

# Waterhouses

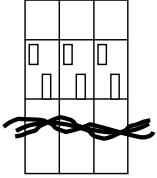
# Wanderings

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2013

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



The Queen's Award for  
Voluntary Service 2005



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## ARE YOU READY FOR THE PRODUCE SHOW & SCARECROW COMPETITION?

This annual event takes place on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September. See page 3 for the schedule and bring your entries to the hall between 11 and 1, returning at 5 to see who has won, and to enjoy apple pie and cheese.

Entry forms for the scarecrow and sunflower competitions are enclosed, and must be returned to the hall by Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August.

## THE VILLAGE TRIP

On Saturday, July 13, a full coach of excited people set off on our annual village trip, this time to two venues, Lightwater Valley and Fountains Abbey. The theme park provided the usual thrills and everyone returned to the coach, tired but happy! Those of us who visited the beautiful and tranquil Fountains Abbey had a more relaxing time – *and enjoyed the chance to dress up in clothes and hats provided!* Thanks to Angela for organising another successful village trip.



Linda at the entrance to the banqueting hall at Fountains Abbey

## COFFEE MORNINGS FOR CANCER CARE CHARITIES

Thanks to those (relatively few, but generous) who supported the Saturday coffee morning for Marie Curie Cancer Care on 27<sup>th</sup> July. It raised £210 for this worthy cause. There will be a similar event on Saturday October 5<sup>th</sup> in aid of MacMillan Cancer Care and we hope that, with summer holidays over, more of you will be able to support us on that day.

## GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Villagers were sad to hear earlier this summer of the death on 14<sup>th</sup> May of Dorothy Thwaite. Dorothy moved to the village in with her husband Leslie in the 1980's and left just two years ago to be nearer her family in Wigan. *More on page 2.*

## MEMORIES OF A MAYORAL YEAR

John Wilkinson, an active member of your committee, summarises the highlights of his memorable year as Mayor of Durham on page 2.

*See [www.waterhouses.info](http://www.waterhouses.info) for all that is going on*

## His Worship the Mayor

The highlights of a memorable year, as remembered by John Wilkinson, committee member of Waterhouses Association and former headmaster and county councillor.

"I, John Wilkinson, having been elected to the office of Mayor of Durham declare that I will take the office upon myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties of it to the best of my judgement and ability. I undertake to observe the Code of Conduct which is expected of members of the County Council and the Charter Trustees for the City of Durham."

**Mayor's Oath 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2012.**



Lunch with The Queen and Prince Phillip at Durham Castle, the opening/welcome speech at The Miners' Gala, reading lesson six to a full Cathedral congregation on Christmas Eve, Remembrance Day salute in Durham market place, welcoming the Olympic Torch, attending University Congregations and the installation of the new Chancellor.

Travelling here, there and everywhere to events both large and small. Visiting all schools in our Deerness ward.

Majestically escorted by my own Mayor's Bodyguard in dignified silence down the Cathedral aisle to the Mayor's throne whilst wearing a red robe and a gold chain 143 years old.

Most wonderful of all, surrounded by my family and friends from near and far, for Mayor's Evensong in Durham Cathedral, Mayor's Carol Service in our own Methodist Church with cars parked all over the village and Mayor's Civic Service in St Nicholas Church in Durham.

A magical year, a year Cynthia and I will never forget.

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## A Tribute to Dorothy Thwaite



Many of us in Waterhouses remember Dorothy with much affection, although she moved from our village two years ago to live nearer her family. She was born in Herrington, Co. Durham in 1923 and it was soon seen to be very talented, not just academically but in sports and music. Dorothy had a beautiful contralto voice and, but for her wish to be a nurse, might have made a career in opera. Whilst still at grammar school she met her husband to be, Leslie.

After training in Newcastle as a nurse Dorothy worked both there and in London. Following her marriage she and Leslie lived in the north east, and it was there that their children, David and Victoria were born, in 1948 and 1951 respectively. Always

enterprising, Dorothy trained in Sunderland as a teacher so that she could work as well as look after the family.

A career change for Leslie meant the family moving to Cheshire in 1961. There Dorothy continued to teach spending a long time in special education where she worked with teenagers, many of whom were from deprived backgrounds. In the early 70's she decided she would like to go back to what she considered her true vocation and was successful in gaining a position as Sister Tutor at Manchester Royal Infirmary. There she was able to combine teaching and nursing by training the new generation of nurses in the school of nursing.

When the grandchildren came along, in 1978 and 1983 she was in her element, loving to spend time with them and being dearly loved in return.

Dorothy retired in the early 80s and when Leslie also retired they moved back home to County Durham and settled in the bungalow in Waterhouses. Here Dorothy could indulge her interest in all aspects of nature, creating a lovely garden and welcoming birds and other wildlife. They soon got involved in our village affairs, with Leslie taking a lead role in acquiring lottery funding to turn the abandoned old coop building into the Village Community Hall. Sadly he died in 1999 but Dorothy continued her active role in the village association activities and was one of four ladies representing the association at a Garden Party in Buckingham Palace in 2005. She always loved to travel, both in Europe and in the UK, and in later years enjoyed holidaying in Scotland with Brian and Anne Pears and her old friend, Ivey Gardner.

We were sad to say goodbye to her when she moved back to Cheshire but we are left with many happy memories of a lovely lady.

Thanks to Vicky Barrow, Dorothy's daughter, for much of this tribute.

**SATURDAY 7<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> August.

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**

## SUMMARY OF EVENTS OVER THE NEXT FOUR MONTHS

(See the monthly What's On for further details.)

- August 22                    MINI MIXERS 10.15 - 11.15
- Friday Sept 6                YOUTH FILM NIGHT
- Saturday Sept 7             SCARECROW, SUNFLOWER AND PRODUCE SHOW (see page  
3)
- Friday Sept 13                TREASURE HUNT IN VILLAGE HALL 7.30pm. £3. Pie and Peas  
Phone Beryl on 3734442 to book a place.
- Saturday Sept 21             FAMILY NIGHT
- Saturday Sept 28             WINE CLUB 8.00pm (Contact Linda - 3733186 for further  
details)
- Friday Oct 4                 YOUTH FILM NIGHT
- Saturday Oct 5                MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING 9.30 -11.00am
- Saturday Oct 12              FAMILY NIGHT
- Friday Oct 18                QUIZ NIGHT 7.30pm £3 Hot Beef Sandwiches Phone Beryl on  
373442 to book a place
- Saturday Oct 19              CEILIDH 7.30pm Adults £6, children 11 -16 years £3, under 11  
free. Soup and Stottie in the interval
- Saturday Oct 26              CRAFT FAYRE 2pm - 4pm. All hand made crafts.
- Saturday Nov 9                FAMILY NIGHT
- Friday Nov 15                LIVE MUSIC The Larks (Guys Band) 8.00pm £4
- Saturday Nov 23              CHRISTMAS FAYRE 2pm - 4pm Raffle, various stalls and Santa  
Claus
- Friday Nov 29                YOUTH FILM NIGHT
- Wednesday Dec 4            SENIORS CHRISTMAS LUNCH 12pm
- Friday Dec 6                 CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING with Christmas Carols and  
Christmas Raffle Draw 6.30pm
- Friday Dec 13                QUIZ NIGHT 7.30pm Hot Turkey Sandwiches. Phone Beryl on  
3734442 to book a place.
- Saturday Dec 14              FAMILY NIGHT.

*(The next Wanderings is due out in November)*

*Full details of WOTZ ON are on the village notice board*