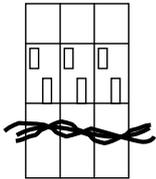
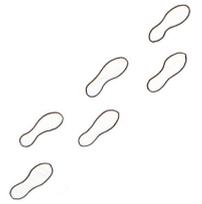
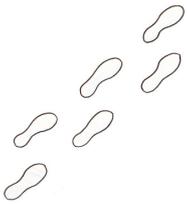


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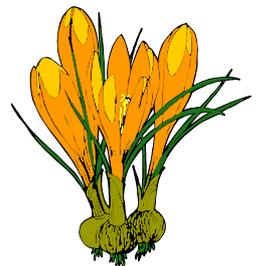
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News, Views and Events from Waterhouses and the surrounding area provided by the Waterhouses Community Association.



The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service 2005

Update on the garden



We have been given 200 crocus bulbs by the council to brighten up our neighbourhood. As soon as the grass has been cut on the back lawn, a working party will plant the bulbs so that they can naturalise and hopefully they will brighten up the area for years to come.

Slow progress is being made on tidying up the rest of the areas outside the hall. We are waiting for the bushes to be removed from either side of the steps so that these areas can be slated to match the completed slate garden. A permanent Christmas tree holder will be installed so that hopefully this year we can have a tree outside.

You may have noticed some sandstones in the slate garden. These have been rescued from the old Waterhouses Farm. Also Alan Jackson has managed to find an old trough from the area to complement the final arrangement.

To the right of the bus shelter will also be slated, leaving the lovely tree in the middle. (*see the outline plan on the back page*)

By doing this work, we hope to create something aesthetically pleasing as well as keeping maintenance work to a minimum. We are very grateful to Alan Jackson for offering to do this work of maintenance.

Chris Ruskin

Hedleyhill Terrace Play Area – ongoing report

We are still seeking funding to carry out the scheme. Playbuilder have now indicated that funding for individual schemes may still be available up to March 2011. The County Council are currently assessing the implications of this. An application for funding has also been made to the National Lottery through its Community Spaces programme. Unfortunately, at this moment, it is not possible to predict whether the scheme will go ahead.

Steve Wilson, Chair

Village Survey:

Thank you to all those who responded to our survey about the events you might like to have at the hall.

51 responses had been received, equally representing those who never attended events at all, and those who attended 4 or more each year.

Those who never attended mainly indicated that they were too busy. Those who regularly attended asked for more of the same sort of events, and, in particular, more live music events.

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So in the next quarter there are **three such events**. First on Friday 19th November three local bands will bring an evening of **live acoustic folk music**. We thank **Tom Rowan of Esh Winning and his friends** for providing what is sure to be a memorable evening. Tickets at £2.50 can be purchased in advance from the hall or from Tom Rowan himself, or you can pay at the door.

Then we welcome back the **Sing for Life** group for a **Christmas Concert** at 7.30 on Friday 10th December. Money from this will be split between the hall and Crisis at Christmas. Immediately before the concert, at 7 o'clock, we have the switching on of the lights on the Christmas Tree.

The third musical evening is on 29th January 2011 when we welcome back the **Bearpark and Esh Brass Band**.

Other activities suggested by one or two included chess and bridge. These activities might well be incorporated into the Friday Social Club.

A further suggestion was a treasure hunt. This could perhaps be an indoor one in Feb/March, with a fish and chip supper. Watch out for posters and the month by month flyers giving details of events.

Booking for the Seniors Christmas Dinner

One of the other advantages of reaching age 60 (as well as the free bus pass!) is that you get a free Christmas dinner at Waterhouses Village Hall (At least you do if you either live in Waterhouses or are a member of Waterhouses Community Association)

All you have to do is to **let us know you are coming** by speaking to a committee member or phoning the hall (373 9114). And then of course **turn up on the day!** (Wednesday 8th December, doors open at 12 noon, food served at 1) **See you there!**



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

Cinema Club



The cinema club (open to all!) continues every Wednesday evening, doors open at 6.30 with the film starting at 7. This will continue also over the Christmas period. Among the films planned over the next few weeks are:

The Backup Plan

Toy Story 3

The Blind Side

Iron Man 2

If you have a film you would like shown just add its name to the list in the hall foyer. Indeed if you would like to volunteer to help Andrew (Brown) choose the films on a regular basis just have a word with Andrew. He would be glad of your help and ideas.

Programme of events for the remainder of 2010.

Saturday 13 th November	Coffee, cakes and cards	9.30 to 11
Friday 19 th November	Acoustic Folk Music	8pm
Saturday 27 th November	Family Film Night (Toy Story 3)	6pm
Saturday 4 th December	Christmas Fair (<i>see below</i>)	2 to 4pm
Wednesday 8 th December	Seniors Christmas Dinner, doors open at 12, food served from 1 (<i>see opposite</i>)	
Friday 10 th December	Tree Lighting at 7pm, followed by a Christmas Concert from the Sing for Life choir at 7.30	
Friday 17 th December	Kids Christmas party	6pm

Waterhouses Christmas Fair

This year our Christmas Fair is on Saturday 4th December, starting at 2. As well as refreshments and the usually very popular cake stall there will be cards, jewellery, and a wide range of other stalls and activities. An innovation this year is a 'pound stall' where unwanted gifts will be resold at knock down prices – not all one pound but all bargains! So come and buy your Christmas gifts here. As well as the usual raffle we will again be visited by Father Christmas.



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Changes completed and planned in front of the hall

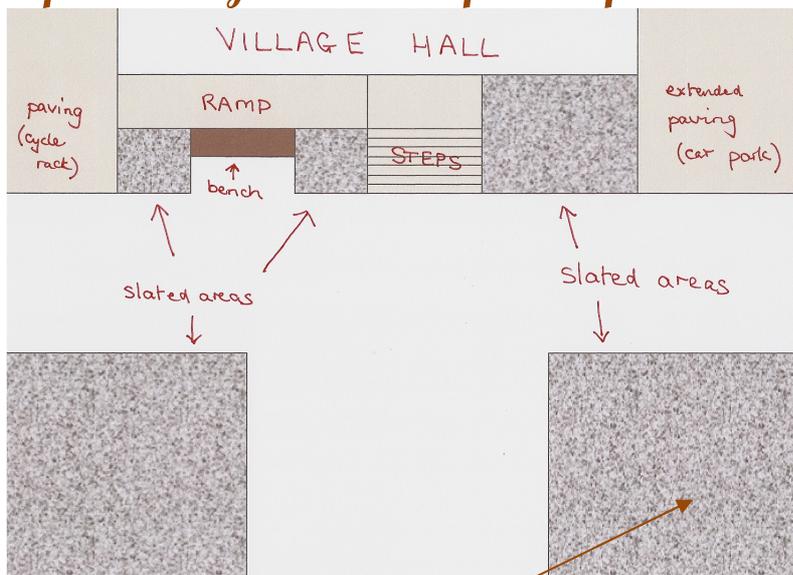


The former overgrown garden is partly cleared



and is now slate covered with planting that is easier to maintain.

Proposed layout at the front of the hall



(note that the existing tree here will remain)

and new seats behind the hall



Christmas Church Services locally

Friday 17th December

Esh Winning Village Carol Service 7pm in the Catholic Church Hall

Sunday 19th December

Carol Service at the Methodist Church 6pm

Carol Service at the Baptist Church also at 6pm

Christmas Eve Friday 24th December

Children's Christingle Service at St Pauls Waterhouses at 6pm

Midnight Mass at St Paul's Waterhouses at 11.30pm

Christmas Day Saturday 25th December

Christmas Day Mass at Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs, 10.30

Family Service at the Baptist Church 10.30am

You would be made welcome at any of these services

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