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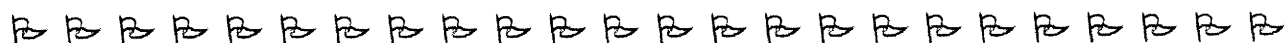
ISSUE THIRTY EIGHT - MAY 2005



The Festival is a week that brings the whole village community together, young and old, in a variety of events. Please come along and enjoy all or part of our successful festival.

This year's Festival will have the same programme as previous years but we have had to rearrange some events because of dates clashing with school commitments.

If you feel you could be of assistance in anyway for any event, hands on help is always needed with putting up flags, marking out parks for sports, football, fancy dress. Stewards and marshalls are always needed as well as help in distributing collecting cans.



2005 Programme of Events

Sunday 12 June

Morning
10.00am Church Service
10.50am Laying of the wreath at the War Memorial
Afternoon
1.00pm Sports
4.00pm Paul Cup

Monday 13 June

6.30 - 8.00pm Family Bike Ride. Starts at HB Club.

Tuesday 14 June

6.30 - 8.00pm Fun in the Park - a selection of traditional stalls

Wednesday 15 June

Festival Concert - please note change of evening
6.15pm
Procession leaves Walkerburn Primary School

6.30pm

Doors open for Festival Concert in the Public Hall

6.50pm

Installation of Festival Lad or Lass

Presentation of the Rathburn Medal

Presentation of the Mollie McIntosh Essay Prize

Thursday 16 June

7.30pm Quiz Night at HB Club

Friday 17 June

6.30pm Fancy Dress Parade

7.00pm Judging followed by the Parade led by

Tweedvale Pipe Band and St Ronans Silver Band

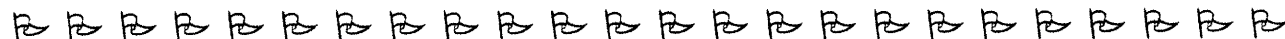
9.45pm Torchlight Procession

10.00pm Lighting of the bonfire by Festival Lad or Lass

Saturday 18 June

7.00pm Ceilidh at the Public Hall.

See below.



The Festival Goes Healthy

With programmes like 'You Are What You Eat' and 'Jamie Oliver's School Dinners' the emphasis on healthy eating has led the Festival Committee to look for ways that the festival could become involved with the current campaign. After all a lot of the events involve a good deal of exercise with the sports day, bike ride and even the ceilidh.

So we approached the Healthy Living Network to seek their advice on what healthy options we could offer at the Barbeques and Festival Hut. Their message was simple:

Eat More

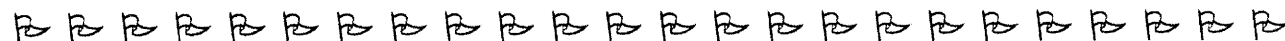
- Fresh fruit and vegetables,
- Pasta, cereals and bread

Eat Less

- Sugary foods
- Fatty foods

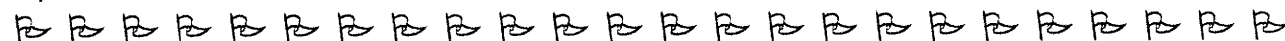
So at the Festival you will see healthier alternatives being offered i.e. fresh fruit instead of crisps, water, fruit juice or sugar free squash instead of fizzy pop, and homemade burgers and sausages instead of processed burgers.

We hope you will support the changes and enjoy the new look "Healthy" Festival.



Ceilidh Dance and Supper

By popular demand we are staging another Festival Ceilidh, on Saturday 18th June at the Public Hall. The tickets are £10 each which includes a 3-course supper (which naturally features a healthy menu) and music by a top Ceilidh band. Tickets are available now from Robin Cowan 870382.



Henry Ballantyne Memorial Institute News

The AGM is on 15th May at 1.00pm to which all members are asked to attend. Then on 21st May we have After Hours 9pm - late. On 28th May there is an Anne Summers Ladies night to raise funds for the club. 8 o'clock start with raffles, a wee buffet and a disco. Tickets are £2 or pay at the door on the night. More dates to follow. We are also organising a kids make your own boat race on the 19th June, with hopefully a barbeque and disco to follow. More information in the next issue.

M. Cummings, Secretary

Computer Club

The Open Scotland initiative has finished and the computers have been transferred to the WAVE group. To keep the cost down, we need to consolidate the number of telephone lines and at the same time transfer to Broadband. We also need to clean out the computers and reconfigure them, so their speed and capacity is improved. However all this takes time to arrange as there are many Broadband packages available and we have to find the best deal for us. This will mean that for a short period of time the computer room will have to close whilst we upgrade the computer facility. We apologise for any inconvenience
Submitted on behalf of WAVE

Festival Coffee Morning

Thanks to all the people of Walkerburn who came and supported the morning, which raised £233 towards the Festival funds. There was fierce competition to become the 2005 Pea Sucking champion, with Suzanne the reigning champion battling hard with Craig who just pipped her to the post. Morag scooped the highest score in the Roll the Ball. Many thanks to the 2 Sheilas, Mary and Julie in the kitchen who served up coffee and tea, and to all those that baked and donated prizes for the home baking stall and lucky straws.

PATHS TO HEALTH - Walk it

Walk your way to health and happiness
Our walks are a starter pack to good health designed for people who are seeking a healthier lifestyle, an easy stroll and a good blether.
They usually last between 30 to 45 minutes over an easy local route (no hill walks). The walks are free and all you need is a pair of comfortable shoes.
Come and join us on the last Tuesday of the month at 10.30a.m. Meeting at the Festival Hut.
We propose a rota of 4 walks -
Around village including new path in Alexandra Park.
Back road to Glenbenna
Back road to Flora Community Wood.
River walk to Fishermans hut.

(any of the above could be extended if required, or any othersuggestions ?)

Unfortunately April walk was rained off.

Next proposed walk will be on Tuesday 31st May
For further info contact Bill or Nan on 870586.

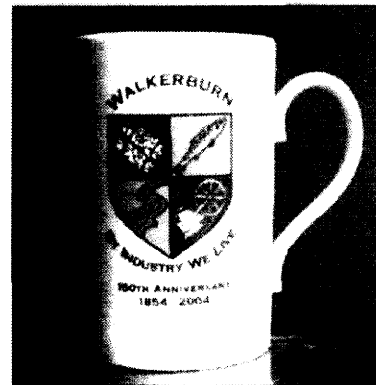
Please note - Children under 17 must be accompanied by an adult. Please wear suitable clothing, comfortable shoes and warm or weatherproof clothing if cold or wet.

150th ANNIVERSARY MUGS

The unique Anniversary Mugs continue to sell well. There are still a few left from the original Limited Edition of only 150 *individually numbered* mugs. This is a chance to own a very special souvenir of your village!

Numbers '1' and '150' have been set aside and will be auctioned during the Festival.

'Burning Issues' will announce details to everyone in the village in a forthcoming edition.



WALKERBURN 150th ANNIVERSARY MUGS FOR SALE

Only a few still available from the original 150 hand-crafted Limited Edition Mugs

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Walkerburn Rugby Club News May 2005



Walkerburn RFC Dinner Saturday 14th May

With a fantastic variety of speakers this year, you will need to book your seat early for the dinner. The speakers cover a wide variety of experience and topics and are Rob Moffat, Scottish Sevens Manager David Campbell, Musselburgh RFC, George Jack, Edinburgh Gunners and Bill Rutherford, Kelso RFC. This is a mixed dinner and tickets are priced at £15 and are available from Sarah Fraser-Ballantyne on 01896 870762

Car Boot Sale in aid of Club Funds June 5th.

Need to get rid of that clutter? Want to make a few bob for your holidays? Then raid your attic and sell your antiques, books and stuff, lovely word that STUFF!!!! Places are going fast, Book your £6 pitch with Sarah Fraser Ballantyne 01896 870762

Walkerburn RFC 200 Club April Winners

£50	32: I. Fraser
£10	163: G. Clapperton
£5	113: C. Grahame
£5	53: P. Lindsay

Recruitment of players and coaches.

Walkerburn RFC are currently seeking players for next season. If there are any players who want to play 1st XV rugby in the Edinburgh and District League and the BT Scottish Cup, it doesn't matter how old if you love to play and want to be involved in a great little club and pass on your experience to younger stars of tomorrow, or indeed are you a star of tomorrow then we want to hear from you. Also we are seeking a Coach, or Player Coach for the Club. This would be an ideal opportunity for someone to test their coaching ability. Please contact Rugby Co-Ordinator, Ian Millar 01896 757042. First Aider required for Match Days home and away. If you are a qualified First Aider or needing your qualification renewed and would be able to attend matches please contact Ian Millar on 01896 757042. Training course on offer to the successful applicant.

WIP

WALKERBURN INNERLEITHEN PARTNERSHIP

Public Forum meeting &
opening of new office

7.30pm Tuesday 24th May
at Innerleithen Council Chambers

Refreshments available



May Wild Side

May is an excellent month for seeing all kinds of wildlife all around us. It is *the* month of the dawn chorus so if you're up very early (or in very late!) take some time to listen as the birds are at their best at this time of year. As the sun rises and it's still too dark for most of our songbirds to hunt, they start their day with a good tune in order to either gain a mate, keep a mate or let the neighbours know this is their patch. They'll end their day singing too but with more background noise from us humans it's much harder to hear for them and for us.

Towards the end of the month we should see the dance of the mayflies. One warm, sunny, calm afternoon, having spent most of their lives as larvae at the bottom of the Tweed, the may flies will emerge from the water as winged adults and swarm, dancing near the surface of the water in a mass mating. The fertilised eggs will be dropped into the water to begin the cycle all over again, and perhaps having only lived a few days as winged adults, the male and females both die. This is a great time to see fish leaping for a tasty morsel and to watch birds and bats especially at dusk as they swoop low over the water in a feeding frenzy. It is definitely not a time to walk along open mouthed however fascinated you are!

I am pleased to report having seen my first hedgehog of the year and he or she is very welcome at this time of year to eat some of the slugs and snails as they make the most of the damp, warm weather. Their organs of smell are in their antennae and they can smell their food from several feet away. A walk through Flora Wood recently revealed a huge number of common black slugs. They do 'clear up' dying vegetation and rotting matter but they are not too fussy as any gardener will tell you. Living up to three years, I should be grateful they are in Flora Wood, not my garden, although I'm sure 'my' hedgehog would disagree.

WALKERBURN SCHOOL

NEWS AND VIEWS

Walkerburn Primary School recently commenced a School Travel Plan project.

The travel plan aims to:

- Improve safety on the journey to and from school
- Ensure parents and pupils are aware of the safest routes to and from school
- Ensure parents and pupils understand the importance of road safety
- Determine and raise awareness of problems immediately surrounding the school gate.
- Ensure pupils, staff and parents are supported and encouraged to make safe and healthy travel choices.
- Ensure that all pupils, parents, staff and the local community are aware of the School Travel Plan.

The school safety team, which meets regularly to take the project forward, consists of staff members, parents, Lothian and Borders Police Road Safety Officer and Scottish Borders Council School Travel Co-ordinator. It is also supported by Councillor Patricia Purves the elected member for Innerleithen and Walkerburn.

Parents at the school were surveyed in February this year, to establish how children currently travel to and from school. 67% of parents responded to the survey. Currently 74% of children walk to school, 23% are driven and 3% get school transport. When asked their preferences, the percentage who opted for walking remained at 74%, 8% wish to use the car, 15% would let their children cycle to school, 3% opted for school transport.

Jenny Bagnall, the council's School Travel Co-ordinator who is co-ordinating the development of the school travel plan said, "The survey results highlight a potential to reduce car use by up to 15% and increase the numbers of pupils cycling to school. This is really positive and the School Safety Team can now take a look at what can be done to encourage a change in travel habits."

The survey also gave parents the opportunity to highlight their areas of concern on the journey to school. Top of the list was the congestion at the school and the difficulties this causes to pupils trying to cross Caberston Road. Solutions to the concerns given are being considered by the School Safety Team and it is hoped that engineering measures combined with school based initiatives and road safety education will help the school meet the aims of the Travel Plan.

To support the travel plan work pupils at the school will be encouraged to participate in National Walk to School Week 23rd - 27th May. Acting Headteacher Julia Stoddart commented, "Although many of our parents and children already walk to school, the surveys show a potential to increase numbers. Walk to School Week will provide the perfect opportunity."

Walkerburn Community Development Trust DEVELOPMENT WORKER

15hrs/week £18381 pro rata

This post is funded through Scottish Executive and European Funding until March 2006.

Walkerburn Community Development Trust is a new organisation set up to assist in the area's continuing development and regeneration. We need a self-motivated, computer literate, Development Worker with excellent communication skills and a good knowledge of funding and fund management/budgeting to help the Board of Directors in their first year as a Company Limited by Guarantee and to also provide support to the various community projects in which the Trust is involved.

Please apply in writing with CV to Mrs Cathie Sutherland, Company Secretary,
Walkerburn Community Development Trust, The Vestry, Galashiels Road, Walkerburn EH43 6AA

Closing date for applications 28th May 2005

WALKERBURN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING report provided by Denise Hanks

There was a presentation to the WCC on the Borders Environmental Challenge, which is a new initiative run by Scottish Natural Heritage and Scottish Borders Rural Partnership. It aims to encourage communities to look at their environment past, present and future, and develop an action plan to preserve and improve what they have

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identified as important within their local environment. The WCC decided they would discuss it at the next meeting and in the meantime all members were to ask any other community groups if they would be interested in taking part.

Open Questions from the Public - None were raised

Matters arising

FCC visit rearranged for 28th April 05

Small Schools Policy - A reply was received from Education and Lifelong learning which the secretary read out. After a discussion it was agreed that the response was not satisfactory and the secretary would respond accordingly.

The chairman reported that Hall Street had been tidied up, but the pavement and surrounding area of the new houses in Tweedholm Avenue had not improved following a visit.

Boundaries Commission - they were no additional comments from the members to the draft reply circulated.

Planning Applications

The time of the Planning seminar on 7th May was confirmed and who was attending from the WCC.

SBC are reviewing their policy on replacement windows and WCC were asked to comment on it. Mr Harrison volunteered to read and report back with his comments.

The WCC had received an acknowledgment by the planners at SBC to their letter about the AMEC addendum on the windfarm at Minch Moor. Mr Kerr raised the Health & Safety issue following an incident at Crystal Rig windfarm where a blade snapped off throwing fragments up to 400 metres. This type of incident could have significant safety implications of all users of the Southern Upland Way.

Correspondence

Additional Anti Social Behaviour and Freedom of Information Leaflets were received and they will be put in the Post Office.

WCC had received a letter inquiring if they wanted to be on the Area Community Council committee rather than be representing by a group.

Community Project/Meeting Updates

Walkerburn Pathway Project - Mr Kerr reported that the car parking area was finished and the areas that had been roughed up during the project had been mended. The seats were to be installed on 19th April by SB Local.

Community Council Elections - All the relevant notices connected with the elections had been circulated.

AOB

One of the members expressed concern about the number of trees that were being cut down in the village and whether this was legal. The opinion was that unless there was a preservation order on the trees, there was nothing that could be done.

Councillor Garvie gave the WCC an update of what had been happening at SBC.

- Huntleyburn is going to be the new settlement in the Borders.

- Household recycling is starting in the East Borders and will finish in the West, under the new waste management plan. The progressive rollout will allow any improvements to the scheme to be incorporated.

- There is meeting for SBC councillors to discuss the Local Plan

Next meeting Monday 16th May 7.00pm at the Public Hall.

Letters to the Editor

Well Done Girls

I am writing this letter to let you know how well the girls team from the school did at the Peebles Three Bridges Race. Everyone of them did exceptionally well coming 8th out of 11 teams entered. As none of them had really any training. So through Burning Issues I would like to say well done to Jenna, Robyn, Sarah and Jodie.

From a very proud Mum

Thanks

Thanks for emailing me Burning Issues. I always like reading it as it keeps me up to date with whats going on in the Burn!

Keep up the good work and if possible keep e-mailing me it.

Many thanks.

Georgina Boggs

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