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## WALKERBURN AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL 2011 ELECTIONS

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

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 Wednesday 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 (home access to the internet and email is an advantage but not essential). Above all, you must be willing to take decisions in the general community interest, without prejudice, and to sign up to a code of conduct.

If there is a contest for places, then polling day will be Friday 27th May 2011.

Please ask the Community Council Secretary, Patricia Purves, for more information and a nomination form. Telephone 01896 870447 or email purves-glenmead@supanet.com.

Nominations must be submitted by midday Friday 20th May.

### WALKERBURN VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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

All are welcome to attend.

E. Grahame – Secretary Tel: 01896 870266

### Walkerburn Summer Festival

Coffee Morning in aid of Festival Funds

Sat 14th May Village Hall 10am – 11.30

Tickets 50p Usual stalls

Tickets at Post Office, from Committee Members or 'Pay at the Door'.

*It's your Festival, come along and join in.*

### NATIONAL BIG LUNCH DAY

**Sunday 5th June at WALKERBURN VILLAGE HALL**

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!

### VILLAGE CLEAN UP

Once again, your Community Council has arranged to participate in Scotland's Annual Village Clean-Up.

This year we are meeting at the **Village Hall at 11.30am on Sunday 29th May** and we need as many

Volunteers as possible to help pick up litter along the sides of streets and roads and in the park.

As in past years, we will have supplies of black bin-bags, protective clothes and gloves available. The village will be divided into sections for us to search for litter.

There will be coffee and a biscuit in the Village Hall afterwards for those taking part.

Please come along and help. Children are also welcome!

*Thank You!*



# Walkerburn RFC

## May 14th Annual Sevens Walkerburn. First Tie - 1pm

\*Entry through the two main gates only.

\*Sponsors tent 1pm for lunch.

\*The Ladies Tea Tent will be open

all afternoon

\*Players Burger Bar will be selling delicious Burgers.

\*Clubhouse bars also open. No alcoholic beverages to be carried into the grounds from outside.

\*Raffle tickets will be on sale all day with great prizes – tickets to the Status Quo concert at Alnwick Castle, Golf for 4 at Cardrona Course, DBB at Murrayfield Hotel and many more.

\*In the evening there will be music and a curry for £5

\*16 Teams will compete for the Jeremy & Sarah Ballantyne 125 year Celebration cup with two further teams playing in the interval between the Semi Final and the Final.

Don't miss the 1.00pm first tie between the winners of the last two years – Biggar vs Melrose.

**Volunteers:** Thanks to all who have responded to the request for volunteers. Walkerburn folk are the best! Allin Hoggarth (870431) has assigned everyone to their posts on a carefully worked out rota, with each person doing their short stints. We rely on you all to help to make the day a success! It promises to be the usual great 'Burn Sports'.

**Sponsorship:** Any one wishing to purchase advance Sponsorship to the Hospitality Tent at the 7's should contact Russell Blackhall or Paula Ketterer on 01896-831604 or e-mail paula@rfbp.co.uk

### Saturday 28th May

Annual Club dinner. Tickets £25.00. Join us for a three course meal and excellent speakers.

### Sunday 5th June

WRFC AGM and Election of Office Bearers 7.00pm at the Clubhouse

### February '200 Club' Winners Draw

£50 Tom Anderson 4

£10 Devon Leslie 100

£5 Scott McIntosh 138

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# WALKERBURN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST UPDATE

**With the completion of the allotments the Trust would like to hear of any ideas the community might have for the remainder of the field.**

Several suggestions have been received including leaving space for sledging in the winter, an easier path for walking with seats to enjoy the view or an outdoor gym area. If you have any suggestions please let us know by leaving a note in the letterbox outside the hall.

As well as the work on the allotment, over the last 9 months the Trust has also had discussions with Rathburn Chemicals about the possibilities for the old mill site. Earlier this year the Trust Board decided to register an interest under the Community Right to Buy. Two applications were submitted in March however, following a recent meeting with staff from the Scottish Executive Land Unit, the Board

has agreed to withdraw the application covering the warehouse at the rear of the site. The remaining application covering the office and mill shop is currently under consideration by the Scottish Minister responsible and a decision is expected before the end of May. Despite some talk around the village if we are successful this does not mean the Trust can force Rathburn Chemicals to sell nor does it place the Trust under any obligation to buy the property. It simply means that the Trust will get first right of refusal should a decision be made to sell the site at any point in the future.

***Cathie Sutherland, Company Secretary.***

## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION SCOTLAND ARMED FORCES DAY 2011 (FORMERLY VETERANS DAY) - 17th June 2011

**Last year the National centre for the Armed Forces Day celebrations was in Cardiff, this year, 2011, the National centre is Edinburgh.**

Because there is a clash with Beltane preparations, our Armed Forces Day 'Coffee Morning' commemoration gatherings will be held on the 17th June 2011.

The first gathering will be at the Vale of Leithen Social Club, Innerleithen from 11am – 12.30pm. The afternoon gathering will be at the Burgh Hall, Peebles from 2pm – 4pm.

Although we cannot celebrate this important day on the actual date our celebrations, being on an earlier

date, gives all those so motivated the chance to participate in or catch some of the interesting events planned for Edinburgh in addition to ours locally.

If like us you would like to show you have not forgotten the sacrifices made by our Armed Forces in so many ways, over so many years, in so many different places throughout the world, please do come along and join us.

## WALKERBURN VEGETABLE SHOW

**The bargains brought out the crowds for the Vegetable Show coffee morning at the end of April, with those in the know queuing up at 10 o'clock for the bargains and best quality plants.**

Some new faces this year with allotment holders taking the opportunity to stock up on young plants. Thanks to all the committee and friends for their efforts in their kitchens before the event and on the day. Eric and Billy must, as ever, be complemented for their efforts to bring on seedlings through the cold months - remember

those days of blanket snow! The morning raised over £ 500 towards the cost of the Walkerburn show to be held in September. Thanks to all that attended and here's hoping your plants have prospered despite the recent frosts.

***Allin Hoggarth***

***Vice President, Walkerburn Vegetable Show***

## Community Plot

The second volunteer get together will be on Sunday 22nd May at 1.30pm, when we will catch up on what people have been up to and, weather permitting, do more digging and planting. Bring your own refreshments.

## Walkerburn Festival Week

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***

## May Wild Side

**Finally the weather's caught up and we've had a great deal of April sunshine which means we get out and about more and especially working in the garden.**

Everything's 'busy' at this time of year and still visible as plant growth is still not at its lushest. We're still waiting for the swifts to return and, of course, the cuckoo but hopefully there's not too much longer to wait. Swifts were seen in Edinburgh on May 5th so our Border visitors will surely not be far behind.

As you know we feed our garden birds all year round. Our feeders are hung above ground covered in stones that have been dug up over the years as we've made the garden. In the border undergrowth next to this lives a small wood mouse that warily sneaks out and takes the seeds birds have spilt or discarded. Seeing it holding the seed in its paws and nibbling away is quite entertaining. Every now and then, it runs away to stash its find or feed the family. Wood mice are reddish brown with a grey white belly and nests in short underground tunnels. At this time of year, there will be a family somewhere nearby and as they produce 5 litters a year averaging five young, I could be watching a fair mass of them by October! Most though will not manage to evade kestrels, owls, cats or other predators and see the Autumn but then at best they

only have an 18 month life span. As long as they stay out in the garden, I rather like them.

Borders Biodiversity week takes place from 21st -29th May with events to celebrate the great diversity of plants and animals across the Borders. There are a few quite local events taking place starting with a 'Marvellous Moths' evening at Flora Wood on the back road, from 9.30pm on Saturday 21st May. Warm clothing, waterproofs and a torch are all that's required.

Children must be accompanied by an adult and the event is free.

For information of other events

[www.scotborders.gov.uk/biodiversityweek](http://www.scotborders.gov.uk/biodiversityweek)

or pick up one of the leaflets.

For the armchair appreciators of wildlife, BBC Springwatch starts on 30th May with a new home in Wales and shows four nights a week for three weeks.

Whether you're indoors or out have a wild May!

*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](mailto:wildsider@sky.com)*

## School Report

**Firstly a big 'thank you' to those who joined us for our Easter Service and to those parents who came to our Sharing Learning afternoon.**

The children really enjoyed showing parents what they were working on and explaining the principles of the Curriculum for Excellence.

Coming up in May, we welcome Nichola Sewell from Healthy Living Network and parent volunteers who will be coming in to school for 4 weeks starting 10th May to run a P6/7 lunch club with the children. They will learn how to prepare healthy snacks and meals and make healthy, informed choices about their food and drink.

Rag Bag Collection: This takes place on 16th June. Collecting bags will be issued to each child when they arrive. Old textiles and clothes can be recycled (no pillows or duvets), belts, hats and paired shoes. Books can also be recycled if bagged separately so look out those old paperbacks

Tesco and Sainsbury's Vouchers Both collections need to be completed by June 10th for ordering.

Voucher issue finishes at the end of this month so please hand them in promptly.

We will be joining in with Walk to School Week from 16th-20th May. We encourage all the children to walk or cycle to school if possible, that week; this year's theme being 'Walk Smart' with the emphasis on remaining safe in the local area. Stickers and certificates will be issued to those children taking part.

We have several children representing Walkerburn School at Peeblesshire County Sports on Wednesday 25th May from 6pm at Whitestone Park, Peebles. Anyone who wishes to go along and support the children is very welcome to do so. The reserve date, if the weather is bad, is 1st June.

Our 150th Anniversary Group meet again on 26th May from 7.30-9pm. Anyone interested is welcome to come along and join us in the school library.

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# PROMOTING CHILDMINDING

**Walkerburn Village Hall from 9.30 till 11.00 am on Thursday 12 May**

Due to ongoing (and possibly worsening) childcare issues I have been asked to hold a promotion event in Walkerburn to give information to interested parties about registering as a childminder or how to go about looking for childcare.

This can be a difficult issue for parents and the best solution often has to come from within the community. I will be in the main hall of Walkerburn Village Hall from 9.30 till 11.00 am on Thursday 12 May to provide information and support.

All are welcome.

*Jill Hosker*

*Scottish Childminding Association, Registered Address  
7 Melville Terrace, Stirling, FK8 2ND,  
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## Rural Round-Up

Our last meeting for this current session was the A.G.M. in April. As a result of the power cut at March's meeting when our speaker for the evening, Jane Brown (Occasions Gift Shop), had to conduct her whole demonstration in the pitch black it had been agreed with Jane that she would return in April to try again! Many thanks to Jane for coming back and demonstrating more of her lovely cards at the A.G.M.

This year's trophy winners were as follows:

Cup for Most Points – J Gillie

Runner-Up Glass – H Shepherd

Bess Nimmo Cup for Best Item of Winter's Work – L McDonald

Walkerburn Rural will now break for the summer and will resume again on Wednesday 7th September at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

***Heather Shepherd***

## Walkerburn Pensioners

Our Summer Outing is going to Dundee on 8th June. Seats still available.

Any one wishing to go please give names to Mae Pearce - 870363 or Mary Baillie - 870246.

## Bowling Club News

Season now started. 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.

**Contact: Eric Pearce Tel: 870363**

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*Residents are reminded that all waste must be put in the bins and the lids must be fully shut. During bad weather, when collections are disrupted, the refuse staff try to take everything but in good weather the normal rules apply - put it in the bin or it won't be taken away!*

Please help to keep the village and countryside tidy - bin your waste.

### Zumba Update

Zumba Exercise Classes will finish for the Summer at the end of May, so there will be two more sessions in Walkerburn Village Hall on Tuesday 24th May and Tuesday 31st May from 7.30-8.30pm. On the alternate Tuesdays, they will be held in Innerleithen Memorial Hall. Should you have any questions at all please ask Norrie Smith, your Zumba Instructor, Evelyn Graham or Denise Hanks of the Village Hall Committee.

### Certificated First Aid Training

Delivered by the British Red Cross, we are offering 3 x sessions that lead to a certificate in first aid 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 offer 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 Baijal, Joint Director of Public Health for NHS Borders and Scottish Borders Council, who is supporting the work we do with a visit on 10th May to the Primary School, the Village Hall to meet HLN Volunteers and others involved in HLN and finishing up at the Allotments.

### 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.

*Healthy Living Contact: Nichola Sewell 07748 320108*

## Crafts 4 U – Your Local Craft Group

**A big thank you to all who attended and those who helped to make the fair so successful; we hope everyone enjoyed themselves.**

From the sale of items, made by the members, we raised £642 which will be used for the running of the club. Sean did an excellent job organising a treasure hunt with a cream egg for those that finished. Adults and children alike were entranced

to watch Billy Sommerville operating his hand-worked loom. First prize in the raffle went to Dawn from Rathburn Chemicals.

The under 5s tree treasure hunt was won by Amber from Innerleithen.

### Crafts 4 U opening hours are:

Monday	10.30am-12.30pm Art for all ages and abilities 1.30pm-3.30pm
Tuesday	10.00am-2.00pm Open for browsing 2.00pm-4.00pm Patchwork
Wednesday	10.00am-12.00pm Open House 1.00pm-3.00pm Craft Club 7.00pm-9.00pm 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).*

*For more details contact Christine Hoggarth on 01896 870431 or email christinehoggarth102@btinternet.com*

## WALKERBURN & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of Meeting held on 20th April 2011

Please note that the Minutes are awaiting approval and amendment and will be available shortly

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

***Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday 18th May at 7.30pm.***

## Ceilidh

**Saturday 4th June 2011**

7.30pm – Midnight at Walkerburn Village Hall

Bar and Forsyth's Pies ~ Raffle

Adults £10 ~ Children (6-16 years) £5

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# WHAT'S ON IN THE HALL – MAY/JUNE 2011

(Anyone interested in booking the hall, please contact Mollie McIntosh at 01896 870234)

Date	Event	Time
<b>MAY</b>		
12th	Childcare Promotion Event	9.30-11.00am
	Youth Club	7.00pm
14th	Festival Coffee Morning	10.00-11.30am
15th	Church Service	10.00am
	Table Tennis	6.00-9.00pm
16th	Gentle Exercise	11.30-12.30pm
18th	Community Council	7.30pm
	Certified First Aid Training	10.00am-12noon
19th	Youth Club	7.00pm
22nd	Table Tennis	6.00-9.00pm
23rd	Gentle Exercise	11.30-12.30pm
24th	Zumba	7.30-8.30pm
25th	Certified First Aid Training	10.00am-12noon
29th	Church Service	10.00am
	Table Tennis	6.00-9.00pm
30th	Gentle Exercise	11.30-12.30pm
31st	Zumba	7.30-8.30pm
<b>JUNE</b>		
1st	Certified First Aid Training	10.00am-12noon
2nd	Youth Club	7.00pm
4th	Ceilidh	7.30pm-Midnight
5th	National Big Lunch Day	1.00-3.00pm
	Table Tennis	6.00-9.00pm
9th	Youth Club	7.00pm
12th	Table Tennis	6.00-9.00pm
15th	Community Council AGM	7.30pm
16th	Youth Club	7.00pm
19th	Church Service	10.00am
	Table Tennis	6.00-9.00pm
23rd	Youth Club	7.00pm
26th	Festival Service	10.30am
	Table Tennis	6.00-9.00pm
27th	Festival Concert	

**Healthy Living Contact: Nichola Sewell 07748 320108**

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