



BURNing Issues



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HB CLUB - "YOU DON'T NOW WHAT YOU'VE GOT TILL IT'S GONE"

The club has been through some very difficult financial times recently, which resulted in the sale of the upper floor and flat.

Now that we have once again got a full committee of twelve dedicated members (we were running on seven before), and with the premises having been totally rewired and soon to be refurbished, we now feel that the Club can go onwards and upwards but it is up to all residents of the village to come along and support the club. We have darts, dominoes and other tournaments, a fifty inch wide screen TV for all sporting games and entertainment on at the

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International Day of Peace - 21st September.

An ever-expanding number of people worldwide, representing a wide variety of religious and spiritual traditions, have committed to the task of working with each other for the United Nations International Day of Peace.

A day designated by the General Assembly on which the entire world should observe peace and non violence. The resolution for the Assembly states - "A 24-hours of spiritual observations for peace and non violence in every house of worship and place of spiritual practice, by all religious and spiritually based groups and individuals, and by all men, women and children who seek peace in the world."

Last Year we marked the International Day of Peace with the planting of a Peace Pole in the grounds of St Peter's Church, Peebles. The Pole, planted by school pupils and members of our Community has the prayer "May Peace

weekends. The Function Room is available FREE to all members for private party's and membership only costs £5.00 (£2.00 concessions) a year. So please come along and support your local club. Thanks to the members we have for your continuing support.

HB Club

HB Club Entertainment

Sunday 16th Sept

HBMI Bowling Triples.

Enter teams to Walkerburn Bowling Club.

Saturday 20th October

"The Freeze" back by popular demand 9pm - late.

50in Wide Screen TV for all sports.

Youth Club News

Steven Fleming was recently successful in applying to Youth Chex for funding to purchase musical equipment for the Youth Group. An amount of £1133.00 was received and the Youth Club members now have the opportunity to learn and enjoy playing music that these instruments provide.

"Prevail On Earth" written in English, Japanese, French and Northern Welsh (probably the closest extant language to that which used to be spoken around here).

This year we invite you to tie a ribbon on a "Clooty Tree" which will stand outside the church throughout the week 16th - 23rd September. Please say a prayer or make a wish for peace as you tie the ribbon on the tree. You may also write a prayer or wish on the ribbon.

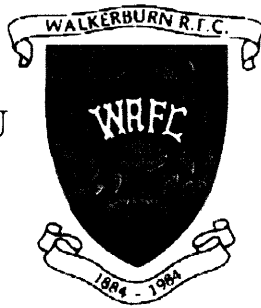
You are also invited to join us on Friday 21st at 12 noon in St Peter's Church, Peebles to observe a Minutes Silence for Peace followed by Prayers for Peace.

WALKERBURN RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

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RUGBY CLUB NEWS



Walkerburn RFC 200 Club August 2007 Winners	
£50	155: Ronnie Landers
£10	188: Lesley Thornton
£5	9: Neil Collin
£5	163: G Clapperton

JOHN MAYS MEMORIAL CUP GAME

Following a minute's silence - remembering the recent tragic deaths of three soldiers in Afghanistan - a vigorous friendly game v. the 2nd Scot (RHF) visiting from Dreghorn Barracks along with their supporters and families, took the form of four twenty minute sessions - the result 17-27. The players enjoyed this early season game, wearing their new strips presented by Hon President Jeremy Ballantyne on behalf of generous sponsors Rathburn Chemicals Ltd of Walkerburn. The John Mays Memorial Cup was presented by Wilma Mays.

What then followed was a varied programme of entertainment for adults and children, everything from Barbecue to Bouncy Castle, Sumo Wrestling, face painting, many stalls, lots of fresh food, a popular treasure hunt and wonderful guitar and vocals by Mike Allan & Rory Speirs of Innerleithen. The Scotland v South Africa game was on in the Club house Bar. Later Harry's Disco played to a capacity crowd til midnight.

W'burn RFC was delighted with the response to their Open Day and plans to build on the many offers of new players, help and sponsorship from both old and new members - friends of this long standing club. Thanks to all who came! A huge thank you to all who helped to make the day and membership drive a success!

September Fixtures KO3pm

1st Paint Ball Outing

8th Moray House (H)

15th Liberton (A)

22nd Eyemouth (H)

29th Inverleith

October Fixtures KO 3pm

6th Match TBA

13th Edinburgh BATS (H)

20th Gala YM ((A)

27th Match TBA. Hallowe'en Party

The next **BURNing Issues** editorial meeting will take place on Wednesday 3rd October in the Vestry, 7.30pm. Please submit any material for inclusion in the October issue by that date.

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BURNing Issues require a helper to deliver copies of the newsletter to houses on Galashiels Road between The George and the Village Hall.

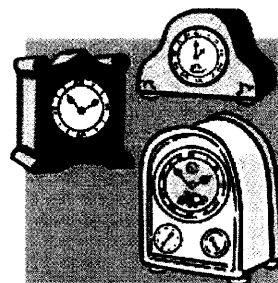
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We need to plan our Children's Christmas party in December. Is there anyone who would enjoy helping us to plan this? Please contact Sarah on 01896-870762.

Members Fixture Cards are available now. Membership is such good value! - as a social member only £5 (concessions £1) Contact Secretary 01896-870762 or join at the Bar in the club house/complete a form and place it along with your payment in an envelope and hand to the Bar person for safe keeping. Your card will be given to you.

Minis Rugby is re-starting in conjunction with Peebles RFC. The new Youth Development Worker is Graeme Paterson. He will be visiting all the Primary Schools and the plan is to start up P4-5 and P6-7 training sessions both in Walkerburn and Peebles-aiming for the first Friendly game on 29th September. P3 may join the 'Micros' if they wish, always with a parent remaining throughout the training session, but will not be expected to play in any games. Application forms will be available from the Secretary. Membership is £15 - this includes some of the travel costs to games etc. 01896-870762/01896-870446. Please feel free to telephone for more information and encourage friends to come along with you. Open to boys and girls.

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Chernobyl Children LifeLine

First of all, a big 'Thank You' from Chris and I as well as the Link group for everyone's generosity to the Belarus children who stayed with us in July. I still had folk from Walkerburn coming up to me during July and giving me money for the children staying with us. We're grateful to our Support Family, Evelyn and Colin Graham for their help during the four weeks.

The Group arrived safely and on time at Edinburgh Airport back at the beginning of July. They were all tired and probably a little nervous about the next four weeks.

Liza and Alesia are nine year old girls who come from a town called Ossipivichy. They go to the same school but didn't know each other well. But it didn't seem to matter because they acted like sisters for the whole time they were with us.

We thought we were looking after two little mice (all rustling and whispering) during the first week but they began to come out of their shell and were running around making a noise as real nine year old girls should do by the last half of their stay.

They were a bit underweight in comparison to their Scottish counterparts and Alesia looked a little anaemic to us. Liza had the so-called 'Chernobyl rash', little unexplained spots on her body. But both girls responded well to the fresh air, good food (especially fruit) so that the rash disappeared and people commented at how much better they looked by the fourth week.

All the group were treated to outings to the sea side. Belarus is landlocked and although they have large lakes, our sea with its tides, salt water and marine life were a great attraction. Bowhill and Traquair estates gave them good days out and they were really fortunate with the weather. Swimming sessions were another popular activity and free too, thanks to the SBC and leisure pools in the Borders.

We had trips and activities with our own girls too. Edinburgh Zoo being a particular request. We took them to a couple of parades during the St. Ronans Games Week in Innerleithen but it was difficult to explain exactly why people were dressed the way they were! I think we overdid the pipe bands as the

next time they heard pipers playing they put their hands over their ears and shouted 'No more pipers! No more pipers!' Sorry to any bagpipers reading this. Our dentist in Peebles kindly checked the girls' teeth and they both had two fillings.

They had a check up at the opticians in Galashiels too but didn't need any glasses.

The final week came round with the farewell party (and more pipers!) on their last day. After coming with just small holdalls, Liza and Alesia returned home with a very large suitcase each full of clothes for them and presents for their families. Our girls are fortunate because both sets of parents have good jobs. They were looking forward to getting home which made our saying 'good bye' so much easier. I don't think they wanted a fuss at the airport (well, we had to get them there for 6.30am!) but they got a 'proper' good bye from me at least "Goodbye/Dasvidanya" with a kiss on both cheeks!

The house seemed very quiet when we got home. We have lots of photos and the girls had copies to take home with them. We hope we have given their health a boost as well as a good holiday. Would we do it again? Yes, we would host children again but maybe not next year. We may be a Support Family next time around.

P.S. The group had been given so much clothing that there were many bags left over but it didn't go to waste. Blythswood Care sends a lorry to the Borders once a month to collect clothing. This is sorted back in Glasgow before being transported by lorry to several countries in the former Soviet Bloc including Belarus and Romania.

So again, "Thank You" to everyone for your generosity.

Heather and Chris Martin

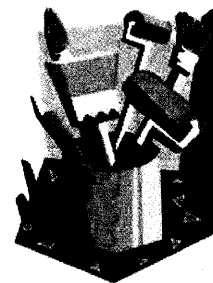
Open Day at Innerleithen Library Saturday 15th September

10.15-11 am Under 5s - Rhymetime and Storytime
11am-12 Noon Internet Shopping - book in advance!
11am-12 Noon Local History with free tour of Robert
Smail's Print Works

12.15-1pm Internet Security - book in advance!
1.30-2.30pm Children age 5 to 12 - Talk and craft session
with local author, Rebecca Williams - book in advance!
2.45-3.30pm Talk by author Peter Kerr - book in advance!
3.30-4 pm Tea and coffee with the Silver Band Youth Section

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Innerleithen, Traquair and Walkerburn Parish Church

Dates & Times of Services

Please note that the heating in Walkerburn Church is awaiting repair so there may not be heating in the main Church area at present. Please dress appropriately for the weather when attending services there

September 2nd

10.00am Walkerburn 11.30am Innerleithen

September 9th

10.00am Traquair 11.30am Innerleithen

September 16th

10.00am Walkerburn 11.30am Innerleithen

September 23rd

10.00am Traquair 11.30am Innerleithen

September 30th

Harvest Thanksgiving United Service

10.30am Innerleithen

The service will include a welcome to our new Community Worker, Caroline Dellow.

Caroline will work with young people and young families throughout the Parish (see article below).

This service will be a good opportunity to welcome her to the area.

All Harvest gifts of produce and money will go to St. Catherines in Edinburgh to support their work with the homeless.

Introducing Caroline

I am the new Community Worker for Innerleithen, Walkerburn, Cardrona and Traquair Parish Church. I started on the 13th August and over the next three years I hope to introduce the Church back into the local community and vice versa.

This will be achieved by holding a variety of events which will hopefully allow the community to be a part of their local Church. I am looking forward to meeting you all.

During my first week I was part of the Summer Mission team in Innerleithen. It was a fun and action packed week. I am really looking forward to planning and running next year's event. Any ideas...answers on a postcard!

This last week has really been about getting down to business. Now that my office is sorted out and organised, I have begun to meet people from the Parish and started networking with others so I can hit the ground running. On 25th August I will be attending the Nexus Conference in Glasgow which gives me further opportunities to network with other Christian

organisations doing work in Scottish communities.

Now you know about what I'm up to, here is a little about me:

My name is Caroline Dellow and I am 21 years old. I live in Meadowbank, Edinburgh. I grew up in Kelso with my parents and younger sister. I play the trombone and bodhrán (Irish drum). I love swimming to the extent that I am a trained lifeguard. In 2006 I graduated from the University of Dundee with a degree in Community Education.

You'll be hearing from me in upcoming issues of the magazine, so you will know what I've been up to and what I've got up my sleeve. Watch thisspace...

Caroline Dellow

Community Worker

Innerleithen, Traquair and Walkerburn Parish Church

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Experience not necessary.
Sight-singing not necessary

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SATURDAY 29 SEPTEMBER

SINGING DAY FOR CHORAL SINGERS
WITH LUNCH AND EVENING CONCERT

Come and Sing!

Last year's event was so enjoyable we are doing it again. If you enjoy singing you will love this.

Choirs and individual singers welcome.

No auditions. Varied repertoire includes fun songs and some fantastic choral pieces.

Rehearsals during day to perform in evening.

Note-bashing sessions during September in different locations.

Cost £10 (inc 3 course lunch)

Booking and Further details: 01896 870544

EVENING CONCERT IN WALKERBURN CHURCH

Singers from throughout the Borders and Edinburgh.

If you can't come and sing, then come to the concert and bring your friends.

The Church of St Andrew, Leithen Road, Innerleithen
The Scottish Episcopal Church (Part of the world-wide Anglican Communion)
Services are held at 10.00 a.m. every Sunday Morning.

For further information contact;

The Reverend Robin Lee, Tel: 01721 720571 or Sarah Ballantyne, Tel:01896 870203

A Harvest Thanksgiving Services will be held at 10.00 a.m. on Sunday 30th September.

We invite you to join us for a special Thanksgiving Service when we give thanks to God for all his provision and we take steps to help others not so fortunate. Our efforts will be focused upon supporting the work of Moses Conteh at the St Joseph's school for the Deaf in Sierra Leone, West Africa. There, Moses has started a market garden and pig farm so that the pupils and the school can

be self sufficient in food supplies. We aim to help them develop this worthwhile work. We also invite you to bring gifts of food e.g. tinned or dried goods, lentils, sugar, tea, pasta, etc, along to the Service. These food items will be forwarded to help the homeless in Edinburgh via the work of the St Catherine's Homeless Project. Any cash donations will go to support Moses' work in Sierra Leone.

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Ladies Walkerburn SWRI

We are looking for new members. We meet on the first Wednesday of every month, from October till April in the Village Hall at 7.30. Our yearly subscription is £6.00.

Come along and enjoy a varied selection of speakers, including cookery and craft demonstrations. Stay and have a cup of tea and join in our competitions if you wish.

Hope to see you all soon—our first meeting will be on Wednesday October 3rd.

Lynn McDonald (President)



September Wild Side

Our annual trip up north was breezy but generally dry and I saw dolphins, so all is right with the world! All the expected local wildlife was hiding when we were there, including the red squirrels.

Maybe I'll be lucky enough to see them nearer home anyway; there are still reports of them along the back road toward Traquair. It's been a few years since I've seen one and that was just in the garden. The spread of squirrel pox is a great threat to the reds, so hopefully it's progress will be slow.

I'm always interested to hear of people's sightings of interesting wildlife and was pleased to be told recently of two nuthatches visiting a garden feeder. From the lady's descriptions it sounded like a parent and youngster. Our woodpeckers do this too. Either mum or Dad often accompanies a youngster out on their first feeding forays. It must take some practice to handle a nut feeder. Balance is everything. I'm pleased to hear of more and more nuthatches around here. They are such lovely birds although a family can be rather noisy. They do tend to be shy though than some garden birds.

As my mother often says 'the nights are drawing in' now and there is a definite touch of Autumn in the air. The cherry trees opposite the Post are starting to

redden and the rowans are well laden with berries with the odd leaf starting to show first tint. We are approaching fungi season so I expect to see plenty of toadstools and mushrooms and with having such a damp summer, both should be plentiful. The damp weather has kept the wasp numbers down, but I notice now there are lots of crane flies or daddy long legs about. The swallows and martins are on their last big feeds, stocking up for the long flight south they will embark on later this month- hopefully they'll stock up on a few daddy long legs! The bats seem plentiful too. If we put the outside light on at night they take great advantage of its attraction to insects and swoop down feeding frantically. Bats are about to enter their mating season although they won't give birth until the spring. The most common, pipistrelles can live about 15 years, so have long established colonies sometimes consisting of several hundred individuals each eating upto 3000 insects a night. With all these insect feeders, you'd think there wouldn't be enough left to bother us. How wrong could we be?

Walkerburn Community Council News

There was no August meeting of the Community Council but members have still been quite busy! SBC has agreed in principle to re-build the steps between High Cottages and the A72 and to demolish the old toilet block and landscape the ground. Hall Street should be resurfaced this year so at long last the area will start to look tidy. SBC have also promised action on the landscaping around the new development on Tweedholm Avenue.

We have also been told that the garden ground at Sunnybrae Lodge will be tidied up soon with the bushes and trees which obscure the War Memorial and hinder movement on the pavement being cut right back.

The Police report that there have been a couple of incidents involving drugs in the area and that drink driving and underage drinking remain problems in Tweeddale.

The application for a new farmhouse and steading on the ancient monument at West Bold has been withdrawn. The two other planning applications involving West Bold are still going through the system. We expect to hear soon when they will be taken at the Area Committee.

The Area Committee approved the planning application for a car wash and second hand care sales business in the old mill car park for a three year period, in spite of a number of objections. We understand that Cllr Garvie was not at the meeting and that Cllr Bhatia voted against the proposal on the grounds that it would not improve the appearance of the village. However, Cllr Herd apparently thought it would be good for the village.

Discussions continue on local pathway development and on the development of a chairlift of some kind for the Red Bull Run at Innerleithen. There is some indication that some people are trying to persuade objectors to the Minch Moor windfarm proposal to drop their objections if money from the developer could be used to pay for the chairlift.

The next meeting of the Community Council is on Monday 17th September at 7pm in the Public Hall. Everyone is welcome.

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Meetings

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

** Last month's Community Council Contacts list contained the wrong address and telephone number for one of the members. Apologies for any domestic friction or scurrilous gossip this may have caused.*

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.

*Any club or organisation who would
like a free table at this event to sell items
please contact Patricia Purves 870 447
or Denise Hanks 870 200*