterpillars come from the most unspectacular moths. Another good ID book would be one of fungi. There are lots about at the moment, from appearing on the lawn to growing on trunks of trees. With such a damp summer, it's been a good year for many of the woodland types. We will soon be saying goodbye to the swallows and martins as the first frosts tell them it's time to travel south for some winter sunshine. They may already have left by the time you read this.

Lots of wildlife, like the fungi and the swallows, are relatively easy to spot but others take a bit more detective work. Our latest bit of detective work has been on strange things left on the lawn and the giveaway was one left on the top of the gate accompanied by a feather. We have a visiting tawny owl. These are the familiar 'hoo oo' owls that seem to surround Walkerburn some evenings. There are plenty small mammals, frogs and large insects for them to feed on and trees for shelter. The feather, although shades of brown and white, is a beautifully marked wing feather and the 'leavings' are in fact owl pellets, which we had suspected. I quite like to imagine these birds coughing up these pellets which of course they don't but it gives a whole new meaning to having a frog in your throat. I just need to catch a glimpse now. Although it's nocturnal, in daylight, I might see it resting up with the small birds I feed mobbing it. It's used to being treated like that though and won't bother taking much interest. Just close it's eyes and let the rabble carry on. Oh bliss!

## Walkerburn Summer Festival

### 'Greeting' Meeting

Walkerburn Summer Festival committee is holding its review of this years Festival to see what can be improved upon and to decide what events should be included in 2005. We would welcome any feedback both good and bad so please come along to the meeting on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm at the HB club. If you are unable to make it, you can write /contact any member of the Festival Committee who will pass your comments on.

Submitted on behalf of the Festival Committee

## Thanksgiving Flower Festival

St Andrew's Church of Innerleithen, Walkerburn and Traquair are celebrating the centenary of the Church so they invite you to A Thanksgiving Flower Festival, celebrating one hundred years in the Church of St Andrew, Leithen Road, Innerleithen.

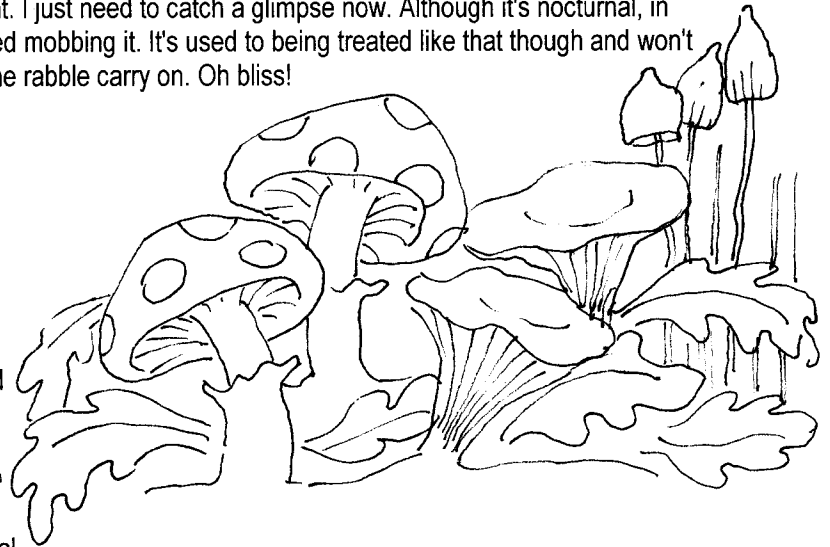
It will be held on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2.00-4.00pm  
Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September 10.00am - 4.00pm and  
Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September 11.00am - 4.00pm.

Teas, coffee and refreshments served in the Fr. Hurt Room. Special services will be held on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>  
11.00am Morning service - Preacher: Reverend B Elsdon  
4.30pm Songs of Praise.

An invitation is also extended to attend a

### Patronal Festival Service

Celebrating the Centenary of the Church of St Andrew Innerleithen on St Andrews Day, 30<sup>th</sup> November 2004 in the church at 7.30pm. Preacher: The Bishop of Edinburgh



# MISSING

BOOKS  
BELONGING TO  
Walkerburn Primary School

If you have any books at home belonging to the school especially Ginn textbooks, please return them to school as soon as possible... consequence free!

## Book Amnesty

These books are expensive to replace and of little use to you outside Primary school. They must be lying in someone's room somewhere

Please have a look!



# WRFC NEWS!

## SEPTEMBER

### Training

Tuesday & Thursday 7-9

### Games

Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Duns 11(home) KO 3pm

Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Strathendrick BT Cup Rd 1

(Bus leaving from clubhouse)

Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Peebles 111 friendly (away)

Tag Rugby competition for local schools (details to follow)

### Social

Sun 5<sup>th</sup> Car Boot Sale 11am – 3pm

Bar and Barbecue and Teas

## OCTOBER

### Training

Tuesday & Thursday 7-9

Saturday 9.30-10.30am Mini Rugby Training

Saturday 10.30 – 11.30am Mini Football Training

### Games

Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Earlston District Shield (away)

E.Northern EDL (away)

Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Kelso 111 District Shield (home)

Sat 16<sup>th</sup> Moray House EDL (home)

Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> Eyemouth EDL (away)

Sat 30<sup>th</sup> TBA (home)

### Social

Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> 9pm Management Committee Meeting

Tues 12<sup>th</sup> 7pm Ladies Committee Meeting

(Clubhouse) New members welcome

Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> Ladies Fun Night

Sat 30<sup>th</sup> Hallowe'en Supper Dance in Walkerburn Village Hall

Tickets for the Dance at Hallowe'en from Secretary on 870 762. Tables from 2-10 persons.

Mini Rugby continues during the summer and autumn. 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

Memberships are due by August 30<sup>th</sup> 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. 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

## Walkerburn RFC 200 CLUB

### August Winners

£50	150	K Henderson
£10	66	S McCormick
£5	38	R Knox
£5	192	E Anderson

Cost of next draw            £1.00

Date of next draw            26 September 2004

## PUBLIC MEETING

Following on, at times, lively public meeting in the Village Hall at the end of August a steering group has been set up to investigate the idea of forming a Community Body working as a Company Limited by Guarantee. The general agreement was that if this was required to enable the community to play an active role in the regeneration of the village then we should take this forward. It is agreed that the steering group would meet as soon as possible and that this would not be a long and drawn out process. Any outcomes will be relayed to the village via Burning Issues and when appropriate another Public Meeting so watch this space!

Thanks to all those that attended the meeting and to the volunteers who agreed to come onto the Steering Group.

Cathie Sutherland



Just a note to keep you up to date with what's happening with the Healthy Living Network here in Walkerburn. We're here to help you to help yourself improve your health and fitness.

Firstly we welcome a new part time project assistant for Nicola, Brenda Lambert. Brenda is a qualified aromatherapist and will be running some aromatherapy evenings soon. Watch this space for details!

Our two local volunteers trained in cookery are planning to start up some additional cookery groups in the village. One project involves working with the Youth Club on some multicultural cooking and hopefully other groups will start up soon, following on from the success of the microwave cooking group.

There is still a fitness group running on Monday mornings and 'Body Pumping', an additional exercise/fitness group in the evening, will be starting soon. We're just waiting for confirmation of day and time.

After the summer break, both dance groups have restarted. New members always welcome. Here are all the details

Days/Dates	Times	Activity	Location	Open to...
Monday	9.30-10.15am	Fitness group	Village Hall	ALL  <i>Contact; Mary Baillie 870246</i>
Mondays	6.00-7.00pm	Junior Dance-Break/Street Dancing	Village Hall	Boys and Girls 8 - 12 years
Mondays	7.00pm-8.00pm	Senior Dance Break/Street Dancing	Village Hall	Boys and Girls 12-18 years

All these Healthy Living Network activities are provided free of charge so come along and join in. Fresh fruit refreshments provided at all groups.

The smoking cessation group are having their 'almost a year without' meeting on September 16<sup>th</sup> at 6.30 when they will be sharing their experiences and difficulties with members of ASH. Four out of ten have made it so far and it will be looked at whether it would be possible to start a new group in the village for others who wish to quit. If this would interest you, let me know. As one of those four, it really is worth trying!

- A reminder to members of the local consultation group, the next meeting is from 12.30 to 2.30pm on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September in the village hall. A talk will be given by the Director of Development of NHS Borders, Irene Morris. Lunch will be provided as usual

*If you need any information about anything on offer or have any queries, or maybe suggestions for Healthy Living activities, give me, Sheila Horsburgh, a call on 01896 870235 during school office hours.*

## VACANCIES

### Part Time Playworker/Personal Assistant

To work 1-1 with a child during out of school activities.  
2 hours weekly with extra during school holidays.  
£6.50 per hour.

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### Cleaner

For light domestic help 2 hours weekly  
£5.50 per hour.

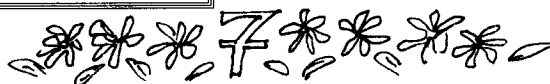
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For further details and job descriptions please contact  
Donna Allen 01896 870 492

## Walkerburn News Group AGM

It is intended to hold the AGM for the Walkerburn News Group (Burning Issues) on 1 November at 7.30pm. The venue is still to be arranged but will be included in the next edition of the newsletter.

We always need extra help with the production of the newsletter and anyone willing to help would be more than welcome. We really do need your support if the newsletter is to continue and also develop. It normally involves one short meeting per month and two or three hours during the week it gets produced and issued.  
Cathie Sutherland



# We'll Paint a Rainbow

Written and performed by Walkerburn Primary School children  
& Kathy Stewart, as part of the Innerleithen Music Festival  
2004 - Walkerburn Concert.

## Chorus 1

We'll paint a rainbow over Walkerburn  
Put the sun in the sky, see the colours return  
Over the valley, the Tweed and the Bum  
And we're gonna make it shine!

Spoken: 1. North of the Tweed in 1854  
A mill was built - only hills were there before  
And homes for the workers to be forever more  
Ballantyne's dream come true ..... Chorus 1

Spoken: 2. There was work on the land  
There was work in the mill  
Men that fought in two world wars  
That we remember still  
And memories of days gone by  
That echo in the hills  
And Walkerburn still lives on ..... Chorus 1

Spoken: 3. We had our own museum  
A shop beside the mill  
A bakers and a sweetie shop  
A milliners as well  
Stop at the postie for a gossip at the till  
And a song at the George Hotel!..... Chorus 1

Sung: 4. Now the mill has gone  
And the workers couldn't stay  
The shops shut down leaving only one today  
But they can't take our history away  
For Walkerburn will live on

Rap: 5. Fishing nets and cigarettes  
Pollution in the Tweed  
Oil drums and broken glass  
The fish are K.O. deid  
We have got to find a way  
To keep the village clean  
So lets begin today!..... Chorus 2

## Chorus 2

We are the people of Walkerburn  
Building dreams for the future  
From lessons that we learned  
Protecting our valley, the river and the Burn  
Making our dreams come true!

Performed in the Village Hall on Saturday 21st August in front of 140 audience.