

BURNing Issues

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WALKERBURN YOUTH PROJECT Millenium Volunteer Awards



Mags Henderson, project co-ordinator of the Walkerburn Youth Project and her team, Tony Hall, Graeme Pritchard and Ann Symonds would like to recognise and commend Heather Lees, Stuart Swinton and Siobhan Smith (above, right) for all their hard work that they have put in over the past 18 months to make the Project a success.

This hard work resulted in them achieving their Millennium Volunteer Award Certificate of 100 Hours promoted by the Scottish Executive and Volunteer Centre Borders. They are now working towards their 200 Hours of Excellence Millennium Volunteer Award.

A job well done!

The Youth Project offers a drop in facility with Sporting Activities, pool, play station and games. Discos are held every 6 weeks and occasional trips to places such as the Mega Bowl and Ice Rink are undertaken when funding allows. We

have produced a video by Voice of My Own which was funded through Bright New Futures. The younger members of the project were also involved in the "Sex, Drugs and What You Know" Youth Conference. We meet on Thursday's between 7pm and 9pm in the Village Hall and any High School age children and above are more than welcome.

The Walkerburn Youth Project would also like to thank a local Businessman for his very kind and generous gift of £500.00 for the benefit of the youth in the Project.

Walkerburn Community Development Trust

The first Annual General Meeting for the Trust is to be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 23rd August at 7.00pm. All members are asked to attend. Refreshments will be provided after the meeting.

Membership of the Trust is open to every resident of Walkerburn and the surrounding area (anyone with an EH43 post code). It is both a Company Limited by Guarantee and a recognised Scottish Charity set up to continue the regeneration work started by WAVE during

the village's time as an EU Transitional Regeneration Area. If you would like to find out more about the Trust or would like to get involved in helping develop Walkerburn please come along or get in contact with Cathie Sutherland, Company Secretary.

Walkerburn Church Guild

Coffee Mornings are being held in the lower Church Hall on each Wednesday in July from 10am to 11.30 am. The dates are: 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th July. Teas and coffees are available

with home baking and there are also cake and soft goods stalls. Everyone will be made welcome. Proceeds to Church Fabric and to the projects the Guild supports.



Walkerburn SCHOOL REPORT



By the time you read this we will be on holiday, however, we are all frantically busy now trying to tie up loose ends before Friday.

This month has been full of all sorts of events for the children and has therefore flown by.

We have had cricket, netball, athletics and drama after school clubs for the older children. They have all been well attended and the drama group produced a piece for the Festival Concert, based on the x-factor theme.

On 7th June, we all visited the Borders Organic Gardens near Harestanes. It was one of those very hot days and the children learned about composting and plants that encouraged wildlife as well as sampling different varieties of lettuce, before heading down to the play park at Harestanes.

The primary sevens have had a talk from a member of the guidance team at the High school and have spent two days there, sampling the lessons that they will be undertaking in August. It has made them feel confident about the move and now they are looking forward to the big change.

We will be holding a leaver's assembly for them on Friday, before having a picnic on the field, weather permitting. During this assembly the children will receive leaver's prizes as well as recalling memories of Walkerburn. We are anticipating good parental support for this event.

On Monday, 19th June we had a 'Green Day', where the children attended workshops to raise their understanding of environmental issues. In the afternoon we all went on a litter hunt in various places in Walkerburn and collected over four black bags full of rubbish, mainly of the plastic sort, although we did recycle some cans and bottles. Hopefully the village looked tidier for Festival Week and the children have learned

that they can make a difference.

We held our annual sports day on Tuesday 20th June. We began with potted sports that involved teams with pupils from primary 7 to nursery. The older children helped the younger ones to participate in all the games and eventually we had a winning team, called Scotland's Young Sons. Potted-sports were followed by more traditional running and skipping races. The rain held off until the second last race, but it was a very blustery afternoon. The event was rounded off with juice and crisps provided by the PTFA.

On Thursday evening of that week we had a tea-time barbeque. The weather was not as kind as it was last year but the event was well supported by parents and friends of the school.

At the Kirkin' Service on Sunday 25th June our Festival Lasses talked about our involvement in the 'Eco-school' movement and demonstrated how you could make logs from recycled ingredients. The theme of the service was community and how we must all play our part for the good of the village.

We will have two new teachers joining our staff team for part of the week: Ms Karen Drummond, as our nursery teacher two days per week and Miss Laura Menzies in the primary 1-3 class, to provide head-teacher cover. We look forward to welcoming these two members of staff, as well as Mrs Bell back from maternity leave. She will be working mornings only next year. We are awaiting an appointment for the afternoon sessions.

Thank you for giving us your support throughout the year. Our best wishes for a happy, sunny summer.

Tweedholm Avenue

We are pleased to report that at long last the Fraser development on should be cleared in the next couple of weeks. A contractor from Bathgate has been engaged for the roadworks and either the same contractor or another will be carrying out the pavement works.

BURNing Issues Meeting

The next BURNing Issues production meeting takes place on Wednesday the 2nd of August in the Vestry at 7.00pm. If you have any news, articles or events you would like included in the August edition, please submit them by the meeting date, or come along in person.

WALKERBURN RUGBY CLUB

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RUGBY CLUB NEWS

JULY

Following a busy season and Festival week this is a quiet period for the club until 18th July when Training restarts! Thereafter Tues/Thurs 7-9pm

AUGUST

Training continues Tues/Thurs 7-9pm

18th Cricket Friendly v Gala (A)

19th WRFC v. Madras (H) Presentation of Team shirts to Sponsors, Team Photo, followed by a Hawaiian Barbecue night so bring out your grass skirts and wildest shirts and join us for some fun at the 'Burn. Hawaiian Disco music by Diva including the Beach Boys! Limbo pole challenge and Barbecue Supper. Tickets from Hilary Fairfull on 01896-833944 and players/committee.

Walkerburn RFC 200 Club Winners

£100	101:	A. Little
£100	68:	P. Hope
£100	100:	T. Bell
£30	2:	M. Henderson
£10	3:	J. Henderson
£5	26:	R. Griffiths
£5	186:	T. McCormick

This is the last draw of the season.
Yearly subscriptions now due.

The AGM and Election of Office Bearers took place on 18th June. Results on notice board.

Memberships are due and may be paid to the secretary or at the club.

Sponsors who wish to advertise in the Fixture list or pitch side, or on team jerseys are requested to contact the Hon. Sec. on 01896-870762 as soon as possible.

Club refurbishment will take place during the summer months.

July Wild Side

As with all nature, much depends on the success of all those in the food chain. Although I do not remember wild flower names readily, and as a keen gardener many are to me weeds, I do realise their ultimate importance.

They are at the bottom of the food chain, holding everything else up! There is though, no other sight like a mass of wildflowers and farmers are nowadays encouraged to leave field margins and in some cases are subsidised to grow fields of wild or specific flower crops. The planting at the Nest roundabout on the A72 is glorious with Ox Eye daisies at present, as well as many other varieties of wild flowers, and these should continue to bloom well into August. There are lots of daisy-like flowers, which can be used by most insect species, as the best nectar sources are often from the simplest flowers. I congratulate those who decided to use the wild flower plantings there on their choice.

All these flowers are of course great for our insects. Mammals and birds then thrive on the insects, so we should have a healthy and varied wildlife population. Native species are best use to native species. While garden varieties also provide nectar for insects, many are more specific to the insects that can 'use' them although many animals have survived because of these introduced species. A happy balance is just what's needed.

Balance has quickly been acquired by the blue tit

family visiting the garden. There are three young who in the recent heatwave have shown their differing personalities in their reaction to the bird bath. One hops about the edges then dips bits in one at a time, one toppled in and emerged with a shocked look and the other just went for it big time!

We have just one baby woodpecker brought by mum or dad. He gets parked on the tree and fed intermittently. He's quite good at backing down the trunk and is now managing well on the feeders himself.

The sparrowhawk is noticeably absent, thank goodness, although no doubt will return with a vengeance. I don't think the smaller birds would see it this way but their presence is supposed to be the sign of a healthy garden.

Here's hoping we all have a long, warm summer in which to enjoy our healthy gardens and surrounding environment!



Walkerburn Community Council

Report provided by Denise Hanks

AGM Report

The chairman gave a resume of the past year, which is included a visit to the Police Force Control Centre at Bilston, and presentations from:

NHS 24 about the introduction of OOH emergency service

Scottish Water following complaints about the water quality

Mr Thomson on his proposed development at Caberston Farm

Iona Bentwall from SBC Education department following concerns that SBC were considering closing Walkerburn School. These were denied. WCC hosted the Remembrance Day Service Reception at the Public Hall and funded the new Christmas Tree light which was put up on the outside of the Hall.

The Chairman concluded her report by thanking the 2 councillors Cllr Purves and Cllr Garvie for their input and also to the office bearers and fellow members of the CC for their support over the past year.

Treasurers Report - The WCC had donated £500 from the 150th Anniversary fund for the clock on the Public Hall. The WCC also funded the Christmas Tree light, the Remembrance Day reception and made a donation to Burning Issues.

The chairman asked Cllr Purves to conduct the election of office bearers for the next year and asked all members whether office bearers should serve 1 year or 3 years in their positions.

After discussing the pro's and cons it was agreed that all office bearers would serve one year term.

The office bearers duly elected were: Chairman - Miss McIntosh, Vice Chairman - Mr Kerr, and Treasurer - Mr Harrison, Secretary - Mr Purves.

It was agreed that Mrs Cockburn would be asked to audit the WCC accounts.

The next AGM was set for 18/6/2007.

The normal monthly WCC meeting followed.

Open questions

Q: What was the outcome of Cllr Garvie's meeting with the Chief Executive of Scottish Water? **A:** The water system is an old system and the pipe from Innerleithen keeps breaking which causes heavy leakage and poor water pressure. There have been a few complaints received re the water quality, but no complaints about the staining of kettles etc. The system is not due to be renewed until 2010, but it is strongly recommended that people who have complaints

write to their MSP's, MP's and visit the surgeries held in August.

Q: When are the Police cameras coming to stop speeding through the village? **A:** They were in the village last week.

Q: Was there any progress on Tweedholm Avenue road by the new development? **A:** No.

Q: Will the grass be cut on the ladder and on the banks along the Peebles Rd. **A:** Due to H&S the men are not allowed to cut it, the only way it can be cut is with a special machine and there is only one in the whole of the SBC area.

Police Business - although there was no police present, a letter had been received from the new Inspector.

Matters arising - Elder Voice presentation a date was suggested in the Autumn and although it would be separate to the monthly WCC meeting, the hire of the Hall would be paid by the WCC to allow a public meeting to take place.

The WCC agreed to pay for the sashes for the Walkerburn Festival Lasses.

Planning Applications - Application for 2 dwellings at Thornilee which are in addition to the 2 house planning application rejected by the WCC at the last meeting. Cllr Purves advised the WCC that SBC now consider the 4 buildings in Thornilee as a building group, so would not object to any additional buildings within that building group. After discussing the plans the WCC decided to object to the application on the basis that they were situated outside the building group.

Another application for a large four bedroomed house within the grounds of Thornilee House had been received. After discussing the plans the WCC decided that they would not object to this plan.

Notification of additional double garage at the industrial units used by DCB Welding.

Cllr Purves informed WCC that the Clough Mill site in Innerleithen is designated for new houses built by Millar Homes, SBC have agreed that the developers can clear the site, however some of the bricks in the mill will be used as the entrance of the new site. 18% of the houses built will be affordable houses and some of this allocation will be a number of three bedroomed family houses.

A letter from Mr Thomson had been received expressing his disappointment that WCC were against his development for Caberston Farm.

After discussing the matter, WCC have replied
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reiterating the position of the WCC, which was that they are not against the development but have concerns over the number of houses planned given that they support the Local Plan, which earmarks 30 houses for that area.

Correspondence - WCC received an invitation from SBC to enter the Floral Gateway competition for 2007. Dr Henderson volunteered to investigate whether there is sufficient interest amongst the local groups within Walkerburn to support an entry into next year's competition.

The School Board have sent a letter to the WCC advising them of the changes planned by SBC to cut the number of minibuses available for school use and to increase the charge from £11 to £50 for a trip to Peebles. SBC has stated changes in legislation as the causes to the change. WCC agreed strongly to write to SBC expressing their disappointment in their decision especially after SBC's repeated reassurances that they do not want to close rural schools however their policies seem to make it increasingly hard for small rural schools to continue to operate.

Community Council Special Project fund - Projects of up to £500 with matched funding ends in July. WCC decided to increase the number of Christmas decorations in the village and would approach The George and Eddie Fraser to ask them in conjunction with the WCC to sponsor additional Christmas lights attached to their sites giving Christmas lights at either end of Walkerburn as well as at the Village Hall.

Members Report - Mr Purves reported on the Forestry Environmental Planning meeting, which outlined the Forestry's plan for Caberston and Ellibank and Traquair forests. In general the intention is not to clear fell large areas and to loosely replant with a mix of trees. As Plora is a SSSI site it will have its own woodland plan. The issue of signage was raised in order to encourage tourists to use the A72 as opposed to the A7 and therefore pass the Tweed Valley Forestry Parks. A question was asked about what was happening about the Wind farm on Minch Moor, and the Forestry reply was that AMEC have to complete an Environmental study which would be unlikely to be finished by September. The Forestry confirmed that the turbines had been moved off the ridges and that the access routes would be the same ie In via Innerleithen Red Bull car park, through Plora using the Forestry tracks up to the site and then Out via Genbenna.

Councillors Report - Cllr Purves had received a copy of a letter which had been sent to our MP, from a resident concerning the retaining wall on the Peebles Rd. SBC have stated that the retaining wall is the responsibility of the residents and therefore SBC will not repair it.

A.O.B - Dr Henderson requested photos and contact details for each member so that he could update the website.

Date of next meeting - 17th July 2006 7pm at the Public Hall.

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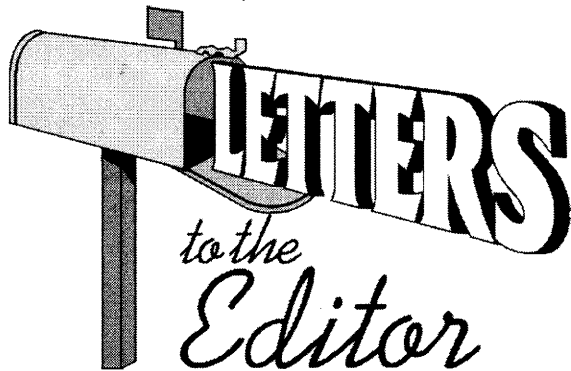
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Footpath Works - Plora Terrace

Scottish Borders Council, SBc Roads, have been appointed as contractor, to construct a new footway in Caberston Road from Walkerburn Primary School to the junction with the A72. This work will commence on Monday 3rd July and is programmed to be completed by Friday 14th July. The work is to provide pupils with Safer Routes to School.

The works involve the construction of a new footway using precast concrete kerbs and bitmac surfacing. It is intended to construct the footway in two sections. Firstly, from the junction with the Galashiels Road to the Factory access at House No.7 and then finally from the School House to the field access adjacent to the school. By completing the footway in 2 sections it is hoped that this will minimise disruption.

During our works it will be necessary to occupy the parking area outside House No's 1-5 and part of the carriageway to allow a safe working area; this will necessitate forming a protected walkway, in the carriageway, for pedestrians. The walkway occupying part of the carriageway will mean that traffic will have to be controlled by temporary traffic lights.

Pedestrian access to all premises will be maintained throughout the works period. Vehicular access to the Factory and Rugby ground shall not be affected. If you have problems during the works, please speak to my foreman on site, Dez Douglas, who will be only too pleased to try and help you.

If in the meantime you require any further help please contact me on 01835 825117 or my Area Foreman, Wullie Sterricks on 01721 726327 or 07801 793364.

On completion of the works I would be pleased to have your comments on our performance. If you have any, please forward them to me.

Yours faithfully

Ross McGilp, Area Technician
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Festival Lasses Thanks

We would like to thank the Festival committee for all their help through the Festival Week. We would also like to thank everyone for their kind cards and gifts. We had a great time and will never forget the honour of being Festival Lasses 2006. Thank you.

Jade and Shiree

Tesco Vouchers for Schools

Could I, on behalf of Walkerburn Primary School, thank everyone in the village for collecting Tesco 'Computers for Schools' vouchers over the last three months. Special thanks to Pam and Ian at the Post Office for acting as a collection point. Many a day, a pile of vouchers scattered from my daily paper!

We collected 2966 this year, which we have banked with Tesco to spend on 'something nice' next year. Not bad for a wee village and lack of a local Tesco for some of the time. Thank you.

Sheila Horsburgh, School Assistant.

Use The Right Bin!

Why bother recycling when we have people in the village dumping their waste in other people's bins that has not been segregated. If you don't want to recycle that's your choice, but use your own bin for your rubbish.

Recycling Resident, Tweedholm Avenue

The editorial team reserves the right to edit or omit letters. Views expressed attach only to the writers. All submissions must include a full name address and telephone number. This will be withheld by request to the editor.

Home Basics

Unfortunately there was an error in the local business directory contained in the last issue.

The telephone number for Home Basics is **870355**, and not the one that was printed last month. We are happy to correct this and apologise for any inconvenience that may have been caused.

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A reminder that BURNing Issues is also available in an all-singing, all-dancing, full colour email version. To receive this, please send your email address to us, along with your street name and house number, to avoid duplication. walkerburnnews@hotmail.com