



BURNing Issues



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THERE MAY BE CHANGES AHEAD!!

There is a lot going on at present, which will affect Walkerburn and District for many years to come. The Development Trust and the Community Council are doing their best to represent everyone's views but please make sure we know what you think before it is too late!

The Development Trust is investigating possible community uses for the church building, and possible sources of funding. Any ideas welcome and if you have time to become involved in this exciting work then consider joining the Trust.

The Community Council, along with the Development Trust, is drawing up a strategic plan for Walkerburn and District. In many ways this will be a 'wish list' but the plan will concentrate on what could be delivered to benefit the community in the future.

Led by the Development Trust, but with representatives from the Community Council, a working group is liaising with Innerleithen Development Trust and Ettrick and Yarrow Community Council to make sure that if AMEC go ahead with the windfarm on Minch Moor some benefit comes to our 3 communities. Everything is at a very early stage but the plan is to share any benefit equally between the 3 communities and to use the Development Trust to administer any funds granted.

Both the Development Trust and the Community Council are working with the Council and

our local MSPs to progress some development at the old mill site.

Various housing developers are expressing interest in sites in and around the village. The Community Council wants to know what people think about potential large and small scale developments. Look out for news in Burning Issues!

An appraisal study has looked at the costs and feasibility of installing a lift to the top of the Red Bull Run for walkers, sightseers and bikers. The cost is £10 million and funding possibilities are being investigated. (Problem if AMEC builds a windfarm on Minch Moor)

The information open evening at the end of May was not well attended but a big thank you to the 27 residents who expressed views. Now, in this issue, there is a short questionnaire at the back. Please take time to fill it in and drop it off at the Post Office or hand it to any Development Trust Director or Community Council member.

Your views really do count - but only if you make them known!

Picnic and Party on the Pitch

At 2pm on Wednesday 23rd July there will be a picnic at the Rugby pitch for the children from the Chernobyl tragedy, who are staying in the Borders this summer.

We want to extend a warm Walkerburn welcome to these children and give them an opportunity to get together with their friends and local children to have loads of fun. Local children aged between 8-12 are welcome however for reasons of safety all children must be accompanied by an adult.

We have a number of activities planned, both inside and out (incase the weather decides not to co-operate) including Belly Dancing, Rounders, Sumo Wrestling

and other Party Games.

There will be picnic type refreshments available.

We are very grateful to the various clubs, organisations and individuals who have volunteered equipment or to help out at this event, but as always we could do with more, so please if you can help out, either with food, games or time, please contact me.

Denise Hanks 01896 870200

Next BURNing Issues Meeting

The next meeting of the Newsgroup will take place on Tuesday August 5th in the Vestry at 7.30pm.

Please send any material you wish to be included in the August edition to us by this date.

Walkerburn Festival Week

Despite the weather, Walkerburn enjoyed it's Festival Week. Read all about it on page three of this issue. The email version of this newsletter features additional photographs of all the fun, in colour. To subscribe to this, send your email address to: walkerburnnews@hotmail.com.

Pictured on the left is Festival Lass Charlotte, with the festival principals from Peebles and Innerleithen.



July Wild Side

Our brood of blue tits fledged successfully the middle of last month and Mum & Dad have been busy flitting amongst the trees feeding their young ever since, like many other birds.

We've been getting visits from a family of goldfinches, quite noisy visitors, but delightful to watch learning the ropes. We've lots of young house sparrows visiting the garden again this year as well as dunnocks and great tits. The pied wagtail that visits, we think is on a second brood nearby. Its amazing watching him 'work' the lawn, filling his beak to bursting with insects. He returns within a couple of minutes to start all over again. There is an abundance of pied wagtails this year and plenty grey wagtails about too. They nest near the water so with a wander by one of the burns or the Tweed, you are sure to spot one. There's lots of bird activity at the moment, even the osprey's been feeding in Walkerburn. I'm jealous it wasn't me that saw it! Our only bird of prey has been the sparrowhawk on frequent visits. It, of course, will have its own family to feed.

It's well reported that this is, for some reason, not a good year for moths or honeybees and certainly I haven't seen as many butterflies as usual either. It is a good year for bumbles though and there are plenty about. I thought the small bumble bees were just young bees but many of them aren't bumble bees at all, they're a kind of what is known as a solitary bee. Bee identification is a minefield and to some extent so are many insects, in my opinion. We have masses of these solitary bees anyway and they seem to have happily taken over the job of pollination. As Summer really starts to come in we will need them busy in order to harvest a bumper crop of fruit and veg ready to enter the Vegetable Society's show in September. So don't be too busy with the pesticides just now.

Recipe for Elderflower Champagne

Make your own bubbly with this elderflower champagne recipe whilst the elderflowers are in full flower.

Ingredients

About 24-30 elderflower heads, in full bloom

2kg sugar

4 litres hot water

Juice and zest of four lemons

1-2 tablespoons white wine vinegar

A pinch of dried yeast (you may not need this)

Makes 24 bottles

Method: How to make elderflower champagne

1. Put the hot water and sugar into a large container (a spotlessly clean bucket is good) and stir until the sugar dissolves, then top up with cold water to 6 litres.

2. Add the lemon juice and zest, the vinegar and the flower heads and stir gently.

3. Cover with clean muslin and leave to ferment in a cool, airy place for a couple of days. Take a look at the brew at this point, and if it's not becoming a little foamy and obviously beginning to ferment, add a pinch of yeast.

4. Leave the mixture to ferment, again covered with muslin, for a further four days. Strain the liquid through a sieve lined with muslin and decant into sterilised glass bottles.

5. Seal and leave to ferment in the bottles for a further eight days before serving, chilled.

Public Toilets - Hall Street

The old toilets are beyond recovery and must be demolished. At long last the Council, the Hall Committee and the Community Council have agreed to split the costs of demolition.

Thanks to Councillors Garvie, Herd and Logan the Council money was voted through at the June meeting

of the Tweeddale Area Committee. The contract is being managed by the Council and work should start soon.

The area will just be grassed over in the meantime until we all decide the best use for the space - and raise some money to do something else.

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Dear Walkerburn,

On behalf of Walkerburn Summer Festival committee I would like to thank you all for making festival week so enjoyable. We would particularly like to thank Charlotte, our Festival Lass, who carried out her duties impeccably. Her infectious laugh rang out, and beaming smile shone (even if the sun sometimes didn't); from the church service on Sunday until very late on Friday night. We want to congratulate and give a huge thank you to Jian, our Mollie McIntosh MBE Essay Winner. Firstly for reminding us why the history and traditions of Walkerburn are so important to our community, secondly for winning the cup at the sports, and thirdly for telling us that she had a really good time.

The Festival could not go ahead each year without the goodwill and participation of the parents and residents (past and present), the support of local businesses, our individual patrons and loyal helpers. We thank you all.

We had to save our last and most heartfelt thank you to the children and young people of Walkerburn, who make our year long effort so worth while. They have fun, show us respect, stick to the rules and look out for each

Raffle Prize Winners Drawn on 27th June

- 1st: £75 Cash Allan Rathburn
- 2nd: Heath & Dine Day for 2 at Cardrona
Eric @ The Post Office
- 3rd: Meal for 2 at George Hotel Flora Rathburn
- 4th: Family Pass for Traquair Fair Sam McLaughlin
- 5th: Glass & Coasters from Castle Warehouse
Betty Morton
- 6th: Back Massage at Cardrona Joan Jude
- 7th: Mountain Bike Lesson Ali Cockburn
- 8th: Jedforest Deer & Farm Pack Family Pass
Mac McDonald
- 9th: Kailzie Gardens Family Pass Joanne Brown
- 10th: Bacardi Morag Fraser
- 11th: Vodka Steven Irvine
- 12th: Tia Maria Gill Miller
- 13th: Gin Gill Miller
- 14th: Morgans Spiced Rum L Hackett
- 15th: Bells Whisky Mary Allen
- 16th: Martini Paul Moss
- 17th: Wine Lewis Lothian
- 18th: Childrens Books Albert Houston
- 19th: Wine Mac McDonald
- 20th: Wine Jian Anderson
- 21st: Wine Dawn McIntosh
- 22nd: Wine Jeremy Ballantyne
- 23rd: Wine Anne Stephenson
- 24th: Wine Matt Anderson
- 25th: Port Greg Rodger
- 26th: Cuddly Toys Kenny Comfrey
- 27th: Cuddly Toys Iona McMurdo

other! Whether on the bike ride, the bouncy castle, the canoes, or going down the water slide; from age 2 to age 18, they all wait their turn and are sensible. They make volunteering to help at the festival a privilege. Most importantly, this years torchlight procession, and lighting of the bonfire was our biggest ever, and every young person there behaved with maturity and responsibility. The committee are very proud of you all. Thank you.

Let's do it again next year.

Kind Regards, Donna Allen (Co-opted Secretary)

Walkerburn Festival Essay 2008

Henry Ballantyne founded Walkerburn in 1854. He named Walkerburn after the people who walked over cotton in the burn.

The first council house was built in 1962 long after he founded Walkerburn.

They had loads of games similar to ours for example tag, bowling, tennis, mini golf and more.

The school was built in 1862 long after World War 1 and 2 ended. The river bank was called Rather Bank.

The Walkerburn railway station closed in 1962.

We all love Walkerburn, we get more freedom because it's more safe. We have lots of games just like in history.

We are involved in loads of activities, roller skates, blades, skateboarding and youth club heeling.

We would like a swimming centre, clothes mall, another tennis court, putting golf, mini cinema, heeling and skating centre, more children for our school that means more houses, and car parks so people can park in, so they don't park on the pavement.

Jian Anderson



Congratulations to Paul Lavender c/o the Post Office, who was first to arrive at West Lodge Elibank on the Festival Cycle Ride Out.

School Report

I am aware that I have not written for sometime, missing deadlines - school has been so busy. I thought that a review of the year might be in order.

I would like to take this opportunity also to thank parents and friends who have saved Sainsbury's Active School Vouchers. We have collected just under 9000 and have ordered lots of sports equipment for next session.

The year started with bang with a school inspection and we seem to have been running just to keep up ever since! We are now busy working through the Action Plan the school developed to address the key points raised through the inspection. These were to increase the children's understanding of and work in ICT throughout the curriculum. Secondly, to bring together the curriculum, particularly focussing on Environmental studies and progression in skills, problem solving and increasing the amount of mental maths and lastly where possible to increase our National Assessment scores, although the inspection team did commend our support of children who did not attain the National expected levels.

We have been engaged in a variety of 'Eco-projects' culminating in a 'Green Day Event with an 'Ethical Lunch'. We have a display in the school relating to this which you would be very welcome to come and see. For the 'Green Day' event children participated in a variety of workshops; a wild flower walk, planting tubs and tree beds with annuals, making 'green' snacks, junk modelling, puppets from old socks, making instruments out of trash and designing a miniature garden on a tray.

After that the children prepared an 'ethical lunch' where we tried to produce food that was healthy, minimal packaging, with the waste recyclable or compostable, Fair Trade, grown locally (that is challenging to source), organic or free range. After lunch each group prepared a poster about their food in relation to the above issues. It is amazing how aware the children are becoming about food miles, composting and recycling.

Following this they went for a rubbish hunt and some children put anti-dog fouling posters around the village. We hope that the children's work will have an impact and Walkerburn will remain cleaner.

We planted a mini- woodland at the end of March and nearly all of the trees in the site have now started to grow. The willows are particularly good. Most of the children raised sponsor money to buy their trees and we hope to be able to contribute to developing the site further in the near future.

This project, together with the anti-dog fouling posters contributed to us being awarded the Silver Eco-Schools Award. We are also awaiting a John Muir Award for helping to conserve a Wild space. This work took us up to Dunbar to visit John Muir's birthplace and learn a little about his life. If you do not know he developed the concept of the 'National Park' and is probably better known in America for his work, in

particular, founding the Yosemite National Park. We have also participated in a 'Forest Schools' project lead by Anna Craigen of Borders Forest Trust. The children learned a good deal about woodlands and also made several recyclable pieces of Art from natural material on site. They learned some games, such as 'bat and moth' which help them understand the predator /prey relationship. To finish this project we spent a day in Wooplaw Woods, building shelters.

We are already planning our next development hopefully to grow some of our own food on land adjacent to the school playground. Watch this space for more details.

We have had Music, P.E. and Art specialists in school over the course of this year. They have provided the children with richer learning experiences than we could provide alone.

Another learning experience is participating in various sporting activities and competitions, often across or between schools. The children have not won anything but the joining in and team work is important. Often we want the children to work at some of their tasks in this way at school.

Both primary classes have had the opportunity to work in a cross-curricular fashion, by developing a 'story line' approach to their project work. This has been developed by Miss Menzies and has helped the children to make sense of new information as they come across it in many different learning contexts. For example, when Primary 4-7 studied the Second World War they progressed through their topic by creating a family who lived at the time and beginning to understand some of the experiences they may have had. Thus music of the time, history, art, writing and reading non-fiction can all be brought in to help understanding grow. The children also considered health issues through rationing and with the kind help of our newest volunteer, Mrs Stoddart, who made some of the war time recipes from a cook-book of the times.

At the early primary end of the school we have been developing more active approaches to learning. For example maths and language are predominantly taught through games and activities, often using the outside as an additional classroom. These developments make the transition from Nursery to Primary 1 smoother and help children to learn in a style appropriate to their age and stage.

So to close, we have said goodbye to Mrs Elder, whose temporary contract has ended, and we welcome Mrs Hanlin, next term who will job-share with myself the Primary 4-7 class, starting back at 8:55 on Tuesday 19th August.

If any of the above aspects of our work has caught your interest and you would like to help us develop them further, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Walkerburn Community Development Trust
AGM in Walkerburn Village Hall
Wednesday 20th August at 7.00pm.
Everyone Welcome.

2009 Walkerburn Calendar

We are looking for some photos for next year's calendar. Do you have any interesting, unusual photos of Walkerburn or the surrounding area? If you are willing to let us use them please send them by email to walkerburnnews@hotmail.com

Walkerburn Community Council Report

The June meeting was preceded by the AGM, highlights below .

Chairman's Report 2007-2008 The usual mix of good and bad news. We still haven't got rid of the old public toilets and the number of complaints about pot holes and general deterioration in road and pavement surfaces continue to rise. We have had good support from our regional councillors and we are pleased that they seem able to put politics to one side and work for the good of the community.

The amount of work expected of community councils continues to rise and we are often asked to comment on papers where we lack expert knowledge. It often seems as if there is consultation for the sake of consultation.

No decision has yet been taken on the AMEC application for a windfarm on the Minch Moor. There is strong opposition locally but we have opened negotiations with AMEC on community benefit, in cooperation with Innerleithen and Ettrick and Yarrow in case the worst comes to the worst and we are faced with a windfarm on the moor.

Pressure on land for housing appears to be easing slightly though we are aware that the owners of both Caberston Farm and West Bold Farm are eager to see major housing development on their land. We remain supportive of the phased development of Caberston Farm but are sceptical at the prospect of major housing development south of the river because of the potential blight on tourism and the difficulty of incorporating a large scale development in the south into the village.

Finally, WCC continued to fight plans to close rural post offices.

Treasurer's Report The account is in a healthy state partly because funds have been laid aside to assist with landscaping costs in Hall Street both at the old toilet block and at the junction with Tweedholm Avenue. This work has not been progressed because of delays in the resurfacing of Hall Street, the demolition of the old toilets and in difficulties of ensuring that the developer

pays his share of the landscaping at the new houses in line with the condition in his planning application. In addition, funds were earmarked for the purchase of a new noticeboard for the Post Office. Again this is delayed until the new owners are more certain about their future plans.

In summary:

Balance carried forward: £1,427.70

Inputs (SBC grant, donations etc): £2,006.51

Expenditure (meetings, expenses etc): £1,994.93

Closing balance carried forward: £1,439.28

Earmarked Funds

Hall Street Landscaping: £500

Toilet Block: £500

Noticeboard for Post Office: £350

Members noted the report and agreed that earmarked funds should remain at the level stated. Cllr Herd welcomed the fact that WCC budgets effectively and reported that he had proposed to the Chief Executive SBC that disused PCs could be issued to Community Councils. Members also noted that funds were very tight and did not allow much flexibility of spend.

2008 Elections The Secretary reported that Miss McIntosh and Mr Brett had been elected and that Ms Ogilvie had been co-opted. A vote of thanks was made to the Returning Officer, Dr Jan Henderson. The secretary then called for nominations for the office bearer posts. There was only one nomination for each post and the following were elected:

Chairman	Dr S Henderson
Vice Chairman.	Miss MM McIntosh
Secretary.	Mrs PS Purves
Treasurer	R Brett
Planning Matters	Mr G Thornton
Health Matters	Ms I Ogilvie

Appointment of Auditor The Secretary proposed Mrs M Tucker as the auditor. This was agreed.

Date of Next AGM 15th June 2009.

Below is a summary taken from the Draft minutes of the meeting held on Monday 16th June.

As Cllr Logan had to leave early his report was submitted first.

SBC Councillors Reports.

a. The footbridge over the dam beside the HB Club was to be replaced using Quality of Life Scheme funding but that work would not be carried out in this financial year.

b. He had raised the issue of the Hall St toilets at the Area Committee and hoped that at the next meeting a plan would be put in place for their demolition.

c. The dog fouling warden had visited the village and some new bins were in place. Members commented that the bins were welcome.

d. Repairs to the wall on the A72 at Thorneylee were almost complete but roads did not consider the surface to be slippery. Members vehemently disagreed.

e. The uplift of garden waste from Caberston Avenue was impossible. There were only 6 bins and residents could choose to either have their garden waste collected with the normal waste or it might be possible to provide compost bins. Members were concerned at the attitude to this problem being displayed but agreed that the secretary and Ms Ogilvie would approach residents

of both High Cottages and Caberston Avenue and canvass their views before WCC took a stance since to date only 3 residents had complained to WCC.

f. The owners of 2 Caberston Ave had been advised to submit a retrospective planning application. He would ask Planners to look into the need for planning authority for the deck at 8 Caberston Ave.

g. He had noted a skip in Caberston Road, which was not licensed. Members pointed out that this particular skip was not seen as a safety issue whereas the skip and rubbish at 2 Caberston Ave had been a safety issue ignored by the Council for some time the skip has moved but the rubbish on the pavement remains. However, it was agreed that Mr Kerr would approach the user of the skip in Caberston Road and arrange for it either to be licensed or moved. He will report back to Cllr Logan.

h. He had not been able to progress the need to rebuild the path from Tweedholm Ave to the A72 since it was not on SBC land. SB Local could carry out some general tidying up work on a grace and favour basis but all

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agreed that more than this was necessary. It was agreed that the secretary would seek permission from SBHA to carry out remedial work if SBHA would not do so themselves. WCC would then attempt with WCDT to raise funds to carry out the work.

Cllr Herd reported that:

a. He had thoroughly enjoyed his task of judging the art competition at Walkerburn Primary School and considered the standard so high that extra prizes had to be awarded.

b. He was delighted that the recycling leaflets had now been delivered and explained that some houses in the village had been missed out, possibly mainly flats at the back of blocks, however he had been told that rural areas had been covered. Members commented that WCC had indeed now covered rural areas but a number of households had been completely missed by SBC.

c. He was arranging a site meeting at the bridge with David Campbell (Flood Prevention) and a bridge engineer. He would give the secretary the date and time and she could then contact Mr Thornton, Mr Kerr and Mr Purves to see who could attend. Members reminded Cllr Herd that the problem was not imminent flooding of the village but the damage caused by the re-routing of the river because of work on the banks upstream and the potential damage to the electricity sub station, bridge and recreation areas, including Alexandra Park.

d. He noted the report by Ms Ogilvie in the last minutes on the Public Participation Forum but made the point that health spending was being increased. He noted that NHS Borders had been running in debt for many years and was now trying to run within budget. This meant that difficult decisions had to be made but there should not be a diminution in services because their overall budget had been increased by 3.1% and the Scottish Government had promised that the 2% efficiency savings demanded would be paid back into frontline services. He pointed out that it might make sense to close beds in the summer months when there was less demand but that he was urging NHS Borders to set up a flexible enough system to allow beds to be re-opened quickly if demand warranted it. This applied particularly to the case of Hay Lodge Hospital and he made the point that it was critical that elderly patients could rely on a bed locally rather than having to go elsewhere. He stated that he considered that there were huge inefficiencies within the NHS, particularly in management, and that it was essential that efficiencies were made to ensure more spending on patient services. Ms Ogilvie, in thanking him for his comments, remarked that management in the NHS carries on expanding whilst patient services get cut.

Open Questions. a. Residents complained about two regular offenders failing to pick up dog dirt and Cllr Herd promised to pass on details to the warden: On Peebles Road between the corner with Caberston Road and the Studio, a man with two dogs regularly fails to remove dirt and has ignored friendly requests. Similarly, in Tweedholm Avenue between 10.30pm and 10.45pm a dog is allowed to foul the pavement by an owner who refuses to pick up dog dirt.

B. Flooding at the drain on Galashiels Rd which SBC officers had apparently declared as not creating a problem was raised again since the puddle on the A72 is still being created even in light rain. A resident showed

Cllr Herd exactly where the problem occurred and he promised to follow up.
c. A clean-up of Alexandra Park was requested for the Festival and Cllr Herd promised to try to arrange.

Monthly Briefing from WCDT. Attendance at the Open Evening on 30th May had been disappointing although useful responses had been made by the 25 to 30 residents who did attend. The intention was to use the next edition of Burning Issues to seek residents views on options available. The community action plan was in the process of being written in draft. The three communities affected by the AMEC windfarm had had a useful meeting with the company during which it became clear that AMEC's initial community benefit offer would fall far short of what might be expected. It had been agreed that the communities would carry out some research and hold a private meeting to discuss tactics and the way ahead. In terms of the church, the first stage of the Community Right to Buy was now in place and this meant the church could not be sold until Ministers decided whether or not the community should be allowed first option on the property. In the meantime, WCDT had been successful in gaining funding to work up a conservation statement and to start business planning. Finally, there was a plea for more volunteers to come forward to help with the work being undertaken. Members congratulated WCDT on their progress to date which was of immense value to the village.

Matters Arising. All matters arising had been covered by the Councillors' Reports.

Planning. a. Application 08/00918/FUL for the demolition of the existing semi detached house and erection of a new detached house at 11 Glenbenna was discussed. It was considered that the planning officer's advisory letter and the plans alleviated Concerns about design and appearance and that since the neighbours appeared content that there were no grounds for objection.

b. Erection of Dwellinghouse 08/00547/FUL, Garden Ground 41,43,44 Peebles Road. This application has been rejected by the Area Committee but members noted with surprise a number of errors of fact in the officer's report to that Committee. Erection of Dwellinghouse 08/00384/ful, Tweedbank, Peebles Road. This application was rejected by the Area Committee.

d. A decision on application 08/00384/FUL had been deferred for a site visit but it was suggested that there may again be errors in the officer's report to councillors.

e. AMEC Application for Windfarm. No movement since SBC are still awaiting a new cumulative impact study and a protected species survey.

Correspondence. 1. Notice of the Southern Uplands Partnership AGM in Moffat at 2pm on Thursday 3rd July.

2. Notice of Scottish Borders Festival of Walking which is taking place between 30th August and 6th September based in Galashiels. Advert is on the notice board.

3. June issue of Elder Voice received.

Report on Data Protection Act. The secretary reported that the briefing on the Data Protection Act had been well attended by community councils but had been both disappointing and of poor quality. There had been no answer to the question as to why after 9 years of the Act's existence, the Commissioner should suddenly have decided that Community Councils must register. There had been no logical explanation as to why

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Community Councils which retain minimal data such as members' details which are also a matter of public record should suddenly have to register. Action may be taken against WCC if it does not register. It was agreed that the secretary should take action to register.

Reports by Members.

a. Mr Kerr reported that the Pathways Group was close to completing the annual maintenance cycle on pathways in the area and that plans were being advanced to signpost routes in Caberston Forest. Erica Niven, the SBC Access Officer, was meeting with Mr Kerr to discuss a pathways leaflet for Innerleithen and Walkerburn.

b. A resident had complained about the state of the verges at the junction of Jubilee Road and Tweedvale Place. This is private land and it was suggested that the resident might like to discuss the problem with owners/occupiers.

c. Mr Brett reported that the first part of the formal report on the Uplift Feasibility Study was being circulated and that he would be attending the next meeting. It appears that the informal price tag of £10m set-up costs looks accurate

Any Other Business. The secretary's honorarium was agreed at £400 in recognition of the work and expenses carried out/paid for in the previous year.

Date of Next Meeting. 21st July 2008 at 7.30pm.

Gardening Club

Herewith details of proposed garden visits for July. You can contact me either on **01896 870372**, or by dropping off your details at the Post Office.

Saturday 12 July St Boswells Village Gardens

Saturday 19 July Liddesdale Road, Hawick

Sunday 27 July Glenmayne, Galashiels

Please let me know if you are prepared to offer yourself as a driver - and what time you would like to be picked up at the Post Office (I'm sure passengers would be happy to contribute to petrol costs).

Follow-up details will be provided by e-mail or phone if everyone gets back in touch on the Thursday before the visit.

Regards, Barbara

POLICE REPORT

Walkerburn and District - June 2008

During the calendar month of June police have received a total of 19 calls to the Walkerburn area.

This is broken down as follows:

Road Traffic Collision	1
Reported Crime	2
Road Traffic Matter (Obstructions)	3
Assist members of the Public	6
Anti-Social behaviour (Loud music etc)	7

The bulk of these calls were received between 15.00 - 23.00 hours.

Other notes of interest:

A male from Edinburgh appeared at Peebles Sheriff Court charged with the spate of House breakings that occurred in Peeblesshire. He made no plea and was remanded in custody pending a further appearance.

PC Craig Rogerson, Peebles Police 01721 720637

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Walkerburn RFC '200 Club' July Winners

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£100	26	R Griffiths
£50	45	A Keddie
£10	137	A Aitken
£5	170	G Vannen
£5	1	I Anderson

Fitness Training starts 8th July. The first game is scheduled for August. Those interested should contact Alan Clinch on 07912-950 531.

The Festival Bowling Match was won by the Bowling Club after a most enjoyable challenge. Many thanks to for the delicious teas served afterwards in the clubhouse!

An 'Open Day' is planned for either the 23rd or 30th August. Please come along to support the club and enjoy the fun and games at same time!

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Skirts	£15
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Packs of 3 pants W/WX/OS/XOS/XXOS	£4
1/2 leg White cotton pants W/OS/XOS	£2.50
Vests M/L/XL White	£4
N. Dresses 10-12 - 24-26	£8
N. Dresses 10-12 - 22-24	£12
Pyjamas (all sizes)	£10
Built-up Shoulder Slips 12-30	£6
All-in-one Bras (no fastening)	£5
Cardigans 10-12 - 22-24	£15
Cardigans M-L	£20
Waist Coats £10-12 - 18-20	£15
Capes	£15
Body Warmers - short style Trespass	£10
Jumpers (small & one-size)	£15
Slippers Velcro, machine wash 3-8	£12

Dressing Gowns	£15
Tights, H/ups	£1.50
Pop Socks	75p
Soft Top Socks (pack 3)	£5
Fleeces (when available)	£10

GENTS

Trousers (black & navy)	£20
Vests M-XXL	£4
Pants (1/2 leg)	£2.50
Pyjamas	£10
Cardigans M-XL	£20
Zip-ups M-XL	£15-£20
Jumpers	£15
Boxers (pack3)	£5
Soft Top Socks (pack 3)	£5
Slippers Velcro , machine wash 7-12	£12
Slippers (slip-on)	£10
Joggers (up to 5XL)	£10
Fleece Shirts Camel L & XL	2 for £10
Polo Shirts 2XL-3XL	£10

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QUESTIONNAIRE

WALKERBURN AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY PLAN

The following list reflects some of the areas we think are in need of attention. This list is indicative only and will be worked-up into a business plan, with ideas of costs and funding routes once the community reaches agreement.

Please indicate how important you rate **each idea**, with 5 for very important down to 1 for not very important.

Community space is an important asset.

Create a funding base for on-going, sustainable maintenance of Walkerburn Public Hall and facilities.	
Create a community office and storage on the site of the old toilets.	
Upgrade the hall with double glazing and better heating.	
Provide a base for young people.	
Investigate heating/lighting/pooling of resources for all community owned facilities	

Provide resources to support an effective approach to energy efficiency

Programme of advice and grant support for local residents, businesses and community premises to improve provision and use of energy including micro-renewables and insulation	
Explore a range of local energy efficiency measures and provide funding support for installation, where appropriate	
Develop Solar and geo thermal heating systems for the Public Hall	
Investigate possible hydro electricity schemes.	

Improve facilities for youth, young parents and children and older residents.

Create a playgroup organisation with support for isolated families.	
Provide learning, health and exercise opportunities for senior citizens.	
Provide a fund / resources for senior citizen's needs in general – with the senior citizens themselves in control of it	
Provide new tennis courts and a putting green in Alexandra Park	
Develop a youth adventure trail in Alexandra Park	
Provide exercise opportunities for young people through provision of dance, sports development etc	

Access and suitable transport is a constant issue.

Support transport to out-of-school activities for teenagers.	
Examine the feasibility of the community owning and running its own vehicle – act on this if appropriate.	

Using Green Spaces

Further develop village composting and gardening schemes with gardens not in use 'rented' as allotments.	
Develop planting schemes in public open spaces.	

Support volunteers in the community.

Examine the feasibility of the community employing a development officer/facilities manager	
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Additional infrastructure needs

Improve local tracks and develop new link tracks	
Investigate lack of mobile phone coverage, providing subsidy to obtain suitable coverage if necessary	
Assess needs and tackle affordable housing shortage and shortfall of appropriate housing. Consider setting-up a community housing trust with employed development officer to take this forward.	
Assess feasibility of providing public toilets suitable for local and tourist use.	
Consider possibility of extra picnic, barbecue areas	
Investigate provision of garaging and designated parking spaces. Consider building and renting out garages/lockups as a community business.	
Assess needs and costs of all weather sports pitch.	
Assess needs for public use changing facilities.	

Support a range of locally-driven businesses and services which create income streams

Provide support for creation of new community businesses/ social enterprises which might include – tourism-related, farming and agriculture, and community services such as a community café.	
Support the local Post Office/Shop.	
Investigate the possibility of community ownership of fishing rights.	
Investigate the possibility of the community running a ‘historical sites’ tourist trail, eg terraces and iron age settlements, and possible museum/interpretation site.	
Investigate the possibility of a community owned and run orchard and bee keeping business.	

Housing and Development

Work with planners to develop a brief for the village and district covering the old mill site and other sites suitable for housing or business development	
Work towards the provision of some sheltered/assisted housing in the village	

And what other ideas do YOU have?

Please note down anything which you think would improve the village and district.