

Waterhouses

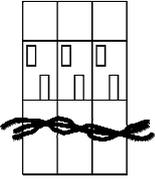
Wanderings

November
2015

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



The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service 2005



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Hallowe'en

Once again we had a magnificent turnout for Hallowe'en. Some of the costumes both child and adult were amazing. A great big thank you, to all who supported us.

See Waterhouses Village Hall Facebook page for more gruesome pictures



The Annual Produce Show

and the sunflower and scarecrow competitions took place in early September.

The poor summer meant that even though apples and plums were plentiful the winning carrots were small – if beautifully formed! Congratulations to all who took part, and especially to the winners of the two new trophies.

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

Regular Events in the Hall

Ladies Night

The most recent was on Friday November 13th at 8pm

Contact Liz 07849 142 166 or Waterhouses Facebook Page. Our first Ladies Night was held on September 11th and was a great success. A good night out was had by all. If we get the recipe right it will hopefully become a monthly event (so don't be too concerned if you missed the November date!)

Recipe as follows:

1. Lots of women to let their hair down and laugh.
2. A smidge of Raffle – everyone likes to win.
3. A noggin of alcohol to help lubricate the giggle muscles.
4. A lucrative amount of bingo calling and money to be won.
5. A drop of karaoke if ingredients 1 and 3 have been added in sufficient abandonment.

Quiz Night

Friday 27th November 8pm £4 including supper

This quiz is very popular and so much fun. Come along and test your little grey cells. Contact Tracey or Stefan 0191 373 3962.

Waterhouses Wine Club

November 28th 8pm £6.00

Our long running wine club will have its next meeting on Saturday 28th November starting at 8pm. We try various wines and bouquets from around the world. This very popular club has now been running for approximately twenty years. Contact Linda Wilson for details on 0191 373 3186.

Family Film Night

The next family film night will be on Saturday December 5th showing 'Minions'. Future Family Film Night dates are January 16th, February 6th and March 12th. *(Please look at Waterhouses Facebook page and Waterhouses.info for film details.)*

Children under 16 are very welcome but must be accompanied by an adult. Doors are open at 6.30pm, film starts around 7pm. Party games, hot dogs, ice creams, bar open.

We appreciate donations at the door, all donations help support future kids events and worthy causes.

Playgroup

Join us for play group in the hall on Monday and Thursday, 9.30 to 11 am. All pre school children, babies and their adults are welcome to come along and join us for crafts, singing, stories and play. £1.50 per session.



Knit and Natter

Keep your fingers and your tongues busy on the afternoon of the first Saturday of each month as we enjoy a cuppa together.

and the one that got away ...

Sadly the **Pilates group** that used to meet on Thursdays at 8 is no more. However if you wish to remain fit then you can still exercise in one of the dance sessions (Tuesday and Friday 10-11 or Thursday evening 7-8, more details on waterhouses.info)

See the back page for all the Christmas specials

Brian Pears – an appreciation

Waterhouses lost one of its much loved characters with the death in September of Brian Pears of Hedleyhill Terrace, just two days before his 86th birthday.

Folk will remember seeing Brian as, year after year, he went along the line from Waterhouses to Ushaw Moor, picking up litter. We are so grateful to him for helping to keep our locality such a beautiful place.

Brian and his wife Anne moved to Waterhouses in 1992 after a long and active life in service to the YMCA. They were soon busily involved in many village activities, Brian serving on the village hall steering committee.

He loved the countryside and outdoor activities and for many years was a steward of Durham Rangers, achieving a ten year long service award in 2005. As a ranger he regularly walked local footpaths, checking on their state of repair, and keeping them clear of encroaching weeds, overhanging branches and litter.

We shall miss him in the village and we send our sympathies to Anne and his family on their loss.



and Hillary Wilson

We also mourn the passing of Hillary Wilson, of Stanley Crook. Hillary was a regular at the Quiz Nights and the Lunch Club and shared her love of horses with her friend Pat Collinson. She will be remembered at a faith supper in the village hall on **Friday 20th November at 6.30**. You are invited to come along with your memories of Hillary, a much loved and well liked lady of this valley. Please bring nibbles or bites. The bar will be open.

THEATRE in the HALL

The hall was once again host to a travelling theatre company. Children from the village and surrounding areas came together to join **Bob the Man on the Moon** as he blasted off on his adventures. The children enjoyed a craft workshop (pictured) as well as the performance.



They had made ties to get ready to go to the moon to work and the picture shows the children ready to put the stars (scrunched up news paper) into the sky, launched from the blue blanket.

Christmas Events

November into December

Waterhouses Christmas Fair

Saturday November 21st 2-4p.m.

Santa will be paying us a visit again this year in his very own grotto. Come along children and visit him, at the same time you could write him a letter and please don't forget to bring the grownups so they can buy from the many numerous stalls available at the Christmas Fair. Free entrance, cakes stalls, woodcrafts, pottery and many more.



Seniors Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 2nd December at 12.00noon

Anyone living in Waterhouses who has reached the age of 60 and has not been to the lunch before but would like to attend please get in touch with Angela 0191 373 6957 or Elizabeth 07849 142166

Christmas Tree Lighting

Friday December 4th at 6:30pm

Waterhouses Village Hall will be having our annual Christmas tree lighting with carol songs, afterwards take part in the grand Christmas raffle while enjoying mulled wine and mince pies or a tippie from the bar.



Children's Christmas Party

Saturday December 19th 2-5pm

We will be having our annual Christmas children's party with 'Mr Raggybeard', a very popular children's entertainer. There will be a faith supper.

Children's Christingle Service

4pm on Christmas Eve (Thursday 24th December)

in St. Paul's Church, Waterhouses followed at 11.30 that night by **Midnight Mass**



**May you know God's Peace this
Christmas and through 2016**