

Waterhouses

Wanderings

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unsung heroes
The Queen's Award for
Voluntary Service 2005

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

LOCAL COUNCILLOR IS NEW MAYOR OF DURHAM

John Wilkinson, our local councillor and, with his wife Cynthia, an active member of the Waterhouses Community Association Committee, is the Mayor of Durham for the year 2012 to 2013.

Our congratulations to John, pictured in cycling mode with Doug Long from Heel & Toe. This is one of the Mayor's chosen charities, and provides free physiotherapy/education sessions in Durham to any disabled child in the North East with cerebral palsy and other motor disorders, as well as support for their families.

On the left is Colin Wilkes of the Durham Big Ride event, to take place on Sunday 2nd September. John is hoping to encourage people to sign up and ride for Heel & Toe in the Durham Big Ride.

OVER 100 AT THE WATERHOUSES JUBILEE STREET PARTY

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee came and went, but not before Waterhouses had joined in the celebrations.

Well over 100 people came to the street party (pictured below) on Sunday 3rd June and everyone enjoyed themselves despite the grey day. There were races for all ages (see below), Fancy Dress Competition and a Treasure Hunt, and the River Pageant was very enthusiastically watched by many.

Music was generously provided by Miles who is the Caller at our Ceilidhs.

Thank you Angela and her helpers who made this such a memorable event.



The next major village event is the **THIRD ANNUAL (FREE) VILLAGE TRIP** on Saturday 11th August. Once again, by popular request, it is to Lightwater Valley. (It may well already have happened before you get this newsletter!)

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

BEAT 'N' BLOW

A well filled hall was treated to a concert of lively music (and even livelier performers!) on Tuesday 17th July when the German group Beat 'n' Blow came to perform as one of the events in the Durham Brass Festival. It is the first time – but we hope not the last – when Waterhouses has been used as a venue for one of their events. Certainly it attracted in folk who had never before come into our village hall.

ARE YOU A BAKER?

Would you like to help provide cakes and other tasty eatables for the Saturday morning Coffee and Cakes? It is generally on the first Saturday in the month (see page 4) If you can help then please contact Kate on 373 6198 to confirm dates.



'A FRENCH FANCY'

The next meeting of the wine club is on Saturday 29th September at 8pm. Come along and enjoy sampling French wine. All are welcome. Bring food to share. For further information phone Linda on 373 3186.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO TRY NORDIC WALKING?

This is a pleasant, not too strenuous way for anyone to improve fitness and enjoy the countryside. Come along to the village hall every 2nd and last Tuesday in the month at 10am. The cost is £1.50p for a session that lasts approximately one and a quarter hours. All equipment is provided. Again for further details phone Linda on 373 3186.



SCARECROWS, SUNFLOWERS and PRODUCE SHOW

This year it takes place on the second Saturday in September, the 8th of the month, and we hope by moving the date back a week that more people will be able to take part. Enclosed in this Wanderings is the entry form for the Scarecrow competition, and the Tallest Sunflower competition. These must be returned by Saturday 1st September so that they can be included on the judges route map. Produce items for the show need no entry form; just bring them along between 11 and 1 on the day itself. Full details are on the page opposite.

SAVING MONEY ON ELECTRICITY

Electricity is your hall's most costly expense and so your committee decided to have solar panels installed on the south facing roof of the hall. These not only provide us with some free electricity but also bring in money as the government pay us a 'feed-in tariff' for each unit of electricity we generate.



Can you spot them?

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT HIGH HEDLEYHOPE FARM.

Plans are currently out for comment concerning the development of an anaerobic digester at High Hedleyhope Farm. Anaerobic digesters take farmyard manure, straw etc, both that produced on the farm and also some brought in by road in tankers (in the case of this planning application, via the A68 and Tow Law), and process them to produce a nitrogen rich fertilizer, with both heating and electricity generation as by-products of this industrial process.

The plans will go to the planning subcommittee for approval early in September, and comments – if you wish to make them - may be received up to the date of the meeting.

SATURDAY 8th SEPTEMBER

WATERHOUSES PRODUCE SHOW

with Scarecrow & Sunflower Competitions.

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

Entries for Scarecrow and tallest sunflower competitions must be returned to the hall before Saturday 1st September.

All produce (except the craft items) will be for sale at the end of the show. 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 around 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.

CLASSES IN THE SHOW

Vegetables:

- **Children's categories:**
 - Heaviest vegetable
 - Longest carrot
 - Ugliest vegetable
 - Funniest head of cress hair (decorated egg-shell or container)
- **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) including chilli
 - Small bunch of any other salad vegetable (radish, spring onion etc)
 - Small basket or bowl of mixed vegetables

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) including lemon curd
- 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!

Flowers:

- **Children's categories**
 - Jam Jar of flowers
- **Adult's categories:**
 - Tallest sunflower – in a pot or in the garden – to be measured in situ – see above concerning entry forms
 - Vase of home grown flowers (of any variety) *One award for the best flowers, and one for the best skill in arrangement.*

All entries should be home grown or home produced

FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday August 9 th 10am - 11.30 am	Mini Mixers	'Caterpillars and Butterflies' (Suitable for 4-6yr olds)
Saturday August 11 th	Trip to Lightwater Valley	Coach leaves from Village Hall at 9am
Monday August 13 th 10am - 11.30 am	Mini Mixers	'Teddy Bear Fun' - (Suitable for 18mths - 4yrs old)
Friday August 17 th 7.30	Quiz Night and Pie and Peas Supper	Numbers to Beryl on 373 4442 as soon as possible
Monday August 20 th 10am - 11.30 am	Mini Mixers	'Cupcake Decorating Masterclass' (Suitable for 8-12yr olds)
Saturday Sept 1 st 9.30 - 11.00	Coffee Morning	
Thursday Sept 6 th	Trip to Barnard Castle and Bowes Museum	For Community Association members. Phone Anne Pears 373 6422 for details.
Saturday Sept 8 th	Produce Show, Scarecrow & Sunflower competitions.	See details on page 3
Saturday Sept 15 th	Family Night	Doors open 6.30, film starts at 7
Friday Sept 21 st 7.30pm	Indoor Treasure Hunt	
Saturday Sept 22 nd 10am - 11.30 am	Mini Mixers	Special event for National Cupcake Week!
Saturday Sept 29 th	Wine Club	
Saturday Oct 6 th 9.30 - 11.00 am	Coffee Morning with Mini Mixers	for Macmillan Cancer Support Halloween Inspired theme
6.30 pm	Family Night	Doors open 6.30, film starts at 7
Saturday Oct 13 th 7.30.	Ceilidh	With Soup and Stottie. Ring Pat on 373 4949
Friday Oct 26 th 7.30pm	Quiz Night with Hot Beef Sandwiches	Numbers to Beryl on 373 4442 by 17 th October
Saturday Oct 27 th 2pm -4pm	Craft Fayre	
Saturday Nov 3 rd 9.30 -11.00 am	Coffee Morning	
Thursday Nov 15 th	Hall in use for Election: Police and Crime Commission	
Saturday Nov 17 th	Family Night	Doors open 6.30, film starts at 7
Saturday Nov 24 th 2.00 - 4.00 pm	Christmas Fayre	
Saturday Dec 1 st 9.30 -11.00 am	Coffee Morning with Mini Mixers	Christmas Special theme
Wednesday Dec 5 th	Seniors Christmas Lunch	
Friday Dec 7 th	Tree Lighting	with Christmas Carols (and draw for raffle)
Friday Dec 14 th 7.30 pm	Christmas Quiz Night	With Hot Turkey Sandwiches. Numbers to Beryl on 373 4442 by 1 st December
Saturday 15 th Dec	Family Night	Doors open 6.30, film starts at 7

Not all details of events are available as the Wanderings went to press. See the monthly What's On for more details of events from September to December.

For more details of Sarah Seed's Mini-Mixers sessions, together with costs, see her web site. www.minimixers.co.uk Note that all her sessions need to be pre-booked.

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