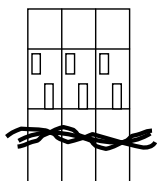
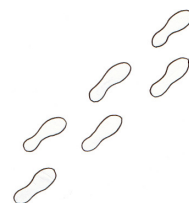
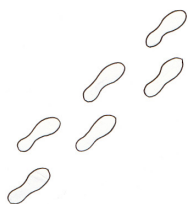


Waterhouses Wanderings

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



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HAVE YOU NOTICED?



Tidying the garden

A lot of work has been done in and around the hall in Waterhouses over the last three months. The bulbs that Chris Ruskin planted in the tubs have made a splendid display, work has begun on tidying up the garden area behind the hall, whilst a litter pick early in the year helped to keep the woods and road edges tidier.

Long promised cycle racks have been provided by Durham County Council, and the hall has been decorated throughout by Community Service Volunteers.

**THANK
YOU**

Many thanks to all from the village and outside who worked hard to achieve these improvements. There is still more to be done, and volunteers are always welcome (see back page)

EASTER DAY EVENT

Congratulations to the winners of the decorated egg and bonnet competitions following the Easter Day Duck Race. Winners were:

Easter Bonnet. Adult prize - Pat Collinson (pictured),

Young People's Prize - Charlotte Dougan

Easter Egg. Adult prize - Kate Lewis, Young People's prize - Jessica Robson & Anna Alderson.



The Duck Race itself (see the start, left) was won by Val King (214) followed by Anna Cooke (167) and Colin Booth (172).

See more pictures on the web site.

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

Free Offer!

There are a number of 100w equivalent low energy light bulbs (20W) (bayonet fitting) available in the hall. Collect yours at any of the hall events. When they're gone, they're gone!



AGM

The Annual General Meeting of Waterhouses Community Association will take place on Wednesday 9th June at 7 o'clock. (The cinema will follow at around 7.30)

At this meeting the officers and committee of the association will be elected, and a report and accounts for the year past will be given. It will also provide an opportunity to renew your membership of the association (£1 only!)

Your committee would welcome new members and volunteers, especially for the significant post of secretary. This role involves

- dealing with correspondence and phone calls
- dealing with official visitors (e.g. maintenance/contractors) and with official bodies (such as Durham County Council and Community Voluntary Service)
- preparing the annual reports for the Charity Commission and the AGM

It does **not** involve dealing with the finances, the hall bookings or the minutes and agenda of meetings. If you are interested in volunteering for this or any other role contact any of the committee or ring the hall (373 9113) for more details.

A nomination sheet for the committee or one of the offices (chair, secretary and treasurer) is on the hall notice board. Each candidate needs a proposer and seconder (and make sure you first ask the candidate if they are willing to stand!)

Mystery Trip

A coach is planned to Durham on the evening of 27th May to see our production of 'Noah and the Fludd' plus the rest of the Durham Mysteries. If you are interested sign up at the hall by 10th May. Full details on the notice board in the hall.

Nordic Walking.

A new monthly activity run by Age UK (formerly Age Concern), starting from Waterhouses Village Hall at 10am. Lasts around 1 hour. Cost £1.50. Ring George on (0191) 383 9750 to book your place (and ensure he brings you equipment!) First walk Tuesday 25th May. More details on the notice board.

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COMING UP – FUTURE EVENTS

Look out for flyers and posters giving fuller details nearer the time.

Friday 4th June at 7.30 Vera Selby, former ladies world champion at both snooker and billiards promises an entertaining talk about her experiences as a **WOMAN IN A MAN'S WORLD**.

Saturday 5th June and Saturday 3rd July from 9.30 to 11. The regular **COFFEE & CAKES MORNING**. In July this will be for

Come and indulge your sweet tooth whilst you benefit this worthy cause.



Saturday 19th June from 2 to 4. By popular request the **SUMMER FAIR** at Waterhouses Village Hall. This is likely to include all the usual stalls and (probably) cream teas! More details on the flyers/posters.

Then in the evening (June 19th) go down the valley to East Hedleyhope at 6 where they have their **ANNUAL BARBECUE**. Tickets (£3 adults, £2 children 10 and under) from Geoff Dixon on 01388 731 220 by 12 June.

Saturday 26th June from 6.30 when the bar opens. **BARN DANCE** with one of Allison Jamieson's great themed meal (barbecued chicken – or quorn sausages - with baked potato, coleslaw, sweetcorn followed by apple pie and ice-cream). The evening includes two sessions of dance, the meal at 7.45 and a quiz also. Ring Allison to book on (0191) 373 4611 cost £5 adults, £3.50 children

Saturday 4 September

AUTUMN PRODUCE SHOW AND SCARECROW COMPETITION

After last year's success the scarecrow competition will take place again this year. Meanwhile at the hall there will be a Produce Show (schedule attached). So get designing, sowing (and sewing!), planting and digging now!

Application forms for both the scarecrow competition and the produce show will be included in the next Wanderings in late July, or earlier from the hall.



Other events to look out for are the regular Family Fun/Film Nights. Details of these, and all future events, are on posters, flyers and on the web.

DID YOU MISS IT?

Ian Fraser gave us a really enjoyable Friday evening concert, singing songs of all types and entertaining us with his light banter. It turns out that the cruise ships he sings on are North Sea ferries, but the passengers there are maybe even more demanding! Ian has promised to come back next year. Don't miss it.



The cinema continues each Wednesday and the monthly Coffee and Cakes has included in May a well stocked plant stall as part of our **Gardening Week**. Following this a disappointingly small number of would-be (or maybe



experienced) gardeners came to ask questions and to hear a most informative and entertaining session from **Dianne Nicholl-Brown**, an experienced lecturer and the owner of a plant nursery at Trimdon Grange. **Maybe we could start a Gardening Club to meet from time to time, swap plants, and share expertise?** Dianne expressed a willingness to share her expertise with (for example) taking soft-wood cuttings at the appropriate time of the year. If you would be interested in such a group do let us know.

Your committee try to provide the sort of entertainment, clubs and events that will appeal, and are always very happy to receive suggestions. Just ring the hall (373 9113) if you have any requests. For planned future events see the programme on page 3.

Cinema Club.

This continues every Wednesday evening at 7 in the hall. From romance (Bright Star) to disaster movie (2012) you get everything here! During school holidays there is an emphasis on films for kids. Doors open at 6.30, bar open throughout, ice-creams in the interval. Films in May are Glorious 39, O Brother where Art Thou, Sherlock Holmes.



If there is a film that you would particularly like to see then submit your request in the hall (a sheet is on the notice board) or on the web site.



Volunteer – it's fun!

A relatively small number of people are involved in doing all the work involved in running a hall and grounds, and providing a programme of regular and special events. Would you like to be part of this? It can involve anything from an occasional half hour when requested to a regular commitment for, say, an hour a week. If you have a talent that you would be willing to share (and washing up and weeding are both talents!) then consider joining our happy team of volunteers.

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