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WALKERBURN WEBSITE



The community website, www.walkerburn.com has had a makeover. It still has the same basic content, so if you want to know what's on at the village hall, who to contact about a particular local group, or want a number for a local decorator, this is the place to go.

A screen shot of the new home page is shown left.

What is new is photo galleries, currently showing local views and some photos of 'Old Walkerburn' and hopefully you'll find it easier to find your way around the new site.

If your group is not on the local contacts list, please send details to mail@walkerburn.com and I will try to put them on the site as soon as possible. If you have any interesting photos of views or events for the site they can be mailed to me at the same address.

If you want to advertise an event in the village you now don't have to wait for the next issue of Burning Issues, but can send information direct to mail@walkerburn.com for posting onto the news page. Any comments or ideas for new content or links to existing websites welcome.

Ian Ireland



Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 24th August
7pm in the Village Hall

The AGM will be followed by a presentation on AIMUp. AIMUp is a community led initiative looking to provide a viable alternative for easy access to the top of Flora Hill for bikers, walkers and visitors alike. This presentation will give us the opportunity to hear more about this proposal and ask questions of the steering group aiming to take it forward.

Tea/Coffee and biscuits will be provided.

Membership of the Development Trust is open to any residents living in the EH43 postcode area and over the age of 18. Membership subscription is £1 per year and residents can join before the meeting.

Walkerburn Vegetable and Flower Show

Come and join us for the annual Vegetable and Flower show on Saturday 10 September at 2pm in the hall.

For the first time this year we have opened up the show to any exhibitors and we have also introduced a New Exhibitor class for those of you who have never shown before.

Why don't you pick up a schedule from the Post Office and start planning now to enter your prize vegetables and flowers. Categories include handicrafts, baking, preserves and photography. Children and young people have their own sections to enter prize radishes, baking, models and drawings.

Entries will be taken in at the hall on Friday 9 September from 6.30 – 8.30pm and on the Saturday morning from 8.00 – 10am. Members of the committee will be on hand to offer advice about staging your exhibits.

Even if you don't have any exhibits yourself please come along and see the prize vegetables, produce and flowers on display. Refreshments will be available.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Barbara Peardon

Walkerburn RFC News

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. Friendly against Lismore 20th August 3pm kick off.

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

'200 Club' Winners Draw

There is no draw this month, following the big annual draw in July.

Rural Round-Up

Please note: The first meeting of our 2011-2012 session will take place in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 7th September.

Our speaker for the evening will be Nichola Sewell from the Healthy Living Network. Nichola had been due to speak earlier in the year but had to cancel due to unforeseen circumstances, so we look forward to welcoming her in September.

Competitions for this evening are a Holiday Photograph and a Healthy Summer Dessert (individual portion).

Heather Shepherd

School Report

The new school session starts on Tuesday 16th August.

Date for your diary – Saturday October 1st School Harvest Fair



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Lose for Self, Lose for Health



A new Healthy Eating Group is being run in Walkerburn Village Hall on Tuesdays from 4-5pm, starting on Tuesday 9th August.

For more information, contact Nichola Sewell on 07748 320108.

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.

Keep Fit

Keep Fit starts up again on Monday 5th September from 11.30am to 12.30pm. Old and new members welcome.

Lunch Club

Will be starting again on Tuesday 4th October.

Crafts 4 U – Your Local Craft Group

Crafts 4 U opening hours are:

Tuesday	10am-2pm Open for browsing	1.00pm-3.00pm Patchwork	6:30pm-8:30pm Patchwork
Wednesday	10am-12pm Open House	1.00pm-3.00pm Craft Club	7.00pm-9.00pm Craft Club
Thursday	10am-4pm 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

Walkerburn Festival Photos

Festival photos are now up on the Post Office Noticeboard and will remain there until Saturday 20th August 2011. Copies can be ordered from Eric and cost 50p each. More photos will be put on the Walkerburn website – www.walkerburn.com, so keep an eye out for them.

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August Wild Side

As we go into what is called 'late summer', we're supposed to be able to sit out in the garden and enjoy the fruits of our labours.

For the gardener, and the sun worshippers, one might ask what happened to 'high summer' this year. We've had just a few scattered days which I think won't be enough help for all the tomatoes to ripen. It has been good for some flying insects though, the exception being butterflies of which I've seen too few. Yesterday evening, the skies were alive with swallows and martins feeding. It is always a joy to watch them swooping and swerving as they feed and last night they were from the ground to great heights. Just sitting on the bench in the garden, watching the birds, with the dog up next to me, was quite relaxing and another insect feeder, the pied wagtail was feeding on the lawn. Jumping and flipping to catch insects as they took off from the ground, it came within a few feet of us, never bothering, and calmly walked out of the gate when it had finished working on the lawn. The dog has been told to leave the wee birds alone and on the whole he does. (Members of the crow family are fair game.) He'll lay in the sun, watching the house sparrows bobbing about around him. He must be an expert by now in sparrow behaviour!

On our annual jaunt north this year, we'd watched an osprey catch a large fish from the river mouth, fly to a sandbank and eat it. One of my wildlife highlights of a week away. Back at home, the following week, an osprey flew low over the garden toward the Tweed and we watched as it met up with yet another, both being heckled by smaller

birds as they gained height and disappeared from view. Birds of prey have featured quite a bit this last month in our family. We have at least two buzzard families nearby, as we can hear from the 'screechers'. The young in or near the nest repeatedly screech for their parents to come and feed them. We hear one in the forest nearby every year and this year, there's also one in the Glenbenna area. We've certainly seen plenty of buzzards about too, so they are still doing well. The sparrowhawk has not been visibly visiting the garden since we stopped putting peanuts out for the birds. This was because greedy sparrows covered the feeders until they were empty and no other birds got a look in. We have had evidence of kills though on the lawn, with feathers and the odd bit of bone. Whichever one of us finds it says "there's been a murder" and I'm afraid we then go into Taggart mode trying to figure out what has been killed.

On a lighter note, I admit to being jealous of my daughter who driving home after dark from work spotted a garden gnome sitting in the gutter at the side of the road. Trying to figure out why it was there, as she got nearer, it turned its head to reveal it was, in fact, a barn owl. Thank goodness she wears glasses!

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

WALKERBURN & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 20th July 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 E Lavender, Mrs L Thornton,

Ex Officio: Cllr G Logan

ITEM 1: Chairman's Introduction. The Chairman welcomed everyone and expressed the appreciation of all the members to the Festival Committee for the excellent 2011 Festival. Mr Lavender noted that he and other new Festival Committee members had learnt a lot from this year and that the 2012 event would be even better but he also noted that the Festival needed enthusiastic participants in all events to be successful and asked that everyone try to come along to more events. He promised that the SBC councillors would receive personal invitations and hoped that they would be able to attend. Cllr Logan stated that

he had been sorry to miss this year's Festival because of other commitments.

ITEM 2: Open Questions.

a. A resident reported that the metal plates on the road at Tweedholm Court were a hazard since they were lifting easily. Members recalled that there had been some trouble with these plates when the build was underway but noted that SBC had adopted the road. Cllr Logan promised to follow up with David Brown.

b. A resident had asked about the sewage overflow on the A72 near the bus stop. Cllr Logan was able to explain that Scottish Water were aware but he

said that he would also speak to the SBC Environmental Health Officer since there was potential health hazard.

ITEM 3: Monthly Report from WCDD.

Mrs Sutherland reported that the Development Trust AGM would be held in the Hall on 24th August at 7.30pm. All residents in the EH43 postal area were welcome to attend.

ITEM 4: Police Business.

No report had been received this month but PC Rogerson would hopefully be attending the August meeting.

ITEM 5: Apologies and Notices.

Apologies had been received from Cllr Herd, Cllr Garvie, PC Rogerson, Miss McIntosh, Mr Brett and Mr Purves.

ITEM 6: Minutes of May Meeting.

Mrs Horsburgh proposed acceptance of the minutes of the June meeting. This was seconded by Mr Lavender and passed unanimously.

ITEM 7: Matters Arising.

a. Item 2a Football Nets at Tweedholm Ave. The Secretary has asked Cllr Garvie to chase when he gets back from holiday. A young person had shown commendable initiative by asking Mr Lavender to allow a collecting can in the Post Office but Mr Lavender would ask the person concerned to wait until Cllr Garvie has had a chance to get the nets replaced.

Afternote: Cllr Garvie has arranged with SB Local for the nets to be replaced as part of the 'Small Schemes' system. No date for the arrival of the nets is available yet.

b. Item 2c SID 'Smiley' Sign. The secretary had reported residents' comments on the 'smiley'. Apparently it is not very accurate but every effort is made to place it in such a way that it gives a reasonably accurate read-out. Members were reminded that the intention is to remind motorists to slow down and all agreed that it appeared to work.

c. Item 7b Village Signs. The entrance sign for the south bank of the river was on order and should be installed soon. All the other signs have been erected. Members expressed their thanks to Mr Jim McQuillan and his team for their help.

d. Item 9b. Public Entertainment Licences. Cllr Logan and secretary are working with the Council Solicitor to find a solution.

e. Item 10a. Bus Timetables. Mrs Thornton had chased up the problem of wrong bus times at bus stops. Mr Dellow from SBC had promised to ensure that corrections were made by next week.

ITEM 8: Planning

a. Paper copies of the detailed plans for changes to the interior and roof panels at Juniper Bank House were on display. Members felt that there was no need for comment since the plans would not affect the local environment or any other houses.

b. The secretary had circulated a report on the Local Development Plan Focus Group Meeting on

28th June. Members were generally content with the points made since these reflected previous discussions but asked that the following be submitted to the Principal Officer, Plans & Research:

a. Open Space. The priority was to protect the rugby ground and practice ground, the park, the green area in Caberston Road and the bowling green. All these areas should be kept exempt from development. The allotment site was secure for 20 years and should remain so but it was noted that the owner, SBHA, had a contract break point at 12 years should they wish to develop the site for housing.

b. Village Boundary. Although members felt that the boundary was generally acceptable as at present they believed that some small expansion to take in Glendinnings Yard and the station cottages would be helpful since this would mean that the 30mph limit kicked in at the Glendinnings yard entrance. It was also felt that there was a road safety issue with the placing of the 30mph signs on the A72 at the Innerleithen end which could be solved by moving these signs, and the boundary, a few metres to the west, ie towards Innerleithen. In future, it might be necessary to expand to the north east along the A72 to allow extra housing land allocation but this would be after the next Local Plan.

c. Development Land. The old mill site and the Caberston Farmyard and stackyard should remain as designated mixed use development land thus allowing a mix of housing, including the potential for old peoples' housing, and light industry/retail. No other development land was identified.

d. Housing Land. The Caberston Farm area designated in the current Local Plan to remain. No other housing land designated. No housing development south of the river on the grounds that the infrastructure was not suitable and tourism/recreational development would be adversely impacted. In the long term future, housing development to the north east of the village, ie Caberston Farm eastern end, might be considered. Current allocations of affordable housing to be strictly enforced and such housing to be provided in Walkerburn.

e. Forestry. Further forestry development to be opposed.

f. Agricultural Land. Other than the land already designated for housing on Caberston Farm and for the area designated for long term expansion, no building to be permitted on agricultural land on the grounds that landscape values were important for tourism, there was a need to protect the historical landscape, and there was a national need for food production.

g. Ribbon Development/Housing in the Countryside. Strong support for current policies and wish to maintain clear distinction between

settlements. Consider that Glenbenna is now a completed settlement and there should be no housing development south of the river.

ITEM 9: Correspondence.

The list had been circulated to Members as usual and there were no questions.

ITEM 10: NHS Borders Single Equality Scheme and Action Plan 2011-2014.

The Chairman asked Ms Ogilvie to lead the discussion. Ms Ogilvie noted that the paper was unwieldy and could lead to costly duplication. The secretary pointed out several instances of extremely poor use of English which was almost designed to have the opposite effect from that intended. All members agreed that there was a danger that policies written in this type of language would fail to have the right effect and that although the intentions were clearly correct some plain language would be useful. There was also agreement that the provision of language translation services, whilst undoubtedly useful for individuals had little relevance to a policy designed to provide and ensure equality of opportunity since the working language in the Borders is English. It was agreed that the secretary should draft and circulate a comment.

ITEM 11: HM The Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

The secretary reported that the Lord Lieutenant, Capt David Younger, would attend the October meeting to talk about local arrangements for the Diamond Jubilee. She noted that the village had already been invited to take part in the Jubilee Big Lunch on Sunday 3rd June. Members agreed to support this and felt that other organisations in the village should be invited to take part. Any other ideas for celebrating the Diamond Jubilee such as erecting bunting would depend on volunteers coming forward and everyone agreed that care must be taken not to interfere with either the Rugby Sevens or the Festival. It was agreed that the secretary should write to the major organisations.

ITEM 10: Reports by Members.

a. Ms Ogilvie suggested that a letter be sent to the Church of Scotland asking for a report on their plans for the old church. All agreed that this would be appropriate especially since the Development

Trust seemed to have had little response to their requests for information.

b. The poor state of the footpath on the north side of the dam bridge was reported and Cllr Logan promised to try to chase a repair.

c. The worsening potholes in the middle of the road on the south side of the Tweed Bridge were now causing concern since Forestry HGV were rapidly making them worse. Again, Cllr Logan promised to chase.

d. There were increasing concerns at the lack of verge cutting on dangerous corners such as some of those on the back road, which is a national cycle path. The Triangle at Bold Brae was mentioned as an example where drivers simply can not see pedestrians and cyclists. Cllr Logan explained that there had been even more budget cuts but promised to do his best to get some cutting done where there were clear dangers to road users.

ITEM 11: Reports by SBC Councillors.

Cllr Logan reported that:

a. The compulsory purchase process for Sunnybrae Lodge was due to start after 16 August. This is the closest to a closure that has ever been achieved and members congratulated Cllr Logan.

b. SBC officers had held a site meeting with Mr Miller the owner of the riverbank above the bridge and had agreed a contribution towards river bank repairs. A funding package was being put in place but further action awaited the consultants' report.

c. The SBC Scrutiny Committee was recommending changes to SBC reports which would see executive summaries included in all reports and plain English used.

ITEM 12: Any Other Business.

Nil.

ITEM 13: Date of Next Meeting.

Wednesday 17th August at 7.30pm.

Members were reminded that there will be no meeting in September.


ITEM 14: Chairman's Closing Remarks.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

Date: August 2011

Mr G Thornton (Chairman)

Mrs PS Purves (Secretary)



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WHAT'S ON IN THE HALL –AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

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

Date	Event	Time
AUGUST		
14th	Table Tennis	6.00-9.00pm
17th	Community Council	7.30pm
21st	Church Service	10.00am
	Table Tennis	6.00-9.00pm
24th	Walkerburn Development Trust AGM and Presentation	7.00pm
28th	Table Tennis	6.00-9.00pm
SEPTEMBER		
4th	Table Tennis	6.00-9.00pm
5th	Keep Fit	11.30am
6th	Zumba	7.30pm
10th	Vegetable Association Show	2.00pm
11th	Table Tennis	6.00-9.00pm
18th	Church Service	10.00am
	Table Tennis	6.00-9.00pm
20th	David Mundell – Surgery	1.00-1.30pm
24th	Bowling Club Coffee Morning	10.00-11.30am
25th	Table Tennis	6.00-9.00pm

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