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COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD FOR WALKERBURN POST OFFICE

The Post Office Community Service Award is about celebrating the most inspiring examples of people in Community status branches. And recognising Postmasters living in rural areas 'going the extra mile' to address some of the challenges associated with rural life.

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Message from Evelyn "All the staff would like to thank all our customers who use the shop, as there would be no Post Office without the shop".

Congratulations to Evelyn and her loyal staff from **BURNing Issues** and the residents of Walkerburn!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VILLAGE CLEAN-UP

The Village Clean Up has been organised for Saturday 7th October.

Thank you to those who have agreed to take part, but more would be appreciated. Please contact Lesley on 01896-870251 if you wish to help out.

We will meet at the Hall about 10am, but the time will be confirmed nearer the time.

As in past years, we will start from the village hall. Gloves, plastic bags, litter-pickers and safety vests will be available.

Once the litter clean-up is finished the bags have to be left outside the Hall and Jason Hedley of SB Local will arrange for them to be collected and disposed of.

There will be refreshments at the Caberston Café afterwards.

Do come along and join in this worthwhile venture. Children should be accompanied by an adult.

Many thanks.

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, September 16th and 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

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Notice of Meeting to Discuss Proposed Tree Planting in Jubilee Park

Following the suggestion by Walkerburn Community Development Trust to use money from the Tesco 'Bags of Help' scheme to plant trees to commemorate the village's former residents who died in the First World War, it has been decided that the Community Council should hold an open meeting to enable residents (especially those in Tweedholm Avenue) to put forward their views on this important matter.

A Public Meeting will therefore be held at 6.30pm on Wednesday 18th October in the Walkerburn Village Hall.

The meeting will be chaired by Dr Henderson and all Walkerburn residents are welcome to attend and put forward their suggestions and points of view before any decision is made regarding the matter.

Walkerburn Community Development Trust AGM

The trust AGM will be held in the Public Hall on Tuesday 26th September at 7pm.

All are welcome to attend and to take the opportunity to join the Trust and support its work.

Alex Wilson from *You can cook* will give a presentation at the meeting about the work which they are doing in the village.

Trivia Night at the H B Club

Friday 29th September 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. Teams of up to 4 - £10 per team. Cash prizes.

ST. RONAN'S BORDER GAMES FAMILY 5k

Saturday 16th September 2017 at 2.00pm

From gate opposite Health Centre. 5k route up/down Tweed Valley Railway Pathway

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Burning Issues Contributors

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



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Walkerburn Bowling Club

The Bowls season is now into its last month as the 2017 season draws to a close and we will soon be signing off on Saturday 23rd September with the Shaw Baillie Competition on our own green.

Meanwhile, the end of season Competitions are in full swing across the Tweeddale region and our players are still competing for the Monday Wappenschaw and the Wednesday afternoon 'Top 10' club prizes. We also have a visit from Wallsend Bowling Club – and are grateful to the Rugby Club for allowing us to use their catering facilities for some after-match hospitality.

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. Once again, we must also thank St Ronans for letting us use their green and clubhouse so that our own tournaments could be played while we await the completion of the new clubrooms at Walkerburn.

We will announce full details of the Competition winners by the end of the month.

In the meantime, the annual Duck Race is nearing its conclusion. The winners will be announced on 23rd September. The Innerleithen Co-op have kindly allowed us to hold a bucket collection at the store. Last year's efforts

resulted in enabling us to reach our target of £700.

The Petanque section are practising regularly, which is reflected in good results for the team, after hard fought matches. For instance, the Inverleith club from Edinburgh, who are the recognised leaders in the South of Scotland region, were surprised by a resurgent Walkerburn side and had to settle for a draw instead of the expected win! Congratulations to our team for a splendid result!

However, the petanque pitch is showing signs of wear and tear after a summer of hard use and arrangements are now in hand to have the pitch resurfaced and brought up to its normal high standard to maintain our reputation for having one of the best facilities in Scotland.

Finally, on an optimistic note, members can expect to hear some good news by the end of September, for both the Bowls and the Petanque sections, when the result of our Grant Applications will be announced. Progress can then be made to complete the building works, the start of new landscaping, and completing the last bit of perimeter fencing. Once again, a big 'thank you' to everyone who has helped us this season.

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

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Walkerburn Old Age Pensioners Association

Now that September is here and the summer fades, it is time to think about our winter activities.

Walkerburn Old Age Pensioners' meetings will start again on October 10th, in the H B Club in Walkerburn, starting at 2.30. All pensioners in Walkerburn are eligible to join and it would be good to have some new faces at our meetings. The meetings normally include Dominoes or cards, followed by tea and

biscuits and a good blether. If you would like to come along but have difficulty in getting there, just give Anne a ring to arrange a lift.

For any other information please contact President Mary Baillie on 01896 870246 or Treasurer Anne Kenyon on 01896 870.

September Wild Side

Having returned from our annual visit to Northerly Scottish shores and seeing dolphins and seals, we're back to the rural beauty of the Borders and, like Mother Nature, we're preparing for Autumn.

Bird peanuts and seeds are ordered and should be arriving any day now as the garden birds start visiting the feeders more frequently. I already miss as many martins and swallows calling above and feel they're going a bit early because there seems to be a huge number of flies still on the wing. In fact, we're further ahead than the Highlands where harvest was in full swing but there were still large numbers of swallows feeding above the barley fields. We were of course in 'Whisky country' and barley seems to be everywhere!

(sugar). That's why they're after your ice cream or gin and tonic! There is certainly plenty of fruit on the trees except in our garden where the blackbirds have already stripped the rowan. A walk with the dog in the orchard by the water side off Caberston Road, revealed lots of elderberries, crab apples and rowan berries; a positive feast for our feathered friends and wasps I guess.

There were also more butterflies about and, I kid you not, they were twice the size of ours, especially the peacock butterflies. Here, we seem to have mainly large whites now and dozy wasps. I recently read that wasps bother us at this time of year as they look for a sugar fix. As they no longer have larvae to feed a high protein diet, i.e. other insects to at this time of year, they just need to feed themselves on high carbs

Our garden has had a couple of young grey wagtails visiting the lawn but it is mainly dominated by a small flock of house sparrows. There are currently 23 individuals and they particularly like it when it's just been mowed. They don't bother about the dog lying on the grass and will happily just 'bob' about him, feeding. Fortunately, he doesn't bother with them, but crows are a different story and need chased away. If a rabbit has the cheek to appear.... well, that definitely needs to be chased!

WALKERBURN & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of A.G.M Meeting held on 21st June 2017

Present: Dr. S. Henderson (Chairman), Miss M. McIntosh MBE (Vice Chairman), Mrs I. Ogilvie-Wilson, Mr. D. Thomson, Mr. G. Thornton (Treasurer), Mrs L. Thornton (Secretary), Mr P. Waller (Minutes). **Ex Officio:** Councillor S. Bell.

Chairman's Introduction Dr. Henderson welcomed all present.

Apologies Apologies for absence received from Ms Daykin, Mr McVean, P.C. Burnside, Councillor Haslam and Councillor Tatler.

Draft Minutes of 2016 AGM

Acceptance of the draft minutes was proposed by Mr Thomson, seconded by Mr Thornton and passed unanimously.

Chairman's Report 2016-17 Dr. Henderson said that it had been an eventful year.

He thanked Cllrs. Bell, Logan and Garvie for helping WDCC fulfil its obligations and wished Cllr. Logan and Cllr. Garvie well in retirement. He congratulated Cllr. Bell on his re-election and welcomed our new SBC councillors, Mrs Haslam and Mr Tatler.

He praised SBC for its responses to WDCC's requests for action.

Also, Dr. Henderson thanked P.C. Burnside for his efforts to meet our community's needs.

He welcomed the construction of the first stage of the Innerleithen to Walkerburn Multi-use Path, describing the section as first-class.

Dr. Henderson said that he considered the Remembrance Sunday ceremony to be the high point of the year. Everything had been perfect, and he thanked Mr and Mrs Purves and their lady helpers for organizing the ceremony.

He thought the improvements made to the Playground in Alexandra Park were excellent.

The Chairman praised Mr Logan for his epic efforts to get Sunnybrae Lodge renovated and then put on the market.

Dr. Henderson welcomed the appointment of Mr Belleville as the new Head Teacher of our primary school and he praised the pupils for their hard work.

For the future, he hoped a satisfactory solution will at last be found to the damaged wall in Galashiels Road. Also, he welcomed the imminent arrival of the new "GIVE US A BRAKE" signs.

The Chairman wished there were a more representative age profile on WDCC, i.e. that some younger people would become members. Mrs Ogilvie-Wilson and Mr Thomson agreed with this sentiment and suggested that when the next WDCC elections are pending appeals for younger candidates should be put on Facebook and in BURNing Issues.

Dr. Henderson concluded his report by saying that he believes WDCC is performing "pretty well".

Treasurer's Report Mr Thornton provided members with a financial statement. In summary, WDCC finances are in a healthy state. He encouraged WDCC Members to claim travel expenses when attending council-organized meetings. Also, he pointed out that WDCC is able to fund small projects that are carried out by the community and for the benefit of Walkerburn. Mr Steve Harrison will again audit the year-end accounts in accordance with the SBC Grants procedure.

Date of next AGM 20th June 2018.

Chairman's Closing Remarks Dr. Henderson thanked all for attending this evening's meeting and also thanked our SBC councillors and WDCC members for all their hard work over the past year.

Next Community Council meeting 7.00pm on Wednesday 20th September. All welcome.



**WHAT'S ON IN THE HALL/SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER
REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS IN WALKERBURN VILLAGE HALL**

Date	Event	Time
September		
Saturday 9th	Walkerburn Vegetable Association Show	2.00pm
Friday 15th	David Mundell Surgery	4.00-4.30pm
Sunday 17th	Church Service	10.00am
Tuesday 19th	Lunch Club	12 noon
Wednesday 20th	Walkerburn and District Community Council Meeting	7.00pm
Saturday 23rd	You Can Cook (last one)	10.00am
Tuesday 26th	Guild in ante room WCDT AGM	2.00pm 7.00pm
October		
Tuesday 3rd	Lunch Club	12 noon
Wednesday 4th	An Evening with Ian Landles	7.00pm
Sunday 15th	Church Service	10.00am
Tuesday 17th	Lunch Club	12 noon
Wednesday 18th	Public Meeting re: WCDT's Proposal to plant trees in Jubilee Park" Walkerburn and District Community Council	6.30pm 7.00pm
Friday 27th	Cabaret Evening with Twilite Duo	7/00pm

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS IN WALKERBURN VILLAGE HALL

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

<p align="center">“An Evening with Ian Landles”. Borders Bits & Pieces WALKERBURN PUBLIC HALL WEDNESDAY 4th OCTOBER 2017 at 7.00PM <i>Enjoy a ramble through the Borders with this noted raconteur as your guide.</i> In aid of Hall Funds. Tickets £5 on sale from Walkerburn Post Office, Online from www.borderevents.com, or call 01750 725480. Tea/coffee included in ticket</p>	<p align="center">CABARET EVENING WITH TWILITE DUO WALKERBURN PUBLIC HALL FRIDAY 27th OCTOBER at 7.00PM (Denise Ashwood) In Aid of Hall Funds Tickets £10 (conc £8) incl Booking Fee. From: Walkerburn Post Office, and www.borderevents.com, or tel 01750 725480 Light supper included in ticket price BYOB</p>
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<p>WALKERBURN COMMUNITY CRAFT CENTRE ‘CRAFTS4U’ Walkerburn Old Mill Car Park Tuesday: 1.00pm- 4.00pm (Quilting). Wednesday: (Your Choice) 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)</p> <p>Cost: Members £1.00 per hour, Non Members £1.50 per hour. Because of the continuing success of the Club, Membership now costs £20.00 per calendar year and allows you access to the cabin at all times and Social Membership is £5.00 per calendar year. Newcomers always given a warm welcome. Any queries, please contact Jenni Brown on 01896 833883.</p>
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