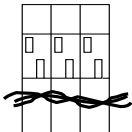


Waterhouses Wanderings

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News, Views and Events from Waterhouses and the surrounding area provided by the Waterhouses Community Association.



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INVITATION

Are you, your husband/wife/partner over 60 and you live in Waterhouses Village or are



unsung heroes
The Queen's Award for
Voluntary Service 2005

a member of Waterhouses Community Association? Then please accept an invitation to a FREE Christmas Lunch in the Village Hall.

It is on Tuesday 11th December. From 12 noon the bar is open, with lunch served at 12.30pm.



Please let us know you are coming by dropping a note into the village hall or telephone 0191 373 9113 with the names of those wishing to attend.

If you want to come but have mobility problems let us know.

NOT KIDDING

There are 2 (some have seen 3) goats wandering free around Crook Bank. Please take care as you go up or down the bank, for the goats pose a danger not only to themselves but to vehicles and their occupants as well.



Do you know where they came from? If so then let us know (phone 0191 373 9113) so that they can be returned to a safer place.

See www.waterhouses.info for all that is going on

SPEEDING

Lots of you have expressed your concerns regarding the speed of traffic through the village therefore we, as your Association, forwarded these concerns on to Durham County Council and Durham Constabulary. During meetings the County Council stated due to the low traffic flow the cost of “speed humps” or “chicanes” could not be justified. Neither did we fit the criteria for mirrors at certain junctions.



In June Durham Police carried out a speed and traffic flow survey which revealed that although the traffic flow is low, 30% of the traffic exceeds the 30mph speed limit. We have therefore requested Red Rectangles with White SLOW signs be painted on the road either side of the entrance to the bend at Alderson’s Garage, either side of the entrance to The Paddock and anywhere else they may deem necessary.

Although these signs will remind people of the speed limit, only by taking his or her foot off the accelerator will drivers make Waterhouses safer.

Most of the traffic through this village is local traffic !!!
When did you last check your speedo?

M.P.'s Surgery

Have you got a problem or a query YOUR Member of Parliament can help you with? Come along to The Village Hall Saturday 8th December when Roberta Blackman-Woods M.P. will be holding a surgery between 11-11.30am, Come along early and enjoy a refreshing drink and home-made cakes beforehand.





Celebrate

Help celebrate Christmas and the New Year with Friends and Family at the New Year Family Party in the Village Hall on Saturday 5th January. Entry is FREE, starts 6.30pm, entertainment and games. It's a Faith Supper so bring along a plateful of your favourite grub to share with others! The bar will be on so enjoy that belated Christmas Cheer.

Unwanted Presents.

Got any unwanted presents? Free gifts you wish you hadn't sent for? or simply de-cluttering? Our Association is always on the lookout for goodies for raffle or tombola prizes, your junk could be gold to us. If you wish to make any type of donation ring 0191 373 9113 and leave a message for Rhona.



For the Sweet Toothed and Sociable

Saturday Coffee Mornings all with home made cake stall on the first Saturday each month from 10 to 12.

Sept. 1st

October 6th - raising money for McMillan Nurses

Nov. 3rd

Dec 8th (with local MP's surgery - see opposite)



Keeping Even Fitter? after those cakes!

A new class coming next month - Salsa Tues 6.30-7.30pm starting 25th September. £18.00 for 10 week course, £5.00 for those on certain benefits.

Waterhouses Cinema

Films are shown at the village hall fortnightly, every other Wednesday night from 7.30. (The next three films will be shown on August 29th, September 12th and September 26th.)

The bar is open from 7.15. Ice creams in the interval!

Membership of Waterhouses Community Association Cinema Club is free to everyone. Attending a film gains membership. Members are sent details of forthcoming films by email. (Or you can ring the hall on (0191) 373 9113 to find out what films are being shown.)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

18th September DAY TRIP BY COACH TO KESWICK and the Lakeside Experience. Deposit £10. Depart 9a.m. Ring Beryl (373 4442) or Anne (373 6422) to book your place.

27th October QUIZ NIGHT 7.30pm £2.50 including Supper.

3rd November HALLOWEEN FAMILY NIGHT
Entertainment, games, fancy dress. 6.30pm
prompt start.
£2 adults £1 children. Refreshments available.



17th November CEILIDH 7.30pm £6.00, £3.00 children under 12. Supper included.

24th November XMAS FAIR 2-5pm Stalls, fancy goods, Santa Claus.

11th December OVER 60s CHRISTMAS LUNCH (see page 1)

5th January FAMILY PARTY Music, fun and games.
Faith Supper 6.30pm (see page 3)

SOME FURTHER EVENTS BEING PLANNED

We are planning a CHRISTMAS CAROL AND TREE LIGHTING event and also a CHRISTMAS MUSICAL QUIZ NIGHT in the approach to Christmas.

Details are not yet finalised so look out for posters nearer the time.

Note that details of these events – and indeed all that is going on – can be found on the Waterhouses web site.



Full details of WOTZ ON are on the Village Hall notice board