



BURNing Issues



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JOE LOTHIAN - 2007 FESTIVAL ESSAY WINNER

This years first prize in the Mollie McIntosh Festival Essay competition goes to Joe Lothian (*pictured left*). Joe's essay is printed below and you will no doubt agree that it is a worthy winner.

In case you have mislaid last month's copy of BURNing Issues, the full festival programme is reprinted on page three.

Walkerburn was founded by Henry Ballantyne in 1854. Henry was born in 1806 then died in 1865. He was 69 years old when he died. He was 48 years old when he built Walkerburn.

Walkerburn was founded because Henry built a mill and he had to build houses for the mill workers. Soon lots of people came to work at the mill and some people wanted to open their own shops. Soon, there were lots of houses. It was said that six or more people lived in one house. As more people came in to Walkerburn, it brought families in as well so they built a school. The school was the only big enough building to hold big events such as weddings, funerals and much more.

Walkerburn got its name from the mill workers that walked on the cloth in the Walker burn.

Walkerburn had some sweet shops, a butchers, a doctors surgery, a wooden rugby club, a cauld, an H.B club, a Coop

and a petrol pump where you could get your horse shoed or some petrol for your car.

My Dad won the New Zealand Trophy three years in a row. My granddad won it and so did his brother. Walkerburn has a Festival week with three events - the fancy dress parade, a bonfire and the concert.

I like how we are a small village and how it is so peaceful. I also like that we have a small school and we have a festival week.

I like playing football, playing my PS2 and riding my motorbike.

I would like my brother and I to win the New Zealand Trophy to keep the history going.

I would like the play park to have a roundabout and the old mill to be turned into a leisure centre except that I would like Walkerburn to be just the same.

Joe Lothian

CAN YOU HELP US?

Walkerburn News Group is looking for a volunteer to help out once a month to deliver BURNing Issues on the south side of the River (Glenbenna, West Bold and others).

There are 18 households to deliver to (approx) and we are looking for someone to take over from July. If you can help please phone Cathie Sutherland on 870470 or send an email to walkerburnnews@hotmail.com.

Anyone who might like to contribute in any other way is welcome to come along to our next

editorial meeting on Monday 2nd July, 7.30pm in the Vestry.

Our thanks go to Donna Allen for all her assistance in the past - she has been doing this round since BURNing Issues began - and we wish her well with her studies.

Dave Ryce (Secretary)

June Wild Side

The first new family of the year to brighten my garden was a very noisy family of siskins. Alas the blue tits nested elsewhere but we do appear to have a robin's nest in a box unused until this year.

The youngster seen recently has the very faintest tinge of peachiness to his breast but still has the spottedness of youth.

We were visited last weekend by a family much more raucous than the siskins, and not that familiar in our garden. Occasionally in previous years, we have been visited by a 'gang' working the lawn but this was the first time we've had a family here. In my childhood down south, my Dad cursed their visitations, which were very regular. Great hoards would visit the bird table, scattering food everywhere in their rush to feed and no other birds would get a look in. I talk of course of starlings. So, we had both parents and their seven young on the lawn and those parents must have the patience of a saint because those children are very demanding! The adults are quite attractive with their speckled iridescent plumage. In good light the purple and green sheen is lovely. The young are grey-brown and will gain their speckles the first winter. In the towns and cities, they form huge winter flocks

that are quite a spectacle as they settle to roost in the evenings. Last year they showed film on Bill Oddie's 'Autumnwatch', of flocks in Norfolk and although we don't see such huge flocks here, you can see a lesser but similar spectacle in Galashiels.

They are great mimics. I've heard phones ringing, car alarms, ducks high in trees as well as combinations of other birdcalls. They clear insect pests such as leatherjackets from lawns and fields but they are also farm pests themselves as thousands strip farmlands bare of grain. They are a big problem in the States where, interestingly, all their starlings originated from just 100 imported in the 1890's from Britain. The Americans planned to release all the birds that were described in Shakespeare's works and released 100 European starlings in Central Park, New York. Shakespeare does have a lot to answer for but I do think 'serves them right', after all they gave us grey squirrels!

Walkerburn Community Development Trust Annual General Meeting

Due to events out with our control the AGM has had to be postponed until Wednesday 22nd August at 7pm in the village hall.

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. Again I would ask everyone to consider marking this in their diary and attending if at all possible.

If you would like more information about the Development Trust or are interested in joining please contact the Trust on 870 522 (answer machine) or contact any of the Board members listed below.

We are also keen to recruit more people onto the Board of Directors, the duties are not onerous we currently meet every 6 weeks or so. If you are interested the next Board meeting is on

Wednesday 10th July at 7pm in the Vestry Office and you are welcome to attend giving you a chance to listen and discuss any issues or concerns you may have. If you cannot attend the meeting again leave a message on the answer machine 870 522 or contact one of the Board listed below.

Cathie Sutherland (Company Secretary)

Board of Directors: Sara Keepence (Chair), Denise Hanks, Mani Maniam, Mags Henderson or Cathie Sutherland.

New ATM for Walkerburn Post Office

Great news - the Post Office has just had a new ATM installed! It accepts most bank cards and there is no charge for withdrawals. Now we don't have to rely on the ATM in Innerleithen. The ATM can be used whilst the Post Office is open.

Composting Project

As part of our composting project we have a small supply of a booklet called 'Making and Using Compost' printed for ASK Organic. It is free to any one who wants one and available from Cathie Sutherland (870 470).

St Ronans Wells and Beechgrove Garden - Help Wanted.

The Beechgrove Garden has selected St Ronans Wells garden for its Community Garden makeover this year. Before they can do all the planting there is some work needing to be done on the paths. The East Tweeddale Paths group is helping out by organising a work party this weekend (both Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th) and anyone able to help out at any time would be made more than welcome. For more details contact John Birks at birksj@btinternet.com



Programme of events for 2007 festival.

Sun 24th June

10.30am Church Service & laying of wreath at War Memorial

1.30pm Sports Day at WRFC

Mon 25th June

6.15pm Procession (from school led by Festival Principles)

6.45pm Festival Concert and installation at the Hall

Tues 26th June

6.30pm The Paul Cup Football match at WRFC

Wed 27th June

6.30pm Fun in the Park at Alexandra Park

7.00pm Bowling with WRFC and The Bowling Club

Thur 28th June

7.00pm Festival Principle's Party

8.00pm Quiz night at the HBMI Club

Fri 29th June

6.30pm Fancy Dress (Judging 7.15, Parade 7.30)

8.00pm Patrons tent opens (See Jill for rosettes)

10.00pm Torchlight Procession

10.00pm HBMI Club Disco

10.30pm Bonfire

Sat 30th June

10.30am Family Bike Ride leaving from the HBMI Club

9.00pm Live Music at the George Hotel

Sun 1st July

1.00pm Boat Race on the Tweed start at HBMI Club

3.00pm Domino Tournament at the HBMI Club

You are invited to show your support for the festival by becoming a patron and joining in the fun of the Patrons Tent on Friday night at Alexandra Park. Jill Fraser is selling the Patrons Rosettes, £5.00 per person, so please see Jill or phone 01896 870492 to let her know you are interested in supporting the festival in this way.

Lastly, a huge THANKS to our numerous helpers, who are once again getting revved up to make sure that our community celebrations continue to be such a great success.

Donna Allen (Secretary)

WALKERBURN SCHOOL REPORT

May opened with a visit by primary 4-7 to the St Andrew's Arts centre, where the class explored what it was like to be a Roman soldier, to fit in with their topic work.

Primary 7s have been participating in a lunch club most Thursdays and are working towards providing a joint lunch in the village hall with Tuesday lunch club. They have produced some sensational, healthy lunches.

The primary 5-7s had an opportunity to do some mountain biking, an opportunity provided by the Active Schools coordinator, with brand new equipment. This has encouraged them to extend their skills and they enjoyed the challenge.

The School hosted a Generation Science workshop, where the children made a circuit board, including using a soldering iron and took home the finished article to impress their parents.

Another aspect of the Roman project was a visit to Trimontium. The children marched from

Leaderfoot to Newstead, studying the remains of the Roman settlement on the way. The guide for the day was Donald Gordon and he inspired the children with his knowledge.

The football team represented the school on Team Games Night at Kingsland School. The sportsmanship was of a high standard and we were proud of our team.

We were pleased to welcome two visitors from Malawi, who were interested to see our school and the children had lots of interesting questions to ask them about school in Malawi.

Primary 7 attended the Choices for Life event at Ingleston and enjoyed a very loud day, finding out about making good choices with regard to drugs and alcohol.

James Puts Walkerburn on 'youtube'

James Millen, who is 12 years old and attends Walkerburn Primary School has taken pictures and done some filming around Walkerburn.

He has put it all together as a movie and sent it to 'youtube'. This is one of his hobbies, and it is well

worth seeing! View it by going to:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qLiYWHlof7c>

WALKERBURN RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

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



Walkerburn RFC 200 Club April 2007 Winners

£50	9:	Neil Collin
£10	35:	D. Lunn
£5	165:	Angie Lees
£5	166:	R. Landers

RUGBY CLUB NEWS

A very sincere thank you to all our sponsors of the Annual Sevens Tournament on Saturday 5th May. Without your generous support for Walkerburn RFC this small club with a long history could not survive. The funds raised go directly into maintaining the Club house, the training of players and meeting fixtures throughout the coming season. All of us are volunteers and we have no professional players!

Thank you too to all those who helped to make the day a success. So many of you gave unstintingly of your time and skills to produce a delicious spread for the Belhaven Hospitality tent and for the Ladies Tea Tent. A special thanks to the Ladies committee, to all the behind the scenes bakers, then to Christine & Michael Tucker, Paul Moss, Dawn McCutcheon, Julie Kerr: to Karen Borthwick, Sandy Fraser and Heather Lothian for running the Hospitality Bar clothed in their Flower Power gear: to all the ball boys, to the scorers Rees and Derek, to the referees Stuart Ramsay, Colin Gracie and Paul Lindsay assisted by Graeme Eastland and others running the line: to all the players who cooked Burgers, ran the main bar along with Dawn and Linda at the bottle window, and organised other tasks between themselves.

Most of all a huge thank you to all members of the committee, and so many 'extras' on the day who manned the school, set up tents, ran the raffle, manned the PA system, and more. To young Ross, Jamie and Jordan – thank you for all your help on Saturday and on Sunday when we faced the big clean up! Also to those un-named adult angels who cleared up on Sunday.

Saturday 19th of May members & guests were welcomed to Caberston Haugh to the annual Dinner and Prize Giving. A hearty four course meal and five excellent speakers entertained the gathering. Prize

winners as follows:

Captain's Cup- Scott McIntosh
Most improved player – John B. Little
Steve Maul Medal for the young player of the year – Liam Golder
Watt Ormiston Cup for the players' player – Richard Horsley
Brunton Cup for the person contributing most both on and off the field – Scott McIntosh
Linda Ormiston was thanked for 25 years of continuous service on the Ladies Committee
Donna Ormiston was given the bouquet of flowers she should have received on Sevens day!

Walkerburn, Peebles, Biggar Select played Vets Galants at Hay Lodge Park on 18th May.

Further fixtures are arranged for West Linton during the Whipman week.

Touch Rugby starts this Friday at 7pm at WRFC. All ages welcome. Great for fitness! Come along!

Dates for your Diary:

Every Friday 7PM Touch Rugby. Open to everyone - male and female, young and old. Bar will be open in the clubhouse for a drink afterwards. Enjoy a lot of fun and keep fit as well! Contact Ian Miller at iangmillar@aol.com if you would like more information.

17th June 7pm AGM and Election of Office Bearers. All welcome.

27th June 6.30/7pm Bowling match WRFC v Bowling Club Teams of three to Scott McIntosh please.

1st July 10am-3pm Car Boot Sale. Hot and cold refreshments all day. Empty those cupboards! £6 per car boot, no lorries. Questions - call Sarah on 01896 870762.

Walkerburn Table Tennis Club

The Club meets each Sunday at the Village Hall from 6pm till 9pm, and we're keen to get new players to come along.

We can supply a bat if you haven't got one yet! Unfortunately, due to our limited resources, the Club is only open, at the present time, to people of 16 years of age and over.



For further information please contact Steve on 870471.

Walkerburn Community Council Report

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming two of the new councillors for Tweeddale East: Gavin Logan (Conservative) and Bill Herd (SNP)

Open questions - None

Police Business - Chief Inspector Sandylions had sent a letter to WCC making the following suggestions: there would be one point of contact, a newsletter sent periodically from the police and that a police officer would attend the WCC meetings as and when they could. However Sergeant Latter said he was prepared to attend the meetings whenever he could do. All members agreed that this would be the best way to ensure continuity.

Sergeant Latter went onto report that following the complaint about dogs posing a threat at the school, two officers went down to the school and on both occasions the dogs were on the lead. He then went on to report that nothing of significance had happened in Walkerburn in the past month. There had been a couple of thefts reported and a neighbourhood dispute involving loud music being played through the night. The advice to anyone disturbed by this was to contact the police.

There is a bicycle initiative in Tweeddale and the police are visiting the school and encouraging the children to bring in their bikes to be checked for any defects.

Dr Henderson thanked the officers who attended the Rugby Sevens on behalf of the Walkerburn Rugby Club.

Matters arising - Following the WCC elections, three nominations were received from Mrs Purves, Mrs Horsburgh and Mr Tod and therefore they will take up their appointment in June after the AGM.

The next Community Council Training session is on Equalities and Adversities on the 30th, Ms Meigle will attend and report back at the next WCC meeting.

Planning Applications - There were two information only applications notifying the WCC of a dormer extension in Hall Street, and an extension to Thornilee Station House.

Correspondence - Designing out Crime draft supplement had been sent to WCC for comments. Dr Henderson volunteered to brief the members at the next CC meeting.

There is a Forestry Environmental Panel meeting on 30th May, the secretary will attend and brief all

members at the next meeting. He asked if any members had any comments on the draft plans circulated earlier to forward them to him before the meeting.

Supplementary guidance on windows had been sent and Mr Thornton agreed to read them and brief members at the next CC meeting.

SB Small schemes items still on the list included rebuilding the Right of Way to Priesthope, continuing the footpath from Station House to Glennbenna, repair to the steps to the High Cottages, rebuilding of the footpath from Tweedholm Avenue to the bus stop on A72 and the demolition of the toilet block.

Members Report - There are large bushes at the corner of Caberston Avenue and High Cottages which are causing obstruction to drivers, however they are on private property and the owner does not want to cut them down.

More complaints about the amount of dog mess, an article will be put into Burning Issues.

Councillors Report - Mr Herd brought up the issue of the collapsing wall along the Galashiels Road. He said he had spoken to SBC technical services, however there is a dispute over ownership of the wall. Both councillors agreed to take this issue up.

Mr Herd prior to the elections had distributed a survey in Walkerburn asking residents for their concerns. None of the members had received a copy. However the comments received were the footpath to the A72 from Tweedholm Avenue, the state of the Kirna Lodge wall and the ATM at Innerleithen. On the latter issue Mr Herd had spoken to the Peebles branch manager who has offered to resolve any service issues regarding the ATM. Also there has been an increase in the staffing levels and the opening hours at the branch.

AOB - None

The AGM will be on 18th June at 7pm at the Public Hall. The outgoing members will leave immediately after the AGM and the new members will take up their position. The treasurer will give a report and the new office bearers will be elected. The secretary asked if anyone wanted to raise any issue at the AGM it would need to be forwarded in writing to the secretary a week in advance of the AGM.

Denise Hanks

Romanian Challenge Appeal

Gillian and Karen successfully completed their 55 mile sponsored cycle challenge around the four Borders Abbeys on 2nd June and would like to thank all their sponsors and helpers.

They are leaving Walkerburn for Bucharest later this summer to do voluntary work in an orphanage and hospital and still need your support - all money raised will go to children in Romania.

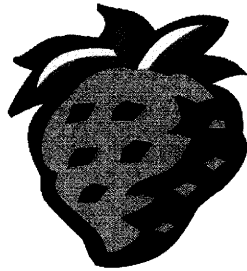
You can still donate to this good cause by contacting Karen at 01896 870588, or by mail at 85 Tweedholm

Avenue, EH43. Please make cheques payable to '**Romanian Challenge Appeal**'. The results of the sponsorship will be published in **BURNING Issues** next month after all monies have been collected.

Many Thanks,

Gillian Anderson & Karen Borthwick.

**St Andrews Church, Leithen Water,
Innerleithen**
(The Episcopal Church with the Yellow door!)
Sunday Services are at 10am
Rector Rev Robin Lee.



Strawberry Tea
Tuesday 19th June 2-4pm.
Come and taste Strawberries in every
guise and have a chat over gorgeous
home baking and a cup of tea!
in the Father Hurt room
(and garden if fine) at the church.
Suggested Donation for Christian Aid £2.50

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