

Public Transport - the Buses

Thank you to all the people (nearly 30 of you) from Waterhouses and Hedleyhope who responded to the last issue of Wanderings concerning problems with the rescheduled buses. Your main request was for some **DIRECT BUSES TO AND FROM DURHAM**.

We met with the county council and put forward all your suggestions. They agreed to do a survey on the buses and have responded to the expressed preference of travellers surveyed, providing a mixture of buses to Langley Park (number 725) and buses to Durham (number 52), each provided by Scarlet Band.

Alas, we are not going to get back a publicly provided evening or Sunday service, since so few people ever used those services. We (the people of the valley) could look into ways of doing it ourselves, if there is sufficient demand. Ring Ann Barnshaw on 01388 731003 if you would like to pursue this option.

MP's surgery at Waterhouses.

Our MP, Roberta Blackman Woods, will be at the local councillors' surgery on Saturday December 9th from 10 to 11.30 a.m. at the Black Horse. **IF YOU HAVE ANY ISSUES THAT YOU WANT TO RAISE (MAYBE THE BUS SERVICES?) THEN THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY!**

Christmas Events

The Grub Club has continued to meet monthly over the last year and they are looking forward to their Christmas Dinner on Tuesday 19th December at the Comedian, Sunnyside. Contact Pat Collinson (373 4949) if you would like to go.



Those attending the **Wednesday Morning Drop In** sessions (currently in East Hedleyhope Village Hall) are going to have their Christmas Dinner at Mais Ellas (at the Royal Oak, Cornsay Colliery) from 12 on Wednesday 6th December. Contact Anne Pears (373 6422) if you would like to join them. A £5 deposit is needed now. Total cost £15.

East Hedleyhope **Christmas Fair** is on the afternoon of Saturday 2nd December from 2 to 4 in the village hall at East Hedleyhope. Stalls (cake, cards, gifts etc), tombola, raffles, competitions, refreshments and (of course) Father Christmas!

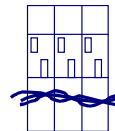
Earlier this autumn a **Wildlife Watch Nature Club** started in East Hedleyhope Village Hall. It will meet every two months, and is intended mainly for those under 10 years old. The next meeting is on Saturday 25th November from 10 to 12 with a 'Feed the Birds' theme. All are welcome. Cost £1. Wear warm outdoor clothes! Ring Clare Ross (01388 731 553) for more details.



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The Phoenix Project



As you will have seen work has begun on the re-instatement of the village hall. The contractors Grove Reed are currently putting the roof back on, having cleared out the debris left by the fire last February. The work is due for completion late in January, with the hope (expectation?) that the normal activities in the hall can resume again sometime in February.

Thank you for your patience over the last year. We look forward to seeing many of you at the grand re-opening and as you join with us in the various events at the hall. Full details will be in the next 'Waterhouses Wanderings' which should be out in late January/early February. Meanwhile your committee are busy planning the future programme.

The Crane



Reconstruction



Full details of WOTZ ON are on the Village Hall or Hedley Hill Terrace notice boards - or see www.waterhouses.info