BURNing Issues

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WALKERBURN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

The first AGM of the Walkerburn Community Development Trust is to be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 23 August at 7pm followed by refreshments.

Although this meeting is open to the whole community, only members can take part in any votes or decisions that are taken at this meeting. A summary of the aims and objectives of the Development Trust can be found on page 3, and an application form on page 4. There will also be a supply of membership application forms available at the door for anyone who wishes to join and pay their subscription on the night.

Over the last few months the Trust has been working in conjunction with East Tweeddale Paths Group and the Forestry Commission to look at the possibility of developing a network of multi and single user trails in and around the area.

A consultant was appointed by the Trust (funded by the European Commission through Walkerburn Innerleithen Partnership) to meet with representatives of the main user groups (walkers, cyclists and horse riders) and discuss their specific requirements, in particular their wish list if there were no restrictions or barriers of any sort to consider.

The report and maps are now complete and have been based on the assumption that there were no restrictions or barriers to be considered. These will be on display at the Trust's AGM for people to view and comment on.

It is important that we get an opinion from as many people as possible before any decision is made on how we progress with any suggestions held in the report.

If you are unable to come to the meeting but would like to see a copy of the report and maps please contact Cathie Sutherland, Company Secretary, on 870 470.

ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW

Just a quick reminder that this year's show is being held on Saturday 9th September.

After an exceptionally hot and dry month in July most flowers and vegetables are coming to their prime a bit earlier than usual but hopefully there will still be enough to grace the show tables, and we look forward to the usual support. New exhibitors will be most welcome why not look around your gardens and see if you could find something to enter. If you are in any doubt ask any of our committee members for advice. With over 40 different classes of vegetables and 30 of flowers there's plenty of scope and the industrial section has a further 30 classes which should cover all the baking and craft enthusiasts.

We also appreciate the support we get for the children's classes and the encouragement they get at school and from their parents. Schedules are available free at the Post Office and from any committee member so why not pick up one and see if you could manage an entry, and even if you are unable to do so this year at least come along on the Saturday afternoon and give us your support - you might even win a raffle prize!

BURNing Issues News

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

The next production meeting takes place on Wednesday the 6th of September 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.

August Wild Side

The weather has been extreme of late and the talk of hosepipe bans in the Borders is rife once again and certainly the Tweed is pretty low.

A couple of years ago we had early leaf fall due to the dry weather and I do wonder whether this will happen again this year, as we've had extremely hot dry weather. Fruits and seeds are ripening fast, and no doubt farmers are looking forward to a good harvest as golden swathes appear amongst the barley.

But the weather's done wonders for my washload, and it was whilst fetching in the last line full the other night, as the dark came in, that I noticed a relatively large bird flying over the house. As it got closer the lack of any wing beat noise and unmistakable silhouette gave the game away - a tawny owl. With some unfortunate small mammal in its talons, it flew on, probably with a family to feed somewhere nearby.

Back out in the garden, feeling very chuffed to have seen the owl, I surveyed the nearby fields hoping to see deer. They have been frequent visitors lately particularly in the barley fields. Along the far side of the neighbouring field came a white silhouette, which then turned and flew straight towards me. This time I was treated to a barn owl working the field for small mammals. With wings outstretched, it looks quite a size but I know they too are not particularly large birds. It came in to land with talons outstretched and disappeared from sight behind the long grass and scrub, hopefully having found its prey. I had such a wonderful view, albeit brief, of a bird apparently becoming quite rare in Britain due to there being less suitable nesting sites. I've seen them near Cardrona but only sitting on fence posts, never in flight, and this made it obvious why they are our most beautiful owl and why they give rise to stories of ghosts.

In the garden, house sparrows have taken over, with at least three extended families. These sociable wee birds love the communal dust baths, chirp and chatter endlessly, and gangs patrol the lawn searching for grass seeds. They seem to eat just about anything and everything.

Whatever the weather there's lots to see, out and about or near to home, so when you're on your sun-lounger with your factor 25, take some time just watching the world go by, and make the most of the rest of the summer.

Some Useful Advice for Drivers

The following story actually happened to someone's 19 year-old daughter Lauren while she was in college. It has been confirmed by the Devon police and contains a very useful piece of advice for all drivers but particularly for female drivers.

This story takes place over the Christmas/New Year's holiday break. It was the Saturday before New Year and it was about 1pm in the afternoon, and Lauren was driving to visit a friend, when an UNMARKED police car pulled up behind her and put its lights on. Lauren's parents have four children of various ages and have always told them never to pull over for an unmarked car on the side of the road, but rather wait until they get to a service station, etc. Lauren remembered her parents' advice and telephoned 112 from her mobile phone, this connected her to the police dispatcher. She told the dispatcher that there was an unmarked police car with a flashing red light on his rooftop behind her and that she would not pull over right away but would wait until she was in a service station or busy area. The dispatcher checked to see if there was a police car where she was. There wasn't he proceeded to tell her to keep driving, remain calm and that he had backup already on the way. Ten minutes later 4 police cars surrounded her and the unmarked car behind her. One policeman went to her side and the others surrounded the car behind. They pulled the guy from the car and tackled him to the ground.....the man was a convicted rapist and wanted for other crimes.

For a woman alone in a car, you do not have to pull over for an UNMARKED car. Apparently police have to respect your right to keep going to a "safe" place. You obviously need to make some signal that you acknowledge them (i.e., Put on your hazard lights) or call 112 like Lauren did. It's been said that this number works in the UK from a mobile.

Walkerburn Community Development Trust

Following the Public Meeting in August 2004 and a large amount of work by a Steering Group a Community Development Trust set up as a Company Limited by Guarantee has been established.

A full copy of the draft Memorandum and Articles for the Company are available if you would like to see them, please contact Cathie Sutherland. A summary of the objectives together with general examples of what type of projects these might cover as well as specific projects and groups that could be supported under each objective are shown in the table below.

	Objective	General Examples	Possible Project
1.	To provide in the interests of social welfare, facilities within the Walkerburn Community for recreation and other leisure time occupation available to the public at large	Community centre, village hall, multi use sports facilities	Renovation or development of existing buildings to provide a community centre within Walkerburn (Feasibility study in final stages). Support future development of Public Hall
2.	To advance education and in particular to promote opportunities for learning for the benefit of the general public	Educational events and courses, operation of a visitor centre if centered on provision of information	Develop and expand exisiting community computer project.
3.	To preserve, restore and improve the environment in the Walkerburn area through the provision, maintenance and/or improvement of public open space and other public amenities and other environmental and regeneration projects.	Creating new space for children; developing parkland and public footpaths; clearing rubbish from public open space	Community pathway (first phase in Victoria Park in final planning stages)
4.	To help young people particularly those resident in the Walkerburn area to develop their physical, mental and spiritual capacities.	Work with young people, particularly courses which build teamwork and self confidence etc; internet cafes if strong educational element	Support Walkerburn Youth Project, After School Care Club and Crusaders groups with appropriate projects
5.	To promote, establish, operate and/or support other schemes and projects of a charitable nature for the benefit of the community within the Walkerburn area.	Other projects within the charitable field	Provides opportunities to support and/or develop other projects that may be proposed in the future (must be classified as charitable)

Membership of the company is open to anyone over the age of 18 who resides in the area covered by the geographical postcode area of EH43.

Any individual wishing to become a member of the company and who fulfils the above criteria must apply in writing using the application form on the next page and forward this to Cathie Sutherland together with the annual membership fee of £1.

If you would be willing to consider becoming a director of the company or would like more information please let Cathie know by marking the box on the application.

Walkerburn Community Development Trust

Application for membership

(Please return to Cathie Sutherland, 73 Tweedholm Ave)

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Occupation: _____

Date of Birth (if under 18): _____

Are you willing to consider becoming a director of the company?: Yes☐ No☐

I am applying to become a member of the Walkerburn Community Development Trust. I agree to pay the annual membership fee as notified and to abide by all governing regulations as laid out in the Memorandum and Articles setting up the Company Limited by Guarantee.

Signed: **Dated:** / /

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WALKERBURN RUGBY CLUB

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secretary@rugby.walkerburn.org.uk
www.sru.org/sites/walkerburn-rfc

Walkerburn RFC
200 Club July Winners

£50	102:	G. Davies
£10	70:	F. Wright
£5	143:	R. Wilson
£5	46:	T. Beaumont

RUGBY CLUB NEWS

Election of Committee Members/Office Bearers took place at the AGM on 18th June. All positions were filled by enthusiastic members, however, we are looking for volunteers to fill the following positions for next season;
Physiotherapist
First Aider
Sevens Convenor
For further information contact Ian Millar on 01896 757042

Forthcoming Events

Training has restarted. Join a great club, learn new skills, keep fit, and make friends! Contact Paul Lindsay on 07778 990920

Sponsors for one or two years. Get on the bandwagon NOW and benefit from some excellent promotion for your company.

Jersey Sponsors! For only £30 next season you can sponsor a team jersey - yours to keep at end of 2006/07 season Contact Lesley Millar on 01896 757042

Club Memberships are due NOW. Forms in clubhouse and from membership secretary. 01896 756875

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200 Club monies are due NOW for the chance of a great return of up to £100 monthly on only £12 a year investment! Pay to Jock Anderson 870528.

Painting Help required! We need to paint our new storage container and the club changing rooms during the close season.
Contact Lesley Millar when you can help! Every little helps! 01896 757042. Repairs to Club house too!

18th August Cricket! A friendly challenge v Gala (A) Players to contact Lesley Millar as above

19th August 2.00pm Walkerburn v Madras - Friendly Game. 12.30 Meet up for Team Photos 4.30 for Presentation of last years team jerseys to sponsors.
7.00pm Hawaiian Evening Fancy Dress, Divas Disco and delicious Barbecue Supper - £5 a ticket in advance

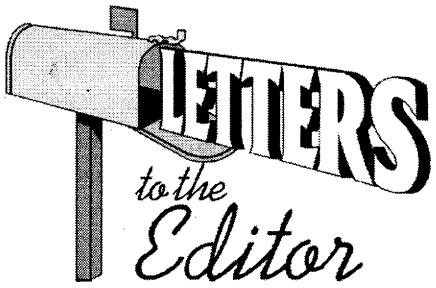
27th August A Sunday Spectacular and Charity Games at Peebles RFC in aid of Cancer Research.

Hope you are enjoying the fine summer and the good weather for all the outdoor events planned!

Walkerburn Community Council Report

Open questions - Q. What consideration is there to parking in the plans for a house in the site of next to 110 Tweedholm Avenue, and would plans keep the front of the new house in line with the existing houses? A It was agreed that this would be discussed at the planning section of the meeting and the questioner would be able to ask their questions then, once all members had had the opportunity to look at the plans.
Police Business - No representative from the police was present. WCC decided to write and express their disappointment.
Matters arising - The roadworks to Tweedholm Avenue have been completed and the repairs to the pavement have been scheduled.
Thornilee planning applications - due to a legal reason the planning applications houses for 2 dwellings and a house within Thornilee House have been refused by SBC planning department.
The draft response from WCC to the letter from Walkerburn School Board was circulated and approved.
Community Council Special Project Fund - WCC hoped to apply for funding to add to the existing Christmas lights, however not all landowners had been approached to ask their opinions. The George is initially interested in helping out, but more discussions as to what is involved need to take place. The secretary had received a letter from the company that supplied last years decoration, saying that there were 2 extra decorations in the same series available, costing approximately £400 each. After discussing the issue WCC agreed to apply for funding from the Special Project fund and raise any matched funding.
Planning Applications - Application for a farmhouse at Glenmead had been received. Outline planning permission for an additional building had been given in 2003 and a section 75 had been signed by the applicants, which would tie the new building with the existing cottage. WCC did not object to the application.
Outline planning permission had been received to build a house adjacent to 110 Tweedholm Avenue East. After viewing the plans the WCC decided they would need to visit the site after the meeting.
Application from Holyhouse to put a velux window as part of a bathroom extension in the attic had been received. WCC agreed that as long as all works met listed buildings consent there would be no reason to object.
The extension to Mr Barbour's premises was discussed and no objections raised.
Correspondence - WCC received a letter from SNP outlining their polices asking for comments. All members agreed that they should not comment, as the Community Council is a non-political organisation.
Summary cards for National Standards for Community Engagement had been sent and they were circulated to all members.
David Parker the leader of the Council had sent copies of the Community Plan and Corporate Plan to WCC for their comments.
Final report for electoral reform was circulated and as of 1st May there would be three councillors for East Tweeddale elected by proportional representation. There would no longer be a dedicated councillor for Walkerburn and Innerleithen.
Members Report - None.
Councillors Report - None
AOB - Both Jeremy Purvis and David Mundell are holding surgeries at the Public Hall in August - see Public Hall for dates.
Date of next meeting 21st August 2006, 7pm at the Public Hall.

Report provided by Denise Hanks



Neighbourly Consideration

Please remember there are others too
Who live in Caberston Avenue;
At High Cottages many more,
All really should now know the score.

At the narrowest part
It is a worthwhile art
To pause and see
If the road is free.

And if you expect a delivery
We do expect common decency -
Kindly drop us each a letter
Some days before is much better;

Your neighbours can then plan
To avoid the blocking van,
And won't be late
For important dates
And blame it on thoughtless neighbours!

by Anon

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