

Waterhouse Times

Welcome to the June edition of the Waterhouse Times newsletter.

George is retiring!

At the end of June George is retiring as Clerk to the Trustees. George has been involved with Waterhouse, and Mackintosh Homes, for 50 years and has been an amazing support.

To help celebrate all George's hard work we will be holding a Coffee Morning on 21st June 2024 at 10:30am and George will pop in to see us all too.

New Residents

Welcome to Sheila and Margaret to Waterhouse Homes and, Joan and Barry to Mackintosh Homes.

We are currently running our application process for both sites so if you know anyone who is interested in living at Waterhouse and Mackintosh Homes ask them to get in touch with Cath and John. The closing date for applications is 21st June 2024.

Overgate Big Brew

Overgate have launched their Big Build Appeal which is an extraordinary journey to transform their end of life care facility at Elland.

On Friday 9th August 2024 we are taking part in Overgate Hospice's Big Brew!

Join us for a cuppa, cake and a raffle and help us make a BIG difference to our local hospice.



Upcoming Events

June 21

Coffee Morning to celebrate George's hard work for Waterhouse and Mackintosh Homes

August 9

Overgate Big Brew

August/ September

Summer Get Together



Other Social Events

So far this year we have enjoyed coffee mornings, a performance with HATY and Easter service.

Chair Yoga has been put on hold due to low numbers/ the cost. We will be assessing if we can start running this again so if you would like to try Yoga please let Cath know.

We are looking into a Summer event which may be an afternoon tea or similar and will keep you posted!

Marjorie has also offered to arrange a games afternoon – if you are interested please let us know so she can look into this further.

If there are any events you would like us to try and arrange please let Cath know. Please note, to be able to run certain events we do need to make sure there are enough people willing to attend.

Updates and Reminders

Essential work to the Warden's House Roof, at Waterhouse, is almost complete after 4 weeks. We want to take this opportunity to thank you for your patience during this time and we are sorry for any noise or inconvenience this may have caused.

Please see below for some updates and helpful reminders. You will also receive a copy of the most up to date Resident's Handbook over the next few weeks. This is just to make sure everyone has the same, correct, information.

Fire Safety -

- Try and close the living room/ hallway door when not at home or overnight, where possible. This door is a fire door and gives additional protection.
- If there is a fire in your building but not inside your home, then you are usually safer to stay in your home unless the heat or smoke from the fire is affecting you. If you 'stay put' you should immediately **call 999** to ensure they have been notified and so they can give you any advice.
- If you need to evacuate, please head to the main door outside the Community Room. If this is not possible then head towards the green garage doors at the top of the site.
- In the event of a fire, John and Cath, or the appropriate on call staff, will be on hand to offer assistance/ support.
- Please let us know if you have overnight visitors or are away on holiday. This is so that in the event of a fire we know how many people may be inside/ missing.

Laundry Room-

- Open Mon- Fri 8am- 5pm and Sat 9am-1pm. If you find the Community Room Door is locked, meaning you can't access the Laundry, there will be a reason for this such as an emergency call out, and we will try to open it as soon as possible.
- The Miele washing machine and tumble dryer are available for residents to use. Due to health and safety reasons please do not use the creel.
- The Laundry is available for all Waterhouse and Mackintosh residents to use. We do not currently operate a rota system so if the Washing Machine/ Tumble Dryer is in use you may have to wait, or choose to return to the laundry later.
- Washing can be hung either outside either on the rotary airer provided (behind block 1-12) or on a small put up airer outside your home. Please remember washing must not be left out overnight or hung outside on a Sunday.

Parking

- Please can all residents, and visitors, remember to park sensibly and avoid blocking others in.
- We understand parking is limited but please do not park on the driveway towards Old Bell Court, as this is not our property.
- Please note we have communicated the same message to any groups using the Community Room and parking will be monitored. If anyone has any issues re parking please see John or Cath.

Local activities/ events

Tea Dance at The Halifax Minster

On 1st July 2024 at 2pm there will be an afternoon tea with music and dance. Arranged in conjunction with Dance with Elegance, with dancing led by Helen O'Hara, this is a free event and tickets are available online or at The Minster.

New Drop-In Social Care Sessions in Halifax

Calderdale Council have launched a new drop-in support hub every Wednesday 10am-4pm at the Age UK shop, which is at the bottom of Woolshops.

The drop in sessions are for anyone wanting advice or support around Social Care. On site will be a variety of practitioners including social workers, Occupational Therapists and Nurses. It is for anyone needing some social care support who is over 18 years old.

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 desert 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 Old Courthouse

In the old Courthouse at Blackwall, just a short walk from Waterhouse Homes, there are a number of businesses including a coffee shop called Rhythm and Brews.

Rhythm and Brews, is open to the public and their opening hours are Tuesday 4.30pm-7.00pm, Wednesday 11.00am-7.00pm, Thursday 11.00am- 3.00pm, Friday 11.00am- 2.00pm and Saturday 9.15am- 1.00pm.

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 journey 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 take 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 have the below dates planned as Holiday. John and Carol will provide cover and they will have the work mobile (07855 331150).

- 26-31 July
- 15-21 August