

Keep Milford Tidy

Walton Village has an active group of residents who work hard, particularly during the summer months to keep the village tidy and clear of weeds and litter. The Parish Council helps by providing plants and containers to give some colour and interest.

It would be great if we could encourage a similar group to work in the Milford area. We realise that Milford attracts people from all over the county and keeping the area around the Common clear of litter is a major problem. If you would like to become involved in a "Keep Milford Tidy" campaign or could suggest where we could place planters (without them being vandalised) please get in touch with Councillor Bob Jenkins. We would need someone who would accept responsibility for watering any planters on a regular basis.

Regular Meetings in Walton Village Hall

Organisation	Meetings	Secretary/Contact
Berkswich History Society	3rd Tuesday of the month 7.30 p.m. June, July & August - visits	Sec. Mrs J Moore Tel 664302
Berkswich Parish Council	Meetings 1st Tuesday of the month except August	Acting Clerk Tel 662408
Berkswich WI	1st Wed of each month 7.15 p.m.	Jackie Banda Tel. 604012
Chaseside Flower Club	2nd Friday of each month 7.30 p.m.	Hon. Sec. Mrs S. Marsden Tel 603639
Art & Creative Embroidery	Wednesday afternoons Term Time 2 - 4 pm	Janet Mellonie
Stafford Folk Dance Club	Thursday evenings 8-10.15 p.m.	Just come !!
Grow	3rd Wed of each month @ 7.30 except August & December	Mrs B. Saunders Tel 664402
Walton Music Circle	2nd & 4th Tuesday of the Month - Sept. to May	Hon.Sec. Mr Mike Jones Tel 661622
Jo Jingles, Flair Dance, Friendship Group and Photography Classes also meet in the Hall For more information contact Bob Jenkins on 662408		

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Happy New Year

2012



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An Appeal

Once again can we please request that cars are not parked on the grass verges. Every effort is made to keep the verges neat and tidy with regular cutting throughout the summer months. All this work can amount to nothing if vehicles are driven or parked on the grass during bad weather.

Our Parish Clerk

Our Parish Clerk, Mrs Liz Harrington-Jones left us at the end December after four and a half years. We would like to thank Liz for all the work she has done during this period and wish her all the best for the future.

The Council is in the process of appointing a new clerk and in the meantime Councillor Bob Jenkins is fulfilling the duties of Clerk in an unpaid capacity. Should anyone require help from the Council please do not hesitate to contact Bob or any other Councillor. They will do their best to help you.

Village Hall Open Day

On 24th September the Village Hall Management Committee hosted an Open Day when residents were invited to come along and see what activities take place in the Hall on a regular basis. As a result of this event several organisations welcomed new members to their subsequent meetings. A Ploughman's Lunch was served and many younger members of the community took part in a Treasure Hunt around the Village. The event raised over £400 towards the new village hall. Thank you to everyone who supported this event.

Dates for Your Diary 2012

27th January Cannock Chase AONB Management Plan Review, Public Consultation. 11 a.m.—1 p.m. Walton Village Hall

13th - 17th February Schools Half-Term

29th March Berkswich Primary School closes for Easter

17th April School re-opens

28th April Concert by Longton Male Voice Choir in aid of “Air Ambulance” and “Junior Mission for All” at Berkswich Methodist Church.

7th May (May Day Bank Holiday) Afternoon tea in the Village Hall together with a display of important events from 1952 – 2012 to mark the Queen’s Jubilee. Once again we hope to organise an informal walk probably starting from the German Cemetery, close to the Cank Thorn. Organised by Village Hall Committee.

19th May B.B.Q. in grounds of Walton Church. Organised by the Church.

1st June Friday evening Hog Roast in Holly Bush Field. to celebrate the Queens Jubilee. Organised by the Parish Council.

1st June-8th June Schools closed for Queens Jubilee Holiday & Half-Term

June 16th Church Fete on Milford Cricket Ground.

21st – 22nd July An Open Art Exhibition, over 2 days covering Painting, Sculpture, and Wood Carving. Entry free. Refreshment. Organised by the Village Hall Committee.

20th July Schools close for Summer Holidays.

27th July – 12th August Olympic Games

15th September Craft & Produce Day. An opportunity for residents to compete in a number of classes for Vegetable/Produce and Crafts. Also a chance to sell any surplus garden produce you may have. Organised by the Village Hall Committee.

13th October Table Top Sale. £5 per table. An opportunity to sell anything you wish as long as it fits on a table!

In addition to these events it is hoped to organise a Fashion Show and a Band Concert some time in the not too distant future. Both events will take place at the Village Hall.

2013 Calendar

Several years ago the Parish produce a calendar featuring various views of the area. There is now an active photography group meeting at the Village Hall and so we feel that once again it would be an idea to produce a Village Calendar using your photographs. In the past the Calendars were very popular to send to friends and relatives as personal but inexpensive Christmas presents.

Please get out and about with your camera and then look for further details on the Parish Website www.berkswichpc.co.uk

Parish Notice Boards.

The Parish Council has recently reviewed the use of its Notice Boards and has decided that several boards in the Parish are to become “Community Boards”. If you are organising a special event or need publicity for your regular meetings and wish to place a poster in these Notice Boards please contact the Acting Parish Clerk. The Boards in question are opposite the Old Post Office in Walton Village, outside Chase Fires at Milford, on the Oak Tree by the Nursery and a new board has been purchased for Bluebell Hollow. All the other notice boards in the parish will continue to contain details of Parish Council Meetings and other official correspondence that we are legally required to display.

New Police Non Emergency Number - 101

From Tuesday 8 November communities across Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent will have access to 101, the national non-emergency telephone number for the police service in England and Wales.

The number is already in use in London, Wales, Hampshire and the Isle of Wight and Sheffield, but it is now being rolled out across England on a phased basis during 2011. From the experience of these initial areas that 101 is well received by the public and has led to improvements in public satisfaction and confidence when calling the police. Further information can be obtained by visiting www.staffordshire.police.uk/101