

Waterhouses Wanderings

March 2006

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

We'll rise again like a Phoenix...

This was the reaction of a devastated Rhona Foster, after a night spent watching the fire gut the main hall, meeting room and bar of the village hall in the early hours of Tuesday February 21st.

Interviewed by Lesley McNish from Tyne Tees TV Rhona said "Now we're like the phoenix, rising from the ashes. We'll be back and the hall will be the heart of the village again."

Amazingly the front of the building still looks practically unscathed, thanks to the wonderful efforts of the men of the fire brigade who attended the fire. The restored Waterhouses banner was untouched, but sadly all the oils of Waterhouses old and new by Lesley Boyd went up in flames.

But it takes more than a fire to kill the community spirit in Waterhouses. The whole roof will need replacing, the building gutting throughout and rebuilt internally, and a lot of hard work is in prospect before the hall is back to full use again. **BUT IT WILL HAPPEN.** Let us all pull together to do what is needed.

Meanwhile most activities continue – SEE THE INSERT FOR DETAILS.



You asked for it....

And now you've got it! In the 2005 Waterhouses community appraisal questionnaire many of you raised a number of issues and requests. So here is an update of what has happened since the questionnaire dropped through your letterboxes.

Your wish list included "greater variety of opportunities in the village hall", "more night classes, evening events, and weekend events" as well as "more facilities for kids".

So the already busy schedule for the hall stretched to accommodate floorballing (Fridays and Sundays), Salsa exercise classes (Tuesday evenings) as well as ad hoc Family Nights and Quiz Nights. Also watch the noticeboards for details of forthcoming Tai Chi classes. (Incidentally a new notice board has been erected in Hedleyhill Terrace, next to the bus stop, as a result of demand for "better means of communications" within the village.)

Young people's needs have also been addressed. Weekly cub meetings have started (see the article on page 4) on Monday evenings for both boys and girls. Also four months of multimedia workshops held in the village hall resulted in our young people performing at the Gala Theatre "On a Cat's Whisker". This drama production, which focussed on the impact of radio during the 2nd World War, was inspired from memories of people who lived in the villages of Waterhouses, Ludworth and Esh Winning.



Many of you were interested in a gas supply to the village. Replies are currently awaited to enquiries by one of our residents – we'll keep you posted!

Whilst a request for Sunday matinee films to be shown at the cinema couldn't be accommodated (at least not on a Sunday!) Sunday matinee **type** films are now being included in the regular Wednesday Cinema Club listings.

More items on your wish list are being considered but numbers on the Waterhouses Community Association committee are few! Anyone wishing to join the committee, or indeed the Association, will be made very welcome – just contact any current committee member. (Or ring the hall number if you are not sure who is on the committee!)



The **Waterhouses cub pack** meets on Monday evenings 6-7.30p.m. Following the fire we have moved our meetings to the village hall in East Hedleyhope.

Cubs is open to both boys and girls, aged 8 to 10½ and, as well as the pack night, there is a wide programme of activities such as Camp Fun Day, Sports Day, 6-a-side football tournament, a swimming gala and of course Camp itself.

On Saturday February 11th we enjoyed the first of these special events, a 2-mile night hike in the woods around Bearpark, starting at 6 and returning, cold but enthused, at 7.45.

In our pack nights we play games and work towards activity badges.

Our success depends on willing volunteers and, if people were willing to give up their time to support us we could start a Beaver group for younger children and a Scout group for the older ones. **Could you help us?** Contact Kim Jennings, 21 Russell Street, Waterhouses (tel 373 7403) for more details.

FLOORBALL AT WATERHOUSES

Floorball was introduced to Waterhouses Village hall by Elizabeth Shove in September 2004. It was immediately popular with a cross-section of the community from about 13 to 65 years young, male and female, and has flourished ever since.

Waterhouses Wolves, as we are called, has registered with the Great Britain Floorball Federation (gbff) which in turn is a member of the International Floorball Federation. However we are a non-league team as the hall is too small for a league-sized team of six a side. We generally play three a side and the rules are modified to suit our situation.



We play twice a week, Friday at 6 pm and Sunday at 11 am for one hour on each occasion and everyone has a really enjoyable time. If more than six people turn up then sides are rotated every 5 minutes so everyone has an equal chance. It is really good fun and good exercise as well. Everyone pays £1 per session for the use of the hall. New players are very welcome, just turn up. Since starting with second hand equipment we have obtained a grant from the Community Association to buy new sticks, goals and balls.

If you visit the Community Association web site at www.waterhouses.info then go to Groups and Clubs and on to Floorball you will see some more pictures of people playing.

Waterhouses (still) needs YOU

Have you got a free hour or two a month to help better our village? Our coming soon and we will need new members for the committee. The only once a month and last about one hour. YOU could make a difference.



AGM will be meetings are

If you want to help as a committee member or a volunteer contact Rhona 373 6054 for any details.



NEEDED Volunteer gardeners to weed and tend the Village Garden flower beds. Pop behind the Village Hall, take a look, we already have someone to cut the grass, so if you fancy pulling a few weeds get in touch with Rhona on 373 6054.

Dates for your Diary the revised spring programme

This programme of one-off events has inevitably been cut short. The events that are still scheduled (with their new locations) are

Ceilidh. Saturday March 18th at 8. Now in Esh Winning Community Centre (the library building, the room below the library)

Easter Sunday Duck Race. Sunday April 16th This will take place as usual since the ducks survived the fire and the subsequent drenching! See details on notice board nearer the time.

Skipton Canal/Market Trip Monday 22nd May, leave outside the hall at 8.30 back by 7. Call Anne Pears (373 6422) or Beryl Bateson (373 4442) to book your place. £5 deposit. Total cost depends on numbers – around £20.

Keep the insert, which gives full details of all regular activities.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS IN WATERHOUSES

The details below are accurate as at 1st March 2006. Watch out for posters, flyers, notices concerning changes and special events. If you are on the internet then details can also be found on our web site.

Contacts are given for each regular weekly or monthly event. Ring them for any further details you may need.

EXERCISE FOR OVER 50s MONDAYS (moved from Tuesdays) 9.15-10.15 in the Community Hall, Woodlands Road, Esh Winning (opposite the doctors' surgery) Contact is Rhona Foster (373 6054)

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CUBS Mondays from 6 to 7.30 in East Hedleyhope Village Hall. Contact is Kim Jennings (373 7403)

GRUB CLUB 2nd Tuesday in month at 11.15. Tuesday March 14th meet outside Waterhouses Village Hall at 11.30 to go in cars to a pub for lunch, and to discuss future plans. For further details contact Margaret Wake (373 2380).

PARENTS AND TODDLERS. Tuesdays from 1.30. This is on hold at present. Contact is Paula Hughes (373 4405)

WATERHOUSES WL. Meets on 2nd Tuesday in the month at 7.15. Contact Pat Woods (373 4317) for details of where they will meet.

SALSA Tuesdays 6-7p.m. in Esh Winning Junior School (opposite side of road from library) Contact is Rhona Foster (373 6054)

PILATES Tuesdays 7-8p.m. in Esh Winning Junior School (opposite side of road from library) Contact is Rhona Foster (373 6054)

DROP IN COFFEE AND CHAT. Wednesday Mornings from 9.30. This continues but in East Hedleyhope Village Hall. Contact is Rhona Foster (373 6054)

CRAFT CLUB continues fortnightly on Wednesday evenings at the home of Ivey Gardiner (42 Russell Street) Contact is Beryl Bateson (373 4442)

CINEMA. No plans as yet for alternative location, since all equipment lost. Contact Doug Moffat (373 2060) with any queries.

KEEP FIT FOR ALL AGES. Fridays 10.30 to 11.30. An informal gathering of people of all ages and capabilities Do as much or as little as you want in a relaxed atmosphere. No meetings in March. Contact from 1 April Hilary Watson (01388 762 947) or meanwhile Anne Pears (373 6422)

FLOORBALL Friday 6-7pm Sunday 11-12noon.

A fast game of indoor hockey that will give you a sweat! Not suitable for those aged under 13. The equipment for this activity was lost in the fire so it is on hold for the moment. Contact Doug Moffat (373 2060) for more details.

SOCIAL CLUB Friday evenings from 8. Alternative location not yet fixed. Contact is Andy Crossland (373 9949)

COFFEE MORNINGS 10-12 noon. First Saturday in each month. None in March. For details of April place contact either Pat Collinson (373 4949) or Margaret Wake (373 2380) or look on notice boards/web.



Events that happen less frequently. Brief descriptions and place and contact details are below. New members are always welcome.

Theatre Goers Club.

Attend a wide selection of productions - Shakespeare to Ken
Transport is included. Reduced ticket prices to all local
annual membership. All welcome.

Next Meeting to choose performances and venues – 7.30p.m.
March in East Hedleyhope Village Hall..

AGM at 7.30 on Thursday April 27th also in East Hedleyhope Village Hall. For further details
contact Mary Forster 01388 762328.



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theatres. £5

Thursday 16th



Wine Club. Held every 2 months Thurs. 8pm.

Tasting evenings for all types of wine. Convivial company, no experience needed,
just enthusiasm. Snacks provided. £5 per session.

Next Meeting 20th April in East Hedleyhope Village Hall. For further details contact
Pat Collinson 373 4949