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WALKERBURN FESTIVAL 2011

The last words we wrote when we previewed this year's Festival Week were: *"It's your Festival, come along and join in!"*

Well, you came, you saw, and you joined in! The weather was kind to us, the sun shone often, and the whole village enjoyed a great turnout. The Festival Lad for 2011 was Sean Murtagh.



Event Chairman Eric Lavender and Committee would like to say a big "Thank You" to all those who helped and to everyone who took

part.

Both the Peeblesshire News and the Southern Reporter for the first week of July have given the Festival a glowing write-up, with numerous pictures. There will be a further report published in next month's edition of **BURNing Issues**.

2011 Prizewinning Essay

The winner of the Annual Essay Competition this year was Gemma Robertson.

"Walkerburn Past and Present"



Walkerburn was founded in 1854 by Henry Ballantyne. Walkerburn was a busy mill village. Walkerburn used to have a museum, more shops and a police station.

I like living in Walkerburn because of all the lovely, friendly people and the lovely views. Walkerburn is eight miles from Peebles, ten from Galashiels and two miles from Innerleithen. I would like to see more clubs for older ones in Walkerburn. I used to be part of the zumba class at the village hall, it's like a dancing, fitness class, and a gym class at Walkerburn Primary School. I have really enjoyed myself at Walkerburn Primary School and hope to do well at Peebles High School.

Gemma Robertson
Festival Essay 2011

COMMUNITY ALLOTMENT

The Community allotment is going from strength to strength, with 8 volunteers regularly meeting up once a month and now that the growing season has started more frequently.

So far we have planted potatoes, onions, artichokes, asparagus, broad beans, salad leaves, radishes, beetroot and strawberries. People have been very generously in giving us seeds, seedlings and plants for our community plot.

Most things have taken and are growing well, although our cabbages were eaten by birds or insect, but with a bit of netting and tlc from Billy they are making a comeback!

Hopefully with the right weather, we should have a

lot of produce to show at the Vegetable Show in September, and to supply the Healthy Living Lunch club with fresh ingredients for their soup.

We can always use more help in digging, planting and weeding, so if you would like to get your hands dirty, please join us at our next communal dig on Sunday 17th July between 1.30 - 3.30pm. Afterwards we share drinks and nibbles and reflect on a job well done whilst enjoying the views of the Tweed and Minch Moor.

WALKERBURN VILLAGE WEB SITE

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Walkerburn RFC News



Sevens Winners & Supporters Are Top of the Class

The 90th annual Walkerburn Sevens took place at a blustery Caberston Haugh on Saturday the 14th of May. The day was windy but this did not affect the rugby or the many supporters who turned out for the day's festivities. This was a fantastic turn out for the Club which was almost kicked into touch following a drop in support a decade ago.

On the day Edinburgh University became literally top of the class. The students were runners-up in the competition last year but this year defeated Duns 31 – 5 in the final. University Captain Sam Bellhouse said, "We're delighted to win the Walkerburn Sevens." He added, "It's a fabulous setting here on the banks of the River Tweed and we were really pleased to be invited back after losing to Melrose in the final last year."

Andrew Thoms, Sevens convener at Walkerburn Rugby Club, noted it was a successful day and credited Walkerburn's turnaround in fortunes to the passion of President Peter Irvine, a new marketing team, increase in sponsorship and a loyal team of volunteers.

Peter Irvine added, "The Sevens and other events at WRFC would not take place if it were not for the support of sponsors, volunteers and those who help the Club in kind. The generous contributions of time and money go

to support not only the Club but the Walkerburn community as whole. Everyone at WRFC greatly appreciates all of this support. As we look ahead to next season, we hope this support will continue and grow."

Training on Tues and Thurs nights is at 7pm.

Led by Director of Rugby and coach Iain Watson and forwards coach Colin Kerr.

Any prospective player wishing to join training will be made welcome, or you can phone Iain Watson on 07766-910060.

Season 2011-12

The new league season starts on 3rd September with the Burn away to Leith in the RBS East League 3. First home game is against RDVC on 17th September.

Memberships for 2011-12 are now due (£10 for Social Members, £15 for 2 at the same address, £2 OAP)

For club bookings please contact the Secretary on 01896-870431 secretary@rugby.walkerburn.org.uk To catch the latest news - www.walkerburnrugby.org.uk

July '200 Club' Winners Draw

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£100	No 91	Susan Clapperton
£100	No 158	Evelyn Grant
£30	No 124	Bruce Macalister
£10	No 29	David Barbour
£10	No 40	Carol Scott

Walkerburn Rural

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

Heather Shepherd



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BORDERS HEALTHY LIVING NETWORK



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. We are also looking at providing training on the strimmer mower, brushcutter, pruner, sawchain and hedge trimmer (including the National Proficiency Training Certificate

(NPTC) Assessment). Dates and times are to be confirmed. Anyone interested in either of these training opportunities should contact Nichola Sewell on 07748 320108.

Lunch Club

This has now finished up for the summer and will be starting again on Tuesday 4th October.

School Report

Thank you to everyone who dropped off a 'Rag Bag' on 16th June. Altogether this raised £127.50 for school funds which helped pay for the transport for our school trip to the seaside.

The whole school, with a few parent helpers, went to Yellow Craigs beach near North Berwick for the day. Our thanks to the RNLI, based at St Abbs, who had not only visited school to talk about beach safety but also joined us on site. Fortunately the rain held off until we were getting on the bus to come home, so the children only got wet from paddling in the sea!

Our leavers and awards assembly was held on Wednesday 29th June and several parents came along to witness the awards. We have one pupil who has not missed a school day all year! Jamie Buchan received a certificate for his perfect attendance. The David Anderson

Memorial Trophy and Willie Bauld Medal for Sportsmanship was awarded to Laura Young (P6) and the Helen Cowan Trophy for the most improved P3-6 pupil went to Skye Houston (P4). Their families can be very proud of them and so is the school. The school session is over for another year and we are closed for our summer holidays. Thank you to everyone in the community who has supported the school over the past year and we hope we can look forward to your continued support in the years to come.

The new school session starts on Tuesday 16th August.

Date for your diary

Saturday October 1st - School Harvest Fair

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION SCOTLAND ARMED FORCES DAY 2011 (FORMERLY VETERANS DAY)

On behalf of the Committee of the Royal British Legion Scotland, Peebles Branch I would like to say thank you to all those who came along both at Innerleithen and at Peebles for our Armed Forces Day events. Especially to those no longer as young as they used to be, those who travelled and those who helped with the arrangements before hand and on the day. Thank you.

Phineas Sloan, Chairman.


Royal British Legion Scotland, Peebles Branch

Thanks Stevie!

We have been asked by a resident in Tweedholm Avenue to say a big 'thank you' to Stevie Hope for cutting down the trees in the half-circle flower beds in the Avenue and clearing a path.

Well done, Stevie!

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July Wild Side

The dreich weather lately has meant there has been a distinct lack of butterflies on the wing, and fewer bees than is usual but the biting insects are around as usual.

Fortunately the swallows, martins and bats are getting a good feed. It always amazes me how Mayflies have a 'day' when they all turn up and midges seem to all come to the Festival bonfire!

The birds are quieter now that the breeding season is over and the young are out in the big wide world. Parent birds will be moulting just now and tend to keep out of the way. With no need to defend breeding territories any longer they can do their own thing and food is plentiful. I never did hear a cuckoo myself this year and by now they'll be on their way back to Africa, so I'll have to wait till next Spring.

It is 132 years since the grey squirrel was introduced to the UK and it is well reported how they have displaced our native red squirrel. Scotland is now home to 75% of the UK population of reds and I'm thrilled that one was recently seen in Walkerburn. Red squirrels have fur which ranges from blonde or pale orange, through deep reddish-brown to almost black ear tufts (which are easier to spot in winter) and bushy tails, which may bleach lighter in spring and summer. Some red squirrels can have greyish flanks in summer, but their ear tufts and tail (uniformly all one colour) mean that they can be

distinguished from grey squirrels, which are stockier and heavier. They are well adapted to the woodland habitat in which they live, their light weight and agility enabling them to reach the thinnest branches at the tops of trees. They use their tails for balance, and double-jointed ankles and long claws help them to hold on when running up and down tree trunks. Red squirrels eat a variety of different foods throughout the year, foraging woodlands looking for tree seeds, nuts, berries, fungi, buds, shoots, flowers, bark, lichen, and even insects in summer. Chewed and stripped pine cones and broken nut shells (often found scattered below a favourite feeding branch or on tree stumps) are clues to show where a squirrel has been feeding. In the autumn, they gather and store caches of nuts and cones ready for the winter. Squirrels do not hibernate, but continue to forage for food throughout the winter, although they may not emerge from the shelter of their drey in very cold or wet weather. Who can blame them?! Let's hope the squirrels and us can get out and about this summer and enjoy some sunshine.

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

Crafts 4 U – Your Local Craft Group

Crafts 4 U opening hours are:

Tuesday

10.00am-2.00pm Open for browsing

1.00pm-3.00pm Patchwork

6:30pm-8:30pm 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

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

Crafts 4U Appeal

Wanted old wool jumpers(doesn't matter if they have shrunk in the wash!), blankets, cotton T-shirts and jeans, as we are starting to learn how to prog, hook and braid to make rag rugs.

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WALKERBURN & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 15th June 2011

Present:

Members: Mr G Thornton (Chairman), Mrs PS Purves CBE.(Secretary), Mrs S Horsburgh, Ms I Ogilvie, Mr JJ Purves MBE, Mrs L Thornton, Miss MM McIntosh MBE

1. Chairman's Introduction.

The Chairman welcomed all present and reminded them that the meeting would be in 2 parts with the normal monthly Community Council meeting following on from the AGM.

2. Apologies.

Apologies were received from all three Councillors, and from Mr Brett.

3. Minutes of 2010 AGM.

The minutes had been circulated and no changes were forthcoming, therefore the Chairman proposed acceptance of the Minutes of the 2010 AGM and all agreed.

4. Chairman's Report 2010-2011.

The Chairman reported the following:

We are grateful to our councillors for their support during the year. Particular thanks to Gavin Logan for his efforts over flood prevention work, over the vexed question of Sunnybrae Lodge and on the Minch Moor windfarm proposal.

The problems caused by parking on the A72, especially along Peebles Road, and on Tweedholm Avenue, particularly inconsiderate parking of vans and HGV, remain without an agreed solution and we keep hoping that some long term planning will be undertaken by SBC especially for Tweedholm Avenue. We wait with interest the outcome of the proposal to double yellow line the corner on Peebles Road opposite the steps to Caberston Avenue. Similarly we hope that Councillor Garvie will be successful in his efforts to get speed control signs installed at both ends of the village.

We were delighted that the Scottish Government Reporter rejected the Vattenfall Appeal against the Council's rejection of their plan for a windfarm on Minch Moor. We were also delighted that the Council rejected the proposed Broadmeadows windfarm but we remain concerned that there might be further attempts to build windfarms in unsuitable places along our lovely valley.

We were also pleased that proposals for further expensive commuter housing development south of the river at Walkerburn were rejected and we remain committed to the proposed development on Caberston Farm and to high levels of new affordable housing.

Craig Blackie, Scott Confrey and the other members of the SB Local Team have, as usual, been a huge support in getting small jobs carried out in and around the village and we thank them for all their hard work. New cycle racks and a new notice board have been particularly welcomed as has the refurbishment of the main bus shelter at the Hall.

We owe thanks as always to the Police for their support and assistance in and around the area. We are particularly fortunate that PC Rogerson takes an active and personal interest in the village.

A lot of signage around the village has been replaced or repainted and we look forward to our new entry signs which should be in place this month.

The refurbishment of the Post Office and shop has been a huge boost to the village as has the opening of the cafe at Caberston Farm steading.

Finally, we all try to represent all the interests in the village but it is important that everyone realises that we try to act in the community's best interest and not in the interest of any individual. From time to time we all face difficult decisions when we have to follow our conscience rather than the wishes of friends or neighbours. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of this Community Council for their hard work over the past year.

5. Treasurer's Report and Appointment of Account Inspector.

(In the absence of the Treasurer the secretary presented a short report along with the accounts).

Report on Accounts

The accounts had been inspected by Ms M Tucker, a qualified accountant, and had been submitted to SBC on time. There was little change from previous years.

Income

a. The Community Council receives an annual grant from Scottish Borders Council (SBC) based on a basic grant plus a population allowance. The grant is reviewed from time to time but is designed to cover running expenses only, eg travel, stationery, advertising. In spite of the grant, there is no doubt that the CC relies on goodwill from members to use their own transport etc and not to claim all their expenses.

b. In addition to the annual grant, SBC pays for rental of meeting space. This is restricted to monthly meetings plus special meetings for which authority has to be sought in advance and rent is only allowable for sub-committee or public meetings. Rents are paid annually in arrears and Walkerburn Public Hall Trust accepts this situation although it disadvantages them.

Expenditure

c. Secretarial Expenses. The secretary is paid in arrears an 'honorarium' which is designed to cover general expenses such as paper, ink, telephone calls, postage.

d. Walkerburn News (Burning Issues). A flat annual fee is paid to Walkerburn News to cover the monthly inclusion of meeting minutes and advertisements. (By arrangement with Walkerburn News, this fee has remained at the same level because the SBC grant has not increased but the news team recognises that they are also providing a public service.)

e. Membership Fees. The Community Council maintains membership of the 'professional association' – the Association of Scottish Community Councils – but has been trying to cut back on paid memberships which do not provide direct benefit. Some organisations, eg Southern Uplands Partnership, provide free membership if requested because they understand the constraints on the CC budget.

f. Photocopying. Whenever possible photocopying is carried out by individuals using their contacts but from time to time paid copying is necessary and for this the CC uses the Walkerburn News machine.

g. Remembrance Sunday. The CC organises the Act of Remembrance and the community lunch in the Hall. Attendance at the lunch is regularly well in excess of 100 and last year's expenses worked out at 87p per head.

Costs are kept low because drinks are provided by John Purves.

Miss McIntosh made the point that the secretarial payment had remained the same for a number of years and was probably now too low but the secretary pointed out that there was not sufficient funding to make an increase. All agreed that it might be necessary to carry out some fund raising in order to fund events in future such as Remembrance Sunday and the Big Lunch.

The accounts were agreed unanimously and it was also agreed that the Treasurer would seek a suitably qualified person to act as the independent inspector for the next FY.

6. Community Council 2011 Election Report.

The secretary reported on behalf of the Returning Officer, Dr Jan Henderson, that there were nominations for all 4 vacancies. So George Thornton, Irene Ogilvie, Mollie McIntosh and Eric Lavender were duly elected for 3 years.

The Chairman asked members to agree to extend their grateful thanks to Dr Jan Henderson for acting as Returning Officer. Agreed.

7. Office Bearers:

The secretary informed members that the nominations received for office bearers are as follows:

Chairman: G Thornton

Vice Chairman: S Horsburgh and M McIntosh

Secretary: P Purves

Treasurer: R Brett

Planning Sub Committee Chairman: E Lavender

Health: I Ogilvie

Area Committee Representative: M McIntosh

Mr Purves proposed that the nominations be accepted en bloc. This was seconded by Mrs Thornton and agreed unanimously.

8. Formal Agreement to Code of Conduct.

The secretary reminded members that they had been warned to read through the Code of Conduct for Community Councillors before the meeting. All indicated that they had done so. The secretary took members through the main headings and all agreed to abide by the Code. The secretary noted that Mr Brett had also formally agreed to abide by the Code. The Chairman stressed the need for members to be active in their adherence to the Code since it was of the first importance that the community could rely on the integrity of the Community Council. All agreed.

9. Date of Next AGM.

Wednesday 20th June 2012, subject to the dates agreed for the Festival..

10. Chairman's Closing Remarks.

The chairman thanked all for attending and closed the AGM. He then asked members to turn to their papers for the monthly meeting since he proposed moving ahead without a break. All agreed.

Mr G Thornton Chairman - Mrs PS Purves Secretary. Date: July 2011

WALKERBURN & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 15th June 2011

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

(Full Minutes are on the Community website)

Present:

Members: Mr G Thornton (Chairman), Mrs PS Purves CBE.(Secretary), Mrs S Horsburgh, Ms I Ogilvie, Mr JJ Purves MBE, Mrs L Thornton, Miss MM McIntosh MBE

1: Chairman's Introduction. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the new session especially Mr Lavender who was attending his first meeting.

2: Open Questions.

a. A resident requested last month that the football nets at the posts beside the garages off Tweedholm Avenue be renewed but the Secretary explained that there was a little difficulty in that they had initially been provided under a private arrangement but she would continue to press SBC.

b. A resident expressed the view that the minutes of the March meeting gave the wrong impression of the contacts between the Development Trust and the owner of the Mill site. The Secretary explained that the Community Council members believed that the minute in question was correct but that the Development Trust had the opportunity to express their view in their report which would then go into the minutes of this meeting.

c. Residents reported that the speed 'smiley' appeared to be slowing traffic entering the village from Peebles but that it seemed to be incorrectly calibrated since it was smiling at speeds well in excess of 30mph. The Secretary will report this to SBC.

d. A resident expressed appreciation of the Big Lunch effort and the Secretary promised to pass this on to all the helpers. The Secretary also noted that she had sent a report to the Big Lunch team and that Walkerburn was being encouraged to run a Big Lunch for HM The Queen's

Jubilee on 3 June 2012, though this would depend on funding and volunteers.

e. The Festival Committee asked who would represent the Community Council at the Fancy Dress judging. Mr and Mrs Thornton agreed to undertake this task.

3: Monthly Report from WCDT. Mrs Sutherland reported

that:

a. The Development Trust had spoken to the owner of the Mill site last Autumn and had tried to keep the owner involved as they had processed the right to buy application since they would ideally like to come to a mutual agreement as to how the site could best be developed. The Trust had now written to the owner requesting a meeting to discuss whether a negotiated solution to the site development might be possible.

b. The Trust was embarking on the development of a 5 year business plan and would welcome input from the Community Council. After some discussion, members agreed that it would be useful for the Community Council to look at their own future priorities but Mr Purves made the point, agreed by all, that great care had to be taken to ensure that the Community Council remained within its remit which was basically to represent all residents in the area with the statutory agencies, not to think up wish lists of what might or might not be done by the Development Trust.

Question from Member. Ms Ogilvie asked for a report on the Development Trust's involvement with the Church building. Mrs Sutherland explained that the Church was

not yet on sale but that the Development Trust retained the community right to buy and would therefore be informed when the church was placed on the market. No one present had any other information to add on the future of the church building.

4: Police Business. PC Craig Rogerson had circulated his report as normal. There were no questions or observations on the report. The Chairman noted that it had been very useful and good for Police PR that PC Rogerson had attended the Big Lunch in his usual very smart uniform. All agreed that the community were fortunate to have PC Rogerson as our community PC.

5: Apologies and Notices. Apologies had been received from Cllr Herd, Cllr Garvie, Cllr Logan, Mr Brett and PC Rogerson.

6: Minutes of May Meeting. Mrs Horsburgh proposed acceptance of the minutes on the May meeting (with spelling errors corrected). This was seconded by Ms Ogilvie and passed unanimously.

7: Matters Arising.

Item 7b: Village Entrance Signs. The Secretary reported that the signs should be in place by the end of June.

8: Planning

a. The Broadmeadows Windfarm application had been rejected by SBC. Greenpower have 6 weeks in which to make an appeal.

b. 11/00717/FUL Extension to Dwelling House at 21 Caberston Road. The Chairman reported that this application was for a two storey rear extension which would impact upon neighbours but was probably within the guidelines. He suggested that members should look at the site and let the Secretary know their views by the end of the week. The Secretary noted that the extension had a flat roof which she thought would look odd. It was agreed that the Secretary would collate comments and send a response to SBC electronically.

Ms Ogilvie noted that the complete absence of paper copies of applications left some members unsighted on applications. The Public Access system worked well if people were computer capable and had good Broadband connections but she felt strongly that the reliance on electronic means was a further erosion of democracy. Miss McIntosh agreed. After a short discussion it was agreed that the Secretary would ensure that Miss McIntosh and anyone else with access difficulties were shown weekly lists and details of any applications in advance of every meeting. Ms Ogilvie agreed that this would help the Community Council but felt that old system where paper copies of applications were displayed on noticeboards, in libraries etc was better and that she would consider writing to the Head of Planning as a private individual to make the point although she accepted that the move to electronic planning was Scottish government policy which was being followed by SBC.

9: Correspondence. The list had been circulated to Members as usual. The Secretary drew members

attention to the following:

a. Item 8: Local Development Plan meeting in Peebles on 28th June. She would attend with Mr Lavender or the Chairman depending on availability.

b. Item 9: The Peebles Federation of Village Halls meeting to discuss licensing on 29th June. This was a follow-up to the Police letter re Public Entertainment Licences and directly impacted on village activities. Mr Lavender reported on the muddle over the School Concert for which SBC were insisting there must be a licence if an entrance fee were charged. The Secretary would attend with Miss McIntosh but all agreed that the solution probably lay with local councillors making a formal council motion to exempt certain activities, eg school concerts.

c. Item 10: Email from Planners re Application 07/01095/OUT (4 executive style houses at West Bold Farm Steading) to say that the Community Council objection had now been put on the website – it had been erroneously omitted.

10: Reports by Members.

a. A resident had complained that there was a discrepancy between the bus times published in the timetable and those displayed at the bus stop. Mrs Thornton would check with First Bus.

b. Miss McIntosh raised the question of the annual treatment of the seats at the Mill Memorial garden. The Secretary would speak to SB Local.

Afternote: SB Local will treat the seats with oil.

c. Mrs Horsburgh noted that the road surface immediately south of the bridge was breaking up badly in the middle. The Secretary would pass on the comment to Roads.

d. Once again there were problems with Forestry HGV especially when school was opening/closing. Mrs Horsburgh would get in touch with the Police contact at Galashiels to try to make some sensible arrangement.

11: Reports by SBC Councillors. Nil

12: Any Other Business. The Chairman asked the Secretary to leave the room whilst the question of expenses for the Secretary were discussed. A sum was agreed to cover all secretarial expenses, to be paid in arrears.

13: Date of Next Meeting. Wednesday 20th July at 7.30pm. After a short discussion members agreed to schedule a meeting on 17th August meeting since there was likely to be some planning business and to put the September meeting on hold unless there was urgent business.

14: Chairman's Closing Remarks. The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and asked members of the public to leave whilst a matter of private business was discussed.

Date: July 2011

Mr G Thornton Chairman

Mrs PS Purves Secretary

Walkerburn & District Police Report May 2011

Since the last meeting held on Wednesday 18th May 2011 a total of 17 calls have been made to the Police concerning the Walkerburn beat area, broken down as follows:

Reported crime: 2

Misc calls to assist other Forces/agencies: 3

Anti-Social Behaviour (noise/neighbour complaints): 3

Misc calls to assist public: 3

Road Traffic (inc accidents/livestock/obstructions): 6

Crime

On 26th May 2011, a quantity of scrap metal was stolen from a farm in the Walkerburn area. A positive line of enquiry is being followed up at this time. We would urge all residents to be vigilant throughout the summer and to

report any suspicious vehicles in the area, particularly vans and drosided lorries.

Should any resident have information relating to any criminality in the Walkerburn area please either contact Crimestoppers 0800 555111 or PCCraig Rogerson 01721 720637. Information received is treated in complete confidence.

Roads Policing

There was one damage only reported accident in the Walkerburn area.

On 28th May 2011, a local male was observed wheel spinning his car and driving in an anti-social manner on Caberston Road, Walkerburn. He was traced a few days later and issued with a vehicle ASBO.

Events/Operation etc

Both PCs Hamilton and Rogerson have received Police Mountain Bikes. Both Officers have successfully passed the Police Mountain Bike course and should now be more visible and accessible in their respective communities.

PC Craig Rogerson.

Letter To BURNing Issues

I saw a little girl eating broccoli as if it were a sumptuous lollipop. There were also very young children helping themselves to really nutritious food, then arranging themselves in an orderly fashion at tables and eating with enthusiasm.

Where was I, the Village Big Lunch on the 5th June. It really was a joy to be present at this function and to those who did not attend they missed a very good meal and enjoyable occasion.

A very big thank you to all who worked hard to bring this function to fruition so successfully. Much planning and preparation went into this.

However, what I say is that when we hear so much of children not eating healthily and behaving so badly, I was really blessed by the children who attended.

A word of congratulations to the parents of these children and to the teachers of the School who obviously are doing a great job. They are a credit to you.

I would like to add that the presence of Constable Rogerson, our Community Police Officer, was also appreciated. He has to be commended for his immaculate appearance and is a credit to his Force.

Irene Ogilvie

WHAT'S ON IN THE HALL –JULY/AUGUST

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

Date	Event	Time
JULY		
17 th	Church Service	10.30am
17 th	Table Tennis	6.00-9.00pm
20 th	Community Council	7.30pm
24 th	Table Tennis	6.00-9.00pm
31 st	Table Tennis	6.00-9.00pm
AUGUST		
7 th	Table Tennis	6.00-9.00pm
14 th	Table Tennis	6.00-9.00pm
17 th	Community Council	7.30pm
21 st	Church Service	10.00am
21 st	Table Tennis	6.00-9.00pm
28 th	Table Tennis	6.00-9.00pm

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