

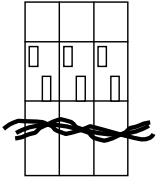
Waterhouses Wanderings

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



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The Queen's Award for
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The Diamond Jubilee and Easter Day in Waterhouses.

Plans are in hand to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee with a **STREET PARTY**. The street in which it will be held is Station Street but all Waterhouses residents are invited. This will be on **Sunday 3rd June**. Waterhouses residents will find an insert giving further details in this issue.



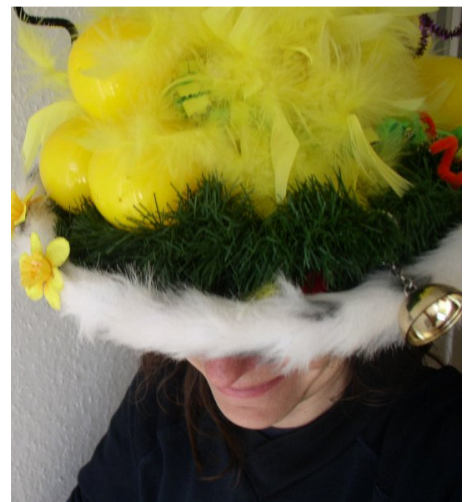
On Sunday 8th April (Easter Day) there will be the



Start of Duck Race 2011

Easter Duck Race at 1 o'clock from the bridge by the Black Horse. Ducks are now available, get your ticket for just one pound from Kate (373 6198) or at the Wednesday drop-in.

Following the race come to the Village Hall where there will be an **Easter Bonnet** parade and a display of **decorated eggs**, with classes both for adults and for children. Tea or juice and Easter Nests (special cakes!) will be served.



Easter Bonnets 2011

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

THANKS AND CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations

to Sarah Seed and her business Mini Mixers for organising her 'Cake a Difference' Saturday morning event on 11th February, and at a similar event at a local nursery. Not only did the children enjoy decorating the cup cakes but also the special baby care charity Bliss will benefit to the tune of well over £200. Thanks to those who supported Sarah's efforts.



Mini Mixers will be back for a repeat cup cake decorating session at the Coffee and Cakes morning on May 5th.

Thanks

to the organisers and volunteers who helped pick litter along Hedleyhill Terrace. You made the whole area look a lot tidier. Look out for the next litter pick.

A Chance for you to help

Would you like to improve the environment around Waterhouses? There will be an opportunity to help with such tasks as clearing shrubs, litter picking and the like in a day of Community Action, starting out at the Village Hall. This is organised by Maria Murphy and will be on Saturday 25th February from 10 to 12.

PRODUCE SHOW – THE FUTURE

After a very successful Produce Show in 2010 it was really disappointing in 2011 to have scarcely any entries for the various categories in the schedule. We seriously considered whether or not we should even have a show in 2012 but in the end decided to hold what may be the last ever produce show. We hope that there will be a good deal more interest this year, in which case the show will continue beyond 2012. But if not then this will be your last chance to display your prize produce. So get planting.

There will be entries in all the regular categories and, if your chosen vegetable is not on the list then we shall make a special category for it!

At the same time as the produce show there will be the scarecrow competition, which always brings a lot of interest from folk both inside and outside the area. We certainly have some very imaginative and artistic people in the village.

The date for these events is Saturday 8th September. More details in the next issue of 'Wanderings'.



One of the 2011 scarecrows

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WATERHOUSES THEATRE GOERS

Did you know that you can be taken practically door to door to a performance of many of the most popular shows or plays at theatres in the north east? If you are interested in the theatre, and want to be free of the hassle of driving and finding parking near a theatre (or if you don't drive anyhow) then why not join the Theatre Goer's Group.

The next performance for which tickets are still open for booking is *Sister Act* in mid-August at the Theatre Royal, Newcastle.

Pat Collinson is the person to contact. Her phone number is (0191) 373 4949 and she would love to hear from you.



Sister Act musical

Of course nearer home is the

WATERHOUSES CINEMA



Garry Oldman, the new Smiley in Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy

with a varied program of films each Wednesday night. See the web for the most up to date details. Recently we have enjoyed the latest 'Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy' film and, for the kids, 'Horrid Henry'.

The doors to the hall open at 6.30 with the film starting at 7. End times are given on the web site. The bar is open and ice creams are available in the interval. The March programme is 'We Need to Talk about Kevin', 'Crazy Stupid Love' 'Jane Eyre' and 'A Week with Marilyn' plus 'Puss in Boots' at the family film night on Saturday 24th March.

Why not come along to the hall one Wednesday night and enjoy a night at the cinema without emptying your wallet – the suggested donation being £3 with £2 for concessions?

KID'S EVENTS – MONDAY NIGHT SCOUTS

As well as the monthly party games, food and film evenings, Monday night is the time for **Beavers** (5.30) **Cubs** (6.30) and now also for **Scouts** (those over 11) at 7.30. Note that these are all open to girls as well as boys.

30th January was a fund raising night with sponsored events at the hall. The beavers did 25 laps of the hall – 'easy peasy' was one comment, whilst the cubs had the drier challenge of eating 20 cream crackers. James Alderson proved himself THE cracker eating champion! Follow the activities on facebook - 20th Durham Scout Group



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WHAT'S ON IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS

COFFEE AND CAKES PLUS

The March coffee and cakes morning (3rd March) includes a **Nearly New Sale** of babies and children's toys, books and clothing items. If you have any such items please ring Beryl (373 4442) or Kate (373 6198) to arrange a convenient time for you to drop off your contributions. Then if you have children (or grandchildren, nieces, nephews) do come along that morning to get bargain clothing, toys or books for them.

May's coffee and cakes morning (5th May) will include a **Plant Swap and Sale**. Although last year we had those wishing to buy we had no-one who brought anything! Not a recipe for success! So if you have taken too many cuttings, or have too many seedlings for your own garden, then do bring them along on that morning from 9.30 so that others can give them a bed (a flower or vegetable bed!) and raise a bit of money at the same time. Proceeds will help in the running costs of the hall and to fund extra facilities and events. Mini Mixers will also be present, repeating their cup cake decorating session.

The June Coffee and Cakes will be in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care.

CEILIDH

The next **Ceilidh** will be on **St Patrick's night**, 17th March. The cost per head is £6 for adults, £3 for children aged 11 to 16 and free for children under 11 coming with an adult. For more details contact Pat Collinson (373 4949)

QUIZ NIGHTS

The first of these is planned for 27th April, with the usual pie and peas (although there is also one on Tuesday 27th March, organised by the Spaniel Club to which all are invited.) These evenings are very popular but you need to let Beryl Bateson (tel: 373 4442) know you are coming so she can order the correct amount of food. It is also hoped that the postponed indoor Treasure Hunt will be rescheduled in May or June. Watch out for posters or the monthly 'What's On' flyers for details.

FAMILY NIGHTS

Book the dates now for these very popular evenings, with party games for the kids, finger food for all, and a film – plus of course the bar, open until 11. On 24th March we have the film 'Puss in Boots' and other such evenings are on 21st April, 19th May and 9th June. The films will be advertised by poster, on the web (www.waterhouses.info) and in 'What's On'

JUBILEE STREET PARTY (see page 1) This is on **Sunday 3rd June** so keep the day free.

SUMMER FAIR

As winter is only just beginning to loosen its grip the thought of a sunny warm June day with daylight until 10 o'clock seems extremely attractive. June 16th is the date to book now for **Waterhouses Summer Fair**. More details will follow in the May Wanderings.

MUSIC

Other events planned might include a musical event or even a brass band. Meanwhile on Friday 24th February don't miss the visit of **the endgame@Waterhouses Village Hall**, where you can enjoy live music from a local band. Doors open at 7pm Live Music from 8pm Entry: £3 adults, Children (11-17) £1.50, Children under 11 free

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