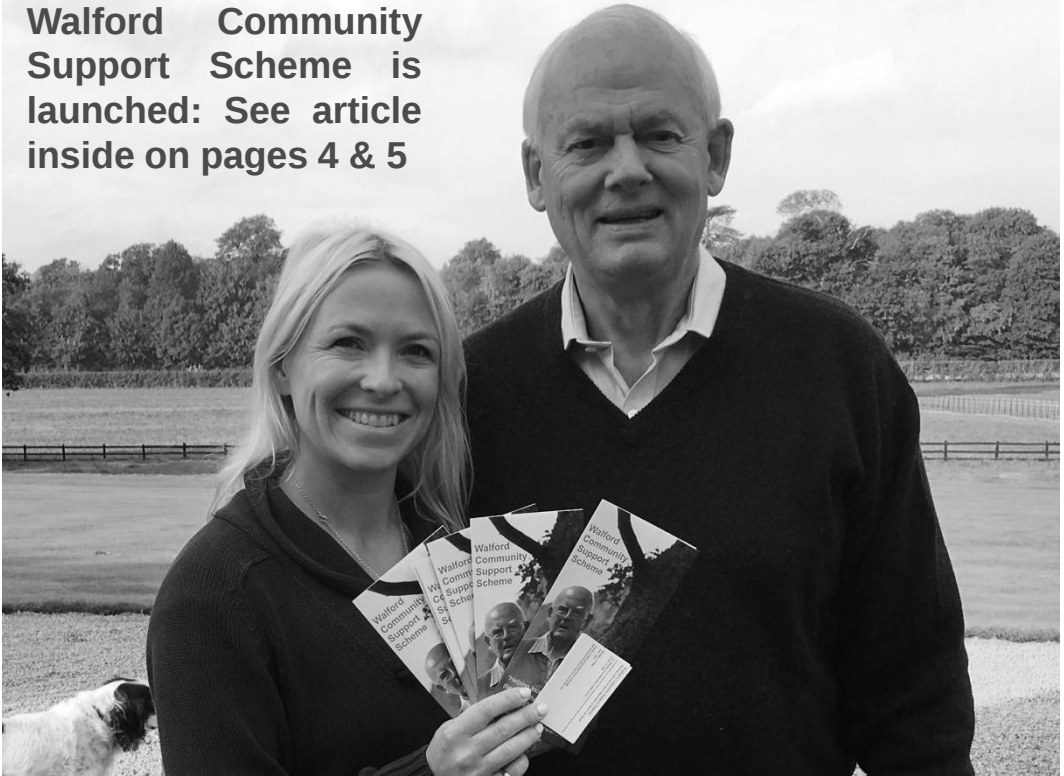


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**Walford Community
Support Scheme is
launched: See article
inside on pages 4 & 5**



Chairman Frank Myers and Councillor Sophie Hurley

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Well another summer has gone and we look back on a lot of activity in The Parish.

Our local horticultural businesses seem to be reporting a reasonable season but with variable crops...apples up, blackcurrants and grapes down, but judging by the activity we see, the local economy seems to be going from strength to strength...long may it continue.

It has been a very active summer for your councillors. As you may have seen in the local press, the Village Warden scheme, now renamed as the Community Support scheme, has fully launched and we have our first two clients. This is a very exciting and important concept and I urge you to engage with it. You will find a more complete article in the newsletter.

The legal acquisition of the canoe launch has been completed and we are moving plans along in order to make it a 'destination of choice' for the many tourists who visit our area.

We now have to turn our thoughts towards our 2017/18 budget in order to attempt to provide valuable local services in the most cost effective way.



Do remember that our meetings are held in public and we value the opinions of the people we represent. Please come along and share your thoughts with us.

May I also draw your attention to the efforts of the Walford Village Hall committee to raise the funds in order to install a children's play area. The first sod has been cut and work should soon be under way, but there is a shortfall in funding. Please do what you can to make a donation, however small, this is an important facility for our young people.

Completion of the External Audit for 2015-16

The Parish Council is pleased to report the successful completion of Audit for the accounting period 1st April 2015 – 31st March 2016. Local councils in England with an annual turnover of £6.5 million or less must complete an annual return in accordance with proper practices, summarising their activities at the end of each financial year.

Grant Thornton is the company nationally appointed to carry out external audits for all local councils. Following an internal audit, carried out by

an independent person with appropriate experience, the accounting statements are formally adopted; this must by law, be done by 29th June each year. The accounting statements are certified by the external auditor and sent back to the Parish Council, with the auditor's certificate and report.

The annual return and external auditor's report are then published by the Parish Council, no later than 30th September and can be accessed on the Parish Council's website: www.walford-pc.org.uk

I'm pleased to report that on 15th July 2016 I was elected unanimously as Chairman of Herefordshire Council's Audit and Governance Committee.



Paul Newman, Dave Berry and Luke Freeman with Walford Primary School children, cutting the turf.

The role is an important one, since the Committee is responsible for ensuring that all financial aspects of the Council are properly and



efficiently conducted. I will be doing everything I can to help.

Locally, I was delighted to be asked to assist with the cutting of the first patch of turf at the site of what will be a wonderful new play area at Walford Village Hall (see separate report and picture).

In particular, it gave me the opportunity to publicly thank Dave Berry and all members of the Hall Committee, past and present, who have worked tirelessly for over 10 years to bring about this fantastic new facility for the parish. Thank you.

Neighbourhood Development Plan

Will Warburg
Steering Group Leader

At its recent meetings, the Working Group has been tackling a number of key issues which underpin the development of the plan. The most important has been to understand the way in which the Herefordshire Core Strategy defines how and where development is expected to take place, and how this relates to Walford and the settlements in the parish.

We have been in touch with the NDP team and others at Herefordshire Council, and will continue to work with them to ensure that what we produce will meet both the needs and aspirations of local residents, and the criteria for adoption. We are also

planning how best to identify sites suitable for development.

Alongside this, we are working on the overall structure of the Plan, which will contain an overall vision and series of objectives and policies for the development of the parish. This will include sections on areas such as the environment, community facilities, local business, transport, etc.

If you want to ask something of the group, have anything you would like to tell us or would like to become involved, please contact the Clerk.

Walford Community Support Scheme – We need you

Prevention is better than cure

A stitch in time saves nine

Care closer to home

These are all expressions with which we are familiar, but how often do we think about them in relation to our friends and neighbours around us?

There is plenty of evidence that early intervention can alleviate many of the problems which face us all from time to time, but so often in our busy lives we walk on by and don't recognise the early signs of people in need.

The bereaved relative suddenly facing loneliness, the family deprived of their Mum who has had to go into hospital, the normally able person who, for some reason, cannot get into town to shop, the simple task which is proving difficult for someone. There are many different reasons where a simple helping hand or even just thoughtful intervention can make a difference.

So at Walford Parish Council, with fantastic grant support from the Wellbeing Innovation Fund, we have set up The Walford Community Support Scheme. Staffed by a paid coordinator and delivered by a team of volunteers, we are now in a position to receive requests for help.

Anybody who lives in the Parish who feels in need or is aware of someone in need can make an approach and seek help from us.



Full details are available on our website <http://www.walford-pc.org.uk/>.

Explanatory leaflets are available in public places and there are cards to keep in your wallet so that if you live away from this area you will know who to call if, after perhaps a telephone call, you are uneasy about the wellbeing of your loved one who lives here.

We have a good team of volunteers but can never have too many, so, if you are motivated to help us, please make contact and join the list. The duties will not be onerous but just one stitch, put in by you, may save the eight which may have had to follow.

Not only will you have provided help to those in need but you will also feel the sense of personal reward which goes with it. And, of course, you will feel safer in the knowledge that if ever you are in need there will be a powerful help network around you.

For more information visit our website or email Councillor Sophie Hurley on: sophie.hurley@walford-pc.org.uk
To access the service please call:
07493 171430

Message from our new Community Support Co-ordinator

Please get involved...

Sarah Hayes

Hello Walford Parishioners! My name is Sarah Hayes and I'm very excited about my new role as Walford Community Support Coordinator. I will be the first point of contact for anyone in the parish who is in need of assistance. This could be in the form of transportation to appointments, shopping, minor DIY, paperwork or just a friendly face to visit you - please ring me on 07493 171 430.

This is a service for anyone in the parish who is feeling alone and/or vulnerable and not just limited to an older age group. Please do ring if you think we can help with anything at all - if we can't, we at least will be able to point you in the right direction.

My family and I relocated to beautiful Ross-on-Wye from London, in January 2016. I live with my husband and daughter in Yatton, a small hamlet just outside of Ross.

My daughter attends (Wonderful!) Walford Primary, where I am heavily involved with the PTFA and in helping out at the school where and when I am able.

I have strong links with the Walford community and am delighted to be involved in this new scheme. I am confident that we can build this service into one that will provide essential support and assistance to those requiring it, within Walford Parish.

I'm looking forward to meeting many of you at forthcoming events where I will be relentlessly "spreading the word" regarding our work.

I am determined to make this scheme the useful and successful service for the community that I know it can be.



Please help me achieve this by keeping the scheme in mind if you have friends, neighbours or family members who you think may benefit.

We are appealing for more volunteers to help deliver this valuable service to the Walford Community. Please do contact me if you are interested in volunteering some of your time - however little or occasional - in order to be part of this amazing scheme. If you are interested in joining us, no matter how occasionally, do get in touch for an informal chat and to find out more.

Several local volunteers have been recruited to support the scheme and the required Disclosure and Barring Service checks have been carried out on all of them. They are ready and willing to help, so please do get in touch with me if you, or someone you know needs assistance.

Please e-mail me:
community-support-coordinator@walford-pc.org.uk

Or phone me: 07493 171 430

Sarah Hayes

Lengthsman and Parish Paths Partnership Schemes

Potential increase in precept to cover lost grants

As part of the cuts required by the reduction in government grants, Herefordshire Council has announced that it will phase out the grants paid to the Parish Council under the Lengthsman and Public Rights of Way (P3) schemes. These bring significant environmental benefits to the community, including clearing of rights of way, repair of stiles and gates, clearance of litter and debris on footways, additional hedge trimming and winter maintenance on unclassified roads.

The grants in the current year, 2016-17, are £3,468 for the Lengthsman and £2,320 for the P3 schemes, a total amount of £5,788. For next year, 2017-18, the Lengthsman grant will be cut to £867 and require a contribution from the Parish Council of £2,601 to maintain the same service. From the year after, 2018-19, the grant will be discontinued and all funding will have to come from the Parish Council. The P3 grant will not be affected for 2 years but will require an additional top-up contribution of £696. From then on, 2019-20, this grant will also be discontinued and all funding will also have to come from the Parish Council.

The funding required for the work, carried out under these schemes to continue would have to be raised through the precept. Currently, each £1,000 raised through the precept represents £1.56 per year on the council tax for a Band D household. For 2017-18, an additional £3,297 is needed, adding £5.14 per year to the Band D precept. For 2018-19, another £867 is needed, adding £1.35 to the Band D rate.

The final increase from 2019-20 is another £2,320, adding £3.62 to Band D. This makes £6,484 in total which is £10.11 per year on the Band D precept.

The expenditure on work carried out by the Parish Council is funded by the precept, with grants obtained whenever and wherever they are available. The amount of precept reflects both the amount of work carried out and the size of the community. By way of comparison, the Band D charge for the vast majority of parishes across Herefordshire is between £18 and £55, although a few are closer to £90. Walford is near the lower end at £26.74, so the above increase to £36.85 is not out of line, particularly since other parishes are likely to make the same level of increase.

Source of Information

https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/media/8060474/council_tax_leaflet_2016-17.pdf

The Parish Council will be considering the budget for 2017-18 at the meeting on 23rd November and would welcome any feedback from parish residents in good time beforehand, so that any views can be taken into account when discussing ongoing funding for the Lengthsman and Parish Paths Partnership schemes.

Please either e mail or write to the Clerk:

clerk@walford-pc.org.uk

Rose Cottage,
Coughton,
Ross on Wye
HR9 5SF.

Rights Of Way

Please send any local reports to:
rightsofway.officer@walford-pc.org.uk

Walford has over 26 miles of Rights of Way; many miles of these are regularly walked or ridden by parishioners & others. What a resource!

Your Parish Council attempts to maintain these for use, and it is most useful if there are problems, that they are reported to me via the Parish Clerk. I cannot work miracles, but I am able to deploy our contractors for general clearance work. **Enjoy our footpaths.**

Our contractors are the Can Do Crew, trained by Herefordshire Council Rights of Way department, and administered by a

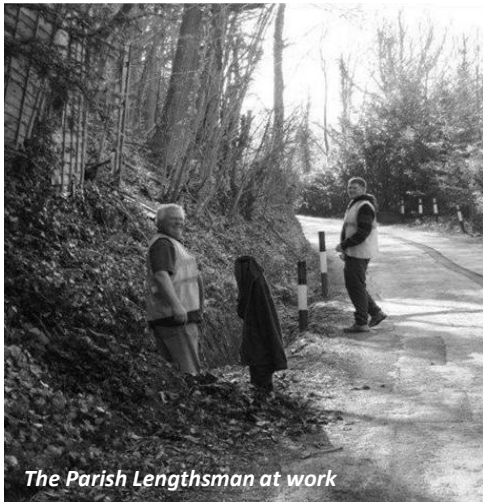


company called Enviroability.

If you are interested in joining the group of local parishioners who assist us by reporting defects on your local Rights of Way, please get in touch.

The Lengthsman Scheme

Please send any local reports to:
lengthsman.coordinator@walford-pc.org.uk



The Parish Lengthsman at work

The Lengthsman has been busy keeping the parish tidy, doing the following work:

Pathway grass verge mowing and trimming from the Vine Tree to Coughton corner, footways to Walford Village Hall, Bulls Hill junction, Coughton bus shelter and Willow Close road.

Flail trimming in the area of Walford Court junction.

Clearing grips around the Parish, clearing around the War Memorials and bus stops.

Clearing broken and overhanging branches and clearing footways in Walford, Coughton and Bishopswood.

Daycroft Lane Flood Alleviation

Following the meeting held between representatives of Balfour Beatty and the Parish Council, our Ward Councillor and local residents, to discuss a way of alleviating the flooding at Daycroft Lane, there is no further progress to report.

An update will be included in the next edition of the newsletter, which will be published in the Spring of 2017.

The dry spring and summer have meant that there have been no further flooding incidents at Daycroft Lane.

The Wye Valley AONB Joint Advisory Committee hosts this annual event for Ward Cllrs, Parish, Community and Town Cllrs, Officers of County and District Councils and other interested parties within the WVAONB area. This year around 30 participants visited the following sites in the Monmouthshire WVAONB area:

Tintern Abbey: This iconic site near to the River Wye has a well documented history dating back to the C12 when land was given to Cistercian monks to build a monastery. The ruins of a 2nd, much larger monastery remain. The site is managed by Cadw (Welsh Government historic environment service) and is a well developed tourist destination attracting thousands of visitors each year. Mention was made of the wish to hold more events at the location but being mindful of the potential for damage to the site by admitting larger numbers of visitors.



Old Station, Tintern: Originally a Victorian country railway station, this site adjacent to the River Wye and the Wye Valley Walk route has been developed as a popular tourist destination following cessation of the railway passenger and freight services in the 1960s. Facilities include tourist information, a tearoom, riverside walks and meadows, the Circle of Legends Sculpture park, a picnic site and a camping area.

Monmouthshire CC has challenges managing the nearby Wye Valley walk route which is regularly flooded and eroded due to the tidal surges of the river. Earlier this year the River Festival held events on the site including the spectacular 1000 Luminous Birds art installation by Kathy Hinde.



Kingstone Brewery, Tintern: This 4 barrel microbrewery produces around 3000L of beer per week and has been operating for 8 years. 8 varieties of real ale are regularly brewed and bottled on site and hops are now being grown on site to supplement the bought in supply. Beers such as 'Tewdrig's Tipple' and 'Humpty's Fuddle' IPA are sold locally and showcased at real ale and food festivals and the taproom can be booked for parties and corporate events.



Special beers are brewed for events: 'Llandogo Trow' brewed for the River Festival and a winter ale is usually brewed for Christmas. In addition the small holding also offers stays in a choice of 'glamping' facilities on the site.

Upper Wyndcliff: An 120 Ha ancient woodland area with viewpoints across the River Wye and linking to the Piercefield estate near Chepstow. The site is managed by Natural Resources Wales and provides a varied wildlife habitat for a diverse range of species. There's an ongoing programme of woodland coppicing and thinning and several exclosure plots have been set up to enable The Deer Initiative Partnership to study the impact of deer on the woodland. The group is evaluating the possibility of developing a local market for culled deer which are currently mainly sold outside the area.



Mary's Church, Penterry: This isolated church is situated on a high ridge overlooking the Wye Valley to the north of Chepstow with sweeping views across farmland and forest. The community was wiped out by plague and the church had fallen into disrepair by Victorian times but from around 2000 it has since been restored to serve the scattered parish community. Power lines running across the valley will be subject to an undergrounding scheme to be funded by Western Power Distribution and 1 of several suggested by the WVAONB unit since 2006.



In addition an update was given about the LEMUR project which supports around 20 students nationwide to develop skills in environmental management. In the WVAONB unit 2 students have conducted a habitat mapping project surveying and identifying the species present in the area between Monmouth and Ross. The wildlife value of the area has been assessed to enable decisions to be made as to where improvements may be needed to benefit the species variation and wildlife habitat as a whole and for the future.

Mention was also made of the success of the 2016 Wye River Festival... which took place earlier this year in venues from Hereford down the River Wye to Chepstow. Arts Council grant funding was obtained to enable the many and varied events to take place and for local communities to be involved.

For queries about the above projects or the other activities of the unit, please contact the WVAONB office on:

Tel: 01600 713977

Or look at the website:

www.wyevalleyaonb.org.uk

Bridget Vine Walford Parish Council AONB Representative

Kerne Bridge Canoe Launch

Cllr
Frank Myers

Arguably the best canoe launch in the country is now one of our Parish assets following completion of the legal transfer in the summer.

Now the real work begins to create a management regime by which we can improve the user experience there and generate funds for ongoing development as well as towards its future upkeep.

We are working closely with the Environment Agency which is very keen to support the plans which we are

progressing; these plans include the introduction of pay and display parking and the equipment will be installed in the near future.

Parking and its impact on the Bishopswood Village Hall has been a constant challenge. There is also a problem, from time to time, of vehicles waiting on the B4234, outside the entrance, which is potentially dangerous. A more managed approach is intended to alleviate this risk if at all possible.

Public toilets at Bishopswood Village Hall

Cllr
Frank Myers

These are an important amenity contained within the building lease of the village hall but operated by Herefordshire Council. We reopened them, on a trial basis, after they were closed by Herefordshire Council. From this we learned more about the expense and challenges of operating them and we are now negotiating to formally take over

the internal operating lease, but on a basis that will not create an ongoing financial liability for the Parish.

We have engaged with the committee of the Village Hall in a spirit of joint cooperation so that we can combine our efforts into securing this important facility, in a mutually beneficial way.

Fibre Broadband

Cllr Barry Durkin

To keep up to date, visit: <http://www.fastershire.com/>

The aim is that everyone in Herefordshire should be able to access the broadband services they need by the end of 2018.

Phase one of the rollout aims to deliver around 90% fibre coverage across Herefordshire by the end of 2016. Additionally, every home and business in the eligible area will have access to the government's Universal Service Commitment of a minimum of 2Mbps.

How are we doing - phase 1

96,516 faster homes & businesses enabled
702 Kilometres of fibre 'laid'
99 exchange areas made 'live'
447 cabinets made 'live'

As we gain a clearer picture of what has been achieved under the current contract and with new funding opportunities becoming available, we can continue to plan for the future. With new providers entering the market as potential suppliers and with funding opportunities we can plan further how we will reach those homes and businesses which have not yet experienced an uplift in speed.

The next stages of the Fastershire project will focus on areas that have not been reached and will enable us to reflect changes in technology and procure new solutions that are more suited to deploying fibre in rural and hard to reach areas.

What an exciting back-to-school start!

The children of Walford Primary returned to school in September full of enthusiasm and looking very smart in their uniforms. We were delighted to welcome thirty new reception children into the Walford family who have all settled superbly well with the help of their 'buddies' and the excellent staff team.

During the first week back, the whole school took part in an exciting Walford Olympic Day and this was followed by a super Intra-Sports afternoon arranged by our very talented Year 6 Sports Crew. These events will be organised frequently throughout the school year, enabling the older children to develop their leadership and coaching skills by teaching sport skills and techniques to younger pupils.



The children have celebrated Hedgehog Day involving a 'Bake Off' and hedgehog inspired spiked hair styles which made everyone smile! They have taken part in a Global Handwashing Day, visited Hereford Cathedral, enjoyed swimming lessons, improved their gymnastic skills at the Five Acres Gym in Cinderford and they have supported the Macmillan Coffee Morning, raising an impressive £221.20 for this very worthy cause.



Last week, our Apple Ambassadors delivered training on how to be effective digital leaders to an audience of teachers and children from Herefordshire schools and this week, they conducted a learning walk for ten visiting school teachers who attended Walford to see how iPads can be used to enhance teaching and learning across the school.

Next week, pupils in Year 5 and Year 6 will enjoy an exciting trip to Drayton Manor to support their topic learning about Fairgrounds. Everyone will be learning how to be safe around dogs whilst undertaking a range of interactive workshops with Educational Officers from the Dogs Trust and each class will be busy preparing produce for our Harvest Assembly and Harvest Market to end our first action-packed half term back in school.

Telephone: 01989 562209

Email: admin@walford.hereford.sch.uk

Bishopswood War Memorial

The Parish Council can report that a grant of 75% was awarded by War Memorials Trust for the cleaning and re-pointing of the War Memorial at Bishopswood.

Independent Memorial Inspection were the company who were successful in their bid and were selected by War Memorials Trust to carry out the work, which started at the beginning of August.

The War Memorial was cleaned, using a low pressure water system and hand cleaning techniques using soft bristle brushes were employed on the delicate areas, bearing the names of the fallen. All areas, including the retaining walls and



flagstones were re-pointed with lime to a very high standard; War Memorials Trust has approved the work and the grant has been paid to the Parish Council.

Many Thanks to Monica Edmunds, who provided tea and support to the workers.

Bishopswood Village Hall

Cathie Hatherall

Bishopswood Bank Holiday Weekend was enjoyed by many. The Sunday Songs of Praise with Berry Hill Brass Band, although held inside due to the great British weather, was enjoyed by over 50 people, most of whom stayed to enjoy a home made cream tea.

On the Monday many people came along to enjoy the games, stalls and entertainment, all in all making for a successful weekend.



In September Bishopswood Village Hall held the quarterly Community Lunch which was very well attended; bookings are being taken for the Christmas Lunch, which will be on Sunday 19th December.

Bookings are being taken now on 01594 860303 and early booking is essential as this has previously been a sell out."

email info@bvhonline.co.uk



Walford Village Hall Play Area

Cllr Dave Berry

In 2004 Walford Parish Council conducted a survey and a number of open planning events where the public indicated a need for a children's play area. The results of this consultation were incorporated into the Parish Plan as Mission Statement 9

Walford Parish Council recognises the urgent need for a Parish play area for children and for an open leisure and sports ground facility. The Parish Council will continue to actively support and encourage those members of the community who wish to pursue all possibilities locally with both landowners and with the Parks Countryside and Leisure Development Service of Herefordshire Council.

In September 2011 the Walford Village Hall Management Committee undertook a feasibility study to ascertain if Walford Village Hall could provide the Parish play area element identified in Mission Statement 9.

After conducting a public consultation and obtaining planning pre-application advice, a formal planning application was made. Since obtaining planning approval in December 2013 our committee has been raising the necessary funding but in order to achieve our target we still need to raise a further £5,000. If you wish to make a donation please contact Councillor Berry via the Parish Clerk.

Fun Day at Walford Village Hall

Virginia Morgan

The Walford Village Hall Committee organised a Fun Day on Saturday 17th September to raise interest, and funds, in the proposed Play Area at the Hall. Among the many activities there was a Dog Show, a Bouncy Castle (supervised by the Pre School Playgroup Staff), a Hog Roast, tasty Thai Treats, a display of Circle Dancing, Quiz Sessions, a Camera Club exhibition and old maps of the Parish were on show. In addition to delicious refreshments with home-made cakes, wine, asparagus, blueberries and strawberries from local producers were available.

Our Ward Councillor, Paul Newman, cut the first turf of the Play Area with the help of Dave Berry, the Treasurer of the Hall Committee, Luke Freeman of M. F. Freeman Ltd. and several young assistants.



Members of the Ross Lions supervised the car-parking in an adjacent field kindly provided by John Chinn.

The raffle, drawn by the Mayor of Ross, Cllr. David Ravenscroft, proved very popular with generous gifts donated by local supporters. The sun shone all day.

The Committee is in the final stage of fund raising and anticipate that the project should be completed early in 2017.

Sunday Services

1st Sunday 11.15am Sunday Praise at Bishopswood Village Hall following 'Big Breakfast'

see notes below

2nd 11am Holy Communion

3rd Services vary - please see notices on Church Notice Board and Border News

4th 11am Holy Communion

5th Services vary around the Wye Reaches benefice - see Border News information

Dates for your diary

Sunday 13th November - REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE

Meet at the War Memorial at 10.45 - service continues in Church at 11.05

Tea and Coffee served after the service.

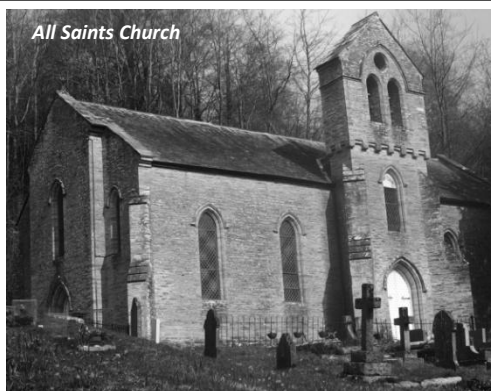
Please see separate item about the restoration of the War Memorial and surrounding area.

Sunday 4th December CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL AND CAROL SERVICE

The church will be open from 10am for all to admire the wonderful window decorations adorned with trees and all things Christmas!!

Add to this, a Christmas Market with stalls selling an array of cakes, gifts, decorations, cards, and other Christmas goods - start your shopping early in the wonderful tranquil surroundings of Bishopswood Church. Refreshments available of Hot Turkey & Stuffing Rolls, Roast Chestnuts, Soup, Mulled Wine, Tea and Coffee.

Inside the church, Santa will be waiting to hear what the children would like for Christmas and a goody bag will be given to every child visiting him!



Rounding off the day at 3pm, Berry Hill Brass Band will lead us joyfully into our Carol Service and the beginning of Christmas Celebrations at Bishopswood.

'BREAKFAST IN BISHOPSWOOD' - Served 9.30 - 10.45 am at Bishopswood Village Hall

Sundays 6th Nov/5th Feb/5th Mar

Full English *plus* cereals, fruit juice, toast pancakes & maple syrup! Tea and Coffee, oh, and a beautiful view of the riverside whilst you eat - you cant beat that!

All this for £5.50 (£3 under 12's)

****Please note:** No Breakfast served in December (Christmas Festival) and January (New Years Day)

A warm welcome awaits anyone wishing to join us at any of our events and services.

Monica, Carol and Bishopswood PCC wish to thank everyone for their generosity, help and kind support of events throughout 2016 and wish you a healthy, prosperous and peaceful 2017.

Church Wardens - Monica Edmunds 01594 860303 Carol Pimblett 01989 565533

We were very fortunate to have hosted a lovely springtime flower festival which proved to be the perfect showcase for our new facilities which include improved disabled access, a kitchen area and toilet with baby changing facilities. If you have not yet had a chance to enjoy our new surroundings we would welcome you to any of our services outlined in the schedule below.

We had a wonderful turn out of all ages to our Harvest Festival on Sunday 9th October followed by savoury nibbles and a glass of sherry! In typical form, the church was decorated beautifully with harvest-themed flowers, fruit and vegetables.

We are now gearing up for a busy winter period with Remembrance, Christingle and Christmas all to look forward to. As usual, in preparation for Remembrance we will be having a tidy up of the churchyard and we welcome any volunteers to help us on Saturday 5th November at 10am.

SERVICE SCHEDULE

1st Sunday of the month – 9:30am Morning Prayer

2nd Sunday of the month – 9:30am Family Service with refreshments after

3rd Sunday of the month – 9:30am Parish Communion, 4:30pm Evensong

4th Sunday of the month – 11:15am Family Service. Arrive from 10.45am refreshments before the service.

GIFT DAY

We extend a huge heartfelt thanks to all those parishioners who have kindly and generously donated to our church as part of our annual gift day. We are very grateful indeed for your support which helps to keep our little church going.



We will continue to accept donations in the coming months.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Remembrance – Sunday 13th November at 10:50am

Christingle – Saturday 24th December at 4pm. St Michael and All Angels' Christingle service with our orchestra and Mary and Joseph tableau.

Christmas Eve – Saturday 24th December at 11:30pm

Christmas Day – Sunday 25th December at 9:30am

REGULAR EVENTS

Our monthly Paddle and Praise, kindly hosted by Wendy Alston, is an ever-growing and very popular event. The usual format is for parents and kids to have a swim and a sing in Wendy's pool followed by snacks, a bible story and a craft activity. Please contact Wendy Alston for more details about upcoming Paddle and Praise activities (wendy_alston@btinternet.com).

Coffee on a Tuesday (COAT) is held monthly and welcomes everyone in the community. Please contact Revd. Laurence Mathew (laurence.mathew@rawchurch.org.uk) for more details.

Walford Pre-School Playgroup is a registered charity based at **Walford Village Hall**. We provide outstanding childcare for families in the area with children aged between 2 and 5 years old. Our main priority is to provide an excellent early years education that enables our children to learn and explore through play, in a friendly and safe environment.

Each day our children are presented with an exciting array of activities from baking, biking, gardening, painting, a role play setting, writing table and many more besides; while our **highly qualified staff** oversee all aspects of the children's development.

We also host a Stay & Play session every Tuesday morning between 9:30am & 11:30am. So please bring your pre-schooler along to join in with our fun (£2.50 per child & £1 per additional child).

During term time we offer: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Fridays 9am till 3pm and Thursdays 9am till 12:30pm.



Please note the Wednesday afternoon session is for "Rising 5's" children and is targeted at the older children in preparation for school.

If you would like to get it touch please contact our Play Leader, Sara Jones, on 01989 566979 or during sessions on 07765 005871.

Or via our website:

www.walfordpreschoolplaygroup.co.uk
or find us on Facebook WALFORD PRE-SCHOOL.

Bishopswood Women's Institute

We are having Christmas craft day on the Friday the 25th Nov 2pm to 5pm, at Bishopswood village hall. This is for W.I members and friends all will be welcome.

You will need to bring scissors, a ruler, glue gun and glue (if you have one) and a desk hole punch; everything else will be provided.

For anyone wishing to attend it will cost £5 and all the materials are provided. Everyone will take something home they have made.



Throughout July Herefordshire Trading Standards Service participated in National Scams Awareness Month to warn consumers about the ever increasing risk of falling victim to a rogue trader or scam.

Each year in the UK consumers lose approximately £5 billion to fraudsters with this figure increasing year on year.

Herefordshire residents may be targeted by rogue traders who will carry out unnecessary, overpriced and poor quality work; sometimes the finished product is completely worthless even when the consumer has paid thousands of pounds. Every week there are instances of cold callers deliberately targeting elderly and vulnerable residents to coerce them into having unnecessary roofing, fascia and guttering work carried out.

Paul Di Lucia from Herefordshire Trading Standards Service said “The risk of becoming a rogue trader victim can be massively reduced by simply never dealing with any cold callers. This includes all unsolicited calls on the phone, at the door, or even responding to leaflets posted through your letterbox. Unfortunately some rogue traders also advertise in legitimate publications, so if you call someone from an advert to undertake a specific job and they say additional work needs doing, it is highly likely to be a scam.

There are a number of simple steps that consumers can take to help avoid becoming a rogue trader victim, these include; obtaining 3 different quotations before agreeing for any work to be undertaken, never dealing with any type of cold callers, asking advice from friends and family before agreeing to work and **NEVER** allowing a trader to start straight away.

Herefordshire Trading Standards Service has listed the most common types of goods and services provided by rogue traders:

Roofing work

Gardening and tree surgery

Fascias and guttering

Wall coatings with special water proof insulating paint or paste

Security alarm systems

Double Glazing by cold calling salespeople

Home insulation

Mobility/disabled aids

Tarmac

Pressure washing drives and patios

If you know a friend, relative, or neighbour who might be at risk, please check regularly to ensure they are not being victimised by fraudsters. If you suspect something untoward then please do not hesitate to contact Trading Standards, you could be saving somebody their life savings and ensuring their quality of life isn't being compromised.”

For reliable tradesmen Herefordshire Council operates a trader register of local businesses - This can be accessed online at

www.traderregister.org.uk/herefordshire

To report a rogue trader or for more advice regarding scams contact Herefordshire Council Trading Standards Service on **01432 261671**”

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You can also contact our Community Support Co-ordinator for advice, who will be able to point you in the right direction:

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coordinator@walford-pc.org.uk

Phone: 07493 171 430

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AN INTRODUCTION TO 105 – Reporting power cuts

WHAT IS 105?

105 is a new three-digit number that people can call to report or get information about power cuts.

You can also call 105 with any welfare concerns related to a power cut, or if you are worried about the safety of over or underground electricity cables or substations.

105 is free of charge and will put you through to your electricity network operator. You can call 105 from most landlines and mobile phones.

It will be launched in September 2016 and will be available to people in England, Scotland and Wales.

The powercut105.com website will be live for launch, providing people with more information and signposting them to their network operator.

Dumping of waste on Parish Footpaths – Don't do it!

What is fly-tipping? Most of us dispose of our waste using proper and safe routes, but there are others who choose to tip their waste in the countryside, or on other people's land. This is fly-tipping. Fly-tipping is the illegal disposal of waste.

'No fly-tipping' You've seen the signs - but what do they really mean?

All UK waste is subject to strict controls

Only holders of a Waste Management Licence can recover, transport, deposit or dispose of waste. (Your household waste is exempt so long as it is within your own premises or garden with exception to asbestos, mineral oil or clinical waste)

Waste can only be deposited at officially authorised sites.

Anyone fly-tipping waste is committing a serious offence.

What to do

Put your domestic waste in the bin or bag provided by your local authority.

They will collect the waste free of charge.

Take your garden or household waste to a civic amenity site; there is no charge for householders although large loads may be redirected to a waste management facility.

If you need to dispose of extra or bulky waste contact your Council's waste collection service, or use a licensed waste carrier. Ask your local authority to collect any commercial waste; there will be a charge for this.

Parish Council meetings schedule 2017

7.30pm Full Council	11/01/17	Walford Village Hall
6.30pm Finance Committee 7.30pm Full Council	22/02/17	Bishopswood Village Hall
6.30pm Annual Parish Meeting 7.30pm Full Council	05/04/17	Walford Village Hall
7.30pm Annual Council Meeting	17/05/17	Bishopswood Village Hall
6.30pm Finance Committee 7.30pm Full Council	28/06/17	Walford Village Hall
7.30pm Full Council	30/08/17	Bishopswood Village Hall
7.30pm Full Council	11/10/17	Walford Village Hall
6.30pm Finance Committee 7.30pm Full Council	22/11/17	Bishopswood Village Hall
No meeting in December		

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