

Waterhouse Times

Welcome to the October edition of the Waterhouse Times newsletter. Autumn has well and truly set in and before we know it, it will be Christmas!

The Overgate Big Brew



Overgate's Big Build Project aims to create a state-of-the-art hospice facility that meets the growing needs of our community and ensures every patient receives the compassionate care they deserve.

In August we held our Overgate Big Brew Coffee Morning and raised a fantastic £147.00. Overgate expressed huge thanks to everyone who contributed to our fundraising event.

Every contribution brings Overgate closer to their goal to ensure that future generations receive the care they need, when they need it most.

Guide Dogs for the Blind Talk and MacMillan Coffee morning

In September we held our Guide Dogs talk and MacMillan Coffee Morning.

The Guide Dog talk was very interesting, and we really enjoyed listening to this and, of course, meeting retired Guide Dog Toby! Guide Dogs for the Blind don't charge for their talks however, we did donate to them afterwards.



Upcoming Events

October 22

1:30pm Harvest Service

October 25

12:00pm Fish and Chips

November 13

10:30 Coffee Morning

December 4

10:30 Christmas Coffee Morning

December 14

11:00am Brass Band at Mackintosh Homes

December 15

3:00pm HATY performance

Our MacMillan Coffee morning, with raffle, was a lovely get-together and we raised over £50.00.

Upcoming Social Events

Please see below for our upcoming social events. All residents, friends and family are welcome to attend. All events are in the Community Room, at Waterhouse Homes, unless stated otherwise.

Tuesday 22nd October 1:30pm - Join us for our Harvest Service with David Carpenter.

Friday 25th October 12:00pm - 'Pink Fish and Chips' to recognise that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. It will be £7.00 each to attend, which includes your fish and chips, tea/ coffee. Raffle tickets will be on sale before the day at £1.00 per strip. Please speak to Cath/ John if you would like to order fish and chips/ purchase raffle tickets.

As you may have guessed the theme will be pink! So please feel free to wear pink or donate any pink themed raffle prizes.

All funds raised will be donated to Cancer Research and Coppafeel! breast cancer awareness.

Wednesday 13th November 10:30am - Coffee Morning. Come along for a cuppa and a chat.

Wednesday 4th December 10:30am - Christmas Coffee Morning (with handmade crafts from Pam).

Saturday December 14th 11:00am - The City of Bradford Brass Band will perform Christmas songs/ hymns for us, in the gardens at **Mackintosh Homes**.

Sunday December 15th 3:00pm - HATY have agreed to come and sing for us again!

Updates and Reminders

We are always looking to preserve and improve the site. In addition to routine maintenance, there have been recent improvements including (but not limited to) new security lights fitted to the bottom of block 13-24, and top of block 1-12, and additional security CCTV. We are also looking at improving the beds in front of block 13-24 and one bed has already been completed.

Local activities/ events

Christmas Tree Festival Halifax Minster

The Halifax Minster is proud to announce their 8th Christmas Tree Festival. Waterhouse and Mackintosh Homes have sponsored a tree so why not pop down and have a look at our tree and all the other amazing trees!

The festival runs from Friday 29th November – Monday 2nd December 2024 and is open to the public from 1-4pm daily. Please note on Sunday 1st December it opens later, at 12pm, after the Morning Service.

Activities, live music and refreshments are available. Booking isn't necessary and entry is £2.00 for Adults and Children are free. Payment by card is preferred, if possible.

The Maurice Jagger Centre

The Maurice Jagger is located opposite the bus station, down Winding Road, and has a function room which hosts a variety of activities. They hold a very popular lunch club every Wednesday and Thursday, with the exception of 6 weeks a year- when they give their hard working volunteers a well-deserved break. The cost of the 3 course lunch is around £5.00 and consists of soup, a main course dessert and tea/coffee. You do have to book, as it is not a walk in service, and they can be contacted on 01422 364691. They do also offer a transport service, but this does have a small cost and also needs to be booked in advance.

If you want any further information or would like us to contact them on your behalf, please let us know.

The AccessBus

AccessBus is a dial-a-ride service providing door-to-door local transport, seven days a week between 9am and 5pm.

The driver assists passengers from door to door, including boarding and alighting. The buses are fully accessible, fitted with seatbelts and the most up to date wheelchair restraints.

Travel is restricted to local journeys and most are for shopping purposes such as to the local supermarket. They do provide a limited number of journeys for social purposes such as local community centres, places of worship and visits to family and friends.

It is unlikely that AccessBus will be able to cater for day and time-specific requests and, to make best use of vehicles, they serve certain areas on set days, allocating places to customers to travel on the day when the bus is in their area.

Anyone of any age can register for AccessBus. To register you can call them on 0113 3481903, Monday to Friday between 7.30am and 4.00pm. You can also print an application online on the WyMetro website (or ask Cath to print this for you).

Once you are registered you receive a welcome letter with a reference number and details of how to book the service. They make reservation bookings a maximum of 6 days and a minimum of two days in advance of travel.

People with ENCTS permits, such as Senior, Disabled or Blind persons pass travel FREE.

For other adults there is a flat fare of £3.00 each way.

Cath and John - holiday dates

We are on holiday 28th October- 1st November 2024. John and Carol will provide cover, and they will have the work mobile (07855 331150).