



SCHOOL WELCOMES GREAT TWEED TREKKERS

Pupils from Walkerburn Primary School welcomed MP Michael Moore and Councillor David Parker last month as they passed through Walkerburn on their fund-raising 'Great Tweed Trek'. The walkers also met locals for refreshments at the Hall afterwards. Read about it in the School Report on page 5.

Walkerburn Vegetable Association Annual Show and Exhibition

The Annual Vegetable Association Show is being held in the Public Hall on Saturday, September 13th.

The show opens at 2pm and we look forward to having a number of exhibits over all classes. Schedules are available in the Post Office and Caberston Café.

We welcome new exhibitors and will be happy to give help and guidance on their entries prior to the show and on the day.

Fresh Locally Grown Vegetables at the Village Shop

Walkerburn Village Shop is getting daily supplies of locally grown vegetables from Grow to Work the social enterprise based in Thornielee which provides young adults with work experience and training opportunities. You can get good food at low prices and support this excellent training enterprise, which helps young people gain skills necessary for employment.

St Ronan's Scottish Country Dance Club

Coffee Morning and Come and Try Event

on Saturday 13th September in Innerleithen Memorial Hall 10.00am to 12 noon

Further information: 01896 830637

Walkerburn Old Age Pensioners Association

The regular monthly get-togethers will start again on Tuesday 14th October in the HB Club at 2.30pm.

New members are very welcome to come along and enjoy Whist or Dominoes with tea and biscuits and a chat. Mae has decided to retire from the Treasurer/Secretary position within the Association, and the Committee and members would like to thank her for her many years of dedicated service to the Association.

The Treasurer duties will be undertaken by Anne Kenyon and a volunteer for Secretary would be welcome.

The trip to the Kings Theatre Pantomime "Aladdin" on Tuesday 9 December is now being organised and those wishing to attend are asked to contact President Mary Baillie on 870246 or Treasurer Anne Kenyon on 870757.

Walkerburn Community Development Trust

The Trust are looking for photographs of local views for the Walkerburn 2015 calendar. Please send your photographs to walkerburnnews@hotmail.com

Advance Notice: Community Fair 2014

Our annual Community Fair will be held in the Village Hall on 25th October.

More details will be available in the next BURNing Issues.

Anyone wanting more information or wishing to book a table, please contact Lesley on 01896-870251 or e-mail us at walkerburnnews@hotmail.com



WALKERBURN RFC

It's the start of new season for Walkerburn Rugby Club.

The 'Burn begin their new season's challenge in SRU East League 3 on 13th September.

Come along and cheer the team – no admission charge! They need your

support – at home and away games

Fixtures

(Note: home games kick-off 3pm)

13th	Sept	v Bo'ness	(A)
20th	Sept	v RDVC	(H)
27th	Sept	v Gala YM	(A)
4th	Oct	v Broughton	(H)
11th	Oct	v Moray House	(A)
18th	Oct	v Ross High	(H)
25th	Oct	v Queensferry	(H)

Match Report – 30th August 2014

Walkerburn 50-10 Clydebank RFC

Walkerburn played host to Clydebank, from the West of Scotland regional leagues, in the second of their pre-season 'friendlies', after a defeat in the first game against a very strong Selkirk Stormers side at Philiphaugh. Back at Caberston Haugh, the 'Burn were on familiar ground in front of good home support (who provided their usual range of informative and well researched advice on refereeing and try scoring from the deck outside the club rooms!).

The first half ended with Walkerburn 15-5 to the good.

The second half started with the prospect of a wind assisted second half ahead some promising play

With the score standing at 43-5 and into the game's last quarter Clydebank could have been forgiven if they had thrown in the towel, but to their credit they continued to show spirit as they took the game to Walkerburn - ably supported by the 'Burn's own James Fresle, who had been loaned to the Westerners before kick-off. Walkerburn's final score came in the 73rd minute with a converted try to bring their finally tally to 50 points.

In all, a good win. But the 'Burn will face tougher opposition than Clydebank in the coming season. Hopefully, the smiles of new club president Dave Preacher and coach Andrew Johnston will be just as prominent when Walkerburn conclude their 3 match pre-season friendly series against Lanark Rugby Club another West region side before starting the League Matches.

Training on Tues and Thurs nights is at 7pm. Led by Sib Johnson. Any prospective player wishing to join training will be made most welcome at the clubhouse.

The club is always ready to give a warm welcome to players & volunteers to help prepare the club for match days. Also, anyone interested in helping with teas for the players at home games. Please contact Club Secretary on 01896 831726.

For club bookings please contact the Secretary on 01896-831726 or

secretary@walkerburnrugby.org.uk

To catch the latest news

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News From Walkerburn Bowling Club

We are pleased to announce that we have been awarded a grant of £2000 from the Big Lottery Communities 2014 fund to purchase equipment that can be used to assist in increasing membership of the club and an interest in bowling.

"NEW AGE BOWLS" have just arrived as the first part of the order. These bowls are manufactured in a material similar to a stess ball and react just like normal bowl and can be used on any flat surface and are suitable for the younger person to play with.

During August we held successful "TRY BOWLS" drop in sessions on a Friday evenings with around eight adults and four children taking part.

On the 16th August we held the Plora Open Pairs tournament with 18 entries, after qualifying through the sections in a round-robin. We say "congratulations" to Sandra Clyde and Brian Warner for winning an exciting final against Rian Dougal and Darren Dougal. Thanks go to Ann Stevenson for her sponsorship, to the ladies in the kitchen for keeping us fed, to the players who turned up, to our other members for their support in setting everything up and to those of you who bought raffle tickets.

We had a good nights bowling Wednesday 27th August against the Innerleithen, Walkerburn and Traquair Rotary Club in our annual get together. The winners this year were ourselves but one Rotary triple won their tie

with two triples drawing. Thanks to everybody who took part in the games and raffle. And a big 'thank you' to the ladies that did a beautiful spread from the kitchen. We look forward to having them back again!

With the season end fast approaching, please look out for our members selling ducks for the duck race.

As with any small club, we require volunteers to assist in running the club. If you wish to offer your help, please look out for the date of our AGM.

For up-to-date information about the club you can find us on Facebook at Walkerburn Bowling Club.

Anybody wishing to try out bowling are welcome to come along on Fridays during September between 6pm & 7pm.

To arrange other times please also contact us as below.

For further information about the club please take a look at our website:-

<http://onlineborders.org.uk/community/wbc>

or find us on Facebook at Walkerburn Bowling Club or contact us by e-mail at wbcmail@btinternet.com

Contact us by phone on 01896 870688, 01721 730371

Mani Manium (President)

Keep Fit

Keep Fit has started again and is held every Monday from 11.30am to 12.30pm.

Everybody welcome. All ages.

Come and give it a try.



WALKERBURN & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

There was no August Meeting.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 17th September at 7.00pm in the Walkerburn Village Hall.

All Welcome! You don't have to stay for the whole meeting but why not come along and see what we do?

Walkerburn Guild

Walkerburn Guild is starting up again and is held on the last Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

We would love to welcome new members as well as our very faithful existing members.

The speaker on Tuesday 30th September is The Rev Marion Dodd and the subject is "A Guest at Balmoral".

WALKERBURN WATCH Drop in Computer Sessions

Walkerburn Watch is hosting informal drop-in computer sessions for the older person in the Village Hall every Wednesday between 10.30am and 3pm. It's all very easy-going and refreshments will be served.

For further details contact Steve Bonner (Walkerburn Watch / The Bridge) on: 0750 230 3898 or just drop in each Wednesday to see what is going on.

Lunch Club

The Lunch Club starts up again on Tuesday 9th September at 12 noon. Soup, sandwiches and a scone. Tea or coffee.

Only £2. 50's and over welcome. Gentle seated exercises or carpet bowls after lunch.

Grow to Work Gardening Services

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Oyster Theatre

We are auditioning for The Wizard of Oz on Sunday, 14 September 2014 at Walkerburn Public Hall from 2 - 5 pm. Acting, singing, dancing - there's something for everyone!

Oyster Theatre's first production was in 2012. Walkerburn Hall needed to raise funds for upkeep, so a play written by Sue Tickner, 'Finale', was performed by local youngsters and proved to be a huge success with the audience and an enthusiastic cast.

This was just the beginning. "What are we doing next?", they asked. The cast were engaged and demanding another show.

Having directed many pantomimes for Tweed Theatre, Sue decided to throw the cast in at the deep end with a panto. Some of them had never seen a pantomime and were understandably confused by the gender issues, with the Principle Boy being played by a female and the Dame played by a male!

Oyster Theatre delivered a fantastic performance of Alice in Wonderland and the cast, being deservedly very proud, were now really hooked. In 2013, with an ever growing

cast, they produced another panto, Snow White & The Seven Dwarves. Much laughter and learning along the way resulted in another great success.

It was time then for a departure from comedy to a classic. The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe was chosen and proved to be ideal. Personalities blossomed, confidence grew and working as a team was now second nature.

Again the question, "What are we doing next?" This being asked before the current rehearsals had barely got under way!

So here it is:

This year's pantomime and exciting adventure, The Wizard of Oz, will be staged at Walkerburn Public Hall on Friday, 12th December 2014 (evening), Saturday, 13th December 2014 (matinee and evening) and Sunday, 14th December 2014 (matinee).

**Local Community First Responders are collecting old mobile phones to raise funds.
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September Wildside

The garden birds are starting to return, especially the robin, singing from the tree tops and hedges.

With the colder nights of the last week, Autumn is definitely approaching and some of the trees are showing their Autumn colours in their leaves and as is usual at this time of year, worm casts are appearing on the grass. While it can be a pain when the soil is tramped indoors on your feet, worms are invaluable. They are like mini tractors, tilling the soil and making it a better place for plants to grow. That's why gardeners love them; they help look after our veg. Birds, badgers, moles, hedgehogs and even foxes feed on them too and in ploughed fields buzzards can be seen rummaging in the furrows for an easy meal.

Being outside with nature can be a great stress reliever. When was the last time you spent some time outside whether in your garden or further afield and just paid attention to everything around you -the sights, smells and sounds of the world such as the buzz of insects and birdsong or the perfume of flowers? Keeping your eyes peeled when listening to birdsong is a great way to start identifying a species of bird by its song. You'll be surprised how quickly you can learn what birds are

visiting your garden just by hearing them. Insects make different noises too. Bees and hoverflies even butterflies all make a different sound. You just need to zone in and enjoy all the colours in all their differing shades from the insects to flowers, leaves, fruit and seeds and of course the birds. You'll soon find you're more relaxed. And don't forget to use your sense of touch. Feel the bark of a tree or run your hands through the grass –just avoid nettles or anything jaggy. That would be an extreme sensation! Nature is building up for its harvest festival with lots of fruit and seeds on the trees and plants. Of course this includes conkers or horse chestnuts still in their green cases but you can be sure inside, a shiny brown chestnut is forming. Must nearly be time for the conker championships again.

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Sorry folks, but the wildsider email account has had further problems and has had to be closed! However, you can always contact Burning Issues at walkerburnnews@hotmail.com who will forward anything relevant to me.

LATEST NEWS FROM 'THE BRIDGE' TWEEDDALE



The **Volunteer Resource Centre** is the office base for the staff of The Bridge. Within the building we provide serviced office spaces at competitive rates for local community and voluntary organisations. This includes desk space, access to meeting rooms and part-time reception. Please get in touch for more details. If you wish to advertise an event we are happy to display posters - no bigger than A4, in our

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The Bridge Tweeddale offers reduced rates to its members but is here to support all community not-for-profit groups and can be contacted at:

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School Report

We are back to school for the 2014/15 school session with the Asymmetric Week.

Our Mondays to Thursdays are slightly longer with earlier starts at 8.45am and later finishes at 3.15pm, but there's no school for children on Friday afternoons. The children are all keen and engaged in their learning. We welcome our five new P1s - and our three new Nursery pupils. Autumn term is always very busy and we started with school photographs on 27th August and the Peeblesshire News photographer the following day to take a group photograph of the new P1 class for their special edition. There will also be a special edition of the Southern Reporter.

The primary pupils and staff joined Michael Moore MP and SBC Cllr David Parker on part of their charity walk of the Tweed and met everyone afterwards at the Village Hall for snacks provided on behalf of Borders Healthy Living Network.

The 'After School Tuesday Club' started again on 26th August and meets every Tuesday from 3.15 - 4.15pm, thanks to volunteers from Innerleithen, Traquair and Walkerburn Church of Scotland. The children really seem to enjoy these sessions - so thanks to the adult volunteers for making this happen.

From the 27th August we also welcomed 'Walkerburn Parent & Toddler Group' which meets in the 'shared room' in school 10.00-ish - 11.30am-ish every Wednesday. This is a totally informal arrangement and is not connected to the school besides the provision of space to meet. *If you have toddlers why not come along and join them.* The children have also been busy

producing their paintings for the local Vegetable Association Annual Show.

Within school we have other special dates and events to watch out for:-

Week commencing 8th September is Literacy Week, including 'Roald Dahl' day on Saturday 13th but celebrated on Friday 12th in school.

The Parent Council are holding their AGM on Tuesday 23rd September at 6pm. All parents are automatically members of this so we are hoping for a good turnout of parents wishing to get involved in their local school.

On Wednesday 24th Sept our two P7 pupils will be going to Crucial Crew travelling with P7s from Eddleston. Crucial Crew is an annual event for Borders Schools' P7 pupils held at Tweedbank. It's all about personal safety; be it drugs and alcohol awareness or dangers from electricity, fire, water, or reversing tractors and farm safety. Its organisation is coordinated by Police Scotland and involves all the Emergency Services and Safety groups. They will even receive safety information about railways now that the Borders Railway is back in existence! It is always a very worthwhile event.

The October break this year is from Thursday 9th Oct until Tuesday 21st October.

Staff have an extra INSET training day on Monday 20th Oct so there will be no school for the children that day. Children return to 'Health Week', when we will be focusing on Winter Wellbeing from Tuesday 21st to Fri 24th October.

Rural Round-up

The start of our 2014-2015 got off to an enthusiastic start when Nick Edwardson from Tweed Valley Fruit Trees came to talk about his business and passion for apples.

Nick's talk was both fascinating and very interesting and his knowledge of the subject was vast.

Competitions this month were:

Individual apple pie: 1st L McDonald

Holiday souvenir: 1st H Shepherd, 2nd A Borthwick, 3rd L McDonald

Next month's meeting will take place at the Village Hall on Wednesday 1st October at 7.30 pm when Fiona Martinego will be discussing what it was like to live in the 18th century.

Competitions are a Tea Cosy (any craft) and Tattie Scones (x3).

Heather Shepherd

WALKERBURN COMMUNITY CRAFT CENTRE - CRAFTS4U WALKERBURN OLD MILL CAR PARK

Monday

Anyone who would like to use the club on a Monday, please contact Jenni Brown on 01896 833 883.

Tuesday

1.00pm- 4.00pm (Quilting)

Wednesday

(Your Choice) 10.00am-12.00 noon, 1.00pm - 4.00pm 7.00pm-9.00pm

Thursday

Class in knitting and crochet for beginners and more experienced people 2.00pm-4.00pm

Friday

1.00 pm – 4.00pm (Craft-FOR-Club)

CAN MORE MEMBERS COME ON FRIDAYS TO MAKE ARTICLES TO SELL?

The club offers help and equipment to those interested in learning/advancing their skills in knitting, sewing, beading and many other crafts. Cost: Members £1.00 per hour, Non Members £1.50 per hour

Membership costs £25.00 per calendar year and allows you access to the cabin at all times.

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Sunday 5th October Harvest Festival followed by a pot-luck lunch.

Play and Pray at St Andrew's Innerleithen

Play and Pray will be starting at St Andrew's Church, Leithen Road, Innerleithen on Wednesday 22nd October at 10.30am and continuing 29th October, 5th November, 12th November, 19th November and 26th November.

Play and Pray is an inspiring initiative to help parents and carers pray creatively with their babies and toddlers. The sessions offer fun, hands-on activities for the children, each of which can help parents and children think about God and explore different ways of praying together. Activities include buried treasure in play sand, building towers with coloured boxes, blowing bubbles and creating life-sized self-portraits on sheets of lining paper. It's a wonderful way for parents to relax together and learn more about both playing and praying. The sessions end with refreshments all round, so that children can enjoy a drink and a snack while parents and carers get a well-earned cup of tea and a piece of cake.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND (SCO 01100)

INNERLEITHEN, TRAQUAIR AND WALKERBURN SERVICES

8.30am Every Sunday in Innerleithen Church – Breakfast Song and Story

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 14th 10.00am Traquair Kirk. 11.30am Innerleithen Church. *Christian attitudes to money and possessions.*

Sunday 21st 10.00am Walkerburn Public Hall. 11.30am Innerleithen Church. *What happens to the money we give?*

Sunday 28th 10.00am Traquair Kirk. 11.30am Innerleithen Church.

Harvest Festival: As usual fresh goods will go to St Catharine's to help with their homeless project and gifts of money will be for Water Aid. Rev Rachel Dobie will be taking our Harvest services.

OCTOBER

Sunday 5th 10.30am Innerleithen Church. Sunday lunches resume.

Sunday 12th 10.00am Traquair Kirk. 11.30am Innerleithen Church.

Sunday 19th 10.00am Walkerburn Public Hall. 11.30am Innerleithen Church.



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Free to attend, with donations for refreshments.

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For more information contact Clare on 07575 857585 or pop in on Friday mornings from 10.00-11.30am

WHAT'S ON IN THE HALL SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

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

Date	Event	Time
SEPTEMBER		
Saturday 13th	Walkerburn Vegetable Assoc Annual Show and Exhibition	2.00pm
Wednesday 17th	Walkerburn and District Community Council	7.00pm
Thursday 18th	Scottish Referendum	7.00am-10.00pm
Sunday 21st	Church Service	10.00am
Tuesday 23rd	Lunch Club	12 noon
Tuesday 30th	Guild Meeting	7.30pm
OCTOBER		
Wednesday 1st	Rural	7.30pm
Tuesday 7th	Lunch Club	12 noon
Wednesday 15th	Walkerburn and District Community Council	7.00pm

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS IN WALKERBURN VILLAGE HALL

Mondays	Gentle Exercise	11.30am-12.30pm
Thursdays	Youth Club	7.00pm
Fridays	Quit4Good	9.30-10.30am in Ante-room
Sundays	Table Tennis	6.00-9.00pm

Please note: Hall Rental charge for up to three hours use is now £18

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If you can receive **BURNing Issues** by email, please send us your email address, along with your street and house number, so that you no longer have a paper copy delivered as well.

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, the community website, **www.walkerburn.com** this is the place to go. We now have photo galleries 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**. If you have any interesting photos of views or events for the site they can be mailed 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.

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Please remember to submit any articles, letters or other material for the October 2014 Edition by the last day of September.

Thank you!

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