



BURNing Issues



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WALKERBURN SUMMER FESTIVAL PRIZE WINNING ESSAY 2017

“Over the years Walkerburn has changed drastically. In ancient times, long before our home was given the name Walkerburn, people came to Tweeddale from many different places.

The earliest proof of people living in these hills is a scattering of burnt mounds. Burnt mounds are just piles of blackened earth that are found near fresh water. They are caused when the earth or soil is mixed with heated stones and ash. Burnt mounds are proof of people heating water for food, washing or ritual.

These particular mounds are situated on Glenmead and on Plora Burn to the south of the village and are believed to be from the Bronze Age. There are also the remains of an Iron Age hill fort on Bold Rig. It's easy to see why it was built there because it has an excellent view over the valley to the north. The fort's size was about 220 feet by 140 feet.

The Romans also lived in Tweeddale but they don't seem to have settled in our valley because there does not seem to be any Roman roads or building nearby.

In 1854 the village of Walkerburn was founded by Henry Ballantyne. He gave the village its name because of the Walker burn that ran through it. Originally Walkerburn was built to house the mill workers but over time the small mill village has become much more than that.

After the mill was built, the mill owners wanted more power for the machines they used. As the Tweed runs along the edge of the village and the burn runs through it they decided to have water power. When it started it did ok but there wasn't an 'off' button so power was wasted during the night. The solution

was to build a reservoir. They used the surplus power to move water to it, then they used the extra water to drive a Pelton turbine to produce more power. This made Walkerburn mill the first Aqua Power Mill in Scotland.

Many things have come and gone in Walkerburn, like the Scottish museum of textiles that used to be in the mill before it sadly closed.

I like how Walkerburn has a shop, school and some small companies and industries because it shows that Walkerburn isn't just a little village and that it has lots of different people and things.

I take part in youth club in Walkerburn and I really enjoy it because you can do lots of different things there. I also take part in gardening club at school, which I enjoy very much because it means I can get outside and into the garden (I also like getting muddy). In the future I would like Walkerburn to have more houses so more children can come to our school, some more shops, so Walkerburn can be a self-sustaining village and a chocolate shop and factory so it is easy to get home made chocolate easily and also because everywhere is better with a chocolate factory.

All in all I think Walkerburn could improve but it's a great place to live.”

Rosie Callaghan p7

Walkerburn Essay Winner 2017

100 YEARS ON – A LIVING MEMORIAL

Walkerburn Community Development Trust is planning to use the money which remains from the Tesco Bags of Help scheme to plant trees to commemorate the village's former residents who died in the First World War.

Walkerburn suffered the highest mortality rate of any community in Scotland.

The 60 individuals named on the war memorial will be commemorated by planting 60 trees alongside the pathways on Jubilee Park above Tweedholm Avenue. Additional funding is being sought from Borders Forest Trust so that the trees planted can be of significant size

and make an immediate impact

We hope that the planting can be done in the early autumn and we want volunteers to help with preparing the site by close strimming of the area where the trees will go and also digging the planting holes. If you are interested in helping with this project please get in touch with Ian Ireland via email: mail@walkerburn.com

Pictures for the 2018 Calendar

Once again WCDT will be producing a calendar for the village. If you have any photos of the area which you think will be suitable for inclusion in the calendar please could you email them to mail@walkerburn.com

Last year we also produced a very limited number of calendars with pictures of the wider Tweeddale area, and again any photos of the area would be welcomed for inclusion in this calendar.

Borders Forest Event

Lesley Smith, Community Liaison Officer, Dumfries & Borders Forest District, will be holding an event in Walkerburn Village Hall on Tuesday 5th September from 2-8pm to publicise a Tweed Valley Forest Park Land Management Plan scheme that is relevant to this area. All are welcome to come along and make the most of what promises to be a very interesting and informative occasion.

Over-65's - Drivewise Borders

Walkerburn Village hall - Wednesday 16th August - 9.30 - 11.30. 'Drivewise Borders' is a highly recommended presentation by the Borders Police on safer driving for the over 65's. *We hope that the very few "over-65's" who live in Walkerburn will make a special effort to attend this entertaining and important presentation!*

Trivia Night at the H B Club Friday 29th September 7.30pm. Teams of up to 4 - £10 per team. Cash prizes.

Walkerburn Old Age Pensioners Association

Please note: we still require a Secretary to assist with the planning and organising some of our events. ***If you would like any further information, please contact President Mary Baillie on 01896 870246 or Treasurer Anne Kenyon on 01896 870757.***

Burning Issues Contributors

Please remember to submit any articles, letters or other material for the September 2017 issue by the last day of August.



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Walkerburn Bowling Club

The season has now nearing the end of the Peeblesshire League fixtures and is moving towards the Competitions events.

Already, the Mackay Pairs drew a good crowd as Innerleithen Bowling Club kindly offered the use of their clubhouse and green while Walkerburn waits to hear when they will be allowed to complete the planned rebuilding of the clubhouse.

The playing green is in excellent condition and all the 'Home' fixtures have been fulfilled. Thanks are due in no small measure to the HB club for allowing the home team and visitors to use their premises for after-match teas and other facilities. These have been much appreciated by all the players.

At the same time, the Petanque section are going from strength, picking up new members and playing in the South of Scotland league against teams from as far away as Edinburgh, Moffat and Langholm.

Once again, thanks must be given to so many people who have helped us along this season. We still look forward with confidence to completing a first class rebuild and refurbishment.

(Anyone wanting more details can contact us on 01896-870251 or e-mail geoles2@tiscali.co.uk)

August Wild Side

For me, this last month's highlight has been a visit to garden of a common lizard.

I haven't seen one in years and seeing a reptile is something a bit different. It is a viviparous lizard, which means it gives birth to live young rather than lay eggs like most reptiles. My photo is taken of said lizard in the jug I caught it in for a better look. They generally live up to 12 years and are 4-6 inches (10-15 cm) long and are protected in the UK under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 and classified as a Priority Species in the UK Biodiversity Action Plan. They are common throughout the UK, although fewer in Scotland, and are the only reptile species found in Ireland. I feel privileged to have found one sunbathing on our



lawn and quickly released him into the flower bed. I treated myself to some new nut feeders in an attempt to thwart the jackdaws and it has been a success. The jackdaws are too big to get in the outer cage to steal the nuts but all the tits, finches and small birds have no problem. I haven't seen

the woodpecker for a while but have no doubt he'll manage without problem with that long bill.

August will more or less be our last month with our summer visitors. A reported sighting of Garden Warblers came in just after my column was submitted last month in the Park Avenue/Tweedholm Avenue area. I'm pleased to say we've had our first sighting of them too as one arrived on the garden bench near the house and stayed quite a while, so we got a good view of him/her. They are quite petite, although ours was a youngster. At the juvenile stage they are quite difficult to tell from a Chiff-chaff and in general would be one of those 'little brown jobs' that need a good view and ID book to tell what they are! They are ground nesting summer migrants from Africa with a melodious song. They visit gardens and parks with trees and tangled thickets of undergrowth, particularly brambles, where they build their nest near the ground and feed on berries. It won't be long now before these and our other migrants are back off to their winter homes. I like hearing the constant chatter of the martins and swallows and the odd screech of the swifts as they hunt overhead and will miss it for a while until the robins take over the singing again.

Village Clean-Up Volunteers Needed

A Village Clean Up has not taken place for a couple of years and the Community Council has been asked to organise one for this summer.

At first glance, our village does not appear as untidy as some others, but there is always a surprising amount of litter lying around and needing collection.

It will now be held on a Saturday in September, and so we are asking in advance for volunteers (all welcome!) to put their name forward. Please contact Lesley on 01896-870251, or

leave your contact details at the Post Office, so we can organise everything.

As in past years, we will start from the village hall and there will be gloves, plastic bags and safety vests available. Jason Hedley of SB Local will arrange for the bags of litter to be collected and disposed of.

Borders Youth Theatre – "Delving Deep"

Walkerburn Village Hall hosted a near capacity audience on 21st July when the Borders Youth Theatre presented an inspiring and deeply moving contemporary multimedia performance piece, inspired by local poetry written in WW1, by exploring the emotional impact of war on the lives of young people.

The large cast performed a series of mature and revealing poetry recitals set amid realistic trench warfare settings and backed up by some astounding sound and photographic background effects. No one who was there could have failed

to be moved by the pathos and horror of the stories told by these very accomplished young actors.

Thank you Borders Youth Theatre!

You Can Cook

Hello Walkerburn!

We are 'You Can Cook', and we have been working on the 'Food For Life' Climate Challenge Funded project since April to support growing food at home and at Walkerburn Primary School. We are also going to be running some FREE cooking sessions at the community hall after the holidays. Please get in touch to book a place.

Saturday mornings 10am – 12 in the Community Hall
August 19th & 26th

September 2nd, 16th & 23rd

All our activities are funded by the Climate Challenge Fund to support a reduction in carbon footprints in your community by reducing food miles and food waste.

We look forward to hearing from you

Alex Wilson Mob: 07722 808830
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Attention All Dog Owners and Dog Walkers!

Walkerburn is home to many dogs and we have been asked to publicise the "Green Dog Walkers" initiative, which SBC joined approximately two years ago.

It was discussed at the recent Community Council meeting and members felt that this was an excellent initiative. There are a number of different suggestions for dog walkers and owners to view on the SBC website. The link to find out more about this is www.scotborderssl.gov.uk/info/20052/environmental-problems/583/dog-fouling/3

As dog-fouling is such an ongoing problem, further details will also be included in the next issue of the BURNing Issues newsletter

'Green dog walkers' (GDW) is a non-confrontational, friendly way to change attitudes about dog fouling in the Scottish Borders. Volunteers wear a GDW fluorescent armband, or their dog wears a green GDW collar or lead, to show they have "taken the pledge" to always:

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- * download the green dog walkers handbook.
- * complete an online pledge form, and download and return the pledge form

The following accessories are available to purchase:

- kid's armbands £2.16
- * Adult's armbands £3.24
- * Dog collars (small) £2.04
- * Dog collars (medium) £2.52
- * Dog lead sleeves £3.54

For more information or to request a starter pack, contact our team online.

WALKERBURN & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of Meeting held on 19th July 2017

(Full Minutes are also on the Community website)

Present: Miss M. McIntosh MBE (Chairman), Ms M. Daykin, Mrs I. Ogilvie-Wilson (Treasurer), Mr. D. Thomson, Mr G. Thornton, Mrs L. Thornton (Secretary), Mr P. Waller

Ex Officio: Councillor S. Bell.

Apologies and Notices Apologies for absence received from, Dr. S. Henderson, Mr I. McVean, P.C. Burnside, Councillors Haslam and Tatler.

Open Questions Mr Ian Ireland, Chairman of WCDT informed the Community Council that the Development Trust are able to access funding for the planting of ornamental trees, such as flowering cherries and birch, for planting along the verges of the newly refurbished paths in Jubilee Park. The intention is to plant 61 trees, one for each of the Walkerburn villagers who died during World War I. Members welcomed this news and felt his was an excellent way to further commemorate that sad loss.

Police Report There was no report from local Police

Approval of the Draft Minutes of May's Meeting Acceptance of these minutes was proposed by Mrs I. Ogilvie-Wilson, seconded by Mr. D. Thomson, and passed by members.

Matters Arising from the June Minutes

a). Further to the previously discussed car parking issue in High Cottages, Cllr. Bell reminded members of his previous discussions with relevant SBC personnel about the notion of double yellow lines being painted along High Cottages, from the parking bays at the east to the parking area at the west. He again pointed out the difficulty of getting the necessary Traffic Order Regulation raised and advised that the best way to approach the matter would be for the Community Council to make a formal request. Mr Thornton reported that he had contacted SBC Roads Department on behalf of WDCC and awaited a reply.

b). Further to Mrs Ogilvie-Wilson's request that WDCC should discuss the issue of having a Remembrance Sunday ceremony in the village (see Minutes of September 2016 Meeting), members agreed that this would be on the Agenda

at the next meeting, when a full complement of members would be present, so that all views could be heard.

c). Regarding the reported serious erosion in Station Road, just beyond the Bowling Club and opposite the sub-station, Cllr. Bell has visited the site and has brought this to the attention of the Roads Department.

d). Further to the letter received from Mike Marsh, Access Ranger (East), SBC, regarding Local Community Path Maintenance Grants for Community Council for year 2017-2018, (deadline for applying is 28th February 2018), Mrs Thornton has contacted Jason Hedley at SBC for more information about getting estimated costs from contractors. Two paths, in particular, needing further maintenance are the path from the Tweed River bridge towards the west end of Alexandra Park and the path leading from the George Hotel car park to Park Avenue.

e). Mrs Ogilvie-Wilson attended the Scottish Health Council meeting regarding "Gathering Peoples' Views on Realistic Medicine". She had attended a "Helping Health Profiles" meeting at Gala House as part of a project to help members of the public become involved in making informed changes. These discussions were built around a series of questions and the Borders region came out very favourably. Concerns about issues such as how patients could learn how to take more responsibility for their health, such as questioning Doctors, or even getting a second opinion, were discussed. Also, issues about sensible approaches by the Health Service and Medical Practitioners. The Community Council will be kept up to date of any further progress.

Correspondence List Mrs Thornton provided members with the List covering June- July. All emails had been already distributed to members.

a). Email from David Richardson, Asset & Infrastructure, SBC, attaching the 'Programme of Planned Revenue and Capital Works 2017/18'. Contact e-mail address drichardson@scotborders.gov.uk

b). Email from Lesley Smith, Community Liaison Officer, Dumfries & Borders Forest District attaching a poster advertising an event they are holding in Walkerburn Village Hall on Tuesday 5th September from 2-7pm. This information will also be included in the next BURNing Issues newsletter.

c). Email from Thomas Bisset, Graduate Transport Planner, Transport Consultancy, Jacobs Ltd, attaching a letter outlining an invitation for us to participate in a study they are undertaking on behalf of Transport Scotland investigating problems and opportunities with the Borders transport corridors and potential options for improvement. The deadline for us to complete the survey is 11th August 2017.

Although this scheme is peripheral to Walkerburn, the village may benefit from this proposal and members agreed that Mr. Thornton note their support by replying to their request on behalf of the Community Council.

d). Email from Julia Marshall of WHP Wilkinson Helsby attaching a pre-consultation letter and associated drawings for a proposed base station installation at, Station Yard, Walkerburn, Glendinning Ground Works, Caberston Road, Walkerburn, informing us that Telefonica UK Limited have entered into an agreement with Vodafone Limited in which the two companies plan to jointly operate and manage a single network grid across the UK.

It was noted that this is a courtesy 'Pre-Planning' letter to let the Community know that a future Planning Application is intended. Normally, this type of application would be dealt with in committee by the SBC Planners. As this installation would be sited nearer to the village than the normal remote location of such structures, member's comments were being solicited. However, it was felt that there were insufficient details for an objective decision to be made. Secretary will write to the company to request more information.

e). Email from Iain Weir informing us of the "Green Dog Walkers", which SBC joined approximately two years ago and the link to find out more about this is www.scotborders.gov.uk/info/20052/environmental_problems/583/dog_fouling/3

It was felt that this was an excellent initiative. There are a number of different suggestions for dog walkers and owners to view on the SBC website. As dog-fouling is such an ongoing problem, details will also be included in the next issue of BURNing Issues newsletter

f). Letter from SBC Regulatory Services concerning the proposed marking out a Disabled Parking Space in Caberston Road. (It was noted that, since receiving this correspondence, this work has subsequently been carried out).

g). Letter from Ian Aikman, Chief Planning Officer, SBC Regulatory Services, drawing attention to the "Scottish Borders Main Issues Report, call for Sites". This is an invitation to land owners, developers, agents and interested parties to submit proposed sites for consideration as a front runner to the new Local development Plan. Further details are available at www.scotborders.gov.uk/ld2 or by contacting the Forward Planning Team at 01835-826671.

Although it was felt that this possibility had already been discussed in past years and that there were no new sites available for development in Walkerburn. However, this will be discussed at the next meeting, to give members time to give it more consideration.

Planning See item 'd' in correspondence regarding a pre-planning letter. No other Planning requests noted for discussion.

Reports by Members.

a). Mr Thornton reported that he had received a complaint concerning dangerous parking and footpath obstruction at the bottom of Hall Street and round into Tweedholm Avenue. Members acknowledged that this was difficult and ongoing problem. Where possible, drivers should be spoken to and asked to desist. Police resources are very limited, although this is addressed by officers from time to time.

Members agreed that this matter should be raised with P.C. Burnside. It was also suggested that double yellow lines be painted in that area. However, as this is a complicated and long drawn-out procedure that is unlikely to come to fruition, he was advised that a simpler and better option would be to speak to the SBC Roads Department to request that white lines be laid down as a viable alternative.

b). Ms Daykin had attended the Scottish Borders Community Council Network Meeting on 12th July. She reported that she had found it interesting and useful to hear from other communities regarding problems concerning their areas, some of which were common to all. There are 69 community councils in the Borders region. She had agreed to represent Walkerburn Community Council on this committee. This could be of interest to Walkerburn as there are plans to make money for small local projects to be distributed to community councils. Walkerburn Community Council will now be kept up to date with these committee proceedings.

Ms. Daykin also mentioned the problem of late-night fireworks displays. Recently, a local resident had caused considerable upset to several residents, especially those with young children, dogs and other pets, by discharging fireworks late at night and for a considerable period. Members agreed that the enquiries should be made to establish whether it was necessary to obtain permission for such private occasions and to bring the complaints to the attention of the person(s) responsible in this instance.

c). Mr Thomson drew attention to the siting of a dog bin at the East end of the Jubilee Park walkway which was incorrectly sited. As a result, it was hidden from view of most dog walkers and requested that action be taken to get it moved to a more visible location. It was agreed that this should be investigated and brought to the attention of Jason Hedley.

d). Mrs Ogilvie-Wilson reported on the following matters: After the Community had been asked if it would take part in a country-wide action to mark "Navy Day", Mrs Ogilvie-Wilson confirmed that she will arrange for a Red Ensign to be flown in the village on the relevant day. Members were reminded that, since 2000, Merchant Navy Day on 3rd September has honoured the brave men and women who kept our 'Island Nation' afloat during both World Wars, and celebrates our dependence on modern day merchant seafarers who are responsible for 95% of the UK's imports - including much of the food we eat, most of the fuel we burn and virtually all the products and goods we take for granted.

Also, she had been received requests by local residents for people to take more care not to obstruct pavements with parked cars or carelessly placed rubbish bins. Also, to take more care not to intrude upon Disabled Parking areas, and to make more effort to pick up dog messes.

Members thanked Mrs Ogilvie-Wilson for her help in these matters, acknowledging that the latter complaints were a constant problem, but must still be addressed.

e). Mr Waller mentioned that vegetation behind the parking area at the foot of High Cottages is hanging over the salt bin and also making it harder to park there. In the past, this was occasionally cut back by a local resident. As this is no longer happening, a request was made for this to be cut back.

e). Mrs Thornton reported that she had received a complaint from a resident in Tweedholm Avenue regarding the height of trees on the area to the south of the A72 approach to the village near the allotments. This has been referred to the Development Trust.

Finally, she had received a complaint from the Festival Committee regarding the lack of litter bins and roadside cones along the route of this year's Festival procession. Enquiries will be made to ensure this will be looked into for next year's event and the Festival Committee will be informed.

Reports by SBC Councillor(s)

a). Cllr. Bell reported that he had visited the part of Station road where there was a substantial erosion problem, following the big floods of last year. Although most of this is located on the local farmer's property, he would look into the possibility that SBC Roads Department would carry out repairs as it is in danger of undercutting the public roadway.

b). Cllr. Bell reported that he had also enquired as to whether there were any plans for resurfacing Caberston Road. He had spoken to David Richardson at SBC and, though there are currently no plans for this. It will nevertheless be raised at an October meeting.

c). Cllr Bell had attended the Home Basics AGM and was most impressed by how successful they have been throughout the past year. They are a big asset to this part of the Borders. However, there is a pressing need for more local support and he passed on a request for more people to join as members. Membership is only £1 per year and members will be kept up to date with what is happening and will be able to attend meetings if they so wish. It was agreed that this was a good suggestion and will be further publicised in Burning Issues.

d). Cllr. Bell reported that he had been interested to learn that the Scottish Borders Council is aware that there are a considerable number of historic small legacies lying dormant and no longer relevant to our modern society. Under the new 'Communities Empowerment Act', it is acting to regularise numerous 'dead money' bequests resulting from Trusts and other similar sources. Outdated things such as 'widows coal payments' have long since fallen out of use and, as the sum total would be very small in most cases, it is considered better to apply a collective approach to updating all of it and rescinding many of the old agreements and Trusts in order to set up a larger managed fund. Community Councils will then have some say in the distribution of this fund and be able to apply for money to fund small local schemes. Members agreed that this was sensible and would be interested to learn of future outcomes.

e). Cllr Bell also spoke about SBC plans for Locality Committees:

Firstly, the Health and Social Care Partnership will produce plans on an area and locality basis.

Secondly, in parallel, the Council wants to change the Area Forum into an Area Committee with more powers. Some funding will become available (approximately £91 thousand for the Tweeddale area) to encourage interest in 'Participative Funding' for local communities and districts.

Any Other Business

a) Cllr. Bell reported that, as requested by the Community Council, he had made a strong appeal to SBC, supported by Cllrs Haslam and Tatler, for the 30mph limit to be extended from the end of Galashiels Road, going towards Galashiels, to a point just beyond the bend after the bus stop.

He had set out a very clear case that it is both unsafe and illogical for buses to be stopping at identified locations a short distance outside the 30 mph limit, particularly when there is not clear enough visibility in both directions to ensure that vehicles can respond safely to passengers accessing the stops, or to stationary buses.

He noted that SBC refer to the view that the "site does not meet the criteria for a 30mph speed limit" and request that they give us a copy of, or access to, the written criteria.

Accepting that there are marginal and boundary issues around determining what is and is not a 'built up' zone when considering where to put 30mph signs, he drew their attention to the facts that on the south side of the road, a) the pavement extends to the location of the bus stop; b) there is a well-used path from that location leading to local housing; and c) there is an access track leading to a Scottish Water site.

The only justification for the signs being as far east as they are at present is that they include [on the north side of the road] the access to Windlestraw Lodge. The Community Council consider that a), b), and c) are at least as significant indicators of a built up zone and of the access and egress requirements of pedestrians and vehicles.

In addition, it was pointed out that the Community Council are puzzled by the suggestion that the Police are of the view that they would not be able to carry out enforcement action at this point. By implication there is a logical contradiction in this. If the Police cannot get a clear line of site to detect/measure vehicle speeds then how can vehicles have a clear line of site to be able to avoid pedestrians or stationary buses? Also, the A72 winds through two tight corners in the middle of Walkerburn where, presumably, there could not be enforcement - but the 30 limit is not suspended here. Obviously the 30 limit can be enforced at locations very near the middle of Walkerburn, so why could it not be enforced at locations very near the extended limit?

A request has therefore been made to obtain a clear outline of the basis for the Police conclusion on enforceability of this slight extension to the 30 limit.

Walkerburn and District CC and the local Councillors now await a reply to their formal appealing against the indicated decision.

(Members thanked Cllr Bell for an excellent representation of their concerns and look forward to learning the outcome of this appeal)

b). Members had noted that Cath Livingstone was made an MBE in the Birthday Honours and took this opportunity to congratulate her on behalf of the community for receiving this well-deserved recognition.

c). Members commented on the fact that the new Borders Bus service was a big improvement on the preceding arrangement. Buses kept better time and the new vehicles were superior to the old ones.

d). Mrs Thornton drew attention to the forthcoming Borders Youth Theatre event in village hall on 21st July.

e). Mrs Thornton reported that, having passed their initial acceptance, we are still awaiting a decision by the 'Village of the Year' committee as to whether our application will be passed on to the next stage of the assessment process.

Date of the Next WDCC Meeting Unless any important issues arise in the meantime, there will not be an August meeting. Instead, the next meeting will be at 7.00pm on Wednesday 20th September.

WALKERBURN VEGETABLE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL SHOW

SATURDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2017

The Hall will open from 6.30pm – 8.30pm on the Friday evening and from 7.30 – 10.00am on the Saturday morning.

All your exhibits must be in and staged by 10.00am on the morning of the show to allow the judging to take place. The Hall will be open to the public at 2.00pm. We look forward to seeing you on the 9th. Remember we have a very good raffle on the day!

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WHAT'S ON IN THE HALL JULY/AUGUST

Date	Event	Time
August		
Sunday 6th	Church Service	10.30am
Monday 7th	No Mindful Yoga	
Wednesday 16th	"Drivewise Borders" No Tai Chi and No Community Council Meeting	9.30-11.30am
Thursday 17th	Youth Club starts up again	6.30-8.30pm
Saturday 19th	"You Can Cook"	10.00am-12 noon
Monday 21st	Mindful Yoga returns	7.00-8.45pm
Saturday 26th	"You Can Cook"	10.00am-12 noon
September		
Saturday 2nd	"You Can Cook"	10.00am-12 noon
Tuesday 5th	Over 50's Lunch Club starts up again Forestry Commission Consultation	12.00-1.00pm 2.00-8.00pm
Wednesday 6th	Walkerburn SWI	7.30pm
Saturday 9th	Walkerburn Vegetable Association Flower Show	
Friday 15th	David Mundell Surgery – Ante-room	4.00-4.30pm
Saturday 16th	"You Can Cook"	10.00am-12 noon

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS IN WALKERBURN VILLAGE HALL

Sundays	Table Tennis	6.00 – 9.00pm
Mondays	Mindful Yoga	7.00 – 8.45pm
Wednesdays	Tai Chi	10.15 – 11.45am
Thursdays	Youth Club	6.30-8.30pm

Anyone interested in booking the hall, please contact Win Pennel on 01896 870236.

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