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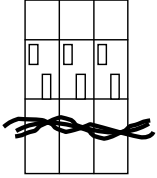
Wanderings

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News, Views and Events from Waterhouses and
the surrounding area provided by the
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The Queen's Award for
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Ragpickers come to Waterhouses

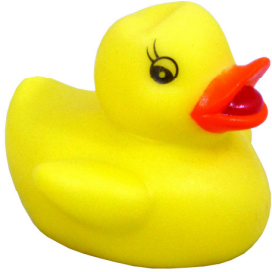
After a most enjoyable visit last summer from the German group BEAT 'N' BLOW, as part of the Durham Brass Festival, we are delighted to have another evening of live music on FRIDAY 8th MARCH at 8 o'clock when the blues and ragtime group the Ragpickers will entertain us with their music and banter. Tickets are £4 and can be obtained from Kate on (0191) 373 6198 or at the Wednesday drop-in. It should be a great evening!



A further evening of live music is on Friday 24th May when Fools Gold, a duo with flute guitar and vocals bring us an evening of music in the folk tradition.

See www.waterhouses.info for details of what is going on

EASTER DAY EVENTS



All the usual Easter Day events – duck race, Easter bonnet and decorated egg competition, will be happening this year on Sunday 31st March, starting at 2pm with the launch of the ducks 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.



The first few weeks of the New Year are always a quiet time at Waterhouses Village Hall as most folk are either recovering from Christmas or reluctant to come out of cold winter nights. The regular weekly activities have continued with little disruption but the quiz night in January had to be cancelled because of the bad weather. Sarah and her regular Mini-Mixers sessions have continued with great success. You have to book up early to get a place on these! (Send message to sarah@minimixers.co.uk for booking form.) Details of forthcoming sessions are on the back page and at www.minimixers.co.uk

Now the days are drawing out a full programme of special activities starts again including the **monthly family night** and the **youth film night**, as well as a frequent and very popular **quiz night**, usually with tasty hot food. Special mention goes to the **Ceilidh** on 16th March, as well as to the **Craft Fayre** on the afternoon of 27th April. See the full programme for the next few months on page 4.

Thank you, Kate and Beryl, for all the work you do in planning the programme of events. They are the people you need to contact if you wish to suggest (or indeed to organise) some other activity. We will try (almost) anything! (Kate's phone number is above)

Grace Alderson

It was sad to hear on February 3rd of the death of Grace Alderson, of 40 Hamilton Row at the age of 83. We offer our sympathy and concern to Charlie, her husband of fifty years, to their son, and to the four daughters and their families.

The family want to say a big 'thank you' to all who have written and called to express their sympathy. Your concern has been a comfort to them in this sad time.

Money Matters



The good news is that the Community Association is solvent, with income from hall rental, fund raising events and a generous grant, almost exactly covering the expenses (largely heating, insurance and maintenance).

Thank you to all who support events at the hall which provide a significant part of our income.

We have been able in past years to make improvements in the village and hall (including last year the installation of solar panels on the village hall, which are now providing us with some free electricity and also bringing in a small income).

The Community Association is still in a position to give some financial support to a worthwhile project.

Do you know of such a project? It must be one that benefits the village or the area round about.

If you have any suggestions, or any special project important to you please have a word with one of the members of your committee so we can consider it. Or drop a note in to the hall if that is more convenient.

Here's An Idea!

How about coming to join the committee of the village association? The AGM will be coming up, probably in May, and nominations for the various offices and committee will be sought. Join us and make a positive difference to the area in which you live!

Programme of Future Events

Friday 8 th March at 8pm	Live music with the Ragpickers	Blues & ragtime music and banter. Tickets £4 Contact Kate (373 6198)
Saturday 9 th March from 10-11amat 6.30	Mini Mixers Mothers Day Special	For children from 18 months to 4 years. Booking essential! £5
Saturday 9 th March at 6.30	Family Night	
Friday 15 th March at 7.15	Youth Film Night	
Saturday 16 th March at 7.30	Ceilidh with soup and stotties	Book with Pat Collinson (373 4949)
Friday 22 nd March at 7.30	Quiz Night	With hot beef sandwiches. Ring Beryl (373 4442) to book
Saturday 23 rd March at 8pm	Wine Club	Contact Linda (373 3186) for more details
Saturday 30 th March from 10-11.30am	Mini Mixers Easter Cup Cake Decorating Masterclass	For ages 7-12. Decorate 4 cup cakes. Booking essential! £10.95
Sunday 31 st March from 2pm	Easter Duck Race, with Decorated egg and Easter bonnet competition (Details on page 2)	
Saturday 6 th April at 6.30	Family Night	
Saturday 13 th April from 2 to 4pm	Afternoon Tea Party	Come along and enjoy delicious sandwiches, scones and cakes with your tea!
Friday 19 th April at 7.15	Scouts Film Premiere	
Saturday 27 th April from 2 to 4pm	Craft Fayre	All handmade goods
Thursday 2 nd May	Polling Day (local elections)	<i>Hall closed for other activities, but come and cast your vote!</i>
Friday 17 th May at 7.30	Quiz Night	With pie and peas. Ring Beryl (373 4442) to book
Friday 24 th May at 7.30	Live music with the Fools Gold Folk Band	Acoustic duo in the folk tradition. Tickets £4 from Kate (373 6198).
Saturday 25 th May at 6.30	Family Night	

Further details of all these events can be found on the monthly What's On flyers delivered to your door, on the posters on display at the hall and around the area, and on the web site www.waterhouses.info