



BURNing Issues



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Walkerburn Community Development Trust

The AGM for this charitable company is being held on Wednesday 20th August at 7pm in the Village Hall.

Refreshments will be provided. All members are asked to attend.

The Trust was set up in 2005 to work alongside the Community Council in continuing the regeneration and steering the future development of the Walkerburn community. The Trust is open to all residents over the age of 18 and on the Electoral Roll with membership costing a nominal £1 per year. All we ask is that members attend the AGM unless of course you want to take a more active roll. Any residents who are not members but are interested in the future development and direction of the village are more than welcome to attend the AGM and join up on the evening.

The Board will be looking for everyone's ideas and views on the future development of Walkerburn as well as presenting a brief update on the Trusts proposals for the Village Church and the current position. If you would like more information or cannot attend the AGM please contact us.

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Success For The News Group

Thanks to a grant from the Lottery "Awards for All" fund the News Group are now the proud owners of a new photocopier.

The new machine will give us the opportunity to include more photographs etc in the newsletter as the picture quality is far superior to our old workhorse. The grant will also pay for developing a web site for the news letter which will enable us to not only put the latest edition of the newsletter onto the Web but also all the back copies in our archive.

With the new machine in place we are now in a position to offer photocopying services to individuals, community groups and businesses in the community. A charge of 5p per copy for individuals/community groups and 10p for businesses will be made. If you would like photocopying done please contact George or Lesley Thornton on 870 251.

Community Fair – Advance Notice

The News Group are again combining with the Development Trust to hold a Community Fair in October. There will be 5/6 tables available for other groups or fundraisers to use. If you think your group or cause may be interested please contact Cathie Sutherland for more details on 870 470 or email cathiesutherland@tiscali.co.uk

Next BURNing Issues Meeting

The next **BURNing Issues** editorial meeting will take place on Tuesday September 2nd at 7.30pm in the Vestry.

Please have any material you wish to be published in the September edition to us by that date.

Anyone who wishes to help the newsletter in any way is welcome to come along to the meeting.

Walkerburn Vegetable Association

Another year has gone by and the Show will take place, as usual, in the Village Hall on Saturday 13 September 2008.

If you are interested in gardening, either as a competitor or spectator, we would be grateful for your support.

Schedules are available at the Post Office or from Committee Members.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Colin Grahame (President)

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

August Wild Side

In the middle of July once the weather had become reasonable, we took ourselves up to **Glenholm Wildlife Project at Broughton**, hoping to see some different wildlife and scenery.

The Glenholm project is based on a 1000acre upland sheep farm with four marked paths. We took the riverside walk and it wasn't long before we were walking amongst grasshoppers and various butterflies in verges full of wild flowers and grasses. Taking the boardwalk across marshy ground, we stopped to admire the damsel flies and pond skaters, before reaching the riverside. Numerous small fish darted under the bankside weed as we approached and the far bank was being danced across by lots more butterflies, including lots of common blues; something I haven't seen around Walkerburn. There are otters and plenty evidence of their presence but too sunny for them to venture out while we were there. Although this was the shortest walk, it took us quite a while due to my keep stopping to watch something and, anyway, we had to let the dog have his paddle! A very pleasant, free afternoon and we'll definitely return to see what the other walks offer.

Closer to home, my daughter spotted a pair of strange birds in a nearby field that we were excitedly called to. She'd spotted a pair of partridges so was dead chuffed with herself and rightly so. It's been a few years since we've seen partridges here and they're attractive birds. I wondered whether this was a breeding pair although there was no sign of young. Partridges lay 10-20 eggs in a nest in a field of long grass or a crop or under a hedge where there's plenty of cover. Sometimes females will share a nest. They'll soon be gathering in family flocks or 'coveys' and trying to avoid the impending shooting season, no doubt.

There are plenty of other young around. Plenty young birds have been frequenting the garden and far too many rabbits! The year I decide to plant new pinks and carnations (much loved by bunnies), the rabbit population soars and it seems that they have beheaded half the garden. I have seen the buzzard disappear into the nearby trees with a victim, so I shall miss their screeching youngster once it moves away and fends for itself. I need the stoats to return and get busy - the balance of nature definitely seems to be leaning to the rabbits' side just now.

The Glenholm Wildlife Project is one mile south of Broughton on the A701.

Tea room and gift shop closed on Mondays. Info at www.glenholmwildlife.co.uk

POLICE REPORT

Walkerburn and District - June 2008

During the calendar month of July police have received a total of 14 calls to the Walkerburn area.

This is broken down as follows:

Anti-Social behaviour (Loud music etc) – 1

Road Traffic Matter (Obstructions) – 2

Road Traffic Collision – 2

Reported Crime - 3

Assist members of the Public – 6

On Thursday 10th July 2008, a house in the Walkerburn area was entered by force. The occupants were not at home. Various items including a mobile phone and laptop were stolen.

On Wednesday 16th July 2008, several manhole covers on the main A72 road that runs through the village were removed. Each cover costs around £100 to replace and also creates its own road safety issues.

I would like to take the opportunity to remind local residents to be alert and vigilant when out and about in the village. Please take steps to ensure that your home is secure before you leave and also ensure all property, including ladders and gardening equipment, are locked away or secured. I would urge locals to report any suspicious vehicles or persons that they see to the police immediately, on 01721 720637.

Do you know of any criminal activity-taking place? Don't want to become involved? Contact Crime Stoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

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You can get in touch with your local centre by calling 0800 512 012 or going to the Energy Savings Trust website www.energysavingtrust.org.uk

The Energy Saving Trust advice network is funded by the Scottish Government and managed by the Energy Saving Trust.

WALKERBURN RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB, CABERSTON HAUGH, EH43 6AU



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Walkerburn Table Tennis Club



The Club meets each Sunday at the Village Hall from 6pm till 9pm, and we're keen to get new players to come along. We can supply a bat if you haven't got one yet! Unfortunately, due to our limited resources, the Club is only open, at the present time, to people of 16 years of age and over.

For further information please contact Steve on 870471.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

We are writing to give our personal thanks to all those involved in putting on the event for the Chernobyl Children Lifeline (Scottish Borders) Link on 23rd July at Walkerburn Rugby Club.

A special "Thank You" goes to Denise Hanks for offering to put this event on and also to her mini-army of helpers in the kitchen providing a magnificent buffet and Bar-B-Q in the afternoon. Andrew Caldwell came along with ice cream cones - we noticed that there were no refusals for this treat!

Thanks also go to the Walkerburn Festival Committee for giving the group the use of the Bouncy Castle and the Sumo suits.

The children from Belarus were entertained by a teacher of belly dancing so, of course, they had to join in! Mags Henderson had set up the Wii in the Club in case of bad weather. But the weather was extremely kind so the outside activities were very popular. A big "thank you" goes to all the parents

and children of the village who came along and took part, even with an energetic game of Rounders. Sam Lothian stood in for her Mum and offered face painting. This was very popular too! Thank you, Sam, especially as you kept going for four solid hours without a break! Jill Fraser became Sam's helper as the girls realised that they could get arms and backs painted too! Two of the CCLL girls managed to shower that night without removing the face paint. They then thoughtfully took out towels and put them on their pillows to save the bed linen.

We had tremendous feedback from the children and the host families. Walkerburn was obviously a huge success for this year's visit. Thanks again to all the many people who contributed in any way to making the children's event at Walkerburn such a happy one. We apologise that we can't name them all but we are very touched by how generous the village has been.

Yours sincerely,

**Heather & Chris Martin
Colin & Evelyn Grahame**

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Pictured above are the girls from Belarus after the face painting at the fun day at the Rugby Club.

Once again, well done to everyone from the village for their fantastic contributions to what will have been a memorable trip for all concerned.

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