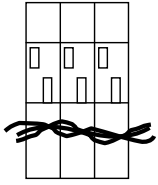
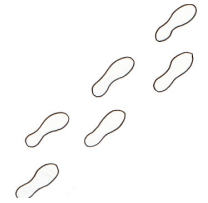
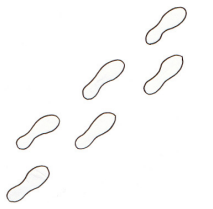


Waterhouses Wanderings

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The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service 2005

ESH WINNING AND WATERHOUSES TO BE IN SPECTACULAR MYSTERY PLAYS

The organisers of Durham Mysteries 2010 have confirmed that they would like the villages of Esh Winning and Waterhouses (and of course, those in neighbouring smaller villages also) to be one of the 10 specially selected groups to perform in the Durham Mysteries 2010.



This is a tremendous opportunity for people in the area to be part of a unique event, working alongside other theatre professionals to produce their play which will be performed in May 2010.

Gala Director Simon Stallworthy said *"I was tremendously impressed by the commitment and energy of the people who came to the first public meeting and knew straight away that I wanted these villages to play a part."*

To give people a chance to find out what it's all about there will be an initial, toe-in-the-water, **INTRODUCTORY DRAMA WORKSHOP** for people to take part in. It will be suitable for both people with no experience of acting before, as well as those who have been on stage before. There are all sorts of parts in the play which will be performed, from leading roles to chorus, and anyone who is curious is encouraged to come along.

The workshop will be on **Friday 4th December from 6.00pm to 9.00pm at the Village Hall in Waterhouses and is for over 18's**. There will be workshops for children in the new year.

For any further enquires contact mysteries@galadurham.co.uk, ring Jane on (0191) 373 5256, or just come along on the 4th at 6.00pm.



CHRISTMAS EVENTS AT THE HALL

Christmas Fair Saturday 5th December from 2p.m.

Stalls (home-made cakes, books, cards, crafts, jewellery, fancy goods), a special tombola run by the kids, raffle, games and much, much more – including refreshments and, of course, a visit from Santa.

This is not to be missed!

Seniors Christmas Dinner Wednesday 9th December from 12 noon. *(see back page for how to book your place)*

Christmas Concert Friday 11th December at 7.30p.m.

The 'Sing for Life' choir join us again for a seasonal concert, including lighting the tree lights.

Refreshments can be purchased in the interval.

Mulled wine and mince pies served afterwards. Bar open. Tickets at the door: adults £2, children £1



Kids Christmas Party Friday 18th December from 6.30

(See flyers and posters for more details of these events)

Gong Bath – take a relaxing bath of sound and let those tensions disappear! 28th November from 2-4. Contact Paula Bolton on (0191) 373 5083 to find out more or to join in.

Thank you for your support of the October Saturday Coffee and Cakes morning. A sum of £172 was raised for MacMillan nurses.

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Hedley Hill Terrace Play Area

You may recall that some time ago we consulted you on a proposal to redevelop the play area at Hedley Hill Terrace. Unfortunately progress has been delayed by constitutional changes to the local authority and, as a result of this delay, we need to carry out a new consultation.



one sample style

In the meantime we have developed proposals with two other providers of play area equipment. This is necessary to demonstrate that the final scheme represents value for money. Without this we would be unlikely to attract the funding required.



another sample style

The three proposals are **ON DISPLAY** in the foyer of the village hall. Please take the time to view them and complete the enclosed questionnaire.

Further questionnaires will be available next to the display. Completed questionnaires can be posted in the box provided or simply pushed through the letter box at the village hall.

The results will be published in the next edition of Waterhouses Wanderings.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN 2010

Book these dates in your new diaries!

Saturday 23rd January Bearpark & Esh Brass Band Concert

Saturday 6th February 10-12 Coffee and Cakes

Saturday 13th February Valentine's Disco

Saturday 6th March 10-12 Coffee and Cakes

Saturday 27th March the ever popular Ceilidh

Regular events such as family fun/film nights, and theme nights also continue, as does the Film Club (see below):

Film Club – membership open to all. Every Wednesday evening at 7.30

(doors open at 7). Films between now and the New Year are:- The Damned United (25 Nov), Public Enemies (2 Dec), The Proposal (9 Dec), Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince (16 Dec), Ice Age 3: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (23 Dec), and Star Trek (30 Dec). See trailers via Cinema link at www.waterhouses.info.

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Seniors Christmas Dinner

This year it is on Wednesday 9th December. The Hall will be open from 12 noon, dinner will be served at 12.30. Everyone in the village and the neighbourhood who is over 60 is welcome to come **BUT YOU MUST LET US KNOW YOU ARE COMING!** (After all, we don't want to run out of food – or drink!)



This is because the dinner is being organised by new helpers this year (the old team having retired themselves!) and the new helpers don't know all the people who have come in the past, or who have reached age 60 since last year.

Some of you may be reminded personally, as in past years, but if no-one calls to ask you to come it is not because you are not wanted – just because we don't know who you are. But we DO want you to come and to feel welcome.

So those of you who have not been asked personally please tell us you want to come, either by leaving a message at the hall (phone 373 9113) or a note through the letterbox in the hall door, or by speaking to someone in your street (see below). Do this, please, before the end of November.

If you have a neighbour or friend who might like to come please invite them and tell us also.

So don't miss out! Let us know you are coming!

Waterhouses Street Contacts

If you have a question about what goes on in the hall, or want to find out more (or even to book a place at the seniors Christmas Dinner) then you don't need to go far. Your local contact is:

- Waterhouses Village Angela Collinson, 37 Russell Street
- The Paddock Rosemary Cox (no 7)
- Hamilton Row Linda & Steve Wilson (no 1) or Pat Collinson (no 39)
- Hedleyhill Terrace Jane Sendall (no 57) or Guy Millen (no 59)
and Ivesley Cottages
- Rose Terrace Chris Ruskin (no 8)

Or of course you can always contact the hall, telephone (0191) 373 9113

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