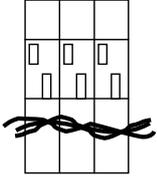


Waterhouses

Wanderings

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



unsung heroes
The Queen's Award for
Voluntary Service 2005

The Play Space at Hedleyhill Terrace.

This play area was restored with the items of equipment you chose, financed by Durham County Council's PlayBuilder Scheme. The work only took a few weeks and the play space was in use by the time the schools closed for the summer.



You're never too old!

The official Opening by the deputy chair of Durham County Council took place on a rather dull Thursday afternoon, August 4th, accompanied by drizzle and later quite heavy rain. (A typical summer day, in fact) Even the rain could not dampen the spirits of the children who brought along their teddies (the winning one is shown) and enjoyed not just the swings, zip wire, climbing and other pieces of equipment, but also the craft tent and the outdoor games.



The Official Opening

Thanks to those leaders who gave the kids such a good time, and thanks also to the PlayBuilder Scheme for all the great equipment.



The winning teddy

Thanks to Chris Ruskin for the photographs.



The Activity Tent

The BIG EVENT coming up is the **ANNUAL PRODUCE SHOW** on Saturday 3rd September, followed in the evening by music from Tom Rowan & Steve Wilson and the group Istacoustica. (Their concert last year was one of the highlights of that year's programme.) The Scarecrow Competition and the 'tallest sunflower' competition are also part of the show so it should be a great day! Full details of the classes and the day's timetable are on page 2, with the entry forms for the two competitions on page 3.

Apologies for lack of colour and for any mistakes in this issue. It has been prepared at a time when much of the Deerness Valley, including your editor, had no telephone or internet links, so couldn't get information checked easily and had no access to the web for pictures. My particular apologies to any contributors there may be whose contributions are stuck in cyberspace, waiting for the telephone lines to come back!

Ann Barnshaw. Editor

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

SATURDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER

WATERHOUSES PRODUCE SHOW

and Scarecrow Competition.

Hall opens 11-1 for entries, 5 onwards for prizes and music

Entries for Scarecrow and tallest sunflower competitions must be returned to the hall before Saturday 27th August.

All produce (except the craft items) will be for sale at the end of the show. Entry is 20p per item, payable on the day. Entries should be brought to the hall between 11am and 1pm on the day.

The hall is shut at 1 and re-opens at 5 with the results, prizes, auction of winning entries at 5.15 and then the sale of other items. Apple pie and cheese will be provided at around 5.30. The bar is open for purchase of cider or other drinks. 6pm onwards - a return visit by Tom Rowan & Steve Wilson and the band ITSACOUSTICA. Relax and enjoy the folk music and refreshments.

CLASSES IN THE SHOW

Vegetables:

- **Children's categories:**
 - Heaviest vegetable
 - Longest carrot
 - Ugliest vegetable
- **Adult's categories:**
 - Three potatoes (same variety)
 - Three carrots
 - Three tomatoes
 - Leek
 - Beetroot
 - Lettuce
 - Three French Beans
 - Three Runner Beans
 - Pumpkin or squash
 - Courgette, cucumber or okra
 - Pepper (any type)
 - Small bunch of any other salad vegetable (radish, spring onion etc)
 - Small basket or bowl of mixed vegetables

Flowers:

- Tallest sunflower – in a pot or in the garden – to be measured in situ
- Vase of home grown flowers (of any variety) *One award for the best flowers, and one for the best skill in arrangement.*

Fruit:

- Three items of pipped fruit (such as apple or pear)
- Three items of stoned fruit (such as plum or peach)
- Small plate of home produced soft fruit (such as raspberry, strawberry etc)

Home Produce:

- Victoria Sponge
- 3 scones (can be any type - plain, fruit, cheese etc)
- Jar of jam (any variety)
- Apple Pie

Craft

- Any craft item (e.g. knitting, crochet, sewing, embroidery, pottery etc) – adult and children's categories
- A 'garden on a plate' - a category for children. A garden to be created on a paper plate using as many ideas/materials as you can!

All entries should be home grown or home produced

Waterhouses Scarecrow Competition 2011 Entry Form

Your Name:

Address:

Whereabouts at your address can we find your scarecrow?
(please be as precise as possible – we don't want to miss it!)



Name of scarecrow

Please return this form to the hall, or to a member of the committee BEFORE SATURDAY AUGUST 27th (not 'by Saturday August 28th ' as per the posters!)

Judging will take place from 1p.m. on Saturday 3rd September. Winners will be announced at 5p.m. in Waterhouses Village Hall.

Waterhouses Sunflower Competition 2011 Entry Form

Your Name:

Address:

Whereabouts at your address can we find your sunflower?
(please be as precise as possible – we don't want to miss it!)



Please return this form to the hall, or to a member of the committee BEFORE SATURDAY AUGUST 27th (not 'by Saturday August 28th ' as per the posters!)

Judging will take place from 1p.m. on Saturday 3rd September. Winners will be announced at 5p.m. in Waterhouses Village Hall.

*If you don't want to cut up your copy of 'Wanderings' then copies of these forms are also available in the hall and on the web at www.waterhouses.info (once your editor's telecoms links come back, that is!)

Looking back

Summer Fair. Many thanks to those who supported this fair and to Beryl and others who worked so hard to make it a success. It raised around £280 which helps to fund such events as the **annual village outing**, this year to the Forbidden Corner – ‘the strangest place in the world’ – in North Yorkshire.

The **Film and Fun evenings** continue to be very popular. Many thanks to Kim and others who work so hard to provide these great family nights out. The **Quiz with Pie and Peas** was another most enjoyable evening, and a similar event is planned for September.

The **Flower Arranging Demonstration** proved to be an enjoyable social evening, but without flowers or a demonstration. We hope to plan another such event – but this time with flowers, in next year’s programme!

Interested in Waterhouses history?

Thanks to work done in the past we already have several items relating to our village history. Are you interested in helping us to collate these into a booklet or other more permanent form, perhaps adding to them as well? If so then contact Angela Collinson (37 Russell Street, tel 373 6957)

And now for something completely different

To mark the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible (the Authorised Version) the cinema club on Wednesday night, 31st August, at 7pm will be showing a docu-drama of how it came to be translated and what the gunpowder plot had to do with it. This and the rest of the cinema club’s programme is to be found on the web site.

Other Future Events - mark these dates now

- A QUIZ NIGHT WITH PIE AND PEAS is scheduled for Friday 9th September
- The ever popular CEILIDH will be on the evening of Saturday 17th September.
- Saturday evening FAMILY FILM AND FUN NIGHTS are planned for 24th September, 22nd October, 19th November and 3rd December. Details of the films to be shown will be on the posters.
- PARTY NIGHT (as in ‘Tupperware Party’!) with many varied items on show will be on Friday 14th October with, the next night
- TREASURE HUNT AND PIE & PEA SUPPER on Saturday 15th October.
- COFFEE MORNINGS on 1st October in aid of MacMillan Nursing and on 5th November combined with a NEARLY NEW SALE – a good opportunity to get some cheap Christmas gifts!
- The DURHAM POLICE CHOIR will be giving a concert on Saturday 12th November.

Look out for fuller details on the monthly ‘What’s on’ sheets, on posters and on the web.

The next edition of Waterhouses Wanderings will be out in November with details of the Christmas Fair on 3rd December, the Seniors Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 7th December and the Tree Lighting and Christmas concert on Friday 9th December, and of course the children’s party.

Full details of WOTZ ON are on the village notice boards