



BURNing Issues



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WALKERBURN DEVELOPMENTS

There are three major developments in the planning pipeline for Walkerburn and the Community Council will be seeking the views of residents on all of them.

All three developments may change the character of the village and surrounding area so it is very important that residents make their views known. If you have internet access, you can check all applications on scotborders.gov.uk - go to Planning then PublicAccess.

Minch Moor Wind Turbines Most residents will be aware that the Walkerburn Action Group fought hard to persuade the developer to move the turbines off the skyline. It is likely that an amended application will be brought forward in early Autumn. There remain issues about the use of Caberston Road and Glenbenna for heavy transport during the 18 month construction phase and later for maintenance, including regular replacement of sails. Once details are known, WCC will put up a display in the Public Hall.

Caberston Farm Housing Development Again, many people will remember that there is some debate about the number of houses which should be built north of the Caberston Farm steading. A report from the Public Inquiry into the Local Plan which set

the number at around 42 and the wishes of the developer for around 180, built in phases, is expected in September. The results and subsequent action will be reported in Burning Issues.

West Bold Farm Housing Developments Three planning applications for housing at West Bold Farm have been submitted. These are likely to be decided in early Autumn so please let WCC members know if you have any comments or write directly to the Planning Office at Rosetta Road, Peebles. The details of the applications are on display in the Public Hall. The applications are for:

- a) Conversion of the stone steading buildings into five houses.
- b) Four new houses, possibly of the type built at Peel Hospital, in the steading area.
- c) A new farmhouse and steading area, south of the road, up the valley.

Please make sure your views on any developments in the village are recorded with WCC - your views are important but they must be reported to be heard!

ILA SCOTLAND - IT PAYS TO LEARN

ILA Scotland is a Scottish Executive scheme which helps you pay for learning that you can do at a time, place, pace and in a way to suit you.

If you are over 18 and living in Scotland, you could get up to £200 towards the cost of learning new skills with an individual learning account from ILA Scotland.

If you earn £18,000 a year or less, you could get £200 a year towards the cost of learning. If you earn more than £18,000 a year, you could get £100 a year.

There's a wide range of courses available including the Open University - just call on 0808 100 1090 for more details or take a look at our Web Site www.ilascotland.org.uk to find out what is available in your area.

Walkerburn RFC 200 Club June 2007 Winners

£100	121:	D. Johnston
£100	144:	Alan Forbes
£100	169:	Mick Jones
£30	26:	Roger Griffiths
£10	62:	Davy Swan
£5	66:	Sheila McCormick
£5	57:	Karen McCormick

Reminder: Next year's membership fees due in July - £12.00

The News Group would like to thank the following for their generous donations:

Walkerburn Church Guild
Walkerburn Pensioners Club
George Hotel Quingo
Thanks for your support.

The next **BURNing Issues** editorial meeting takes place at the Vestry on Wednesday August 1st at 7.30pm. As ever, anyone who would like to spare a couple of hours each month to help with the production or distribution of the newsletter, is welcome to attend.

July Wild Side

Festival is over for another year and thankfully events seemed to escape the very worst of the weather. Not so the natural world!

We at least didn't get the lashings of rain like the southern half of the UK but the wind put paid to some of the taller plants in the garden even though I'd been ahead of myself and staked them early on. A few less places to visit for the bees than this year but the plants will recover for another year, if the other baddies don't get to them first! The wet weather means the slugs are out in force again and quite a few of the plants suffer as they munch away. It's those orangey brown jobs that are the worst. The large black slugs, which Flora Wood has plenty of and so do the grassy verges and riverbanks, do not bother with the garden. We also have a family of rabbits nearby which venture through the hedge. As I write, the young are very small but no doubt by the time you read this will be considerably bigger thanks to my plants! What slugs and rabbits don't damage has a fair chance of being trampled by the dog as he tries to track the rabbits and proudly bring the slugs indoors as a 'prize'.

So Spring has done its thing and produced all this new life, whether vegetable or animal, and now we look forward to summer where we can enjoy it. There are lots of young birds on the wing, which would also appreciate some decent weather to grow up in. It also means there'll be more insects about to eat. If you eat midges, you're made already as the damp air seems to let them thrive, but unless you're some kind of flycatcher, things aren't so easy. Less flowers mean less food for bees and, in the long run, less seed. I still have plenty of birds using the garden feeders. The thistle seed feeder has been latterly visited by a family of goldfinches; parents and two young. They plant their little round bodies nearby and let out a tinkling cry, like tiny bells, waiting to be fed. As seed feeders, they'll be looking forward to some better weather although the youngsters will know nothing else yet. Hopefully, like us, they'll be in for a treat!

Innerleithen, Traquair & Walkerburn Parish Church

Church of Scotland

For further information contact: Rev. Janice Faris (01896) 830309 or Duncan Grant (01896) 870535

Website: www.itwc.org

During the summer there is a united service on a Sunday morning at one of the Church buildings in the Parish.

15th 11.30am Innerleithen Games Kirking Service

22nd 10.30am Walkerburn
(With Sacrament of Baptism)

29th 10.30am Innerleithen

OTHER EVENTS

Walkerburn Guild will be holding their Coffee Mornings each Wednesday in July (18th & 25th) from 10.00am to 11.30am. Come along for coffee, tea, home baking and some craft items for sale. The money raised will go towards supporting the Guild projects for the year

The Church of St Andrew, Leithen Road, Innerleithen.

The Scottish Episcopal Church
(Part of the Anglican Communion)

Services are held at 10.00 a.m. every Sunday.

For further information contact The Reverend Robin Lee (01721) 720571 or Sarah Ballantyne, (01896) 870203

JULY

15th Sunday Pentecost 7 11.30 am
Innerleithen Games Week Festival Service in Innerleithen Parish Church

22nd Sunday Pentecost 8 10am
Eucharist in the Church of St Andrew, Innerleithen

29th Sunday Pentecost 9 10am
Eucharist in the Church of St Andrew, Innerleithen

Chernobyl Children's Lifeline Link News

Well, we made it to the top of Ben Lawers and back again! The weather could have been nicer but at least the wind was minimal and the snow wasn't too cold or deep!

Thank you to all the folk in the village, especially everyone at the Parish Church who sponsored me. We raised the grand total of £670 for the Link.

The good news is that the Link has raised sufficient funds to cover this year's expenses. But the group will try and raise extra to make it easier on the fundraising side for next year. All the children now have host and support families. The outings are arranged and bag loads of clothes have been collected for the exchange at the beginning of the stay.

We now know that we will have two girls aged nine years old. It's been a while since we've had children that age in the house so it will be fun. So please give a

big Walkerburn welcome to Liza and Alesia when they arrive the week beginning 8th July until August 5th. They will miss the Festival week but I'm sure we will be in the village for other events.

Heather & Chris Martin

For Sale

Bed Settee Futon Style with two bolster cushions.
Solid Wood Frame in good condition. £55 ono
Pine Bed Frame single (no mattress) £15 ono
Portable Colour Television £10 ono
To view contact Alasdair Sutherland
Phone: 01896 870470

ROMANIAN CHALLENGE APPEAL

Gillian and I would like to take this opportunity of saying a big thank you to everyone who has supported our fundraising in the last few months.

A special thank you to Anne Barbour who organised a sports quiz sheet to sell and raised £137.00. The winner was a Mrs A Middlemas from Duns, and to Jean Anderson who has been making tablet for us to sell, £100 has been made so far - and still producing!! (thanks to Jim Borthwick for selling it in his shop). In total to date we have raised £1,062 all of which will go directly to the Romanian Challenge Appeal to benefit the work with the children. So well done everyone your enthusiasm, encouragement and

support is much appreciated and we look forward to reporting on our experience on our return.

With grateful thanks,
Karen and Gillian

Correct answers to quiz were:

Marbles, Darts, Monopoly, Bingo, Chess, Hockey, Tiddly Winks, Trivial Pursuit, Tennis, Lacrosse, Bridge, Pontoon, Poker, Badminton, Rugby, Squash, Old Maid, Solitaire, Bowls, Patience.



Walkerburn Village Hall Concert

Saturday 18th August

3:30 - 5:30pm

Making a welcome return to the Festival are Borders folk favourites Real Time. With Judy Dinning's angelic voice and Kenny, Tommy and Iain's fun filled stage presence and musical ingenuity, you are guaranteed great entertainment.

Real Time

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Repairs and Sales

Walkerburn Community Council Report

The AGM preceded the monthly WCC meeting
The Chairman opened the meeting with a report on last year's events:

- There were many reports covering a wide range of policy documents from the Scottish Executive, the NHS and Scottish Borders Council, sent to WCC for their comments. The Chairman thanked members who read and made comments on these reports.
- WCC had been asked to attend many meetings and the chairman had been able to represent WCC at the Area Committee meetings.
- WCC had been greatly involved in the development of the new information signs for the village and the new tourist leaflet for Innerleithen and Walkerburn
- WCC had supported East Tweeddale Pathways to define a system of walking routes, bike routes and riding trails throughout the Tweed Valley. New waymarkers were in place throughout the area.
- The Chairman thanked Mr Kerr for his hard work on the Environmental Challenge Report which had been well received and had provided a base for continuing work on the local archaeology
- WCC had continued to press for improvements to the infrastructure in Walkerburn including upgrading of

paths and pavements. WCC kept up the pressure on SBC to take action on Sunnybrae Lodge which following a court order allowed remedial work to be undertaken

- Scottish Water had been approached on several occasions in an attempt to improve the consistency of the quality of drinking water in Walkerburn.

- WCC had added their support to local MSP's and MP's against the plans to close rural post offices.

The Chairman concluded by thanking all members, particularly the secretary and treasurer, and to Cllr Garvie and Cllr Purves for their support over the past year.

Treasurers Report Mr Harrison reported that he had closed the 150th Anniversary account and had transferred any outstanding money to the WCC current account. This year WCC had paid for new notice boards in the Hall, the expenses for Remembrance Sunday, the remuneration of the secretary and the rental of the Hall for their monthly meetings.

2007 Elections The Chairman stated that Mrs Horsburgh, Mrs Purves and Mr Tod had been elected. However Mr Tod was unable to take up his position as he was moving away from the village. This meant that

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There was one vacancy and members should consider whether there was anyone in the village who might be willing to be co-opted for one year. The chairman thanked Mr Harrison and Mr Barbour for their turn in office.

The Chairman then explained she would stand down as chairman although she would continue to serve on the CC. The nominations for office bearers to the CC followed and the followed people were duly nominated and elected:

Chairman - Dr Henderson

Vice Chairman - Miss McIntosh

Secretary - Mrs Purves

Planning Matters - Ms Meikle

Treasurer - Mrs Horsburgh

Mrs E Cockburn would be asked to audit the accounts and the date of the next AGM was set as 16 June 2008

The monthly WCC meeting followed.

Open questions The land at the bottom of Hall St is getting untidy can the WCC take any action? After discussing which piece of land it was, there was no clear understanding who actually owned it. The secretary agreed to look into ownership of the land.

Police Business There was no police representation due to a fatal accident on the A72 earlier in the day and the start of the Peebles Beltane.

Matters arising The Chairman reported back on the Draft Supplementary Planning Guidance on Designing out Crime in the Scottish Borders. The report tackled issues that developers should take into account when designing their projects, most of which seemed common sense.

Forestry Commission Environmental Panel Meeting- Mr Purves had attended the meeting which covered the strategic planning aspect of Forestry policy all of which had been covered in previous meetings.

Cllr Garvie reported on behalf of Cllr Logan that there would be a new engineering survey carried out on the retaining wall on the Galashiels Road. Also there would be a new initiative on Dog fouling in Tweeddale. With regard to the parking on Jubilee Road, the residents will be written to and if the situation does not improve then there is the possibility that double yellow lines will be installed.

Planning Applications Mr Harrison briefed WCC on 3 major planning applications, which had been received in the past month, all involved the development at West Bold including the Farmhouse, Steading and associated land. WCC had been asked to comment by 12th July, but all members agreed that Ms Meikle (the new planning member) should ask SBC for an extension so it could be discussed at the next CC meeting, and would allow local opinion to be sought.

The AMEC application for the wind farm on Minch Moor is coming to a conclusion as AMEC have completed their Environmental Survey and SBC are planning to visit the site soon. The secretary agreed to submit an article in Burning Issues outlining all the planning applications happening in Walkerburn.

Correspondence Draft of the SBC Community Safety Strategy has been received, and comments are required by end of August. The Tweeddale Safety Committee would like a representative from WCC on

the panel. As the secretary had been involved with the Panel during her office as our local councillor, she volunteered to carry on representing WCC.

Members Report Ms Meikle reported on the Equalities and Diversity Training session for Community councillors, and distributed a copy of the slides from the session.

Mr Kerr said he would be clearing the Priesthope right of way.

The War memorial had been missed during the usual road sweeping. It was agreed that a letter would be sent to SBC.

A number of complaints had been made about the mess behind the SBHA houses on Galashiels Road. It was agreed that the chairman would write to SBHA asking for action.

The overhead power lines by the HB club were brought down by passing lorries, which resulted in damage to some of the equipment in the club. It was agreed that the secretary would write to Scottish Power.

Councillors Report Cllr Garvie said he was committed to getting the steps to the High Cottages repaired and also to the demolition of the Toilet block behind the Public Hall.

AOB None

Date of next meeting 30th July 7pm at the Public Hall.

Denise Hanks

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