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Waterhouses Wanderingings



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

Latest News of the Hall

The good news is that the insurance claim has been accepted. Plans are currently being drawn up for the renovated interior of the hall. Once these are prepared the work will be going out to tender.

Work on the hall can start once the contractor has been chosen. It is too early to give a date for the hall to be re-opened, but watch this space - or better still watch the hall itself!

Every cloud has a silver lining and one of the good things that has come out of the fire is that as the interior is rebuilt some minor changes can be incorporated. These are things that, with use, it became clear would better suit the building. Now we can have them!

Find out more by coming along to the Annual General Meeting(s) of both the **WATERHOUSES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION** and **WATERHOUSES SOCIAL CLUB**. They both have their AGMs on **Tuesday 23rd May at 7pm** in the village hall, East Hedleyhope. If you are not already a member then why not join? Even if you don't have time to take part in our activities your support is greatly appreciated. If you can't make the AGM then contact the secretaries, Rhona Foster (0191 373 6054) for the Association and Anne Pears (0191 373 6422) for the Social Club.

Members are reminded that they need to renew their subscriptions for the year 2006-2007; a year that we hope will see the re-opening of the village hall.

Check the web site: www.waterhouses.info or the notice boards in the bus shelter at Hedley Hill Terrace and in Waterhouses.

What's On in Waterhouses?

WEDNESDAY DROP IN continues each Wednesday morning from 9.30 to around 11, at the village hall in East Hedleyhope. (The new disabled access to this hall should be in place by the time you receive this.)

The **SATURDAY MORNING COFFEE MORNINGS** on the first Saturday in each month have continued, with the usual selection of delicious cakes, coffee and chat. The next ones are on June 3rd and July 1st, from 10 to 12, both at the village hall in East Hedleyhope. There will not be a coffee morning in August, but they will start up again in September.

In the absence of a kitchen to cook in the **GRUB CLUB** has now changed to a **dining out club**. We now enjoy a tasty 3-course meal cooked (and washed up!) by some one else.

We meet just before noon at the Comedian, Sunnyside on the second Tuesday of each month, and are usually finished before half past one. Next meal is Tuesday 13th June. The cost is £4.95, plus any drinks you buy, and both company and food are great. Lovely rich soups and mouth-watering puddings are a speciality.

If you would like to come along you would be very welcome. Ring Pat Collinson on 0191 373 4949 at the beginning of the month when she will be able to tell you the menu options for that month's meal.

WATERHOUSES WI meet on the second Tuesday in each month at 7.15 in Newhouse Parish Hall (next to the Catholic Church) in Esh Winning. They welcome new and old members. The meetings include a speaker, a competition and some form of social activity. For more details contact Pat Woods at Lower Waterhouses Farm on 0191 373 4317 - or just turn up!

FLOORBALL has now resumed on Sundays. The first two sessions were at the sports hall under the library in Esh Winning. It may move elsewhere but if you want to come along please ring Elizabeth Shove on 0191 373 6024 to check times and location.



Artists – did you know there is an **ART CLASS**, run by the WEA, each Wednesday morning from 10 to 12 in Woodlands Community Centre in Esh Winning (opposite the doctors' Surgery)?

The **THEATRE GOERS GROUP** is still going strong. By the time you receive this we will have been to see My Fair Lady at Sunderland (May 18th). On Tuesday 12th September there will be a trip to see Russian ice dancers in

'Snow White on Ice' at Darlington. For more details or to book a place contact Mary Foster on 01388 762 328.

That second week in September looks to be quite busy since the previous day, September 11th, sees the **SOCIAL GROUP's** next day trip by coach to Pickering. To book a place call Anne Pears on 0191 373 6422. Their fully booked trip to Skipton, with lunch on the canal barge is on Monday 22nd May.

Cubs, Salsa and Line Dancing, Exercise Classes, Craft Club and Wine Club still continue. See posters at the hall and Hedleyhill Terrace notice board for details.

Whoever said village life was quiet obviously didn't come from Waterhouses!

What's Not On in Waterhouses (this year)

The usual **SUMMER FAIR** will **not** take place in Waterhouses this year. However your community association have booked a **number of stalls at Esh Winning Carnival** on the afternoon of Saturday June 24th and would value your support there. Cakes, crafts and much more will be available, so do come to the field in front of the primary school in Esh Winning (or inside the school if it is wet) and have a good time whilst spending your money in a way that will help us to keep our community activities going.

Good Bye-ee!

Residents and those driving through the village were not too sorry to say goodbye to Northumbrian Water contractors, Alfred McAlpine, after several weeks of disturbance, especially in Russell Street, whilst updating our water pipes. If you miss them you can still find them elsewhere in the locality!



Heap Big Compost

Shoppers are invited to pick up a pile of compost with their weekly shop in County Durham. Stockpiles of compost made from garden waste collected from kerbside recycling and waste recycling centres is being given away free in a Big Heap Roadshow organised by Durham County Council. It's part of the County Durham and Darlington initiative to encourage home composting which includes offering residents an opportunity to try out home composters at vastly reduced prices.

The County Durham Waste Partnership, Premier Waste and Teesdale Conservation Volunteers will be giving away the compost at various locations in the County. People are encouraged to take up to three bags per person. Volunteers will bag the compost and help take it to shoppers' vehicles.

County Councillor Brian Myers, Cabinet member for waste management, said: "Last year's promotion encouraged almost 20,000 residents to start home composting, making a significant reduction in the amount of organic waste that was sent to landfill sites, but there is still more that can be done. The aim of the initiative is to show residents what compost looks and feels like and demonstrate how easy it is to produce using a home composter. We will also be giving people information on the new home compost scheme and a home compost advisor will be on hand to answer any compost related questions," he said.

Home compost bins are available at reduced prices by telephoning 0845 077 0757 or visiting www.recyclenow.com/compost. A 220 litre bin is available at £4.00 instead of nearly £40.00, a 330 litre bin is £6.00 instead of nearly £50.00 and a 700 litre bin is £20.00 instead of over £100.00.

The Big Heap Roadshow will be at:

B & Q, Durham Retail Park, on Saturday, May 20, 10.00am - 12 noon.

Chester-le-Street Riverside on Sunday, June 4, 10.00am - 4.00pm.

Raby Castle plant fair on Sunday, June 11, 10.00am - 4.00pm.

Action Packed Futures, Stanley on Sunday, June 18, 10.00am - 4.00pm.

Spennymoor Gala on Saturday, July 8 10.00am - 4.00pm.

Environment Day, Waldrige Fell, on Monday, August 28, 10.00am - 4.00pm.

Wolsingham Show, Saturday, September 2, 10am - 4.00pm.

Eggleston Show, Saturday, September 16.

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