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CRYING FOUL

Following the strongly worded letter in the last issue concerning owners allowing their dogs to mess on the pavements and even on the rugby pitch, a reader has sent a photograph of how some other councils deal with this problem.



We do not advocate such extreme measures but do point out the very real risk of children being contaminated by Toxocara Canis, an infection that is a major cause of blindness and may provoke rheumatic, neurologic, or asthmatic symptoms.

There have also been other complaints from a number of villagers who object most strongly to this disgusting occurrence.

We must put an end to this nuisance and the local police and wardens have promised to help all that they can

It is very unfair that responsible owners should suffer because of an irresponsible few. We would ask that anyone who has knowledge of dog owners not cleaning up after their pets should inform the local wardens (**tel: Freephone 0300 100 1800**)

or e-mail details to Burning Issues at walkerburnnews@hotmail.com

Offenders WILL be prosecuted.

WALKERBURN VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This will be held on 11th May 2011 at 7.30 pm

All are welcome to attend

F. Grahame – Secretary Tel: 01896 870266

Bowling Club News

Members and intending members are reminded that the green will be open for play on Saturday 16th April from 1.30pm. Annual memberships are now due and will be collected that day.

Fees remain the same as last year at £40 for full membership (a bargain at just 4p per day for the full season).

New members would be most welcome and first time bowlers are offered their first year at the bargain price of £12, so why not come along and give it a go with our friendly club.

Walkerburn Festival

This year's Walkerburn Festival is planned for the week of Sunday 26th June to Sunday 3rd July - we would welcome helpers for any of the events from handing out refreshments to stewards for the torchlight procession. If you would like to help in making the week successful, remember "Many hands make light work" contact Eric at the post office.

We would also welcome donations towards the running costs of the week if you prefer to make a financial donation then again Eric would like to meet you.

Allin Hoggarth

NATIONAL BIG LUNCH DAY SUNDAY 5TH JUNE WALKERBURN

The Community Council and NHS Borders Healthy Living Initiative invite all residents, young and old, to join us for a buffet lunch on Sunday 5th June from 1.00pm - 3.00pm in and around the Public Hall.

There will be a selection of good things to eat and drink and some fun entertainment.

Everything is free to residents of Walkerburn and District.

Put the date in your diary



WALKERBURN RFC

Spring has sprung and we look ahead to a full tournament programme with competing teams from the Borders and further afield, including the lively teams from Haddington, Pigbarians and Carlisle. For next season the SRU has initiated proposals for changing the League structure. These are being addressed at the moment. Update later.

Fixtures:

April

16th SBD

23rd Scottish Borders District Union Sevens. Netherdale.

30th SBD

May

14th Annual Sevens at Walkerburn - First tie 1pm
Sponsors and their guest invitations will be in the post shortly to our regular generous supporters. Anyone wishing to purchase advance sponsorship to the hospitality tent at the Sevens can get in

touch with Russell Blackhall and Paula Ketterer on 01896-831604

We are looking for volunteers prepared to help on the day and participate in a gate rota, bar rota, school door rota, barbecue rota, raffle rota, tea tent rota, as a useful 'runner' etc.

If you can help please get in touch with a committee member or Allin Hoggarth on 01896 870431. We only ask for 1-2 hours of your time. Tea ticket reward!

Social

28th May Annual Club Dinner. Tickets £25 – join us for a three course meal and excellent speakers. secretary@rugby.walkerburn.org.uk

www.walkerburnrugby.co.uk

February '200 Club' Winners Draw

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| Alistair Robertson | 140 | £50 |
| B. Smith | 87 | £10 |
| George Cunningham | 67 | £5 |
| Sandra Entwhistle | 149 | £5 |



Soup lunches for LENT St Andrew's Church Innerleithen

This is a special time as we prepare for the celebration of Easter every Tuesday starting at 12.15 with a short time of reflection followed by lunch and chat in the Father Hurt room at the church
All are welcome to join in

Church Services are 10.00am every Sunday morning

Special Services for Easter:

Ash Wednesday 2pm 9th April ~ Maundy Thursday 2pm 21st April ~ Good Friday 12-1pm
22nd April ~ Easter Sunday 10am 24th April

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Walkerburn Community Development Trust

The Powerdown Project that has been running for the last two years has now come to an end but the Board is sure that its legacy will continue into the long term especially with the new Allotments up and running.

The Board would like to take the opportunity to thank Derek Russell, our Powerdown Officer for all his hard work in the Community over the last two years and wish him all the best for the future.

We are still looking for suggestions for what everyone would like to see happen in the remainder of the large field behind Tweedholm Avenue. Some ideas received include a seat towards the top of the slope, an out door gym,

space for sledging in the winter or space for the older children/teenagers for bikes, skateboards. We are sure that there are a lot more ideas that people have and we would welcome them all even if it is simply leaving it as is and keeping it cut. Please leave your ideas in the letterbox at the Post Office.

Cathie Sutherland
Secretary



We have come to the end of our Healthy Living Network funded taster Zumba sessions in Walkerburn and Innerleithen.

I hope that you have enjoyed the sessions as much as I have and I am pleased to be able to tell you that I have been working very closely with the Walkerburn Village Hall Management Committee, who are now in a position to take over and sustain the management of the Zumba classes. This effectively means that classes will continue to run between Walkerburn and Innerleithen and will be priced at £1.50 per session until the end of May at which time classes will see a slight increase to £2.00. It has been possible for the Village Hall Committee to do this as a result of the weekly contributions class participants have made throughout the taster sessions.

The first 'new' session will take place on Tuesday 12th April at Walkerburn Village Hall at the usual time of 7.30pm. Overall, I am delighted with this outcome as it means the community not only have continued access to Zumba but they are also managing and sustaining it locally. I hope that you will continue to enjoy your classes as before and we are all hoping for a smooth transition, should you have any questions at all please ask Norrie Smith, your Zumba Instructor, Evelyn Graham or Denise Hanks of the Village Hall Committee as they will all be available on Tuesday 12th April to welcome you back.

Certificated First Aid Training

Delivered by the British Red Cross, we are offering 3 x sessions that lead to a certificate in first aid

Walkerburn Pensioners

A big thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make the grand total of £597.70 at our Coffee Morning.

Our Summer Outing is going to Dundee on 8th June. Any one wishing to go please give names to Mae or Mary.

training. This particular training will have a focus on babies and children and we are keen to involve parents, HLN staff and community partners. Dates 18th, 25th May and the 1st June, 10am to 12pm at the Village Hall.

Basic Horticulture Training

We are currently recruiting to places for basic horticulture training, this is open to all in the community, with or without an allotment. The training will provide basic skills to support you to grow your own produce. Dates and times are to be confirmed.

Lunch Club

Lunch Club has now finished up for the summer so I would like to confirm that lunch club will be starting again as usual on **Tuesday 4th October** and I will remind you nearer the time!

P6/7 School Lunch Club

Sessions have been planned for Tuesday 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st May and we will be delighted to welcome Dr. Eric Baijtel, Joint Director of Public Health for NHS Borders and Scottish Borders Council, who is supporting the work we do with a visit to our first session.

Community Health Volunteers

I would like to take this opportunity to express my continued thanks and appreciation to all of the Community Health Volunteers who make HLN happen in Walkerburn.

Walkerburn Summer Festival

Coffee Morning in aid of Festival Funds Sat 11th May Public Hall 10am – 11.30 Tickets 50p
Tickets at Post Office, from Committee Members or Pay at the Door. Usual stalls

It's your Festival, come along and join in.
Festival Week Sunday 26th June – Sunday 3rd July.

WALKERBURN FLOWER AND VEGETABLE ASSOCIATION COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 30th April at the Public Hall from 10.00-11.30am

The time has arrived for us to fund raise for our annual show in September, and what better way than a coffee morning!

With the sun blistering down on our gardens and allotments its hoped that there will be a good selection of seedlings for sale for all you keen gardeners. Of course there will be all the other popular stalls including cake and candy, raffle and Eric's roll a ball!

So please come and support your local Flower and Vegetable club on Saturday 30th April. We intend to have the September show schedule available at the coffee morning, so you can all start planning what to enter this year.

Crafts 4 U – Your Local Craft Group

Easter Fair Fundraising Event

Saturday 16th April 11am- 3pm at the Unit

We will be having hand made Easter gifts, an Easter egg hunt, raffle, bric a brac, tombola, home baking, soup and refreshments. Please come along and support your local craft group and see what we do and you never know you might get bitten by the craft bug!!

Crafts 4 U opening hours are:

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| Monday | 10.30am -12.30pm 1.30pm - 3.30pm | Art for all ages and abilities |
| Tuesday | 10.00am –2.00pm 2.00pm – 4.00pm | Open for browsing Patchwork |
| Wednesday | 10am –12.00pm 1.00pm – 3.00pm 7.00 – 9.00pm | Open House Craft Club Craft Club |
| Thursday | 10.00am – 4.00pm | Open House |
| Friday | By Request | |
| Saturday and Sunday | Closed | |

The club continues to offer help and equipment to those interested in learning/advancing their skills in knitting, sewing, beading and many other crafts.

Newcomers always given a warm welcome. Individual tuition is available if required.

Unit 1, Jubilee Road (next to DCB Welding & the Garage).

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April Wild Side

Not only does Spring sunshine do it's bit for us humans but for nature too. However disinterested we think we are in nature, we all take a lift from the appearance of daffodils flowering, the first lambs and Spring birdsong.

The winter migrants have left or are leaving and we have started seeing our summer visitors return. The oystercatchers and martins are back while in the insect world, I have seen an early peacock butterfly, lots of bumble bees and my first 7 spot ladybird. I haven't heard of the local ospreys being back but they won't be far away with those further north at Loch of the Lowes having arrived. I know one of the Tweed Valley ospreys was recorded in the Gambia this winter and it seems incredible the journeys these birds make each year, and even more so the smaller ones. One of these smaller birds will be the next bird to look for, the swallow, due mid to late April and there are certainly plenty small flies for it to Hoover up already, as the bites on my leg will tell!

The big feeding flocks of birds that gather in the winter have broken up as they pair up ready to nest and the activity in your garden will have changed as the birds look for live food rather than the quick easy meal at the feeders. This now becomes a supplementary food but still important especially once they have young. They will tend to feed the live food to the young and boost themselves with our offerings. Seed feeders may depend on us a

little longer yet, until the 'weeds' start producing seed. From the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch in January, the 'top' bird in the Scottish Borders is still the chaffinch, a seed feeder, as are quite a few in the 'charts'. A reflection, no doubt, on our mainly rural environment as pheasants at no. 19 show. Full details can be seen at www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch/results

Away from birds, the last full moon of March saw the annual frog invasion as they made their way to watering holes to mate, as any night driver could tell you, as they appear in the headlights crossing the roads. Haven't heard of the huge frog numbers we sometimes get, but this may be where they didn't survive the long spell of extreme cold, when the muddy burn bottoms and pools where they overwinter froze up. Because their metabolism slows right down, they are, though, able to survive very low temperatures. Toads will not be far behind and we will soon see the familiar gelatinous masses of spawn that is another sign of Spring finally being here.

If you see anything out of the ordinary or just have a wildlife question, I'll try to help. Just e-mail wildsider@sky.com

Innerleithen, Traquair and Walkerburn Parish Church of Scotland (SC001100)

Here are the details of the Easter Services.

Sunday 17th April:

Palm Sunday Celebrations

10.00am Walkerburn Public Hall

11.30am Innerleithen Upper Hall

Wednesday 20 April

9.10am The Easter Roller Coaster - a church Service in Walkerburn Primary School

Thursday 21st April

Maundy Thursday

7.30 pm Traquair Kirk – Communion and Reflection

Friday 22nd April

Good Friday

6.30pm Innerleithen Upper Hall – Reflective service

Sunday 24th April

Easter Sunday

9.00am Early Morning Worship in Alexandra Park Walkerburn followed by breakfast at 9.30am in Caberston

Coffee Shop (suggested donation towards breakfast-£2.50)

10.30 am Easter Morning Worship Innerleithen Upper Hall

6.30pm Easter Evening Songs of Praise with the choirs Traquair Kirk

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School Report

We have had a very busy Spring term. We had four weeks of Monday breakfast clubs, in conjunction with the Healthy Living Network.

These proved to be very popular and many children had a free, healthy and satisfying start to the week. Thank you to Nichola, Leanne, Alana, Grace and Morag for making this possible.

We also underwent a School Review which gave us some very positive feedback. We were praised for good classroom management, good teamwork and the reviewers praised the children's good behaviour.

As you read this we are probably still closed for the Easter break even though this year it doesn't coincide with Easter. Just after we come back, (18th) we are holding an Easter Service on Wednesday 20th to which everyone is invited. It begins at 9.10am in the school hall and we do hope that many of you will join us.

Parents are invited to come in to school for our Curriculum for Excellence Open afternoon from 1 - 3.00pm on Tuesday 26th April where the children will share the CfE principles with their parents.

On 28th our class photographs will be taken for this year. Perhaps they will be shared as part of school's history in 2062 when school celebrates 200 years just as we are celebrating our 150th in two years time.

Please remember to look out your old class photographs for this if you once came to Walkerburn School.

As Spring gets underway, we will be working in the school garden again and would be grateful for any donations of plants, especially squash, pumpkins,

beans, peas and herbs, or any other vegetables. So if you have the odd couple of plants left over from your sowing, please consider donating them to the school.

A reminder that we are collecting used stamps, Sainsbury's and Tesco vouchers for Schools.

Looking ahead, we will also be having our next RAG BAG collection on 16th June.

Rag Bag are a recycling scheme that pay the school per kilo of goods recycled.

Look out your old household textiles, paired shoes, bags, hats, belts, soft toys and clothing, (no pillows or duvets) bag them up and bring them to school on collection day. They are also recycling old books but these must be bagged separately.

Please do not use black rubbish bags. Carrier bags and other bin liners are acceptable.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support. School starts Summer Term on Monday 18th April, but we are then closed again for Good Friday 22nd April. We do not have an Easter Monday holiday so school will be open on Monday 25th as we have a parent council meeting in the evening. It is open to all parents, and friends and supporters, of our school. It starts at 6.30pm and everyone is welcome.

We are then closed for the Royal Wedding (Friday 29th), May Day holiday (2nd May) and then we have an Inset day so we welcome back the children on Wednesday 4th May.

The summer term will then be in full swing!

WALKERBURN & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ABBREVIATED Minutes of Meeting held on
16th March 2011

(Full Minutes displayed on Hall and Post Office Notice Boards and on the Community website)

ITEM 3: Monthly Report from WCDT. Mrs Sutherland reported that:

a. Allotments Development. The opening had been successful and the new Allotments Society had now taken over full responsibility for the allotment area. The Development Trust was continuing with the tree/shrub planting programme and was still anxious to hear from people with ideas for more planting around the village. Over 700 trees and shrubs had already been planted with help from the school and many residents. She believed that there were still some allotments available and anyone interested should contact Barbara Peardon or Allin Hogarth.

b. Powerdown Worker. The Development Trust remained hopeful that the worker could be employed for a further year and hoped to have definite news at the end of March.

c. c. Community Right to Buy Old Mill Site on A72. The right to buy application had been lodged with the Scottish Government and the owner informed. It was now a case of waiting to find out whether or not the case for the right to buy was accepted.

(Afternote. It appears that there may be some misunderstanding between the Development Trust and the owner since a number of people were under the impression that the owner was being kept informed and was content about the right-to-buy proposal but this may not be accurate.)

ITEM 4: Police Business. PC Craig Rogerson had circulated his report as normal. The Chairman noted

that the Safer Communities Inspector had written to Hall Committees in a manner which had raised serious concerns. All agreed that the Community Council had a duty to become involved since if what was being claimed was legally correct it would probably make it untenable for volunteers to run

village halls. Cllr Garvie explained that he and Cllr Logan had been dismayed by the possible implications and had agreed that it would be proper for him to take the lead since Cllr Logan chaired the Licensing Board. He had accordingly asked the SBC solicitor to give initial advice and would report back. The Chairman thanked both councillors for their speedy and helpful response. It was also agreed that the secretary should raise the issue at the next meeting of the Tweeddale Community Safety Panel, where she represented WCC.

ITEM 7: Matters Arising.

a. Item 2b: Parking on A72 at Allotments. The secretary reported that the Chairman of the Allotment Society (Ms Peardon) had confirmed that allotment holders were strongly discouraged from using cars to access their allotment. She had offered to attend a meeting to brief members. It was agreed that she should be invited to a meeting in Autumn. The Chairman noted that parking on the A72 was not illegal.

b. Item 7c: Scrutiny Work Programme. Cllr Logan reported that the public hearing for Scrutiny of the householder applications point raised by WCC would be on 26th May and it was agreed that members would decide who should attend at the April meeting. Cllr Logan noted that there would also be discussion on the role of SBC councillors in planning and general public satisfaction levels with the current system at the same meeting.

c. Item 7d: Gate Closure at Caberston Fisheries Entrance. The secretary reported that the SBC Ranger had provided a draft letter for the Chairman to send to the fisheries owner. All agreed that this should be done quickly so that (hopefully) the new pedestrian gate could be installed without undue delay.

(Afternote. The secretary received a letter from the owners on 21st March which has been answered. The owners have commissioned a local contractor to install a new gate allowing pedestrian access. The secretary has informed the SBC Ranger so that she can liaise directly with the owner to ensure that the gate is acceptable.)

d. Item 7e: Post Office Noticeboard. The Chairman noted with pleasure the installation of the new community noticeboard at the Post Office and thanked Cllr Logan and SB Local for their assistance. The secretary reported that keys would be held by the Post Office and herself and that public interest notices whether from statutory bodies or private individuals would be displayed free of charge.

ITEM 8: Planning

a. Minch Moor Appeal. The Chairman reported that Mr Maslin, the appointed reporter, has decided that he can reach a decision on the basis of the paper submissions and a site visit. He has said that he will make an unaccompanied site visit. Cllr Logan reported that SBC had asked for this to be changed

to an accompanied visit. Members were uncertain how this might assist since there is no opportunity on such visits for the community representatives to speak. It was agreed that the concerns for Walkerburn residents are that it has not been possible to point out to the Reporter the inaccuracies in the Vattenfall submission – there are a number of factual errors some of which are very important – and the SBC Special Planning Guidance on Windfarms is still in draft and hasn't yet gone to the Planning Committee for approval. Cllr Logan reported that it was hoped that the SPG would be on the April agenda and Cllr Garvie noted that with a May election there was a huge degree of uncertainty in any case. Members hoped that the SPG would pass the committee stage in April and that the Reporter would give this due weight. However, the secretary pointed out that there was little the Community Council could now do to influence matters except continue to fight against the Broadmeadows development. It is worthwhile fighting this because it will enable an argument to be made in future against development along the ridgeline. The Chairman urged as many people as possible to join the protest at the summit of the Three Brethren on Sunday 27th March at 1pm.

b. 11/00014/FUL. Application for erection of pigeon loft at 32 Peebles Road by James Neill. This application had been approved. The shed has to be painted to an approved colour within 3 months.

ITEM 9: Correspondence. The list had been circulated to Members as usual. All were agreed that the most important item was the Summary and Consultation Proposals in the Review of Engagement with the Borders Community. The Chairman suggested that this should be held over for discussion in April given the importance and complexity. All agreed but several members noted that they had already formed some views and these were briefly discussed. There were concerns that changes would be merely cosmetic and that real power would remain concentrated in the centre.

ITEM 10: 2011 Elections. The secretary reported that:

- a. There would be 4 vacancies for the May election since Mrs Rodger was resigning and 3 members would have reached the end of their 3 year tenure (Mr Thornton, Ms Ogilvie and Miss McIntosh).
- b. She wished to ask Dr Jan Henderson to act as Returning Officer. This was agreed.
- c. Election day would be Friday 27th May with nominations closing on 20th May.

d. She would send a notice to Burning Issues for the April edition and place notices around the village

ITEM 11: Reports by Members. (The Chairman took Item 12 then Item 11 but for the minutes the items are presented as per the agenda.)

- a. Questions had been raised by residents about the possibility of more bus shelters in the village, eg opposite the Public Hall and at the Galashiels end of the village. After a lively discussion, it was agreed that the only solution opposite the Hall because of space on the pavement, ie a cantilever roof would not provide any shelter and could not be supported. There was general support, however, for a full shelter on the north side at the Galashiels end of the village. Cllr Logan would investigate the possibilities and the secretary would liaise with SB Local. It was pointed out that shelters are expensive and that Walkerburn's size probably made one shelter the most that could be expected but that did not stop the Community Council from trying for a second.
- b. There had been another spate of complaints about the dangers created on Peebles road by car parking especially at the corner beside the 'ladder' steps to High Cottages and about a pick-up which parks regularly at the post box opposite the cafe. Some residents had also complained about the difficulty of crossing the road at the foot of the 'ladder'. Mr Brett asked whether it would be possible to have a roads survey and possibly double yellow lines at the corner. The secretary pointed out that the last survey was barely two years old and that the police did not support double yellow lines on the road. Miss McIntosh emphasised that getting parking restrictions was a difficult and protracted process and that care required to be taken to make sure that the consequences were as intended. All noted that these questions always led to the same general response, ie that the parked cars slowed traffic on the hill and that there were no funds available for the hugely expensive re-alignments of the road necessary to remove the blind spot at the corner. SBC had spent some time and effort in trying to find a solution both to the corner problem and the problem caused by the junction with High Cottages. Hopefully

work was going to proceed to make the junction safer but it seemed unlikely that any other work would be approved in the short term given the huge number of other problems on the A72. All agreed, however, that this issue should be followed up on a regular basis. Councillors and Police were all very aware of the problems. In terms of generally slowing traffic through the village, Cllr Garvie suggested that it might be time to try again for flashing warning lights and both he and Cllr Logan would follow this up if members wished. The idea was very strongly supported by all.

Afternote: Cllr Logan is arranging another site visit to Peebles Road and Cllr Garvie has arranged for a speed survey to be carried out hopefully to provide evidence for the installation of lit warning signs.

c. Miss McIntosh and Mr Thornton reported on the excellent study day on community renewables and climate challenge. Although little new to WCC had been covered, it had been a useful networking event. The Allotment Project had received several plaudits. Papers were in the reading file.

d Mr Thornton reported his attendance at the award ceremony for Citizen of the Year where the WCC nomination had been successful.

ITEM 12: Reports by SBC Councillors.

a. Cllr Logan passed on his congratulations to the Dev Trust and the Allotment Society for all that had been achieved so far stating that he personally had thoroughly enjoyed the opening festivities.

b. Cllr Garvie reported that a £600K grant meant that the Eshiels to Innerleithen cycle/foot path would be completed, including a new pedestrian bridge across the river. All agreed that this was excellent news not just for cycling but for general tourism in the area. Cllr Garvie went on to explain that church records from the Borders were going to be kept at the Heart of Hawick and commended the geneology centre to Members. Members congratulated Cllr Garvie on this considerable boost to the Borders.

***Date of Next Meeting. Wednesday 20th April
March at 7.30pm.***

From the Community Council

These notes from the Police are aimed at women but most of the points will help men stay safe as well

Filling up at a petrol station...

It was early evening, and a young girl stopped to get petrol. She filled her tank and walked into the shop to pay for her petrol. The cashier told her, 'Don't pay for your petrol yet..walk around the store for a while, and act as if you're picking up some other things to buy. A man just got into the back of

your car. I've called the police, and they're on their way'.

When the police arrived, they found the man in the back seat of the girl's car and asked him what he was doing. He replied that he was joining a gang, and the initiation to join was to kidnap a woman and bring her back to the gang to be raped by every member of the gang. If the woman was still alive by the time they finished with her then they let her go. According to the police there are gangs like

this spreading from London. Something similar to this happened at the Tesco garage on Cardiff Road in Newport recently, but luckily the cashier saw the man get into her car. Please be aware of what's going on around you, and warn your family and friends.

From the Met Police

Things women should know to stay safe: Please take the time to read these pointers. There may be just one or two you hadn't thought of. After reading this, forward it to someone you care about. It never hurts to be careful in this crazy world we live in.

1. Tip from Tae Kwon Do: The elbow is the strongest point on your body. If you are close enough to use it, do!

2. If a robber asks for your handbag, DO NOT HAND IT TO HIM. Toss it away from you. He is probably more interested in your handbag than you, and he will go for the handbag. RUN LIKE MAD IN THE OTHER DIRECTION!

3. If you are ever thrown into the boot of a car: Kick out the back tail lights, and stick your arm through the hole and start waving.. The driver won't see you, but everybody else will. This has saved lives..

4. Women have a tendency to get into their cars after shopping, eating, working, etc, and just sit (doing their cheque book, or making a list). DON'T DO THIS! A predator could be watching you and this is the perfect opportunity for him to get in on the passenger side, and attack you. AS SOON AS YOU GET INTO YOUR CAR LOCK THE DOORS AND LEAVE.

5. A few notes about getting into your car in car park:

a) Be aware: look around you, look into your car, look at the passenger side floor, and check the back seat.

b) If you are parked next to a big van, enter your car from the passenger door. Most attacker's surprise their victims by pulling them into their vans while the women are attempting to get into their cars..

c) Look at the car parked on the driver's side of your vehicle, and the passenger side. If a male is sitting alone in the seat nearest your car, you may want to walk back into the shop, or work, and get guard/policeman to walk you back out. IT IS ALWAYS BETTER TO BE SAFE THAN SORRY. (And better paranoid than dead.)

6. ALWAYS take the lift instead of the stairs. Stairwells are horrible places to be alone, and the perfect crime spot.

7. If the predator has a gun and you are not under his control, ALWAYS RUN! The predator will only hit you (a running target) 4 in 100 times; and even then, it most likely WILL NOT BE A VITAL ORGAN.

8. As women, we are always trying to be sympathetic:

STOP IT! It may get you raped, or killed. Ted Bundy, the serial killer, was a good-looking, well educated man, who ALWAYS played on the sympathies of unsuspecting women, He walked with a cane, or a limp, and often asked "for help" into his vehicle or with his vehicle, which is when he abducted his next victim.

9. Another safety point:

Someone just told me that her friend heard a crying baby on her porch the night before last, and she called the police because it was late and she thought it was weird. The police told her, 'Whatever you do, DO NOT open the door.' The lady then said that it sounded like the baby had crawled near a window, and she was worried that it would crawl to the street and get run over. The policeman said, 'We already have a unit on the way. Whatever you do, DO NOT open the door.' He told her that they think a serial killer has a baby's cry recorded and uses it to coax women out of their homes, thinking that someone dropped off a baby. He said they have not verified it, but have had several calls from women saying that they hear babies' cries outside their doors when they're home alone at night.

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| Month | | |
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| APRIL | | |
| Date | Event | Time |
| 17 th | Church Service | 10.00am |
| 17 th | Table Tennis | 6.00-9.00pm |
| 18 th | Gentle Exercise | 11.30-12.30pm |
| 20 th | Community Council | 7.30pm |
| 21 st | Youth Club | 7.00pm |
| 24 th | Table Tennis | 6.00-9.00pm |
| 25 th | Gentle Exercise | 11.30-12.30pm |
| 30 th | Vegetable Association Coffee Morning | 10.00-11.30am |
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| MAY | | |
| 1 st | Table Tennis | 6.00-9.00pm |
| 2 nd | Gentle Exercise | 11.30-12.30pm |
| 5 th | Parliamentary Election | 7.00am-10.00pm |
| 8 th | Table Tennis | 6.00-9.00pm |
| 9 th | Gentle Exercise | 11.30-12.30pm |
| 11 th | Hall Management Committee AGM | 7.30pm |
| 12 th | Youth Club | 7.00pm |
| 14 th | Festival Coffee Morning | 10.00-11.30am |
| 15 th | Church Service | 10.00am |
| 15 th | Table Tennis | 6.00-9.00pm |
| 16 th | Gentle Exercise | 11.30-12.30pm |
| 18 th | Community Council | 7.30pm |
| 19 th | Youth Club | 7.00pm |
| 22 nd | Table Tennis | 6.00-9.00pm |
| 23 rd | Gentle Exercise | 11.30-12.30pm |
| 29 th | Church Service | 10.00am |
| 29 th | Table Tennis | 6.00-9.00pm |
| 30 th | Gentle Exercise | 11.30-12.30pm |

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