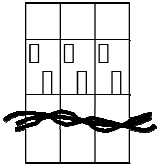


Waterhouses

Wanderings

November
2008

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



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Village Play Areas



The Queen's Award for
Voluntary Service 2005

You may be aware we have a small play area for 0-4 year olds behind The Village Hall and a larger one suitable for 4-12 year olds at Buttons Place but did you know there is a playing field behind Hedley Hill Terrace? It is a huge area with 3 very old pieces of play equipment. Waterhouses Community Association is working with the City Council to improve it and make it a play area suitable for 9yrs onwards.

Our project is divided into three parts;

1. Make part of the area into a wildlife meadow with an information board of what to find and where.
2. Replace the old play equipment with exciting and challenging new apparatus and a picnic area.
3. Create a circular walk around the village pointing out places of interest and including the picnic/play area.

The council has agreed to the meadow area and they will manage it, however the play area can only be accomplished if funding is found by us and the council agree to "take it over" once it is installed. As yet they are reluctant to commit themselves and are awaiting the time when the new Unitary Council can make the decision. In order to be prepared for that time we would like to know what type of play equipment young persons from 9 years old would prefer. There is an exhibition in the foyer of the village hall, call in, take a look and **GIVE US YOUR OPINIONS.** Thank you.

Waterhouses on the Map

Secretary of the Community Association named
Citizen of the year

The hardworking secretary of Waterhouses Community Association, Rhona Foster, was named the 2008 winner of Durham's Annual Community Citizen Awards.

The Mayor of Durham, Councillor Grenville Holland, presented her with her award and a cheque for £500 for a community project of her choice at a reception at the town hall. The awards celebrate the work of community members, unsung heroes and volunteers who give up their time to help out in their communities.



Durham Citizen of the year winner Rhona Foster, receives her award from the Mayor, Councillor Grenville Holland

Picture courtesy of Durham Times

Rhona is not only secretary of Waterhouses Community Association but also a volunteer for Age Concern – through which she is a qualified exercise-to-music instructor. She runs classes and taster sessions which have helped many people improve their health and social lives. She is also neighbourhood coordinator for the local Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. We remember how hard she worked to keep all clubs and other activities going when the hall was burned down, as well as helping to ensure the new village hall is well equipped.

As she received the award Rhona said: "It was wonderful to be nominated and then get into the last six, but to have actually won is amazing. It puts Waterhouses on the map."

WELL DONE, RHONA!

EVENTS DIARY – *Make a note of them in your diary, look out for flyers and posters nearer the time, but plan to come.*

Nov 1 st at 10 a.m	Coffee, cakes and chat
Nov 1 st at 6.30 p.m	Family Halloween night with games and a Faith Supper. Entry £3, £1.50 for under 12s.
Nov 15 th from 2-5 p.m	Christmas Fair. More details below.
Nov 29 th at 6 p.m	Family Film night
Dec 6 th at 6.30p.m	Light up Tree/carols with mulled wine and mince pies. All Free. Then family Christmas party at 7.
Dec 10 th at 12 for 12.30	60s+ Christmas dinner (see page 4)
Dec 16 th at 12 for 12.30	Grub Club Christmas dinner at The Comedian
24 Jan at 7 p.m	Quiz night
7 Feb at 10 a.m	Coffee, cakes and chat
7 Feb at 6 p.m	Family Film night
21 st Feb at 7.30 p.m	Themed meal – will it be ‘school dinners’ or ‘Italian food’ or some other theme? Watch out for details!
March 7 th at 10 a.m	Coffee, cakes and chat
March 7 th at 7.30 to 11.	Ceilidh Cost £6, under 12s £3.
Late March	a music based evening, details later
April 4 th at 10 a.m	Coffee, cakes and chat
April 12 th at 2 p.m.	Duck Race, Easter Bonnet & Egg competition

Christmas Fair

from 2 to 5 on Saturday November 15th
with Home Made Cakes, Refreshments,.
Cards and Books, Crafts & Fancy Goods.
Santa will be visiting!!!



Awayday trips by coach/train

planned for 2009 include a **day in Edinburgh in April** (your place needs booking by the end of December, ring Anne Pears on 0191 373 6422 for more details and to book) and trips to **Ferniehurst Castle, Jedburgh in July** and to **Skipton in September**. More details of these later trips in the January issue.



A NIGHT AT THE CINEMA

The Waterhouses Cinema continues to provide not only a variety of films (plus drinks, crisps etc and ice-creams) every Wednesday night, but also has shown films at a variety of 'Family Film Nights' and, most recently, at a 'Bollywood Night' – complete with a wonderful curry supper.

We open at 7 on Wednesdays and the film starts at 7.30.

If you have a special film you'd like to see just put it on the list in the village hall foyer and we'll do our best.

The schedule for the next few weeks is likely to be:

November 5th **The Kite Runner.**

November 12th **Iron Man.**

November 19th **27 Dresses.**

November 26th **Made Of Honour.**

December 3rd **Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull.**

December 10th **The Chronicles of Narnia - Prince Caspian**

December 17th **Mama Mia**

See the notice in the village hall for details of each film – and any changes of programme.

Christmas Dinner

Residents of the village who are over 60 and their spouse/partner, together with paid up members of WCA who are over 60 and reside outside the village are invited to the FREE Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 10th December 12noon for meal at 12.30pm. Please let us know if you are coming as we need to know numbers!



IT Courses

Are you interested in learning anything in particular about computers, from switching them on!! to more complicated stuff!! Let us know and we will try and arrange it.

We are going to hold a course on basic computing and learning about emails and the web on Tuesday evenings (date yet to be fixed). Ring 0191 373 9113 and leave your particulars if you are interested.