

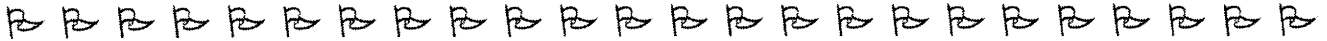


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2005 FESTIVAL THANKS



With another Festival over even though the weather tried its best to put a dampener on the proceedings, nothing could stop everybody enjoying our week of events. It just remains for the Festival Committee to thank everyone who helped during the festival week, from putting up the flags, to helping in the hut or selling raffle tickets. We would also like to thank all those who made generous donations without which we would be unable to put on such a full Festival Programme. Lastly, well done to Robyn, our Festival Lass, who performed her duties impeccably.

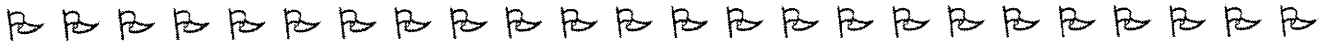


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Photographs above (left), the Monday evening bike riders taking a well-earned break during the rideout and (right), the pipe band leads the Friday fancy dress parade down Hall Street. This month's full colour emailed version of **BURNing Issues** contains more festival photographs. Contact walkerburnnews@hotmail.com to get it sent to your inbox. If you live within the delivery area, please let us know your address to avoid duplication.



INNERLEITHEN MUSIC FESTIVAL IN WALKERBURN

Following last year's successful debut of Innerleithen Music Festival at Walkerburn, a top artist comes again to the village as part of the 2005 Festival as IMF proudly present the Karine Polwart Trio.

Karine was the Winner of: Best Album, Best Original Song and the Horizon Award for Best Emerging Artist at the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards 2005.

Scottish Borders based singer-songwriter Karine Polwart has established herself at the forefront of the UK folk-roots scene. Karine's "edgy and evocative writing and vocal poise" have been steadily winning her respect and affection in the UK and internationally over the past six years as a member of traditional groups Malinky and Battlefield Band. But in her first full year as a solo artist, her profile as a writer and singer has broadened immensely and secured her widespread national radio play.

Karine's award-winning album is called Faultlines. Though the songs resonate with roots influences, they are resolutely contemporary in feel and incisively intelligent in lyrical content, borrowing liberally from indie and alt-country as well as traditional folk music. Karine says, "The thing I love most of all about writing songs is the meanings they take on for people who hear them.

I'm really humbled by the stories they tell me about their lives and experiences."

Raised in a cottage on a hill a mile from the Stirlingshire

village of Banknock, Karine lives, writes and records now on a hill in rural south-east Scotland with her partner and Faultlines collaborator Mattie Foulds, where, she confesses, the relative isolation and natural beauty of her surroundings offset her lifelong fascination with the grey underbelly of human experience.

Karine is involved in two events in Walkerburn on Saturday 20th August:

Firstly she'll be holding a voice harmony workshop between 12:30 and 2:00pm at the HB Club. Limited capacity, 10 years and over. Price £5/ £3

Secondly in concert at the Village Hall

Doors open at 3:15 for the concert which is started off by 'The Next Generation' (pupils from Walkerburn Primary School) with Kathy Stewart followed by Karine Polwart Trio. This will be a very popular event so book early to avoid disappointment.

Tickets £8/ £6/ £5 available from Eastgate Theatre box office, Peebles, tel: 01721-725777, or in person from Scotlight, High Street, Innerleithen. Or at the door, subject to availability.

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Walkerburn Summer Festival Raffle Results

The Raffle was drawn at the Ceilidh on Saturday so for those of you were not present here are the winners, many thanks to everyone who bought tickets and donated prizes, if you didn't win this time, there is always next year!! (Apologies for any miss-spellings)

1st Prize	£75	<i>Kylie Brown</i>	11th Prize	Box of Chocolates	<i>Mrs Turnball</i>
2nd Prize	Lambs Wool Jumper	<i>Helen White</i>	12th Prize	Bottle of Rose Wine	<i>Jane Rosegrant</i>
3rd Prize	Bottle of Champagne	<i>Donna Allen</i>	13th Prize	McDonalds Meal Vouchers	<i>David Stevens</i>
4th Prize	£20	<i>Linda PO</i>	14th Prize	Bottle of White Wine	<i>Sheila Summerville</i>
5th Prize	Bottle of Port	<i>Gillian Fraser</i>	15th Prize	Mystery Prize	<i>Ronnie Lindsay</i>
6th Prize	Box of Chocolates	<i>Betty McMillan</i>	16th Prize	Half Bottle of Gin	<i>Jean Brown</i>
7th Prize	Bottle of Red Wine	<i>Helen White</i>	17th Prize	Box of Chocolates	<i>Ann Kenyon</i>
8th Prize	Bottle of White Wine	<i>John Grant</i>	18th Prize	Bottle of Wine	<i>Michel Lhombread</i>
9th Prize	McKay Gift Vouchers	<i>Sheila Hall</i>	19th Prize	Bottle of Wine	<i>Betty McLoud</i>
10th Prize	Half Bottle of Gin	<i>Nicole Notman</i>	20th Prize	Box of Chocolates	<i>David Barbour</i>

✠ ————— Walkerburn Church ————— ✠

What's on in July and August

Summer Services

July 3rd Walkerburn at 10.00am,
Innerleithen at 11.30am
July 10th Innerleithen at 11.30am
Games Kirkin' Service
July 17th Walkerburn at 11.00am *United Service*
Innerleithen at 4.00pm *Service in St. Ronan's House*
July 24th Traquair at 11.00am *United Service*
Innerleithen 1.00 - 5.00pm *CWW Family Fun Day*
July 31st Innerleithen at 11.00am *United Service*
Cardrona at 5.00pm *Ecumenical Service*
August 7th Walkerburn at 11.00am *United Service*
August 14th Traquair at 11.00am *United Service*
August 21st Walkerburn at 10.00am,
Innerleithen at 11.30am,
St. Ronan's House at 4.00pm
August 28th Traquair at 10.00am,
Innerleithen at 11.30am,
Cardrona at 5.30pm.

If anyone requires a lift to any of these services
contact John Taylor 01896 830503

Special Summer Events

CWW (Church Without Walls) Fun Day.

Sunday 24th July 1.00pm - 5.00pm
Innerleithen Church and Grounds.
Bring along a picnic lunch or turn up for 2.00pm
Attractions and Activities: Clownbo, Potted Sports,
Games, Quizzes, Teas, Burgers, face painting, meet
'The Champions' team. Close with a Songs of Praise.
See Posters and local press for further details and/or
ring the minister Janice Faris 01896 830309

CHAMPIONS

Holiday Club in Innerleithen Church Hall led by a
team from Hamilton Rd Presbyterian Church Bangor,
Northern Ireland.
Monday 25th July until Friday 29th July
Discover how to be a champion through - Fun,
Games, Quizzes, Bible Stories and more every
morning for Primary School Children
from 9.45 - 12.30.
Some Games Afternoons
Evening activities for Teenagers.

See local press and advertisements for more details
or contact the minister Janice Faris 01896 830309.
All events are Free.

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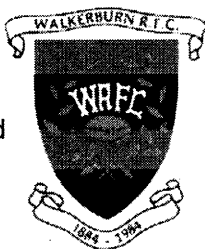
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**Walkerburn Rugby Club
News**



The Annual Sevens saw another good day, though a cold wind, and Army Scotland narrowly won the Jeremy Ballantyne Trophy from Hawick YM. Very well attended, the sport was enjoyed and the Burger Stand was again very popular, run by the players. This year's theme was Grease and both Players and Ladies Committee entered into the spirit kitted out in 50's gear. Conor Macafee provided the evenings entertainment. The Annual Dinner was a successful occasion with excellent speakers, a delicious meal, all enjoyed by a mixed company of members and guests. Tag and Touch Rugby continues throughout the summer on Friday nights at 7pm. This is for girls and boys, men and ladies, and is a fun way to exercise and keep yourself fit in the fresh air! Open to all. Just turn up in boots or trainers.

**Walkerburn RFC 200 Club
June Winners**

£100	32: I. Fraser
£100	101: Myra Little
£100	173: C. Fairbanks
£30	195: K. Brown
£10	107: Mrs Ormiston
£5	19: J. Cox
£5	136: B. Miller

**Merida Mountain Bike Marathon
Selkirk, 30 - 31st July 2005**

*"I have been riding bikes for more or less 20 years
but that was the best course ever."*

*"This was one of the best days mountain biking I had
for years!"*

Selkirk lies at the eastern end of the upper Tweed Valley, a region of snaking river valleys, wild open moors and rolling hills covered in heather or forest - ideal mountain biking country.

Returning to Scotland for the second time, the '100' series has created a unique event in the mountain bike calendar. The event is part of a series, including Wales & Austria.

Over 1000 riders are expected to take on the physically and technically demanding course, tackling the challenge - real marathon riding. Two way marked courses are available 45km & 85km to cater for a broader group of riders.

Base Camp: Selkirk Rugby Club pasta party, camping & expo-area.
Main event starts 10am on Sunday.

We have been reliably informed that some of the best vantage points for watching the marathon are on the route above Walkerburn and Innerleithen.

Information: www.mtb-marathon.co.uk (entry online)

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR BOWLING CLUB MEMBERS

Our landlord has given us the opportunity to purchase the Bowling Green at what the committee consider to be a reasonable price.

To discuss the various consequences involved in such a transaction an

Extraordinary General Meeting

will be held in the clubhouse on

Monday 18th July at 7pm.

A full turnout of all members is requested to enable us to reach a decision.

PLEASE DO YOUR UTMOST TO ATTEND

Amy Watson, President

WALKERBURN SCHOOL

NEWS AND VIEWS

June has been another busy month at school with a variety of sporting and extra curricular activities going on. The Primary 7 pupils have been busy painting a design for an alternative 'Snakes and Ladders' type game, using dragons and trees, onto the surface of the playground. For this venture we have employed an outside specialist, Sara Best, funded by 'Enterprise' and 'Out of School Learning' money to guide the children's work. We all think that together they have produced a very interesting piece. The dragons that they designed prior to the painting outside have been displayed in the hall. On the last day of term some of the Primary 7 children showed the younger children how to play the game.

Football and cricket training have been going on for the Primary 5 and 6 children for most of the month on a Monday morning and the children have continued to enjoy this. The older children participated in the Royal Bank of Scotland cup on 7th June held at Broughton Primary School this year. Our team got through to the final, although Broughton school took the cup.

The week starting 13th June was very busy with Primary 7 children visiting Peebles High School as well as the Festival concert. The children sang beautifully, despite the older children having missed their final practices. Also our drama and singing clubs, that have been meeting this term after school, had a small performance slot and we think that they made a very valuable contribution to the concert.

The gardening club worked hard planting up the tubs in the playground to add a splash of summer colour.

Sports afternoon was on 22nd June. The weather was sunny for the event. The children were divided into teams captained by primary 7 children for potted sports and included children of all ages. The older children were very supportive of the younger ones, taking them through their paces, and this made the afternoon special. This was followed by more traditional races.

On the 23rd June we held a barbecue on the rugby field, thanks to permission from the rugby club. The weather was very kind to us and a good time was had by all a very relaxing evening. Thank you very much to the volunteers who made the event possible. We made just over £200, even though our primary concern was for a social occasion.

Our end of term awards ceremony took place on the last day (29th June) of term. The Primary 6/7 class performed a little drama that they had been working on, exploring green forms of energy, followed by the giving of the awards: the David Anderson Memorial trophy for best sports person to Dalton Hall, the Cowan cup, for the most progress in school this year to Mahri Henderson and certificates to all the Primary 7 children, noting their particular contribution to school life, together with a French dictionary for High School and a memory book compiled by the rest of the children. Three members of staff also left: Maureen Swinburne, who had been covering the Infant class for this term, Elma Belville, retiring from her position of nursery nurse and Claire Bell to go on Maternity leave. We will miss them all and thank them for their most valuable contributions. We hope that Mrs Bell will be visiting us soon with her new addition to the family. We will soon be appointing new staff to replace Mrs Bell and Mrs. Belville.

Finally we wish you all a happy summer holiday, whenever it comes for you, and we look forward to writing the next edition after the break.



July Wild Side

Wild life experts all agree that the best thing you can do for wildlife in your garden is provide water. In an ideal world we'd all have the time and space to provide a wildlife pond with marginals and bog plants but we can do much with a simple pool.

We have an upturned bin lid for a bird bath and it's served us well for years. A scrub out occasionally to clean out the algae that inevitably coats the surface once there's been a bit of sunshine and some fresh water from the water butt or the hose every day or two and voila! It's lovely to see unusual creatures but it's very entertaining just taking time out and watching a common visitor like a blackbird. Here is a bird we all know and love who positively parties in a bird bath!

A water pool is also essential as a source of drinking water particularly for the likes of siskins and greenfinches who exist solely on dry food. They don't seem to mind the fact it's someone's bath water too. As well as keeping the water fresh for the birds, cleaning out the bath regularly gets rid of insect larvae. Watery pools are where midges grow up!

This is usually the time of year when I comment on the young birds out and about and again, this year, I have not been disappointed. "My" blue tit family has 3 young who are now fully fledged. Their colours are somewhat muted compared to mum and dad and they are still very cute and 'fluffy'. They still feed a lot in the garden and seem to particularly love the half coconuts and the apple skewered in an 'apple house'. When this was first put up, the birds took a while to get used to it, but it's now much loved by the blackbirds and the blue tits and an apple lasts little more than a day.

Today saw the arrival of 'Daddy Woody' and two young who really are nowhere near as able fliers as the blue tits. They appear big and clumsy and literally fell out of their tree. It's fascinating watching them being fed and wondering how they don't get 'skewered' with Dad's beak.

Most of the birds have now had their families and much moulting is going on, but we have lots of different young birds about and I look forward to watching them grow up in the garden. Let's hope July has the weather to let us.

Walkerburn Community Council AGM 20th June

report provided by Denise Hanks

The AGM started proceedings with the **Chairman's Report**

Highlights of 2004-2005

150th Anniversary Celebrations - dominated last year with the WCC co-ordinating events in the village - thanks were passed to Mary Deakin who chaired the meetings. There were a lot of events ran by various organisations, which were well supported, and various commemorative memorabilia produced including cups, tea towels, badges, DVD's and videos.

Feasibility Study - the outcome of the study favoured the site of the Steading as being most suitable for a Community Mall, the Mill site was not considered suitable.

Draft Local Plan - WCC was asked to comment and a response was sent to SBC.

Pathway Project - the pathway around Alexandra Park was successfully completed and being used and enjoyed by many. Thanks were passed to Colin Kerr and Cllr Purves for their involvement.

Speeding through the village - remained an issue with various tactics being deployed: the 'smiley/unhappy' face has been periodically sited at the Innerleithen end of the village, and the 3/2/1/ signs at both ends of the village. The results seem to have slowed traffic down.

SB Local - was launched last year and WCC have used their service with excellent results.

Dog Fouling - is still causing problems.

Water board Presentation to the Public - the taste of the water and the smell from the sewage works were brought up and the sewage works have since been updated.

Lothian Fire Service Presentation - very informative with some residents taking up the offer of free fire alarms fitted by them

Police Visit to the FCC - by WCC proved an eye opener with the technology used by the police to help combat crime.

Tweeddale Area Road meeting - the state of the roads in Tweeddale area was discussed and it was discovered that the Dirt Pot Corner had been put on the 'back burner' by SBC much to the dismay of those present.

NHS 24 - there was a presentation to WCC of the Out Of Hours service and how it would operate, with a promise of a revisit to update the WCC of how it was being received.

The Chairman acknowledged the death of Martin Innes and praised his loyal service to WCC. Mary Deakin was also thanked for her service as Vice Chairman as she resigned from the post.

Treasurers Report

The balance of WCC account was approx £1800. The major expenditures being the honourarium paid to the secretary last year and the five projects sponsored by the WCC for the 150th Anniversary Celebrations. Still outstanding was a pledge from the WCC for £500 towards a clock to be placed on the Village Hall.

2005 Elections of the WCC

The chairman handed over to Cllr Purves who conducted the election of office bearers.

Chairman - Nominated and duly elected Mollie McIntosh

Vice Chairman - Nominated and duly elected Colin Kerr

Treasurer - Nominated and duly elected Steve Harrison

Secretary - Nominated and duly elected John Purves

Positions that need WCC representation

TAVO committee member - as not all councillors were present it was decided to wait until they could all be offered the opportunity to represent WCC.

Area Committee of Community Councils - Mollie McIntosh would continue as Walkerburn representative.

Planning point of contact - Mr Harrison was nominated as he had attended the planning seminar aimed to help local CC to understand the planning process.

Auditor - Eleanor Cockburn would be asked if she would continue.

There followed a discussion about the Honourarium for the secretary and it was agreed that £400 would be paid to the secretary, which reflects the increase in the amount of work involved.

Date of the next year's AGM 22/6/2006

Following on from the AGM there was the monthly CC meeting

Open Questions - Minch moor Wind Factory any news?

It is believed that AMEC have been talking to the developers of Broad Meadows and Pipers Knowe to create one huge wind factory, which would require one planning application, and due to the size this would go straight to the Scottish Executive for approval.

Matters arising - Replacement window policy response given, which agreed mostly with the views set out by SBC.

Calor Gas Awards for Community of the Year - the application is being progressed by Mr Harrison

Nomination of Stuart Ramsey to WCC approved but there still remains one vacancy.

Planning Issues - Cllr Purves reported that the draft local plan may be discussed at the next SBC planning meeting, and there is an increasing demand on SBC to identify more areas for housing development. As outlined in the response by WCC there are areas of land within Walkerburn namely from the Steading up at the back of High Cottages and the land behind Tweedholm Avenue which could be considered for housing however there is the restriction on sewage that continues to hamper development. There is also development plan being produced with money set aside for the old mill

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site, which will be presented to the owner.

Correspondence

Scotland Flora Gateway application - members were to see if there would be any interest from local organisations for Walkerburn to enter.

Christmas light fund - has ended however the WCC could apply for a community grant of up to £500 to go towards new lights. It was agreed that this should be put on next month's agenda.

Special Projects - grants are available providing there is 50% matched funding. A discussion followed among the members about what projects could be suggested. Two ideas were put forward: 1) to improve the right of way path behind the Steading and 2) to provide full size football posts on the Rugby Training pitch as the ones in Alexandra Park are too small, both ideas would be subject to talks with the current landowners.

Other project ideas included producing an A3 size map featuring walks and cycle paths around Walkerburn. Mr Kerr suggested that the East Tweeddale Pathway might be able to provide display boards, which could be erected at strategic places in the village. It was agreed that a member of the East Tweeddale group should be invited to a CC meeting so their plans could be discussed.

Application for New Ways Award received with a closing date 15/7.

Invitation received from Forest Enterprise to a meeting on Forest planting and to a presentation on the next stage of the 7 Staines project on 27/6.

Notification of TAVO AGM on 6/7

Letter introducing the Community Engagement Officer who is employed to liaise with SBC and local Community Councils.

Updates from Community Councillors

Strategy for Sport, Health and Physical activity - Mr Kerr attended the meeting and reported that the objective was to promote fitness in the Borders. It was hoped that after a period of consultation a draft policy would be drawn up with the aim to launch the new policy in November. At the meeting various issues were discussed including transportation problems in getting children from outlying villages into towns where the facilities were situated, the number and location of sporting facilities, and the need for better signposting to promote the natural recreational facilities that the Borders have to offer i.e. the Southern Upland Way, the mountain biking trails, the walking and horse riding routes. It was suggested that a Development Officer should be employed who could co-ordinate the outside activities for the Tweeddale area.

Comments from residents - Tweedholm Avenue site. The chairman had tried to contact the contractor to find out when repairs to the pavement and road would take place, but to no avail. As this issue was causing serious concern from many local residents it was agreed that WCC would write to the Chief Executive of SBC noting their dissatisfaction that nothing had happened following visits from their officers.

There was a complaint that the grass at the side of the Ladder had not been cut. Cllr Purves had taken this issue up with SBC and reported that the reason was because there was no safe way to cut the grass as the slope was too steep for any grass cutting machine.

Next meeting 18th July.

Letters to the Editor

Borders Environmental Challenge - Help Needed

Dear Fellow Villagers,

Recently the community council of Walkerburn took up the Borders Environmental Challenge to look at the environmental history of Walkerburn.

With Walkerburn already having had its 150th anniversary last year with many exhibits from its past and also Eric Pearce's excellent History of Walkerburn, I decided to look at pre 1854 and what an entertaining journey it has been so far. There are references to settlements at Kirna, Purvis Hill, Hallbraefoot (High Cottages), Priesthope, Caberston (old Caberston), Gatehope, Scrogbank and Bold. There were four towers at Caberston, Flora, Scrogbank and Purvis Hill. The Walkerburn is referred to as Walkers Burn as late as the 1700 and there are references to people from Old Caberston as late as 1652.

To research more I do need help if there is anyone else interested in helping please contact me.

We have applied for a grant to help with costs, as we will have to access the national archives for maps

and documents therefore all that is required is your time.

Colin Kerr, Tel: (01896) 870670

Voucher Thanks

Dear Burning Issues,

On behalf of Walkerburn School, I would like to thank everyone in the village for sending in 'Tesco Computers for Schools' vouchers. Thanks also to Pam and Ian for keeping a collecting pot in the Post Office. After much counting one Friday night at home, a grand total of 3098 was collected this year which we are 'banking' with Tesco's for next year i.e saving up for something 'nice'.

Thank you.

**Yours sincerely,
Sheila Horsburgh, School Assistant**

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