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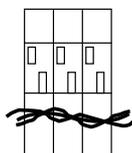
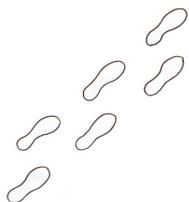
Wanderings

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News, Views and Events from Waterhouses and
the surrounding area provided by the
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AUTUMN PRODUCE SHOW AND SCARECROW COMPETITION

This major event will take place on Saturday 4th September, so book the date now. Included in this newsletter is an entry form for both the show entries and also for the scarecrow competition.

If you want to take part please complete and return the form(s) by Wednesday August 25th. *(We need to know where the scarecrows are to be found so a map can be drawn up and posted/distributed. Last year some people missed some of the scarecrows because they didn't know where to look!)*

Note that entry to the scarecrow competition is free. There is a small charge of 20p for each item entered into the produce show, payable on the day.



Timing for the day itself:

11 to 1p.m. – Hall open. Bring your produce to show and be judged. *(Also bring your 20p entry for each item)*

1p.m. to 5p.m. Hall closed. Judging taking place, scarecrows and sunflowers in your homes/gardens, other produce in the hall.

5p.m. onwards. Hall re-opens. Results of the produce show on display in the hall. Awarding of prizes. Apple pie and cheese provided. Cider available from the bar. At around 5.30 there will be an auction of produce (other than craft items) with all proceeds of the auction and donations given to Thrive, a charity using gardening to help disadvantaged and disabled people.



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



COALITION GOVERNMENT WITHDRAWS FUNDING FOR HEDLEYHILL TERRACE PLAY AREA

The Coalition Government has asked Durham County Council to review all financial commitments to the building of play areas since the funding granted by the Playbuilder Scheme, introduced in 2008, is under review. This means that the grant of £39,000 for new play equipment at Hedleyhill Terrace is almost certain to be withdrawn. The future of this project is now uncertain but the committee will continue to look for possible sources of funding.

Watch this space!

What Do You Want?

We have had a very varied programme of events in the first part of 2010. Sadly many of these events have been poorly supported. Indeed sometimes audiences have been embarrassingly small! We know the Ceilidh and the Themed Meal evenings are popular, and both will feature in the autumn programme, as will the usual events associated with the Christmas season – Christmas Fair, concert, Kids party and of course the Christmas dinner (free to all pensioners living in the village or who are Community Association members). *However as to other activities and events that might be of interest **we need to hear from YOU.** Within the next week or so, a simple short survey will come through your door asking for your views. Even if you never come to events at the hall (by choice or by necessity) we ask that you respond. Your committee thank you for your help in this.*



The Cinema

Once again a varied programme of films is shown at 7 o'clock each Wednesday evening. Over the summer many of the films have been for children – but the adults enjoy these films as well. Just turn up and you automatically become a member of the Cinema Club. The programme of the next few weeks' films is posted in the hall each month, and is available on the web site also. Most films finish around 9pm.

The programme for the next few weeks is:

25th August *Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief*

1st September *Clash of the Titans*

8th September *Four Lions*



Unlike most cinemas YOU can choose what films you would like to see. Just add them to the list in the hall foyer, or have a word with Andrew Brown.

Talking About Cancer



Well, it isn't a topic most of us want to talk about but the Darlington & Durham NHS Health Improvement Team have a new campaign known by this name. The idea is to raise awareness and get the key messages of different cancers across to local people. Making us aware of the key signs and symptoms we should be looking out for allows us to present earlier at our local GP's.

Matthew Cooper, part of the team, will be at the Drop In on 25th Aug for 10am. *Although Matthew is not able to give medical advice he will be able to speak to anyone with questions, worries or who just wants to know more.*

Marie Curie Cancer Fund

A total of £154.05p was raised at the July Saturday morning Coffee and Cakes and this has been sent to the fund. Thank you to all who gave this event your support. Coffee and Cakes will resume on October 16th (note NOT the first Saturday in the month). It will be in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support.



Re-painting and other work.

Have you noticed how good the hall looks after its re-painting? Well, probably not, since the previous colour scheme was retained! But we are grateful to Community Service for providing us with a team of enthusiastic painters who did the work during the Easter period. In the last week or so they have also been painting the railings at the back in bright colours and those at the front, and the exterior windows, in more sober tones.

The Garden in Front of the Hall

As you no doubt have noticed, the grand design we proposed for developing the front garden is no longer feasible. After several quotes for £12000 it was decided to be less ambitious and save money. Members of the committee are working hard to create a more manageable garden with less maintenance. Weed killer has been applied to the foliage and, when it has all died back and been dug out, a membrane will be put down. This will be covered with slate or gravel and large tubs will be placed which can be planted up with colourful plants in the summer and spring bulbs to create colour early in the year. Please bear with us. It is hoped we will get it ready in the not too distant future.



Hard at work

Meanwhile we are very grateful to members of Community Service who have been working hard to dig out the beds at the front following the die back, and to Alan Jackson who has volunteered to maintain the garden areas once all work is completed.

Chris Ruskin

What's on and Flyers

We have a wonderful team of volunteer distributors of fliers which we produce to let you know what is going on. There were over 20 such fliers in the first six months of the year! As an experiment we are just going to produce one flier per month 'What's on in' telling you what is planned for that month. The 'What's on in September' should be with you soon. Let us know which you prefer! Of course posters for each individual special event will still be posted down the valley and in Esh Winning.

Future Events: Book the following dates:

- Saturday September 4th for the Produce Show (see page 1),
- Saturday September 11th for Kids Family Fun/Film, and
- Saturday September 18th for the Ceilidh.

The village trip

This trip to Lightwater Valley took place on Saturday 14th August. It was planned as something for all village residents as a 'treat' from Waterhouses Community Association, and especially for younger villagers in the hope that they may wish to join the association and come along to the many other activities that are on offer! (See below if you want to join). Thanks to a healthy bank balance built up over recent years the committee were able to fund both the coach and the entry to the park.

We hope that the event was enjoyed by those who made the trip, and thank Angela for organising it and Sandra for keeping everyone in order. Maybe there will be a few pictures of this trip in the next Wanderings.

Other trips

By the time this Wanderings comes out the community association trip to Northallerton will have happened. It is due on Wednesday 11th August with Beryl Bateson as usual doing the organising. Your committee (some of whom live outside Waterhouses and so did not qualify for the free trip for village residents!) are resuming the practice, abandoned in recent years, of giving financial support to one of these organised trips, as our way of saying **THANK YOU** to those who do so much for the village and the association.

This year they plan to support a second visit to South Shields, and to Coleman's fish and chip restaurant in particular, on a date yet to be arranged in October. Again Beryl is the contact if you would like to go on this trip (phone 373 4442). Watch out for notices in the hall. It is not restricted to those who attend the Wednesday morning drop in, but it does take place on a weekday – apologies to those who are at work during the week.



Sunny South Shields

Pictures and a report on the previous trip follow:



Fish Dinner at South Shields

There was a very enjoyable trip to South Shields with the Wednesday morning drop-in on 24th May. The weather was ideal and the fish and chips even better at the renowned Coleman's fish shop. The group took over the top room and were served promptly and efficiently. The picture shows some of the group tucking in to their fish and chips. Thanks to Beryl for organising it.

Waterhouses Community Association membership

Why not join the community association? It only costs £1 per year (50p for concessions). Subscriptions are collected at the AGM – usually in May – but if you missed paying then you can always join now. You can join at any association event, such as the Wednesday morning drop in, or at the cinema or at the Produce Show! If you prefer then leave a message with your name, address and telephone number on the hall phone (373 9113) and we will come round to enrol you!

Whilst you are about it why not join the Social Club also? A mere 50p per year. This entitles you to purchase drinks from the bar as well as coming along on **Friday nights from 7.30** to enjoy a social evening with your friends. Carpet bowls, a variety of table top games and from time to time a singer as well as the regular catching up on what is going on. Drinks and snacks from the bar are always available at unbelievably low prices. A good way to unwind after the week and to get into the mood for the weekend. **See you there!**

Full details of WOTZ ON are on the village notice boards