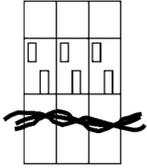
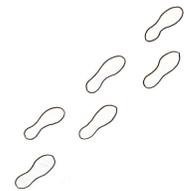
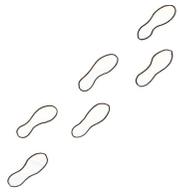


# Waterhouses Wanderings



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## SUMMER HOLIDAYS ARE HERE!

This is a time for trips out, for relaxing, and we wish all residents a most enjoyable summer. Although some of our regular activities at the hall (wine club, quiz night, knit & natter) are taking a short break there is still much going on, as well as a full autumn programme of events. For details of some of these see page 2 – and look out each month for further details in the What's On flyer.



The summer is the time for gardeners to get watering their produce, staking up the sunflowers and for all to begin planning your scarecrow, all for the **Produce Show** on 17<sup>th</sup> September. Schedules and entry forms will be available in early September.

*Linda Wilson writes a description of one trip that has already happened. Look over the page for the promise of other trips and summertime 'specials' for children and older folk.*

### **Village trip to Alnwick Gardens**

After a wet and windy week, the village trip set off in sunshine on Saturday 8th July to Alnwick Gardens.

A coffee stop at Heighley Garden Centre set the tone for a wonderful day out.

Arriving at Alnwick Gardens we entered a wonderful world of colour and smells which engaged all our senses. The Grand Cascade and the fountain area provided joy to all who watched children getting drenched and enjoying every moment! The Rose Garden evoked an intoxicating aroma and the labyrinth made sure we were lost, several times over! A visit to the Poison Garden proved informative and scary but the swing seats in the cherry orchard proved to be a pleasant anti-dote. All too soon it was time to return to Waterhouses after "A Grand Day Out".



The Village Trip was funded by the W.C.A. and McCormick's Foods, Esh Winning.

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# Some highlights of the next few months

## Music and Memories

An opportunity for the over 55's to enjoy music, singing, great companionship and many exciting visits around our local area including the Botanical Gardens in Durham in August and two special presentations in our own village hall - "Songs from the Shows" in October and a "Puss in Boots " pantomime in November. These will be followed by Christmas activities in December. Just come along to the village hall and enjoy yourself. You will be made very welcome. Planned sessions over the summer are on 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> August.

## Kynren, the spectacular open-air live show

The date for the trip to Kynren has been changed, to avoid the bank holiday. It is now on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September, starting at 8, finishes 9.30 with ticket prices ranging from £25 to £55 plus transport costs. Contact Angela (373 6957) to book a place.



## Acoustic Night

The regular Friday night social evenings have the occasional 'special' and on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July is the 'Acoustic Night' with Sam Gibson, Moonshine and the wonderfully named Miserable Les. Tickets are £5 or pay at the door. Then on 17<sup>th</sup> November is another Friday night special, an **Elvis Night**. Details nearer the time.

## Do Not Enter the Monster Zoo

A musical theatre production from New Writing North for children under the age of 10 is on 23<sup>rd</sup> of September. More details later

## Macmillan Coffee Morning

Many of us have good reason to be grateful to Macmillan nurses. There is an opportunity to help this worthy cause on Saturday morning, 30<sup>th</sup> September from 10 to 12 noon. Come along to the hall and give generously as you chat to friends, enjoy lovely home-made cakes or buns and coffee.

## Ceilidh

The next ever popular ceilidh is on at 7.30 on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October. Music from the Trimdon Folk Band. This is the only open ceilidh in County Durham!

Pay at the door: Adults £7 - children 11-16 £3 - under 11 free.  
Homemade soup included.



Although it is only July the nights are getting longer and all too soon it will be Christmas again. The next Wanderings should be out in late November but before then there will be the **Hallowe'en Party** on October 28<sup>th</sup> and then, in November both the **Christmas Fair** from 2 to 4 on the afternoon of 18<sup>th</sup> November (in plenty of time to buy Christmas gifts) and then the **Christmas Quiz** at 7.30 on 24<sup>th</sup> November.

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## ESB Windfarm Fund

(Hedleyhope news, continued from back page)

The Community Association has recently been awarded a small grant to carry out works on the Nature Reserve.

We are grateful for any grants we receive as we have no other form of income.

## Calling Young People - We Want Your Views!

Recently a village drop-in was organised by the Council asking residents what improvements they wanted in the Village.

If you are a young person - aged 21 and under we would be interested to know your suggestions for improving the Village.

You can put a letter through the door of the Village Hall marked for the attention of the Community Association and we will pass your comments on.

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*Items of general interest for Waterhouses and East Hedleyhope*



## Area Action Partnership Drop In

The local AAP is holding a further drop-in session in Waterhouses Village Hall from 4 to 6pm on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July. They welcome any ideas about how you would like to see improvements to the village or area. Come and share your thoughts over a cuppa!

## Summer Activities for kids

There are several organisations in County Durham, including your local library in Esh Winning, that offer summer activities to help families with energetic – or studious - kids to entertain during the long school holidays.

**The OASES team run FREE activities** from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July to Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August. Locally these are at the village green in Esh Winning as follows:

**Multi-sports** each Thursday afternoon from 1 to 2.30,

**Environment** each Wednesdays from 1 until 3.

Children under 8 must be accompanied by a responsible adult. For more information phone 01207 218528 or 03000 266750

**Esh Winning Library** have the following events, get your tickets, £1 for each event, from the library.

24 July	2pm	Mr Twister Magic Show
7 July	1.30	Liz Million cartoon workshop
7 <sup>th</sup> August	2pm	Laura Brenchley crafts
14 <sup>th</sup> August(11am) and 24 <sup>th</sup> August(1.30pm)		Story and Craft sessions.

## Other Library News

Did you know that if you can't get to the library (or the library bus) then the library can come to you? You'll be visited to ask what sort of books you like to read and then every three weeks a selection will be brought to your door. Contact the **Books on Wheels** service on 03000 263 790 or 03000 263 789.

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# Hedleyhope Newsletter

Summer 2017

*This Newsletter is produced jointly by the Hedleyhope Community Association and the Hedleyhope Parish Council. It brings you news of what is going on in the village of East Hedleyhope and the surrounding area.*

We hope everyone had a good time at the Family Fun Day on 15<sup>th</sup> July. Thinking towards later in the year we have the kids Halloween Party on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October and the annual Bonfire Night event on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November.

**Kids Halloween Party – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October 3-5 pm** in the village hall. There will be ghoulish crafts, wizardy snacks and a spooky walk in the woods looking for witches.

**Bonfire night – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November.** Bonfire lit at 5.30, fireworks at 6 pm. There will also be refreshments in the village hall. If you have things to burn on the bonfire (wood only) please put them at the location on the village green where the bonfire will be the week beforehand.

## East Hedleyhope's own Library

We have just started a new micro-library in the old phone box on the village green. If you have old books to donate please put them on the shelves in the phone box.

If you're looking for a book to read have a look there before going to the charity shop or library!

This will only work if when you take a book you also bring one to replace it.

## The Red Bridge Update

The Council are carrying out further investigations into the condition of the Red Bridge before deciding on a course of action.

In the meantime you can't help but noticing if you use the bridge that some significant new hand rails have recently been installed.

## Calling Conservation Volunteers

If you enjoy using the Nature Reserve then please consider volunteering even a day or two a year to help with running of the site.

If you are interested email [clarebreezene@gmail.com](mailto:clarebreezene@gmail.com)

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