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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – 13th NOVEMBER 2011

Walkerburn Community Council will organise the Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial at 10.45 am on Sunday 13th November followed by a reception at the Public Hall.

With many servicemen and servicewomen, including some from this area, serving in Afghanistan and other dangerous spots around the world, it would be tremendous if as many residents as possible could come and join us at the War Memorial, and afterwards at the Hall.

Parade and Act of Remembrance

Following the success of the last 6 years' parades of Service and ex-Service personnel and the interest shown in keeping this tradition, there will again be a parade of Service and ex-Service men and women this year. The Public Hall will be open from 10am for warmth and shelter and seats will be provided at the War Memorial for those who may find it difficult to march to or stand for the ceremony. Service and Ex-Service personnel are invited to gather at the Public Hall to march to the Memorial, stepping off no later than 10.35hrs for the Act of Remembrance. Colonel John Purves will be writing to all the Service and ex-Service folks that he knows about with full details, but please pass the word round so that no-one is inadvertently left out, and if you're Service or ex-Service and not already on John's mailing list please give him a call on 870447.

Reception

There will be a reception in the Hall following the wreath-laying, sponsored by Walkerburn Community Council. EVERYONE is welcome to

come along for refreshments and a 'blether'. Hot soup will be on the menu in case it's a cold morning and there is a rumour of Gurkha beer being available! There will be a display of photographs of 100 years of Walkerburn men and women in Uniform. (The Hall will remain open and refreshments will be available until 2pm for families attending services elsewhere.)

Photographic Archive

The village archive of Walkerburn men and women in uniform, which John Purves is compiling, now has about 500 photographs. If you have any photographs which could be added (there must still be hundreds around !) there is still time. If you would like your, your family's or any of your old friends' military contribution included in the Remembrance Sunday exhibition and the village archive, please contact John Purves on 870447 and he will personally collect, copy and return your precious photographs safely, within 48 hours.

Summary of timings on Remembrance Sunday:

10.00 am Public Hall opens for warmth and shelter prior to the Parade.

10.35 am Ex-Service parade steps off for War Memorial

10.45 am Act of Remembrance at War Memorial

11.15 onwards Reception at Public Hall. Everyone welcome.

WALKERBURN COMMUNITY FAIR

VILLAGE HALL SATURDAY 29th OCTOBER 10.30AM TO 1.00PM

"BRING FAMILY AND FRIENDS!"

Coffee - Tea - Juices - Home Made Soup and Roll (£1)

Entrance 50p - (includes Tea/Coffee and Biscuits)

"BURNING ISSUES NEEDS YOU"

Thanks to the unselfish help of a few contributors, editors and distributors, Walkerburn's own Newsletter has been produced monthly for over 10 years.

Unfortunately, 'Father Time' is catching up on some of those who help and we shall shortly be losing three of our 6 main members and have already lost 2 delivery helpers.

Burning Issues is therefore in urgent need of new people to replace them and to assist with either photocopying, delivering, or liaising with those who contribute articles.

It only takes a couple of hours each month, but the Newsletter depends on finding replacements in order to continue. You will be helping to provide a real service to the Community, with only a small demand on your time.

Please call us as soon as possible on 01896-870251 or contact us at walkerburnnews@hotmail.com if you can help, or if you can suggest anyone who we might contact to help us.

Thank you.

WALKERBURN RFC



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.

WRFC Home Games

15th October Walkerburn v Queensferry.

5th November Walkerburn v Inverleith.

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

Club always ready to give a warm welcome to volunteers to help prepare the club for match days.

Please contact Club Secretary on 870 431.

For club bookings please contact the Secretary on 01896-870431 secretary@rugby.walkerburn.org.uk

To catch the latest news about the club online –
Website: www.walkerburnrugby.org.uk

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Forthcoming Events

Rock Night Music Through the Years

Saturday the 15th of October - 8pm until Midnight
Walkerburn Rugby Football Club

Free Entry

Air Guitar Competition

Race Night Walkerburn Rugby Football Club

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Should any resident have information relating to any criminality in the Walkerburn area please either contact Crimestoppers 0800 555111 or PC Craig Rogerson 01721 720637.

Information received is treated in complete confidence.

BURNing Issues AGM

This will be held, as usual, in the Village Hall on **Monday 5th December at 7.30pm.**

This will be followed by the usual monthly Editorial meeting.

We hope that everyone who has helped to produce or distribute the newsletters will be able to attend. Any other Walkerburn residents will also be most welcome, and if anyone is interested in helping with the production or delivering **BURNing Issues** and fund raising events please come and introduce yourself.

All views or suggestions are welcome.

Please put this date in your diary!

Walkerburn Bowling Club

The annual coffee morning followed by this year's prize presentation took place on Saturday 24th September and closed the season for Walkerburn Bowlers.

Despite a poor turnout, the coffee morning eventually added the sum of £350 to the Club's much needed funds.

After a short game in the afternoon, President Bruce Rawding presented the trophies to this year's winners and runners-up as follows:-

Gent's Champion B Rawding

Runner-up J Smith

Ladies Champion H White

Runner-up M Buchan

President's Cup L Johnstone

Runner-up B Rawding

Handicap Cup J Russell

Runner-up Jim Kydd

Two Bowl Pairs J Anderson and L Brett

Runners-up G Clapperton and H Mason

Two Bowl Singles J Anderson

Runner-up L Johnstone

George Hotel Quaich G Clapperton and L Brett

Sandy Aitken Plate J Smith and H Mason

Runners-up B Lees and M Buchan

Friday Wappenshaw J Smith

Runner-up L Johnstone

Monday Wappenshaw J Stein

Members are reminded that this year's Annual General Meeting will be held in the Clubhouse on Sunday 4th December at 2pm and a full turnout would be appreciated.

Prize winners for our Duck Race earlier this year were:-

1st £75 Pat Seath Innerleithen

2nd £35 A McConnell Innerleithen

3rd £15 Vi Gilchrist Innerleithen

Our thanks to all who took part.

WALKERBURN FESTIVAL EVENTS

Saturday 22nd October 10:30am to 1pm - Silent Auction, stalls, games and coffee morning to be held at the Public Hall.

Saturday 29th October 3-5pm - Children's Halloween Party.

Monday 7th November at 7pm - Summer Festival Annual General Meeting in the HBMI Club.

ZUMBA

We are pleased to let you know that Zumba classes have started up again on Tuesdays at Innerleithen Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

The classes will alternate with Walkerburn Hall but Norrie Smith will be our instructor for both classes.

The classes will cost £3 per session as we have to cover the Hall rental and instructor's fee.

We hope to see you there and please tell anyone that you know who might be interested in coming.....spread the word about Zumba fitness!!

Denise Hanks

Scottish Water Invitation to an Information Event

Innerleithen Water Treatment Works (WTW) Upgrade

At Memorial Hall, Innerleithen on Wednesday 12th October 4.00-7.00pm

This is a good opportunity to view plans, meet the project team and ask any questions.

Walkerburn Guild

Walkerburn Guild has started up and is held fortnightly on Tuesdays at 7.30pm in the Village Hall and we would love to welcome new members, as well as our very faithful existing members. Next two dates are October 18th and November 1st.

November Coffee Morning

Walkerburn Guild have their annual coffee morning on Saturday 19th November from 10.00 to 11.30am. Coffee with homemade biscuits £1.00. Baking stall, soft goods, bric-a-brac, children's stall, guess the weight of a Christmas cake & roll the ball. Come and speak to Santa!

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LOCAL LANDSCAPE DESIGNATION

The Council is consulting the public on the planning guidance for local landscape designation.

This is a very important consultation since it will give guidance to developers about where they can build windfarms, industrial units and large housing estates etc. There are significant changes proposed for the Tweed Valley, which would give greater protection to our local landscape. The Community Council will debate the issues at the meeting on Wednesday 19th October (starts at 7.30pm in the Public Hall) and a response will be sent to the Council. If you have any views, please send your comments to the secretary at purves-glenmead@supanet.com or give them to any Community Council members. The draft guidance can be found at <http://www.scotborders.gov.uk/life/planningandbuilding/plansandresearch/38240.html> and hard copies are available in any SBC Contact Centre.

CRAFTS 4 U – YOUR LOCAL CRAFT GROUP

Crafts4U Xmas Fayre

Saturday 12th November – 10.00am to 3.00pm

To be held in Unit 1, Jubilee Road (next to DCB Welding and Garage) Handmade Gift Stalls, Grand Raffle, Prize Draw and many more exciting things.

COME TO THE FAYRE!

Shop Opening Hours are;

10.00am to 4.00pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday.

Tuesday 10am - 12noon Rag Rugging, 2pm - 4pm Patchwork, 6.30pm - 8.30pm Patchwork

Wednesday 10am - 12noon Victoria Park, 1pm - 3pm Craft Club, 7pm - 9pm 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.

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Healthy Eating

A new Healthy Eating Group is being run in Walkerburn Village Hall on **Mondays** from 4-5pm. 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 has started up again on Mondays from 11.30am to 12.30pm. Old and new members welcome.

Lunch Club

The Lunch Club has started up again fortnightly on Tuesdays from 12noon to 1.00pm, followed by Carpet Bowls from 1.00-2.00pm and Gentle Seated Exercise from 1.30-2.15pm. See "What's On in the Hall" for dates.

Introduction to Childcare Course Starting October

Free 6 week course at Walkerburn Village Hall

Week 1 Child Development/Basic Needs – 17th October - 12.45-2.45pm

Week 2 Learning Through Play – 24th October – 12.45-2.45pm

Week 3 Safety – 31st October – 12.45-2.45pm

Week 4 Health/Hygiene – 7th November – 12.45-2.45pm

Week 5 Behaviour – 14th November – 12.45-2.45pm

Week 6 Progression Routes, Careers and Presentation – 21st November – 12.45-2.45pm

12 places available

For further information, please contact either:

Margaret Smail (Peebles Community Centre) - 01721 720975

Nichola Sewell - 01896 824500/07748320108 or Oonagh McGarry 01896 755110

Weaning Course for Parents and Babies

This course is being held on Monday 31st October and Monday 14th November from 9.15-11.15 am.

For more information, contact Nichola Sewell on 07748 320108.

Rural Round Up

For our September meeting Nichola Sewell from the Healthy Living Network came and gave an interesting talk on the work that she does and also demonstrated how to make Raspberry Oatie Slices.

This was a very simple and quick recipe to do and everyone really enjoyed eating the fruits of her labour when it was time to break for a cuppa! Nichola also had lots of different leaflets and other recipes to give out for members to go home and try for themselves. Competition winners for September were:

Holiday Photograph: 1st J Gillie, 2nd H Shepherd

Healthy Summer Dessert: 1st A Kubie, 2nd J Gillie, 3rd H Shepherd

This month we were relocated to Walkerburn Primary School to hear Shirley Bean, Headteacher, talk about the history of the School in the run up to the 150th anniversary celebrations next year. It was lovely to have our meeting somewhere different for a change and we were made to feel most welcome by Shirley who gave a truly fascinating and funny talk about the School. She

had lots of amazing photographs from days gone by of former pupils and classes stretching right back to 1912. Some rural members are former pupils so they had a lovely time recognising friends, acquaintances and even themselves in the photos! Competition winners were:

Knitted Scarf: 1st A Watson, 2nd C Rudram, 3rd I Scott

3 Sponge Snowballs: 1st A Kubie, 2nd M Millar, 3rd H Shepherd

There will be no competitions at our November meeting as we are taking the opportunity to have a night out as we did not have our usual summer outing this year. We are meeting at the Whistle Stop Restaurant in Innerleithen on Wednesday 2nd November at 6 pm for a light supper before moving across to Robert Smail's at 7pm to do some printing.

Walkerburn & District Community Council

There was no meeting last month, and so there are no September Minutes. But we have a very full agenda for the 19th October meeting, starting at 7.00pm, in the village hall.

We expect the Lord Lieutenant to be present at the start of the meeting to discuss the arrangements for our village to be involved in celebrating HM The Queen's Diamond Jubilee next year.

We would especially like all village club office bearers to attend this meeting, and to contribute

ideas to the discussion on the Jubilee, and for as many residents as possible to lend support.

We also hope to welcome Jason Hedley (the 'new' Craig Blackie!) to tell us about how SBC Local can be of help to Walkerburn.

October Wild Side

According to the poet John Keats Autumn is, "a season of mists and mellow fruitfulness". Almost 200 years on, his poem is as true to Autumn today and we have certainly seen evidence of mists in recent days.

Now we are past the Autumn equinox, the days are rapidly getting shorter and the sun becoming lower in the sky. There are often spectacular sunsets, the stars seem brighter and on some mornings, the fields are overhung with mist, hedgerows glistening with dampened spider webs. Now that sunrise is at a more reasonable time, I have seen some glorious mornings break with some beautiful birdsong from robins and thrushes, albeit more plaintive than the spring dawn chorus.

On those couple of warm days at the end of September, the butterflies and insects were visible once again. The sedums in the garden were smothered in bees and hoverflies whilst various gnats and flies gathered in clouds as the days came to an end.

I'm once again going to harp on about rabbits – yes, we still have too many but our local population appears to have an outbreak of myxomatosis which will see their numbers depleted as generally immunity is low. This is really a warning to bunny lovers; the disease will cause no problem to any other creature. It is a severe viral disease spread by biting insects so if you have pet rabbits, it would be a good idea to get them vaccinated as treatment is usually futile and survival is rare.

It is a dreadful disease that causes immense suffering: affected rabbits can take a fortnight to die. Symptoms start with runny eyes and swollen genitals. The eyes and nose release a lot of pus and eventually become swollen shut. Lumps

appear on the head and then body and there are respiratory problems. The wild rabbits near us have lost either their fear or even awareness of danger and we are able to approach them easily. If you have a cat or dog that has been in contact with an infected rabbit, keep it away from domestic rabbits as it could bring back the fleas, mites and mosquitoes that spread the infection, in its hair.

On a brighter note, this is a time of nature's plenty, with a wonderful hedgerow harvest of blackberries, rose hips, crab apples, nuts and seeds. Many wildlife species take advantage of this wild harvest to build up reserves of fat for migration or for hibernation. Most of our summer migrants are away now and the winter migrants have started arriving. Our resident birds are growing in numbers at the garden feeders too. Another thing to look out for are fungi, especially on or near dead trees. What appears at this time of year above ground is the spore bearing part of the fungus and only a small part of this organism. Under the ground, where many grow, are metres of tiny filaments which reach out into the organic matter.

So still lots to see – get outdoors with the family and enjoy!

Autumn Ideas for kids-

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10am Service

Sunday 23rd October

10am Service

Sunday 30th October

10am Service

Sunday 6th November

10am Service

Sunday 13th November

War Memorial Service (tba)

Generating Your Own Electricity

I've recently been asked by a number of people about the photovoltaic generating system we had installed on our roof last year, and thought it might be helpful for others who are thinking about getting an installation if they could hear about our experience.

It is an expensive investment, but there may be loans and grants available. (find out more about from the Energy Savings Trust at www.energysavingtrust.org.uk)

Our system was installed in September last year on our garage roof and can generate a maximum output of 2.2KW).

It was estimated that it would give a total output of 1700 units over a full year, although we actually achieved slightly less than that. However, considering that the panels were covered in snow for much of December last year, it was a good estimate.

Some companies do exaggerate their estimates – I was quoted 1830 units by one company for the same system.

We get paid for each unit we generate for 25 years, at a rate linked to the retail price index (currently 43.3p per unit), *but this rate is only available if your system goes in before the end of March next year.* After that it will be less – an incentive for pioneers of the technology! In addition we get an extra 3p for each unit fed in to the grid.

At the moment it's assumed that 50% of what we make goes to the grid – until smart meters are installed.

Our consumption for the year was 1100 units less than the previous year, a reduction of over a third. We cook on electricity, and occasionally use an electric fire.

We have a 12 panel system, covering an area 6m by 3.5 m. It cost £12000 including fees for building regulations and structural survey of the roof.

Estimates varied from this up to £14000. It took under 2 days to install including some roof work, and was generating by 3pm on the second day.

Income has been about £750, with a saving on our electricity bill of about £150. That's a £900 annual return on the investment – 7.5% and it's tax free. At that rate it could even be worth extending your mortgage to find the money!

If you have a south facing roof, which includes most houses in Walkerburn, this is an excellent way of reducing your carbon footprint, and reducing the country's need for other sources of electricity from wind, coal, nuclear.

Yes, it doesn't work very well when there's no real sun, but it all helps. One problem we've encountered is that the efficiency of the system is badly impaired if any of the panels is shaded. Being on the south of the valley we don't get sun until late on winter mornings, and a tree obscures some of the panels early in the day at this time of year, so we don't start generating seriously until about 10 am. It's also not helped by being on a single storey roof. However we still came very near to the estimate we were given and houses on the north of the valley will not be in the same position – as I know when I look out in the morning and see the village basking in sunshine when we are still in shadow some days!

If you want to know more please get in touch through Burning Issues. I would be pleased to recommend the company who did our installation.

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Walkerburn Web Site

The community website **www.walkerburn.com** carries all the 'Burning Issues' copies and more. 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 tradesman, this is the place to go.

The full monthly Minutes of the Community Council can also be found there.

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 don't have to wait for the next issue of Burning Issues. Just 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.

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WHAT'S ON IN THE HALL –OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

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

Date	Event	Time
OCTOBER		
Sun 16th	Church Service	10.00am
	Table Tennis	6.00-9.00pm
Mon 17th	Gentle Exercise	11.30am-12.30pm
	Childcare Training Course for Parents/Carers	12.45-2.45pm
	Healthy Eating Group	4.00-5.00pm
Tues 18th	Over 50's Lunch Club, Carpet Bowls, Seated Exercise	12 noon – 2.15pm
	Women's Guild	7.30pm
Wed 19th	Fab Pad Interior Design Course	2.00-4.00pm
	Walkerburn & District Community Council Meeting	7.00pm
Thurs 20th	Youth Club	7.00-9.00pm
Sat 22nd	Festival Silent Auction	10.00am
Sun 23rd	Table Tennis	6.00-9.00pm
Mon 24th	Gentle Exercise	11.30am-12.30pm
	Childcare Training Course for Parents/Carers	12.45-2.45pm
	Healthy Eating Group	4.00-5.00pm
Tues 25th	Ann Park – Partnership, Friendship and Fun	10.00am
	Zumba	7.30-8.30pm
Wed 26th	Fab Pad Interior Design Course	2.00-4.00pm
Thurs 27th	Christian Aid Tea Dance (£3.50)	2.00-4.00pm
Sat 29th	Community Fair	10.30am-1.00pm
	Festival Halloween Party	3.00-5.00pm
Sun 30th	Church Service	10.00am
	Table Tennis	6.00-9.00pm
Mon 31st	Weaning for Parents and Babies	9.15-11.15am
	Gentle Exercise	11.30am-12.30pm
	Childcare Training Course for Parents/Carers	12.45-2.45pm
	Healthy Eating Group	4.00-5.00pm
NOVEMBER		
Tues 1st	Over 50's Lunch Club, Carpet Bowls, Seated Exercise	12 noon – 2.15pm
	Women's Guild	7.30pm
Wed 2nd	Fab Pad Interior Design Course	2.00-4.00pm
Thurs 3rd	Youth Club	7.00-9.00pm
Sun 6th	Church Remembrance Service	4.00pm
	Table Tennis	6.00-9.00pm
Mon 7th	Gentle Exercise	11.30am-12.30pm
	Childcare Training Course for Parents/Carers	12.45-2.45pm
	Healthy Eating Group	4.00-5.00pm
Tues 8th	Ann Park – Partnership, Friendship and Fun	10.00am
	Zumba	7.30-8.30pm
Wed 9th	Fab Pad Interior Design Course	2.00-4.00pm
Thurs 10th	Youth Club	7.00-9.00pm
Sun 13th	Remembrance Day	10.00 onwards
	Table Tennis	6.00-9.00pm
Mon 14th	Weaning for Parents and Babies	9.15-11.15am
	Gentle Exercise	11.30am-12.30pm
	Childcare Training Course for Parents/Carers	12.45-2.45pm
	Healthy Eating Group	4.00-5.00pm
Tues 15th	Over 50's Lunch Club, Carpet Bowls, Seated Exercise	12 noon – 2.15pm
	Women's Guild	7.30pm
Wed 16th	Fab Pad Interior Design Course	2.00-4.00pm
	Walkerburn & District Community Council Meeting	7.30pm
Thurs 17th	Youth Club	7.00-9.00pm
Sat 19th	Women's Guild Coffee Morning	10.00-11.30am
Sun 20th	Church Service	10.00am
	Table Tennis	6.00-9.00pm
Mon 21st	Gentle Exercise	11.30am-12.30pm
	Childcare Training Course for Parents/Carers	12.45-2.45pm
	Healthy Eating Group	4.00-5.00pm
Tues 22nd	Ann Park – Partnership, Friendship and Fun	10.00am
	Zumba	7.30-8.30pm
Wed 23rd	Fab Pad Interior Design Course	2.00-4.00pm
Thurs 24th	Youth Club	7.00-9.00pm
Sun 27th	Table Tennis	6.00-9.00pm
Mon 28th	Gentle Exercise	11.30am-12.30pm
	Childcare Training Course for Parents/Carers	12.45-2.45pm
	Healthy Eating Group	4.00-5.00pm
Tues 29th	Over 50's Lunch Club, Carpet Bowls, Seated Exercise	12 noon – 2.15pm
	Women's Guild	7.30pm
Wed 30th	Fab Pad Interior Design Course	2.00-4.00pm

SCHOOL REPORT

School re-opens on 17th October and we have a busy time ahead, as usual, in the run up to Christmas.

We start this new teaching block welcoming four new pupils to our school, bringing us up to 40 pupils again. This gives us good prospects for next year, when our predicted school roll is 45 with only 3 more pupils needed for a third teacher! Enrolment week for both Nursery and Primary 1, to start next session, is November 21st – 25th. Please encourage any friends and family with children to come and have a look around and enrol at their local school. The school is such an important part of this village and of its future so we ask for everyone's continued support.

Thank you to everyone who supported our recent Harvest market. Our next fundraiser is a Ladies Christmas Shopping Night on Weds 9th November, from 7-9.30pm, in the school hall with stalls from The Body Shop, Em's gems, Pampered Chef, Craft club, as well as specialist candles and soaps plus more. Tickets are £4, available from school. Why not drop by and do some early Christmas shopping or just treat yourself!

We have just had a very successful residential to Dalguise in Perthshire, with some P6/7 children. We joined children from Halyrude and Eddleston Primaries and everyone had a great time.

Tuesday 18th October is the first day of cycle proficiency training for those children in P6/7

signed up for it. Taking part in this course means that they are permitted to cycle to school unaccompanied. It's also great fun and a great life skill. P4-7 class have a series of drumming workshops on Thursday afternoons until mid November and, of course, Zumbatomic is running Mondays after school for the children until 21st November. We are also lucky to have some rugby input on Friday afternoons.

The benefits of all this activity will be seen on Parents Night on 14th November when parents can come and see all the good work their child has been doing and discuss their child's progress with the teaching staff.

Then it's only 5 weeks until the Christmas holidays begin!

At the end of October we are taking part in a national pilot project 'Citizen Science' gathering environmental data. We would be interested in any photographs you may have of the village in flood. These can be e mailed to walkerburnps@scotborders.gov.uk or lent to school for scanning - in a labelled envelope please.

Future Dates to Note;

Monday 14th November Parents Night.

Thursday 1st December Rag Bag Collection.

Tuesday 13th December Christmas Concert!

WALKERBURN PRIMARY SCHOOL 150TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR.

We would like as many past pupils and staff to complete a profile form, just to see where they are and what they are doing with themselves, and if they could e-mail it back to: walkerburnps@scotborders.gov.uk Also our next meeting of the group is Sunday 20th November at 3pm in the School, everyone is welcome.

**Many thanks,
Georgina Boggs (Goudie)**

150 years of Educating at Walkerburn Primary School. "Celebrating our Former Pupils"

The school will celebrate its 150th Anniversary from August 2012 to June 2013.

The purpose of this letter is so that we can have a record to celebrate former pupils of Walkerburn Primary School, which we hope will encourage current and future pupils to aspire to be successful.

What have YOU done with yourself since you left Walkerburn Primary School?

1. Have you been involved in your local community ? Horticultural Society, Guides, festival, Rugby clubs Tennis clubs, Environmental groups etc
2. Academic Achievement – diplomas, degrees, SVQs, PhDs. Qualified tradesmen/women, banking , etc
3. Sporting Achievement – local trophies, individually or as part of a team, National or International sporting attainment, playing for a local bowls or darts team

We want to celebrate EVERYTHING which Walkerburn pupils have done.

We also would like to hear any funny or touching anecdotes which you have from school. This applies to former teachers who may be contacting us too.

We hope to make this a year-round celebration with a variety of events and activities, including a Homecoming/Open day and a book. To fund these events we are asking people to sponsor us and become patrons with a minimum contribution of £10 per person/family. For this, they will be named in the 150th Anniversary Book and receive a commemorative badge/brooch.

Whether you decide to become a patron or not we really do want to hear from you so please complete the form overleaf and return it to the contacts listed, or you could leave it in the box in the post office. Alternatively contact the school and we'll arrange for someone to come and chat with you and you can complete the form together.

WALKERBURN PRIMARY SCHOOL 150th ANNIVERSARY

Name:(Pupil/staff/parent)
(Please attach picture if you have one)

I attended Walkerburn Primary School from: _____ to _____. (years)

My teachers were :-

I'm still in touch with :-

Things I've done in my life:-

My Memories :-

Please complete and return to :-
walkerburnps@scotborders.gov.uk
Walkerburn Primary School, Caberston Rd, Walkerburn, EH43 6AU

I wish to become a patron and enclose a cheque / cash for £_____.

BIC: BOFSGGB21076

IBAN : GB25 BOFS 8009 3300 9224 87

Signed

My contact address is :-