



**DOGGONE IT**  
**I SHOULD BE**  
*Reading*

## **OPEN BOOK**

The Walton Library Newsletter

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**Come And Celebrate With Us!**



**It is now** five years since Walton Community Library was conceived. It was a smooth labour and, in the four years of successful running since that birth, the library has gone from strength to strength. This success story is the brainchild of several Walton residents who, upon hearing of the imminent demise of the Wakefield Council-run library in the village, rallied together to keep it on as a going concern.

Among the milestones that the library's volunteers have achieved - apart from all the clubs, reading challenges, healthy weeks, Open Gardens etc - perhaps the one that stands out the most is the fact that the library membership now

exceeds one thousand people! These members can look forward to having their every need (within reason!) met by the 52 registered library volunteers. As evidenced by only closing one day in four years, the dedication of these volunteers is something worth commending (Just don't ring me up to cover a shift - it's 13 hours from France, and that's if I put my foot down).

The library now feel it is time to commemorate this success with a Celebration Day to be held at the library on **Saturday 2nd September 12 – 4pm**. We look forward to welcoming not just all our members and friends from near and far, but anyone who would like to help us have a great time. There will be a Bring-and-Share Picnic, drinks and cake for sale, book stalls, children's activities, a display of all the current photo competition entries for next year's calendar and much, much more.

So put that date in your diaries folks, and we'll see you there!!

## SATS The Way To Do It!

**“These SATs are too hard for adults, although they should be fine for kids!” Find the subordinating conjunction...?**

Walton Library and, I'd guess, the whole of Walton, would like to extend our congratulations to the children of Walton Primary Academy, who we understand have done extremely well in the recent SATS! A great team effort by all, and a sure sign that we have many, many future titans of industry here in our cosy little village.

Also for those people puzzled (myself included) by the meme in pink above, here's the answer:

subordinating conjunction

*noun*

plural noun: **subordinating conjunctions**

a conjunction that introduces a subordinating clause, e.g. *although, because*.

So now when you are watching *Eggheads* and that bloke who presents it (you know the one, he looks like the last bloke that presented it, just not as distinctive) and they ask 'What's a subordinating conjunction?' you will know the answer.

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## Walton Choir At St Paul's



**The beautiful\*** voices of the Walton Singers sang out at St Paul's Church at the beginning of July, performing an alternative set of songs for the gathered crowd. Audience members who were expecting a selection of traditional choral pieces were pleasantly surprised when the choir went 'off the beaten track'. Attendees were treated to *Should I Stay or Should I Go* (The Clash) and *I'm a Believer* (The Monkees).

To ensure that their audience weren't too traumatised by this spin on the usual proceedings the choir also sang *The Rose* and wrapped up proceedings with *As long as I have Music*. As usual the whole thing went down a storm, and as well as a feast for the ears there were buns and cakes too.

I have also been asked to mention that the Ukulele Group were in attendance and were 'The stars of the show'. I would just like to apologise, profusely, for having just typed the word 'Ukulele' in the same sentence as 'stars of the show'.

*\*when compared to a flock of seagulls*

## A Challenging Read

# SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

**Once again** Walton Library have stepped in to help with your children's reading levels during the holidays, ensuring they don't dip, via the ever-popular Summer Reading Challenge. This summer's theme is 'Out Of This World' covering all kinds of aliens, space, the universe and everything!

The plucky child who takes up this challenge will have their reading tested via 6 books and, should they complete all of them, there will be a medal and a certificate presented to them, in school in September.

A great result so far this year as nearly 50 raring-to-go readers have jumped on board, in what will surely be one reading challenge that sends their reading - and imagination - sky-high (and beyond!).

## Ukulele United Kidnap Shock



**The Ukelele United Group** (or UUG) have struck again, this time kidnapping upwards of 2 people. The group, who are masterminded by evil ukulele genius The Silver Fiddler (or Richard Hancock to his friends) are well-known for making people join their cult and then, in front of shocked onlookers, forcing them to actually play one of their infernal instruments. As you can see in the picture above, nobody is smiling, as they are all in fear of The Silver Fiddler (seen here second-from-the-right). His ruthless teaching methods are

well-known amongst the stringed-instruments community, and include such evil tricks as:

- \* Frowning slightly when someone misses a note
- \* Scratching his left ear in anger
- \*Smiling slightly and saying 'Don't worry, you'll get it next time'
- \*Making a cup of tea
- \*Saying 'Practice makes perfect' to himself in the mirror
- \*Buying cakes for after the show

The most recent aural atrocity was conducted at The Rose garden at Thornes Park, on Sunday 23rd July, during Crofton's art group exhibition. It was at this venue that the group took their new members, with promises of 'Wine and fun after practice', 'A convivial atmosphere' and, most shocking of all 'A class that is suitable for all skill-levels'.

If you have any information on the whereabouts of this group - who practice every week at Walton Community Library - then please contact your local Walton Representative, Mr R.Hancock.



**The third Thursday** topic for July was an interesting talk entitled 'Pieces of History', this covered items from 1707 to 1945. The objects were shown, and discussed, by Chris and Linda Schofield, a pair of local history buffs who certainly knew their stuff.

They showed a variety of historical artefacts, from cannon balls\* to a Russian flag. The talk clearly appealed to the historian in many Walton residents, as it was very well attended.

*\*I was going to put a joke in here involving Tommy Cannon - from Cannon and Ball\*\* - and a certain part of his anatomy, however I have been advised that this would be A) Wildly inappropriate and B) Not exactly 'cutting edge'*

*\*\*You don't know who Cannon and Ball are, do you\*\*\*? So here's a link:  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cannon\\_and\\_Ball](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cannon_and_Ball)*

*\*\*typical Millennials, no sense of comedy\*\*\*\* history*

*\*\*\*\*The term 'comedy' is here being used in its loosest possible sense*



