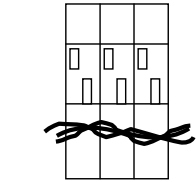


# Waterhouses Wanderings

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## HEDLEYHILL TERRACE PLAY AREA IS COMING SOON!!

Exciting news - the tenders for the new improved play area at Hedleyhill Terrace are due back in early March. Three designs based on the equipment chosen in previous consultations will be showcased at an exhibition in the Village Hall between 6.00pm and 8.00pm on **MONDAY MARCH 14th**. You will be given the chance to pick the final design before the contract is awarded. Officers from Durham County Council will be in attendance to answer any queries that you may have.

This is an exciting opportunity so please make every effort to attend.

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## NEARLY NEW SALE

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February from 10 to 1 with bacon butties and hot drinks throughout. Why not come along for brunch and pick up a bargain at the same time?

Good quality babies, children's and adult clothing items, household goods, unwanted gifts, toiletries, books etc should be available.

Bring items for sale to the hall at any time and don't forget to come to buy on the 26<sup>th</sup>.



## Whatever happened to ....all those December events??

One after another they fell victim to the snow and ice in early December. First the Christmas Fair, then the seniors Christmas Dinner, then the Sing for Life Carol Concert and Tree lighting were cancelled for fear of accidents on the icy paths. Only the Kids events later in the month – the **Christmas Party** and the **New Years Eve** event went ahead and were great successes. Thanks to Kim and Andrew for keeping things going! (The Christmas Raffle also went ahead and raised £277, despite the lack of the Fair to promote it. This, and similar activities, help to provide the funds for the various events.)

However the seniors did enjoy a wonderful **Christmas Dinner** (see the pictures below) on 26<sup>th</sup> January. We were challenged by Chris Ruskin's quiz and photos of the area, well fed by Margaret Wake and her team and enjoyed some great singing from the children of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs School in Esh Winning. (The children had to walk up and back from Esh Winning in the pouring rain, but it didn't dampen their spirits.) Thank you to all who helped.



*Tucking in to the Christmas Dinner*



*The after dinner entertainment from the choir*

The **Christmas Fair** is being replaced by a '**Nearly New Sale**' on 26<sup>th</sup> February and the **Sing for Life choir** are now coming on Friday April 1<sup>st</sup> so for Waterhouses the Christmas season is lasting over four months!

### Are you interested in Local History?

Our neighbours in East Hedleyhope are hoping to start a Local History Group, meeting in their newly extended and refurbished village hall. The first meeting, on Tuesday March 8<sup>th</sup> at 7.30, is primarily to find out if there is sufficient interest and to establish the format of such a group. If you are interested then go along to the meeting or ring David Bradley on 01388 730 693 to get more details and to tell him of your interest.

# WATERHOUSES CINEMA CLUB

Despite the very occasional malfunction of the projector/screen setup the Wednesday night films continue to provide a varied programme for members of the Cinema Club. Why not come along and join them? – attending one film is all that is needed to become a member!

The programme for the immediate future is

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23 <sup>rd</sup> February	<b>Cats and Dogs – the Revenge of Kitty Galore</b>	how the rogue cat Kitty Galore united dogs and cats to resist her
2 <sup>nd</sup> March	<b>Despicable Me</b>	a re-showing of the film screened at the previous Saturday's Family Film Night
9 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>The Other Guys</b>	Two New York cops look for a more exciting life in the force
16 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>The Social Network</b>	the story of Facebook and its creators

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Other films planned, often by personal request, for the not too distant future include:

The Kings Speech	127 Hours	True Grit	The Kids Are All Right	Black Swan
Cowboys and Aliens	Thor	Paul	Harry Potter And The Deathly Hallows	Pirates Of The Caribbean: On Stranger Tides

and some cartoons for the kids:-

Megamind	Rango	Gnomeo and Juliet	Kung Fu Panda 2
Rio	Yogi Bear	Tangled	

If you want to request a particular film either add it to the programme on the hall notice board or submit your request online at [www.waterhouses.info](http://www.waterhouses.info) by choosing the Cinema option.

## Waterhouses Playgroup



There are still places available in this playgroup, which meets every Thursday from 9.30 to 11.30 in the Village Hall/Community Centre. For more details ring Fiona on (0191) 373 5555

## Nordic Walking

*'It's amazing how much easier it is to walk using the poles' says one user.*

Why not try this gentle form of exercise, and at the same time enjoy being out in the beautiful countryside? Nordic Walking starts from Waterhouses Village Hall at 10 o'clock on the second and last Tuesday mornings of each month. Costs £1.50 per session. Each session lasts between one and one and a half hours. All equipment provided. For more details call Linda on 373 3186.



# FUTURE PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

The trial of monthly flyers instead of individual flyers for each event seems to have been welcomed (not least by the printers and distributors of the flyers!) Individual events are still advertised by posters in and around the hall, down the valley and often in Esh Winning. These give the most up to date details. Some of the information below about future events may be subject to change.

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February 10am to 1 pm **Nearly New Sale** with bacon butties and hot drinks available throughout. Then at 7pm with doors open at 6.30 the **Family Film Night** with the film 'Despicable Me'.

## MARCH – A QUIET MONTH?

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March from 9.30 to 11 – the regular **Coffee and Cakes** in the hall.

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March from 6 to 8 in the entrance lobby **Open Evening** with designs of the **new play area** and representatives of Durham County Council to answer your questions and hear your views. (see front page for more details)

(There may be a Family Film evening later in March – look out for posters.)

## APRIL – A BUSY MONTH?

Friday April 1<sup>st</sup> **Sing for Life choir** at 7.30

Saturday April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9.30 to 11 **Coffee and Cakes**, and then at 7.30 in the evening the **Ceilidh**, originally scheduled for March 26<sup>th</sup>.

Friday April 8<sup>th</sup> **Kids Evening with Mr Twister**. 6.30 to 7.30 with doors open at 6.15. Bring an item for the buffet table. Donations welcome. Bar open throughout and for the social evening that follows on.

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April **Easter Day Duck Race**, Easter bonnets and decorated egg competitions in the hall afterwards.

## LATER

Provisional plans are in hand the produce show and scarecrow competition in early September and a visit from Durham Police Choir is planned for later in the autumn. Other possibilities include a folk evening and even a Cruise evening – in the hall!