

BURNing Issues

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WALKERBURN CALENDAR 2008

Following on from the success of last years limited edition calendar it has been decided to make another one this year.

Although I have got some photos I can use I am sure that there must be loads more out there that show Walkerburn off at its best. Ideally I need photos taken at all times of the year.

If you have any that you think may be suitable please send them to walkerburnnews@hotmail.com. Credit will be given for any photos used.

I must receive all photos by the end of August to ensure that I meet printing deadlines.

HB Club

Special EGM for all HB Club Members. Sunday 12th August at 12 noon in the HB Club.

The meeting is to discuss the future of the club. If no members are willing to become Committee Members the club may have to close.

I am hoping that the firstones will be available for sale at the Garden Question Time on Sunday 23 September for those wanting to send them overseas for Christmas.

Cathie Sutherland

Walkerburn Vegetable Association

Annual Flower Show.

Saturday September 8th

There are a wide range of classes that can be entered. Anyone interested in exhibiting can get a copy of the Schedule of classes from either the Post Office or any of the Committee Members.

The Hall will be open from 6.30 - 9.00pm on Friday 7th and before 10am on Saturday 9th for exhibitors to submit their entries.

Afternoon Tea in the Hall

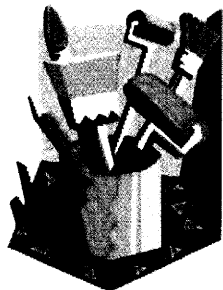
Sunday 23rd September, 3pm 5pm

Gardener's Question Time with ASK Organics

Displays of gardening 'goodies' and composting ideas

Come along and find out how to make the most of your garden or patio next year.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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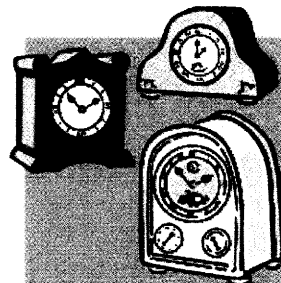
Walkerburn
Village Hall

Wednesday
22nd August
at 7pm

Tea/Coffee
& Biscuits
will be provided

See page 5 for more
details about the Trust
and back page for
application form

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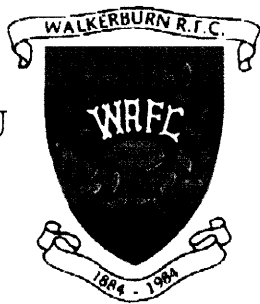
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RUGBY CLUB NEWS



Training has restarted Tues/Thurs at 7pm at Caberston Haugh. Coach for Season 2007-8 Alan Clinch

We are looking for new players to add to our Senior team.

The first 'Friendly' games start on Sat 18th August v. Earlston (H) KO 3pm then Sat 25th August v. Army Scotland (H) KO 1pm Thereafter Walkerburn plays in the Edinburgh District League Division 2, matching their skills against Border and Edinburgh teams. Bring your own boots, match playing strips are provided. This is a very friendly club, with an attractive location and clubhouse, established in 1884, and proud to wear the red and black colours of Walkerburn! We welcome our players to the 'Burn, so bring along one friend and join a team that carries a long tradition!

Sat 25th August 12.00pm to 12.00am Party on the Pitch.

Open day and party programme.

Barbeque/filled rolls all day

1pm Army/Royal Scots v Walkerburn. This takes the form of 3 or 4 short games, thereby allowing all players to take a part in this pre-season friendly game.

2 - 5pm Disco to dance or listen to. Family fun

with various stalls and challenges for all ages. Membership drive. Presentation to shirt sponsors who will receive last seasons shirts.

5pm On TV in the bar - World Cup: Scotland v South Africa

7pm Disco in the clubhouse.

September

Sat 8th v Moray House (H) KO 3pm

Sat 15th v Liberton (A) KO 3pm

A special invitation to all ex-players and locals who can help us to name the people in the club house photographs; there will be cards by each nameless photo for you to fill in the spaces. Additionally we want to produce a President's Board a Captain's Board and a Sevens Winners Board. We need your help! Can you join us on the 25th and fill in the spaces? Bring any old Fixture Cards/ Sevens programmes etc that may help! When were you Captain?

Further information;

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President: Malcolm Ormiston 07786-642178

Hon Secretary: Sarah Fraser-Ballantyne 01896-870762

August Wild Side

Recently, I heard on a news programme, an expert say that midges thrived in the damp, cold conditions in Scotland and certainly the biting insects are out and enjoying themselves.

This is a small price to pay in comparison to the weather in middle England over recent times with their devastating floods or Europe where temperatures have been above 40 degrees Celsius with forest fires. I would argue that Scotland isn't as cold and damp as they always make out, but our weather is what helps our lush, green countryside be what it is.

As I write, I am about to venture on our annual trip up north and am looking forward to spotting some different wildlife. Coastal visits always allow me to see oystercatchers feeding in their natural habitat, probing the sand for shellfish and lugworms. Many of the other waders are very difficult to tell apart looking like various sized curlews without the curved bill. (*Must pack the bird book*). No doubt there will be gulls of various kinds and I usually manage to follow a flock of sandpipers along the beach rather than disturb one nesting at the side of the Tweed. This year we're near forests supposedly home to red

squirrels so seeing one will be part of this year's quest; I'll let you know next month if we were successful. But, many of these creatures can be seen here if we're lucky.

It's something quite impossible to see here that we're really interested in though; marine mammals. We've seen dolphins several times now and it's getting your eye in as to what to spot. One year a trip to the mouth of the Spey, at Spey Bay, led to a 45 minute display from a group of bottlenose dolphins leaping what seemed yards away so it would have been difficult not spotting them. The area's also regularly patrolled by ospreys and you can get a really good view from the top of the pebbly beach. Always a great day out combined with a visit to the Baxters Foods factory at Fochabers down the road. We tend to just do as the fancy takes us, so who knows if we'll do that this year. Better take a tin opener in case.

Pickled beetroot anyone?!

Festival Week Friendly Bowling Tournament at the Bowling Club

Left or right handed - ham fisted or showing some degree of latent skill, the intrepid Rugby Club Members faced the might of the Local Bowlers on the Wednesday evening accompanied by the crescendo of sound emanating from the Children's Fun in the Park evening across the Tweed!

Capably organised by Eric Pearce and Malcolm Ormiston, we were arranged into 6 teams of four each end. Of course the Bowlers achieved a significant victory - did we lose count? - or were the scores tactfully obscured from memory in order to encourage a return game next year!

This year the WRFC ladies provided the delicious tea

afterwards in the Bowling Club House and both Presidents expressed their appreciation of the evening's activities.

Looking forward to another game next year!

Every encouragement to the Bowling Club Members, both new and experienced with your Friday evening lessons and your competitions! **Sarah Ballantyne**

FOR CHURCH CHOIR

Tenors



Willing to be begged, borrowed or bribed
Experience not necessary
Will train
Sense of humour essential

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Last month the Community Council put up a display in the Public Hall showing details of the three planning applications for West Bold Farm. All the details displayed were available both at Innerleithen library and on the SBC website but we thought that we should try to provide the information locally. We intend to follow this practice for other large scale planning applications.

Sadly, on this occasion, the display was removed by persons unknown. I hope whoever removed it is ashamed.

Yours sincerely, **Patricia Purves, Secretary, WCC**

Walkerburn Community Council Report

Summary taken from the Draft minutes of the meeting held on Monday 30th July

Police Business Sgt Latto introduced PC Craig Rogerson explaining that he would like to bring along young PCs to WCC meetings both to introduce them to the community and to let them see how the link between police and CCs worked. Sgt Latto gave a brief overview of events since his last report stating that 4 out of 6 crimes committed in Walkerburn had already been solved. The problem of dogs off the leash on the school walk also seemed to have disappeared but a promise was made to check at the School at the beginning of next term. The problem of residents on Peebles Road parking inconsiderately at the corner opposite the bottom of the steps and also parking so far over the pavement that wheelchairs, prams and even pedestrians had to take to the road, was raised again. Sgt Latto will try to arrange a police visit to residents to make sure that they understood the law before enforcement action was taken and report back at the next meeting. There are still problems with thoughtless individuals riding unlicensed/uninsured motorbikes on the public road. The police will crack down hard on offenders who may lose the bikes.

Matters Arising

a. Ground at Hall St/Tweedholm Ave Junction. Report from secretary. A planning condition was placed on Mr Fraser to landscape around the development on the ground owned by him and this would be enforced by SBC. The secretary would attempt to reach an agreement with the operator/owner of the workshop to co-operate to ensure that entire area is tidied up but it was

proposed that members consider possibility of granting some funding to help with landscaping the area and perhaps installing a seat. This would be raised again at the September meeting.

b. Draft Supplementary Planning Guidance on Replacement Windows. Report from Mr Thornton carried over from last meeting given by Chairman who stated that as the conservation aspects did not directly affect Walkerburn, and there were no strong feelings against the report that a nil return would be made. All agreed.

c. Reports from Cllr Herd on Dog Fouling, Retaining Wall at Galashiels Road & vegetation at corner of High Cottages/Caberston Ave.

An SBC officer emailed the Secretary with a reply re dog fouling and litter bins but did not really answer the questions raised. Secretary will email a reply to that effect. Cllr Logan explained that he had chased a response to queries re the retaining wall in Galashiels Road but that the answer was exactly the same as had been given many times before, ie the wall and its upkeep was the responsibility of the owners of the adjoining houses. He gave members a copy of a recent survey report, which recommended action to be taken, and explained that the SBC Legal department would now inform householders. Members expressed their disappointment on behalf of householders. Email received after the meeting from Cllr Herd reporting that he had asked the Road Safety Officer to look into the question of vegetation on Caberston Avenue.

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d. SBHA Property in Galashiels Road. The Chairman reported that he had had a sympathetic response from SBHA and some action on removing rubbish had already been taken. He had an appointment to walk around the entire SBHA holding in the village with one of their officers and to agree a plan of action to tidy up generally.

Planning

a. West Bold Applications. After a very full discussion members agreed unanimously to:

(1) Accept that the stone steading conversion into 5 dwellings fell within SBC policy provided that an engineering survey showed that conversion was feasible and that bat, flood and historical surveys were completed. Developer contributions should be sought for the High School, a pavement to the village and affordable housing.

(2) Reject the application for 4 large houses in the current working steading area since the farmhouse, stone steading and cottages form a complete building group and there were no economic reasons for breaching SBC policy.

(3) Reject the application for a new farmhouse since there already is an existing farmhouse.

b. Application for Car Wash Facility and Used Car Sales Area at Old Mill. Ms Meikle and Mr Kerr declared an interest in this application and took no part in the discussion or decision making. The remaining members discussed the application fully and concluded that it would not be to the benefit of the village to allow this to go through unchallenged. All agreed that this development might further delay a resolution to the Mill Site problem and that a car wash facility in such a visible place would be detrimental to the image of the village. It was, therefore, agreed to send an observation to SBC seeking dismissal of the application. Mr Purves noted, and other members agreed, that there was reluctance to spoil the chance of a good business opportunity for the applicant but that Community Councillors must try to assess what would be in the best interests of the whole community

Correspondence

a. Draft of the Scottish Borders Community Safety Strategy had been circulated. Since there would be no meeting in August the secretary would circulate a draft response.

b. Scottish Water has appointed William Elliot as the Regional Community Manager, Tweed Region. Chairman has written to him reminding him of the constant problems with water taste, smell and colour in Walkerburn and concerns that development is affecting supply/sewage.

c. Adult Mental Health Day Services Consultation Document. It was agreed that the secretary should ask Ms Ogilvie to lead on this issue.

d. Lothian and Borders Area Waste Plan Consultation. Nothing of concern noted and a nil response proposed and agreed.

e. Email from new Chairman Scottish Borders Community Council Network. Secretary circulated copies and members agreed an initial response to this. In addition, all agreed that WCC should be

represented directly on the Tweeddale Area Committee.

f. New Tourist Leaflet for Innerleithen and Walkerburn has been issued to local tourist offices, eg Smaill's and Caldwell's.

g. NHS Borders is launching a Public Partnership Forum which WCC is invited to join. It was agreed that the secretary would ask for a registration pack.

Report on Composting Project and Next Steps. The Secretary reported that the project would close on Sunday 23rd September with an afternoon of gardening questions and fun in the Hall. The project has been very successful with over 90 households participating. Funding to run 6 workshops on organic gardening this autumn had been applied for but even if the bid is unsuccessful some of those involved were determined to continue on an informal basis.

Reports by Members

a. The secretary reported that the Council surveyor has carried out survey of old toilets and is now costing demolition. The Access Officer, Erica Niven, is visiting this week to discuss action on up-grading of right of way behind Caberston Steading. Tweeddale Community Safety Panel took part in multi agency display at Border Union Show and their next appearance will be at Peebles Show.

b. Several members once again raised the question of the mess at Mr Fraser's workshop at the west end of the village. Representation will be made to Mr Fraser and the Chairman will write formally.

c. Sewage was still leaking from the drain at High Cottages. Scottish Water are aware but the Chairman stated that he would write to Mr Elliot over the time being taken.

d. The problem of the vegetation in the garden at Sunnybrae Lodge was raised again. The owner had given verbal permission for the vegetation to be cut back but there were apparently health and safety issues for SB Local. Councillors Garvie and Logan promised to chase action.

E. Mr Kerr asked if there was a Scottish Water plan for the pumping station at the bore well in the event of a major flood and the Chairman will add this point in to his letter to Mr Elliot.

Reports by Councillors

Cllr Garvie reported that following a complaint by a resident more dropped kerbs were to be installed. An attempt was to be made to prevent dangerous parking in Jubilee Road by lining at the corner. At last Hall Street resurfacing had reached the roads programme and work would hopefully begin at the end of this FY or the beginning of the next. Finally, Cllr Garvie reported on a successful visit to the Director of Planning and Economic Development which had confirmed that Walkerburn remained a high priority for regeneration efforts and laid broad plans for next steps.

Any Other Business.

a. Co-Option Application. Ms Irene Ogilvie applied to be co-opted for 10 months (August - May). Members agreed unanimously to co-opt Ms Ogilvie

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And the Chairman directed the secretary to ensure that she was given the working documents pack and briefed on current NHS issues before the Community Council.

b. SBC Website now includes a page for WCC and Mr Thornton had agreed to be the page manager if members are content. All agreed.

Date of Next Meeting Mr Purves proposed dropping the August meeting since there was historically little business. After a short discussion this was agreed. The next meeting will be on Monday 17th September.

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Meetings

Third Monday of each month at 7pm in Walkerburn Public Hall. No meeting in August or December.

Walkerburn Community Development Trust

Are you interested in what happens within Walkerburn and the surrounding district? Do you have ideas for a project or development that you would like to see take place within the village but don't know how to take it forward?

The Walkerburn Community Development Trust would like to hear from you.

The Community Development Trust was set up in 2005 to continue the work started by WAVE. The Trust is a Company Limited by Guarantee and is therefore in a position to compliment the work carried out by Walkerburn Community Council. The Community Development Trust Board has spent the last year working to ensure that the Trust is set up to take advantage of the Land Reform Act (Scotland) 2003. Part of this legislation enables small rural communities to register an interest in either land or fishing rights within their area of interest before it comes up for sale on the open market. By using this notification of interest the Trust is given first right to purchase land/fishing rights from the current owner should it be put up for sale, very strict controls govern the use of this legislation to protect both the community and the landowners.

To use this legislation we must amend the governing rules of the Company by passing a formal resolution agreeing to the changes. This will be done at the Trust's AGM to be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 22nd August at 7pm. There will also be a very short introduction to the Community Right to Buy legislation and the opportunity to ask questions or make suggestions for possible future

projects. Although the meeting is open to everyone, in order to vote for any proposals you must be a member of the Trust. To become a member you must be over 18 and live within the EH43 postal area, simply complete one of the two forms on the back of this page and come along to the meeting with your £1 subscription. Unless members wish to take a more active role the only requirement of membership is that everyone is asked to attend the AGM. Those of you that have been in the village for a while will know that there have been many studies and surveys done in Walkerburn over the years. Funders in particular require the information gained from these and we intend to use the AGM to reconfirm the opinions given in earlier surveys as well as getting the views and ideas of new residents. If you would like to see Walkerburn going forward and developing please come along on 22nd August and give us your input. It is your village and we want everyone's views.

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