



BURNing Issues



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WALKERBURN AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL 2008 ELECTIONS

Nominations are sought from residents interested in serving on the Community Council for the next three years. There are three vacancies.

The Community Council is established to act as a link between the community and public bodies such as the Council and the Scottish Executive. It is used as a sounding board on a broad range of policy issues. Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at 7.30pm in the Public Hall and members are expected to attend most meetings each year. In addition, there are seminars and training opportunities which are voluntary and usually held on Saturdays or Wednesday evenings.

So what kind of person should apply? Anyone over the age of 18 who is a registered voter and is interested in the future of Walkerburn and District. You must be willing to give some time to read papers, to listen to comments from other residents, to think about issues and to carry out

some basic research if necessary. Above all, you must be willing to take decisions in the general community interest, without prejudice. If there is a contest for places, then polling day will be Friday 30th May 2007.

Please ask the Community Council Secretary, Patricia Purves, on 01896 870447 for more information and a nomination form. Nominations must be submitted by midday Friday 23rd May.

Youth Thanks

The Walkerburn Youth Project wish to thank Eric & Evelyn at the Post Office and all the Villagers who donated money to buy a Nintendo Wii for the project. Once again many thanks.

Your Ideas! Your Community! Your Plan!

**Open Evening Friday 30th May
7pm 9pm
Village Hall**

Refreshments provided.

This is your opportunity to give your views and ideas on the direction you would like Walkerburn to take over the next 5-10 years.

A brief introduction will be given at 7pm but you can drop in at any time and stay for as long or short a time as you want.

Bring the children their views are important too.

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IT'S FESTIVAL TIME!

The Festival Coffee Morning on Saturday 3 May 2008 was well supported.

Congratulations to our Festival Lass 2008 Charlotte Miller and Essay Prize winner Jian Anderson, we hope you both enjoy your duties at the Festival Week.

Thank you to all the people who donated prizes, cake & candy and bought raffle tickets.

We managed to raise the sum of £315.02 which will be split with the school.

Jill Fraser (President)

**The full Festival
Programme of events
can be found
on Page 3**

May Wild Side

As the natural world goes, this is the best time of year to get out and about between showers and watch some wildlife.

Everything's green and lush and the creatures are busying themselves for their new families. There's been some rapid plant growth and I've had my first sightings of the year of bumble bees, butterflies, various birds and on May 1st, the cuckoo was first heard. Further afield, I've seen the osprey down near Thornilee and a female deer down at Clovenfords, as well as a pair of magpies.

The first bats have shown their faces on these lighter evenings too and with all their and the swallows and martins activity in the damp evenings, I know there are plenty of flies out and about.

You may have given your lawn its first cut by now and hopefully started off this years compost heap. I've been pleased to empty out one of my compost bins to mulch the flower beds and it is very satisfying to think this free, nutritious mulch has made itself from our waste 'green stuff'. It definitely isn't waste after all! Last summer it was home to a colony of ants. Ants have a highly organised working and social life based on instinct and communication through pheromones.

Their society resembles bees in that they have an egg laying queen, female worker ants and males. The ant usually found in gardens is the black ant and it feeds in part on the honeydew of aphids. Meadow ants 'farm' the aphids by keeping aphid eggs in its mounded nest over winter and putting them out to 'graze' in the spring. The red ant, which lives under stones, can sting and many of the ant species will defend themselves by biting or squirting acid. This formic acid is sometimes used by birds which apply ants to their feathers it is thought in order to kill parasites. The jay, for instance, will hunt out a wood ants nest and aggravate the occupants enough that they squirt it with the acid. When you disturb ants in the garden they are interesting to watch as they gather reinforcements against 'the invader' and move eggs and pupae to 'safety'. Always better to be watching from a reasonable distance though. And, as long as they stay in the garden and don't invade the house, they're welcome enough.

WALKERBURN RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

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Dates

May

Sun 25th Cancer Research Walk & Barbecue at WRFC. Committe Meeting 7pm

June

Sun 1st AGM & Election of Office Bearers 7pm

Sat 7th End of Season Party 7pm

Wed 18th School Sports 1pm

Wed 25th WRFC v Bowling Club 7pm

Fri 27th W'burn Festival Fancy Dress 6pm



WALKERBURN R.F.C. DINNER SATURDAY 17th MAY 2008

6.30 for 7pm

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Walkerburn RFC 200 Club May 2008 Winners

£50 41: Mary Millar
£10199: A Clapperton
£5 25: A Thoms
£5 40: T Scott

WALKERBURN SUMMER FESTIVAL 2008 PROGRAMME

Here's our programme of what's on at the Festival Week starting Sunday 22/6/08. A more polished programme will be out later when Lornajane has all the final confirmations!

Sun 22nd June

Church Service 10.30am

War Memorial 11.20am

ANNUAL SPORTS & FUN IN THE PARK AT ALEXANDRA PARK

Sports 1.30 - 3.00pm, prize money, sweets & treats.

Fun in the Park 3.15 - 5.30pm, old clothes & towels for some messy fun.

*We are unable to hold the Paul Cup this year due to reduced numbers of Primary School Children

Mon 23rd June

Festival Concert 6.45 - 8.30pm.

Procession leaves school at 6.15pm.

Installation at 6.45pm of Festival Lass & presentation of the Walkerburn Essay Prize.

Doors open at 6.15pm. Entrance £2.00 & £1.00

Tues 24th June

Family Bike Ride 6.30pm HBMI Club to Elibank and back. Pit stop at Elibank House for refreshments.

BBQ at the HBMI Club afterwards.

Wed 25th June

Kids Karaoke Disco 7.00-9.00pm HBMI Club prizes sponsored by HBMI club

Thurs 26th June

Principals Party at Hall

Fun Quiz Night 7.30 - 8.30pm

HBMI Club teams of 4 @ £10.00. Cash Prizes

Fri 27th June

Fancy Dress Parade 6.30pm at Alexandra Park.

Patron's Tent open 8.00 - 10.00pm.

Judging at 7.00pm

Classes

1 Boys under 5 years

2 Girls under 5 years

3 Boys 5-8 years

4 Girls 5-8 years

5 Mixed ages 9-15 years

6 Couple under 10 years

7 Couple over 11 years

8 Adult 16+

9 3 or more, up to 15 years

10 3 or more, 16 years & over

11 Decorated motorised vehicle

12 Decorated non motorise vehicle

14 Outstanding

Parade at 7.30pm.

Route as last year along Park Avenue, along Tweedholm Avenue, along Park Avenue into Alexandra Park to collect prize money.

Torchlight Procession 10.00pm

From circle at bottom of Tweedholm Avenue to Alexandra Park (torches P7 & upwards)

Bonfire from 10.30pm

Harry's Disco at HBMI Club 8 - till late

Sat 28th June

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Sun 29th June

Boat Race 1.00pm HBMI Club. Come & race your home made toy boat on the Tweed.

BBQ from 1.00pm. Domino Tournament from 3.00pm

Patron's Tent is open again this year: £5.00 donation per person.

Please fill in the slip below and forward to Jill at 122 Tweedholm Avenue Walkerburn EH43 6AS

I / We wish to be a Patron of Summer Festival 2008:

Name / Names:

Address:.....

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Enclosed Payment of:.....

Get Fit and Stay in Shape for the Summer

Organised and funded by The Healthy Living Network there are TWO FREE exercise classes being run every Wednesday evening at the Village Hall. (Except first Wednesday in the month when the Rural hold their monthly meeting)

From **6.30-7.30pm** there is **Fitness Pilates** which is a gentler form of exercise, followed by **Aerobics** to music which is a really fast routine with a bit of kick boxing thrown in to add some variety. The Aerobics class is from **7.30-8.30pm**.

Both classes are free (at the moment) and are really good fun. You can come to just the Fitness Pilates or to the Aerobics or to both. So come on Walkerburn lets get Physical!!!

Thanks From Helen

Helen Finney would like to thank all her family and friends for the cards, flowers, gifts and good wishes that they sent following her recent operation and stay in hospital. She would also like to say an extra big thank you to the children

at the Nursery, Primary School and After School Club for the cards and pictures they sent too.

The next
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editorial meeting will be on
Wednesday June 4th
at the Vestry, 7.30pm.

Walkerburn Community Council Report

Below is a summary taken from the Draft minutes of the meeting held on Monday 21st April.

Chairman's Introduction. The Chairman welcomed all present. He reported that arrangements were in place for the 2008 elections: nominations were due by midday 23rd May and if required the election would be held on Friday 30th May from 2pm to 8pm in the anteroom of the Hall. This was the same evening as the general community meeting but that should be manageable.

Open Questions. It was reported that not all households had received the latest instructions re plastic recycling, notably houses on Peebles Road and in the countryside, and that some households seemed not to have received a resupply of plastic bags. Cllr Herd promised to follow this up. The Burning Issues Team wanted to know whether it would be possible to make the police report available, even as part of the CC minutes. The secretary promised to ask PC Rogerson.

Monthly Briefing from WCDDT. WCDDT had offered assistance to the Rugby Club but had also warned, and it was an issue which faced any organisation, that the club would have to become more open to the community. Negotiations over the possible sale of the church building continued but, as ever, depended on the community supporting the effort and a proper business case.

Police Business. PC Rogerson had sent members a note of recent activity in Walkerburn and District. There had been no major incidents

Matters Arising.

Drains on A72 at High Cottages. Cllr Logan reported that the blocked drain had been cleared. After some discussion, he promised to seek a more regular schedule for clearing this drain and the one immediately above it on the A72 since considerable amounts of debris were collected by both.

Planning.

a. Erection of Dwelling house 08/00547/FUL, Garden Ground 41,43,44 Peebles Road. No objections provided that the frontage is roughly in line with the

existing row of houses and that parking and road access is to the satisfaction of the authority.
b. Erection of Dwelling house 08/00384/ful, Tweedbank, Peebles Road. No objections provided that parking and road access is to the satisfaction of the authority.

c. Erection of Two Semi-detached Dwelling houses 08/00624/FUL, Park Avenue. No objections.

Correspondence.

Data Protection. It was agreed that no action would be taken until the secretary had attended the 28th May meeting.

Afternote: The secretary has been assured that this line is acceptable to SBC.

Forestry Plan Meeting 9th May. Miss McIntosh, Mr Thornton and Mr Purves will attend.

SBCCN Newsletter/Christmas Lights. The secretary reported that the owners of the Post Office were willing to 'host' a light. It was agreed that the secretary should progress the purchase.
Assoc of Scottish Community Councils Membership Renewal. Agreed that WCC should remain a member at the annual cost of £15

Innerleithen Uplift Working Group. The vice chairman stated that there was nothing new to report.

Reports by Members.

a. The Ospreys were nesting once more in the District. SNH were aware but members asked that the secretary remind both SNH and the Planners that the nest site was within the windfarm area.

b. The wooden slatted surface on the bridge over the old dam beside the HB Club was eroding and rotting. The gaps were reported as becoming dangerous for elderly residents with walking sticks. Cllr Logan promised to investigate remedial action.

c. Mr Kerr would represent WCC as well as East Tweeddale Pathways Group at the consultation meeting on the draft Core Path Plan 2008. In a short discussion, it was pointed out that many people felt

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disappointed that the longer term strategic aims discussed at length during the consultation did not appear in the Plan even as aspirations. Members noted that the Plan had to be budget driven but felt that an opportunity to record in detail the community's aspirations for the Core Path Network had been lost. Cllr Garvie promised to follow this up.

d. The Chairman reminded members that they should claim motor mileage (at IR rate of 40p) and other necessary expenses when on WCC business. The secretary and treasurer will devise a simple claim form to make this easier.

e. Some difficulties with the landowner meant that plans for the path network to the north of the village were on hold with the concentration this year now being to waymark paths on Forestry ground.

f. Residents remained concerned at the slippery surface on the A72 where reportedly an anti skid surface had been installed at Thorneylee. The 30mph signs were still in place and there were still large holes in the boundary wall. Cllr Logan promised to investigate

Reports by SBC Councillors. Cllr Logan apologised that once again signage on the back road had been wrongly placed but reported that at the next meeting SBC officers would start to fine the organisers if signage was wrong. Cllr Garvie explained that all roads in Walkerburn will be inspected fully in the near future but in the meantime temporary patching will be used on potholes. Hall St

remains on the list of projects for this FY. Cllr Garvie reported that efforts were continuing to find a replacement for the Traquair Day Care Centre and that an all-party group had been established in the Council to look at the problems/gaps created by the demise of SEB. Members expressed concern over the way in which SEB was being broken up with assets being sold willy-nilly without the knowledge of community groups and the secretary would write formally. Cllr Herd reported that the SBC flood prevention officer denied that there was any flood risk from the erosion on the banking south and upstream of the bridge. Mr Purves suggested to Cllr Herd that he should get this put in writing by the officer concerned. After some heated discussion, it was agreed that a site visit would be useful and Cllr Herd will try to arrange this with the Director and his senior staff. Mr Kerr, Mr Purves, and Mr Thornton will ensure that one of them represents WCC at this meeting.

Any Other Business. Mr Thornton raised the question of a visit to the Constituency MSP at the Scottish Parliament. The secretary agreed to investigate possibilities. The Treasurer had reported that he had failed to find someone to inspect the accounts since the sad death of Mrs Cockburn last year. It was agreed that the Secretary and Mrs Horsburgh would approach Mrs Tucker to see if she could help

Date of Next Meeting. 19th May 2008 at 7.30pm

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