

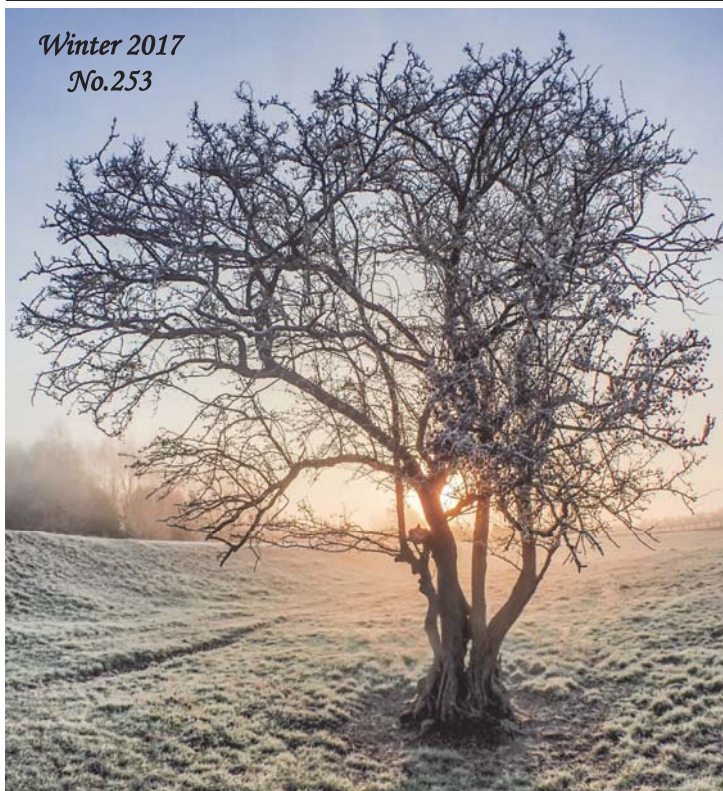
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# Community Association



**Christmas** - As usual Waterbeach Community Association will be holding the annual 'Carols on the Green' on Christmas Eve at 6.30pm. The carol sheet will be available on the evening or you can download a copy in advance from [www.waterbeach.org](http://www.waterbeach.org). Please remember to bring your lights, torches, lanterns etc. as lighting is limited on the Green. This is always a popular and well supported event and a fantastic way to start your Christmas celebrations.



We would like to take this opportunity to thank Rev. Paul Butler who will lead this year's 'Carols on the Green', and the bands of the Salvation Army and Waterbeach Brass for providing the music. We are also grateful to Mark & Pam Clack for organising the Christmas tree, which this year was kindly donated by Urban&Civic and

transported by Bannolds, and thanks to Gary Langley and team for doing their magic with the lights around the Green and having everything looking festive - many thanks to them all.

It was decided that this year's collections at the Feast and on Christmas Eve should be used to support Waterbeach Community Association and local groups and clubs. Community Association members will carry collection buckets during the carols, so please bring your loose change and give generously. There will also be a collection bucket near the bands on the Green.

Over the years we have been able to support many local groups and clubs including Waterbeach Day Centre for the Elderly, Waterbeach Salvation Army, Guides, Beach Churches Together, Waterbeach Toddler Playgroup, Waterbeach Community Playgroup, Rainbows, Waterbeach Brass, WASPS, Waterbeach Baptist Chapel, the WAY Project, Waterbeach Badminton Club, Waterbeach Military Heritage Museum and the Happy Folks Club. Applications for donations are welcomed from both existing and new groups in the community area, e.g. for a specific project or set up costs. All applications giving full details of exactly how the money would be used to be sent in writing to The WCA Chairperson, Jacqui Rabbett, 9 Providence Way, Waterbeach, Cambridge CB25 9QH.

**Feast 2018** – The date has been set for Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June. To organise the Feast requires a solid team of dedicated people. Whatever your skill or available time there's something you can do. You don't have to be young and agile, there are many jobs that can be done from the comfort of your own home in the months leading up to the Feast – whether it's helping with bookings, sending out letters, researching possibilities for arena events or publicity. Help is also required on Feast day itself, especially manpower. A group of volunteers who are willing to work as a team are needed to set up for the event and clear away afterwards. Unfortunately, if there are no volunteers there will be no Feast! A meeting to discuss next year's Feast will be held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 7.00pm in the Community Room (Library), Waterbeach School. This meeting is open to anyone who feels they can assist in helping to organise Waterbeach Feast 2018. If you have any questions, please contact Jacqui Rabbett Tel: 01223 860993 or Email: [feast@waterbeach.org](mailto:feast@waterbeach.org)

**Beach News** - Thank you to everyone who has made our village publication so varied and interesting throughout the year. We really appreciate all your contributions. A special thank you also to our team of Beach News deliverers who volunteer to deliver the magazine throughout the area.

It just leaves me to say, on behalf of all the committee of Waterbeach Community Association, have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*Jacqui Rabbett - WCA Chair*

# Beach Social Club

By the time you read this we will have enjoyed: Harvest Festival Charity Auction, Legionaires Rock Band, Charity Presentation Night with 'Coast', Halloween Family Disco with all the kids and 'Disco Dave', plus Quiz Nights. All well attended and enjoyed.

We presented Motor Neurone Disease Association with a cheque for £1500. Their representative Cynthia George gave us an insight into their work, which has helped some people in our village.

## *Future entertainment:*

*Dec 9<sup>th</sup>* Draw Night Singer 'Amanda Russell'

*Dec 10<sup>th</sup>* Kids Xmas party with 'Disco Dean' 3 - 5pm

*Dec 24<sup>th</sup>* Xmas Eve Disco with Dean. Children welcome until 9-30

*Dec 31<sup>st</sup>* New Year's Eve - 'The Spree'

*Jan 13<sup>th</sup>* Members 'Over 60s' party

*Feb 10<sup>th</sup>* Valentines 'Skadust'

*Mar 3<sup>rd</sup>* Del Boy (UB40, Reggae & Ska)

We have started Ballroom Dancing lessons every Wednesday 7.15 - 8.15, with Iris Smith and it is going well. Everyone is welcome to attend, whether you have done it before or not.

The club function room is available for hire to members of 12 months or more, for parties/meetings etc, at very reasonable rates. We may also be able to accommodate local groups and organisations on an occasional or regular basis, daytime or evenings. The Surgery PPG uses the club for open meetings to give information covering various aspects of social care and St John's Church also use the lounge for talks on a variety of subjects.

Bingo, sessions continue to be popular every Monday evening from 7-9 with cash prizes and a Jackpot Flyer. Everyone is welcome to join us for these sessions provided they are 18+

New members are always welcome. Call in to collect an application form and have a look at our facilities, which include Pool table and Snooker/Darts/Crib teams. Large screen TV with Sky and BT Sport. There is a Beer Garden at the rear where you can take the kids and enjoy the lowest cost drinks in the area (probably). We now have a new Steward/Bar Manager, Kate, who looks forward to welcoming you.

And finally; there have been rumours circulating based on gossip, saying that the Social Club is closing. Nothing is further from the truth. We have the lease agreed on a 10 year 'rolling' basis and we will commence a long needed and planned refurbishment on the inside and outside of the building and will shortly be going out for quotes on a number of things.

We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year. *Geoff Donovan* Chairman

# WASPS



Well what a busy start we have had to the new academic year. We gave a warm welcome to new starters joining us in September and hope all of the children have been enjoying their time at the club so far. The children have enjoyed using our new resources including 'Plus Plus' bricks, Rubix cubes, play animals and a variety of play in our new tough tray, exploring coloured rice, playdough and more recently taking part in some Halloween crafts.

This year at WASPS we are delighted to be celebrating the clubs 20th year! WASPS continues to run, fulfilling its original aim; to provide a home from home family atmosphere. The children decide how to spend their time in the club and the staff team facilitate child led play and offer a variety of play opportunities, both inside and outside. At the start of term, the children enjoyed making decorations for the 20th Anniversary



Picnic (which was held on 9<sup>th</sup> September), it was a great opportunity for past and present families and staff to come together to celebrate and reflect on the achievements of WASPS over the past 20 years! A huge THANK YOU to everyone who came along to Tillage Hall to join in the fun activities, catch up and of course enjoy some birthday cake! We were pleased that some of the people involved at the very beginning of WASPS could make it, and some past WASPS staff too. Although not everybody was able to make it for various reasons the co-ordinators received some lovely messages from past

staff members, past committee members and past children too (all grown up now!). It was great to reminisce over many photographs on the slideshow! Despite the rain everybody had a lovely time and the outside activities and competitions were still enjoyed when the rain stopped. We would like to say a special thank you to Clare (from the WASPS Management



Committee) for planning and organising the afternoon and to all the helpers

who were involved in setting up, serving refreshments, organising activities and clearing up. It was a great afternoon. We hope to continue the celebrations within the club over this coming year and we are currently preparing a display board to include some photos



taken at the Anniversary Picnic... Here's to the next 20 years of WASPS!

Are you having a sort out of toys, games and DVDs before Christmas?

If you are decluttering at home before Christmas, please remember us! Good quality puzzles, games, toys and craft resources that your children may have out grown or no longer need, will be very welcome at WASPS! We are also in need of more 'U' rated children's DVDs and outdoor equipment suitable for 4-11 year olds...please help us spread the word.

Do you have a Level 3 (or above) qualification in Childcare/Playwork? Are you looking for part time work? We are currently advertising some exciting job opportunities – for more information please contact us, look out for posters displayed locally. We also now have a Facebook page for sharing information regarding events and opportunities.

**Holiday Club** will be opening on Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> December, so book your child/children in to enjoy some Christmas crafts whilst you finish off at work or complete your Christmas shopping and preparations! Holiday Club will also be running on Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> January too on the school training day. The club is open to 4-11 year olds, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. for a full day. We also offer flexible booking with half day sessions and bookings for a minimum of 2 hours. Half day sessions can also be extended on an hourly basis and a sibling discount is available. Snacks and drinks are provided throughout the day, but a packed lunch is required from home. Bookings must be made in advance and families must be registered with WASPS.

**Breakfast Club** runs from 7:45 a.m. – 8:50 a.m. and **After School Club** runs until 6 p.m. on all school days. Our term time clubs are currently quite busy with limited availability. Please inquire with a Co-ordinator to book a place. Contact us: For more information, please visit our website: [www.waterbeach-wasps.org.uk](http://www.waterbeach-wasps.org.uk) or telephone 01223 861140 during opening hours. Outside of opening times, please leave a message and a member of the team will return your call when convenient. If you would like to book a time to call in and meet the team prior to making a booking, let us know.



# News from Cllr. Peter Johnson

I would like to wish all the residents of Waterbeach, Landbeach and Chittering a Merry Christmas and all the very best for 2018.

**Bannold Road** - Well the houses are going up rapidly changing our landscape, but it is a constant battle with the developers getting them to adhere to the conditions applied when planning permission was granted. Hopefully by this time next year they should be nearing completion then the footpaths can be reinstated and I will be asking for the road to be resurfaced when the building work is finished.

**Primrose Lane** - In September/October UK Power Network removed the overhead cables and re-laid them underground as they are less likely to get damaged that way. The cables were previously near some trees and as they only supplied a few houses it was felt that this was the right thing to do. The hedge at the bottom of the lane became very overgrown again, mainly due to the wet warm weather we had this year. A maintenance programme is in place at South Cambs, but this doesn't allow for a growth spurt so they had to come out earlier than they had planned.

**Denny End Road Development** - I would like to remind you all that these houses are for Waterbeach people, or people with a strong connection to the village, but you must get registered on the Home Link system to be in with a chance of getting one of these properties. I would anticipate these houses coming on to the system late spring, early summer 2018, but please get your name down with South Cambs District Council quickly so you can bid for these properties.

**Speedwatch** - I am finding it quite difficult to get the time to conduct as many speed watches as I would like and so I would like to find someone who would act as Co-ordinator. Please feel free to contact me if you would like to know more about what is involved in being the Co-ordinator for the village.

**Barracks Development** - Well the planning application is in at South Cambs, but no decisions are expected soon as so many factors have to be taken into consideration, not least of all, the infrastructure that is needing to be upgraded such as better roads, better public transport etc.

**Skate Park** - There is an issue at the moment with stones on the skate park. The stones at the edge of the park are associated with drainage issues and a resolve to this is being investigated. In the meantime please do not allow children to throw stones on to the park as they can cause an accident if they get under the wheels of a skateboard.

**Railway Station** - I have it on good authority that the platform lengthening will start in December this year to accommodate the longer trains that will

come into service next May. I will be attending the AGM of FLUA on 18<sup>th</sup> November so may have more information, plus after that I will be attending the quarterly FLUA meeting in Cambridge on 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Any updates I will be putting in my Parish Council report for the 5<sup>th</sup> December.

It is a privilege to represent the residents of Waterbeach, Landbeach, and Chittering, and I will always do my best for you all, if you have any issues or concerns that you think I should know about please contact me by whatever method you prefer, phone call, e-mail, or knock on the door. *Cllr Peter Johnson*  
Tel: 01223 560918 Mob: 07947475549 Email: [cldr.johnson@scamb.gov.uk](mailto:cldr.johnson@scamb.gov.uk)

## Salvation Army



We would like to say a big thank you to our collectors and to you, for your kind donations to our door to door 'Big Collection,' which took place in September. The total raised = £1259.65. Apologies if we didn't get to your street, we were a bit short of collectors this year, so if anyone would like to collect their street next year, please contact us on 01223 506217. All of your donations go to the work of the Salvation Army in the UK. If you would like to know more, log on to [www.salvationarmy.org.uk](http://www.salvationarmy.org.uk). You may be interested to know that The Salvation Army were at the Grenfell Tower disaster with their mobile canteen, providing food, drinks and support to the emergency services - read about it on the web site.

We would also like to say a MAMMOTH thank you for your donations, help and support at our annual Charity Sale, which raised £6770 - Amazing!!!! 10% of this total was given to the Big Collection. The Vintage Tea Room was very popular and raised £501.96 also for the Big Collection, again thank you for your support in helping us help others. God bless you all.

*Exhibition of Nativity Scenes* - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> and Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 10 - 4. Refreshments available all day! This is well worth a visit, the scenes are from all around the world and beautifully displayed, we hope to see you.

In the last issue we invited you and your under 5's to our Toddler Group on Tuesdays and Thursdays 10 - 12. On the 5<sup>th</sup> December we will be having a *Nativity Fancy Dress Party!* Please dress your children as characters from the Nativity Scene or borrow costumes from us, it would be good if you could bring a plate of food to share! This will be the last toddler group for this year, we re-open on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January.

As with the other Churches, we would love to see you at our carol services, details will be on the card you receive each year, ours is on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December, 5 p.m. and don't forget 'Carols on the Green' on Christmas Eve! On that note, we wish you all a happy, healthy and peaceful Christmas.

# Friends of Worts Meadow

Everyone needs friends, but so too do Cambridgeshire's Local Nature Reserves (LNRs). If we don't look after the wildlife on our doorsteps, who will? One of the first, most important and fun ways in which we can all help, is to learn about our local wildlife and record what is there. This is one of the aims of Friends of Worts Meadow (FOWM) in Landbeach. On the last Saturday in August we ran a pond-dipping session, which is one of the best ways to learn about the myriad of wildlife that lurks underwater in every pond and lake. Fifteen adults and 10 children had great fun getting muddy feet dipping out many different sorts of water beetles, water boatmen, tiny clam-like pea mussels, water snails, nymphs (young) of damselflies and mayflies and even small leeches!

You may have visited our stand at Feast Day in June and met the large dragonfly nymph and other creatures we brought along in an insulated cold box to show visitors. Most people were amazed that this rather ferocious-looking creature eventually turns into a beautiful, air-breathing, free-flying insect. But first it lurks amongst underwater vegetation and debris for two or three years, breathing with gills and catching other small creatures. We will be running a similar event next year.



As winter sets in, some of our wildlife becomes less obvious. Familiar butterflies including Small Tortoiseshell, Red Admiral and Peacock disappear from Worts Meadow to sleep the winter away in a dormant state. Tree holes, garden sheds, outbuildings and even attics make good dens. Other butterfly species survive only as eggs, caterpillars or chrysalises. The Great Crested Newts (GCNs) for which the reserve is well-known, also become less active and hide away. What they really like is a nice undisturbed compost heap, damp pile of wood, or uneven bricks and paving stones, preferably facing south to gain maximum warmth. Muddy banks and piles around ponds are another favourite frost-free place. But it won't be long before they emerge again in early spring to look for a mate. Our torchlight amphibian walk in mid-March this year was led by Froglife and over 30 GCNs were counted. Look out for details of our next torchlit adventure in March 2018. Look out too for the dates and details of our planned 'Bioblitz' recording day in summer.

Friends of Worts Meadow (FOWM) is a constituted group of volunteers who help with the practical management of Worts Meadow Local Nature Reserve. It is free to join. Our open events provide the chance to learn about and enjoy the wildlife of the site and help with recording. For more information contact Frances Dipper on 01223 861836, [frances.dipper@sustenergy.co.uk](mailto:frances.dipper@sustenergy.co.uk) or see our Facebook page 'Friends of Worts Meadow'.

# Waterbeach Community Players

By the time you read this The Maintenance Man will have put away his tools, dismantled the set, put the new cushions away and gone home for a well-earned rest. So following on from our November production, rehearsals are now under way for our spectacular 2018 pantomime (oh yes they are!).

Our January panto is Aladdin, written by Chris Shinn and directed by Holly Collas and Phil Law. Evil Abanazar enlists Aladdin's help to get his hands on the magic lamp but things don't go quite to plan for him when Aladdin becomes the Master of a somewhat grumpy Genie. When Wishee Washee tries to be helpful, Abanazar regains the upper hand. Send for Widow Twankey and the Genie of the ring! But will the Sultan and Sultana want Widow Twankey for an in-law if Aladdin marries Princess Jasmine? I don't think so! Mind you, money talks so just maybe...

In what has now become an established WCP tradition, there will be the usual men dressed as women, girls dressed as boys, a lively chorus, great songs, lots of silliness and fun. Tickets are already selling so if you have been before don't leave it too late and if you haven't, why not come along and see what all the fuss is about? Ticket prices have been held for a further year at £8, with people under 16 and over 60 paying £7 or why not get a family ticket of 2 full and 2 concessions for £28.00? You can choose your own seats and pay by card by booking online at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/wcp](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/wcp). Or you can call 01223 880023 to reserve your seats. You can also order your tickets with our friends Helen and Andrew at The Sun Inn. Remember, the earlier you book the more chance you have of getting a cushion!

The show, which runs from 18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> January 2018 will be at Waterbeach School with performances starting at 7.30 p.m. with a matinee at 2.30 p.m. on the Saturday.

## Waterbeach United Charities (Reg No 201528)

### (Clause 4 (2) grant)

Organisations are invited to apply for a grant from the above Charity subject to funds being available at the end of the financial year (December 2016).

Applications to be submitted in writing clearly stating the reasons for the grant and they should include details of any fund-raising efforts that have been made. Closing date will be **31 December 2017**. These grants will be considered early in the New Year.

Not all applications may be successful and the Trustees' decision will be final. Please send details to:

Mrs S Wilkin, The Secretary, Waterbeach United Charities  
25 Payton Way, Waterbeach, Cambridge, CB25 9NS

# St. John's Waterbeach Wives

Many, many thanks to everyone who supported our Autumn Sale in October, this year in aid of MS, in memory of Melody. Thank you for all the items donated, for spreading the word, and for coming to buy the bargains, and of course the cakes for which our members are known! The weather was not promising on the day, and as the Church Room is a little way from the centre of the village, we were pleasantly surprised to see so many people, and to make a good amount of money to go towards trying to make life a little easier for those with this dreadful illness.

We had a fun evening with the lovely Amanda MacPhail, who we thought was coming to demonstrate her funky painted china, she decided however that we should all have a go. After a few funny false starts, we finally got the hang of the basics, the result being a large painted cake plate which we are quite pleased with!

We also had a visit from dear Geoff Evans, who brings his amazing photographs of his travels to foreign places to show us, this time Borneo. Geoff us a gifted photographer, and his shots of the flora and fauna were quite outstanding, the colours of some of the flowers astonishing. We could probably have done without the close-ups of the snakes though! His chosen charity is Riding for the Disabled, also very close to our members.

Sue Carpenter is returning, this time to teach us Christmas cards her way, fortunately Sue is a very tolerant lady, it's all that practice with the Guides! As the last time she came we made some very unfortunate Easter chicks, she will need her sense of humour, and perhaps a stiff drink afterwards!

Our thanks go to our Founder member, dear Brenda for setting us another floral challenge, and to our Jenny for taking us all on her travels in Alaska. "In House" meetings, both enjoyable lovely evenings.

Then, before we know it, and with masses of things still to do, we will be looking forward to our Christmas Dinner in December, and to the Pantomime in the New Year – Aladdin next time I understand, just the tonic to cheer up a dreary January.

We meet in St. John's Church Room, every first and third Wednesday. For further information please contact Sheila Gill, our Chairperson on 01223 861999.

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## Thank You

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Coffee Morning at Waterbeach Salvation Army  
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**Thank you to everyone who helped, baked, supported and donated**

**The total raised was £864.72**

**In memory of Victoria Jane Gilzean**

# Beach Bowls Club

The article in the Autumn edition of Beach News let readers know of the success of Beach Bowls Club in being top of 2 leagues. But the deadline date for printing meant that we could not tell the full story. Winning the leagues meant that we were able to compete with other winners to be the Champion of Champions. At the beginning of September we faced Bassingbourn at the Cambs and County green in the Cambridge Business House Pairs League. They had won the mixed league and we topped the Mens. We made a steady start and with a few ends to go we had a fairly comfortable lead. But Bassingbourn came back at us and on the last end it was touch and go as to who would be the victors. Happily we held on and won by 3 shots. It was the first time we had won the Men's Pairs League so

we are delighted to have also become the Champion of Champions for 2017. A number of members attended the AGM of the Business House Pairs League towards the end of October and the trophies for both the Men's League and the Champion of Champions were handed out to us. The photo shows Tony Reuben collecting the League trophy. Tony has been a member of Beach Bowls Club for almost 50 years,



working tirelessly for it and it is fitting that he had the opportunity to captain the club to be the champions this year. At the meeting Bob and Viv Doughty received their award as runners-up in the Mixed Pairs competition.

In the Cambridge and District League we were drawn in the semi-final of the Champion of Champions against Isleham at Milton. We had beaten them in the final last year so they were clearly keen to gain their revenge. It was close throughout the match, but when the last end was being played by the triple skipped by Trevor Lowe we needed to win that by 6 shots to tie the match. Amazingly with one bowl to play we needed only one more to take the match to an extra end. Trevor duly obliged and then it took a little while to sort out the rules. We then had to draw to see which rink would play that and it was left to Bill Clough to play the decider. Much nail biting followed, but to our delight the nearest bowl to the Jack was a Beach one. So we progressed to the final at the Abbey green. The weather forecast was not good with rain

and thunder promised. It duly arrived and we had to leave the green for a short time to wait for the weather to improve, which it did. By that time Beach were struggling against Melbourn and at the halfway point we were 22 shots adrift. But we rallied and reduced the gap to a couple of shots. On the final end the last two triples needed to win and duly did so and thus we were the champions again by 5 shots.

We were naturally delighted with what we have achieved and hope it will reflect well on the village as a whole. Hopefully it will encourage more people to join the club. Anyone wanting any information about the club please contact Terry Pauley on 01223 860600 or Chris Rushmer on 01223 861354.

## Stay well this winter



Winter weather can be seriously bad for our health. Being cold can aggravate existing conditions and raise the risk of increased blood pressure, heart attacks and strokes. However, there are lots of things you can do to stay well this winter.

- **Get expert advice from your pharmacist**

If you start to feel unwell, even if it's a cough or a cold, don't wait until it gets more serious. Seek advice on the best treatment from your local pharmacist.

- **Make sure you get your free flu jab**

Flu is a highly contagious and can cause serious complications for at risk groups. Adults over 65; those with long-term health conditions; children aged two to eight; carers and pregnant women may all be eligible for a free flu vaccination – ask your GP practice today.

- **Stock up your medicine cabinet**

A well-stocked medicine cabinet can help you treat common winter ailments such as coughs, colds, sore throats and sickness bugs at home and will save you going out if you feel unwell. Ask your pharmacist about essential medicines to keep at home.

- **Keep warm**

Keeping warm, both inside and outdoors, over the winter months can help to prevent colds, flu and more serious health problems such as heart attacks, strokes, pneumonia and depression.

- **Get the right help**

Make sure you're receiving all the help you are entitled to. Learn how to make your home more energy efficient and take advantage of financial schemes to keep up with energy bills.

Visit [www.nhs.uk/Livewell/winterhealth/Pages/KeepWarmKeepWell](http://www.nhs.uk/Livewell/winterhealth/Pages/KeepWarmKeepWell) for details.

For further information on staying well this winter visit [www.nhs.uk/staywell](http://www.nhs.uk/staywell)

# District Councillor's Report

**Rubbish:** Since SCDC and City waste collection services merged this year, we are seeing a number of changes to our collections. These are designed to streamline the service, saving money and resources. It is no longer cost efficient to collect paper separately and we can now put paper and other recyclables in the blue bin together. Don't worry, it will still be recycled! Remember that from 11<sup>th</sup> December the blue bin paper caddies will no longer be in use. Please feel free to keep them or take them to the recycling centre at Milton and place in the 'hard plastics' section. Do not put them in either the blue or black bins!

**Housing on Denny End Rd:** There will be 30 properties available to those with a local connection to Waterbeach: 9 shared ownership houses and 21 affordable rented houses. The tenure split is as follows:

**Affordable rented houses:** 5x2 bed, 2x4 bed, 6x1 bed, 3x3 bed. Also, 4x2 bed bungalows. These properties will be advertised on 'Homelink'. Make sure you have made it clear you have a local connection on your application. [www.home-link.org.uk/HouseholdRegistrationForm](http://www.home-link.org.uk/HouseholdRegistrationForm). They are likely to be advertised around June/July 2018.

**Shared ownership houses:** 6x2 bed and 3x3 bed. You should register for these properties here: [www.help2buyese.org.uk](http://www.help2buyese.org.uk) They are to be advertised around March 2018.

For both types of housing, it will be too late to register once the properties are advertised. You will need to bid as usual.

**New Town:** By the time you read this, RLW will have held their latest exhibition (at the end of November). At the time of writing I am told they hope to make an application in full for the station relocation in January 2018. They also hope to submit an outline planning application for the whole of their part of the development in February/March 2018. With both RLW and U&C seemingly pressing ahead with their plans, it remains to be seen whether the few officers left at SCDC can satisfactorily engage both parties to formulate a coherent plan for the whole site.

My usual days for Councillor work are Thursdays and Fridays. You are welcome to contact me on email: [cllr.tregoinq@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.tregoinq@scambs.gov.uk) tel: 07715 908694 or post: 5 Shipp's Field, Waterbeach, CB25 9DZ *Ingrid Tregoinq*

## Waterbeach Surgery

Christmas 2017



Prescription requests by Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December please

### Christmas Closure times

We will open as normal, except for

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December – CLOSED

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> December – CLOSED

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018 – CLOSED

if you need a doctor urgently when we are closed,  
please telephone 111



# Memories of Landbeach School

In September, 1960, I travelled on a seat on the front of my mum's bike for my first day at Landbeach Church of England School. I was two months shy of my fifth birthday.

The school, now a private residence, is situated at the crossroads in Landbeach, opposite the Village Hall. It was two thirds of a mile from my home, and mum did the journey there and back four times each day, as I went home for lunch.



***Landbeach Village School circa 1961***

*Back row (L-R) - Susan Townsend, Margaret Sennett, Kathleen Milton*

*Middle row (L-R) - Carol Camps, Susan Edwards, Robert Evans, Rachel Bottle, Anita Cox, John Wyatt, David Chapman*

*Front row (L-R) - Lucy Dupre, Shirley Chapman, Glyn Chapman, David Setchell, Kathleen Lynot, Jonathan Elbrow*

There were just two teachers. Mrs. Plumley, who travelled by bus from her home in Cambridge to teach the infants, and Mrs. Jordan, the Headteacher, who lived with her husband and daughters in the house which adjoined the school. Mrs. Jordan taught the 8-11 age range. We didn't have the luxury of indoor toilets, but instead had to walk to a shed-like building at the back of the school to use unflushable lavatories – the sort where the buckets needed to be emptied!

Being a church school, the Rector came in from time to time to offer religious education and we children were “crocodiled” to church to attend a service there every now and then.

Our annual school outings were usually to Wandlebury Woods and our sports day was held each year in a field in Waterbeach Road. Cattle grazed this field, so a clean-up operation was required before the races could begin!

The Village Hall was an integral part of school life as it was used for PE, and I recall having to recite our times tables as we got changed – never a minute wasted. It was in the Hall that those children who stayed had their school lunch. We put on plays in the Hall which were attended by our mums and older people who lived in the village. The school nurse also came along from time to time and it was to the Village Hall we had to go to be “inspected” by her. Additionally, we had occasional visits by “Auntie Jean and Uncle Dennis” - a Mr. and Mrs. Collins who toured schools in the region giving road safety instruction.

As well as the three Rs, we were taught needlework by doing cross stitch on binca fabric. There was an opportunity also to make little baskets by weaving raffia, adding coloured beads at intervals to make them look more professional.

Reading books were delivered regularly by the County Council. They came in large wooden crates and we waited eagerly for these to be opened so that we could choose a book.

I had the privilege to stay at Landbeach School until it closed when I was 9, and they were extremely happy times. It was a very sad day when the school closed having been attended by Landbeach children for almost 100 years.

*Susan Edwards*

NB - Susan has compiled a booklet of news cuttings relating to the village of Landbeach which appeared in the Cambridge Chronicle in the 1800s. There are only a few copies left, priced at £3.00, so do give Susan a ring on 01223 440424 if you would like one.

## **A Concert at the Chapel**

Enjoy a relaxing evening of music, canapés and mulled wine in the beautiful surroundings of the historic Waterbeach Baptist Chapel.

Come and hear professional singer and harpist Lucy Bunce in concert as she presents Songs for Christmas on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 8.00pm. Lucy will be performing songs from her new album ‘Bright Morning Star’.

A recent review said, *“Lucy’s voice and harp music is an absolute joy to listen to: poetic, soothing and always moving; certainly the ideal opportunity to escape the busyness of life.”*

For tickets, please call Angela on 01223 862494

# Neighbourhood Plan



## *What is Neighbourhood Planning?*

Neighbourhood planning is a way for our community to influence the place where we live and work.

A Neighbourhood Plan can identify where we want new homes, shops and offices to be built to the best advantage of the community. In effect identify how the land within the Neighbourhood Plan Area should be used to the best advantage.

A Neighbourhood Plan enables us as a community to have our say as to the design and purpose of buildings, how the built environment affects the character of the area and what infrastructure should be provided such as education and health services.

A Neighbourhood Plan can identify the green spaces that are important for the health and wellbeing of our community. It is also important to protect the unique landscape character of the area.

## Why does Neighbourhood planning matter?

The planning system and laws are used to decide what gets built where and when. It is essential for supporting economic growth, improving quality of life and protecting the natural environment.

In theory the planning is supposed to give communities a say in decisions that affect them. In practice communities have often found it difficult to have a meaningful say as they are often consulted late in the process.

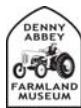
Creating a Neighbourhood Plan becomes a legal planning document which ensures that the views of the community and the policies within the plan given due weight when planning applications are submitted to the Council. The Neighbourhood Plan can influence the outcome of development proposals.

The Neighbourhood Planning steering group consists of three parish councillors and five members of the community. The group meets every second Tuesday of the month in the parish offices on the recreation ground at 7.30pm. Members of the community are welcome to attend.

For further information on the emerging Waterbeach Neighbourhood Plan, to get involved or receive updates please contact the NP admin email: [npadmin@waterbeach.org.uk](mailto:npadmin@waterbeach.org.uk). Telephone 01223 441338 or in writing to: NP admin, The Old Pavilion, Cambridge Road, Waterbeach, Cambridge CB25 9NJ

Waterbeach Neighbourhood Plan – follow us on Facebook and Twitter

# Farmland Museum



After a very successful season, greatly helped by (mostly) good weather for visiting (in general, not too hot, too cold or too wet) the Farmland Museum and Denny Abbey closed for the winter after a golden October afternoon of pumpkin carving, apple bobbing, broomstick racing and general enjoyment of the peaceful autumnal atmosphere at Denny. Being closed to the public does not mean that work stops. The Manager and Assistant Curator are planning next year's programme of events and liaising with the volunteers on the programme of work which needs doing over the winter.

The regular volunteer team continues to come in on Wednesdays and does



a fantastic job; anyone who enjoys getting involved with a historic and unique site and working with the lovely group of existing volunteers on a whole range of jobs would be welcomed by the team; there is a host of opportunities. We are particularly looking for maintenance volunteers to help maintain the buildings, paint the displayed agricultural

collections and prepare the museum for next season. It is a wonderful way of keeping physically busy, working with like-minded people and keeping South Cambridgeshire heritage alive!

The overall governance of the Farmland Museum is the responsibility of the Trustees. Denny Abbey is in the Guardianship of English Heritage but managed by the Farmland Museum under a management agreement with EH.

For many centuries Denny Abbey played an important part in the parish of Waterbeach until, with the coming of the airfield, it became much less accessible and so the sense of belonging was lost. With the coming of the new town it is highly likely that the old medieval causeway link will be reinstated so that once again the village and Denny Abbey will be much more closely linked.

There are vacancies on the board of Trustees and it would be excellent if we could recruit one or more from Waterbeach or Landbeach. We are particularly looking for people with Business Development, Fundraising, Education, and Museums / Heritage experience and for someone who could

take over the role of Chairman, but we'd love to hear from anyone who would might be interested in being involved with the governance on such a historically important site and steering it through the changes which will occur with the coming of the new town.

The Farmland Museum and Denny Abbey is the preeminent social history museum in South Cambridgeshire, it is something which is unique to Waterbeach and it really needs local support!

To find out more about volunteering see [www.dennyfarmlandmuseum.org.uk](http://www.dennyfarmlandmuseum.org.uk)  
To find out more about becoming a trustee contact the Chair of Trustees Jane Williamson (01223 440751) or download a trustee recruitment pack from: [www.volunteercams.org/trustees](http://www.volunteercams.org/trustees)

**STOP PRESS** Carols in the Abbey Sunday Dec 10<sup>th</sup> at 4.00pm. Bring a torch and wrap up very warm. Mince pies and tea or non-alcoholic punch from 3.00pm in the café.

## Waterbeach Thread[ed]

Pop in to St John's Parish Church on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January for some revelations about how Textiles feature in Waterbeach lives. While the event raises money for Macmillan Cancer Care it will also be celebrating how Textiles feature in our Community, Economy and Leisure. Between 10am-4pm be prepared for demonstrations of stunning craft-skills, wacky imagination – and a few dynamic surprises. The event will close with some thoughtful moments – it's in a church, after all, and few families are unaffected by some kind of cancer...

Many of the exhibitors are hobbyists – from beginners to stunners. Others are professionals: local businesses are involved. It wouldn't be happening, though, without the stalwart support of other Macmillan Cancer Care supporters or our leading community groups, and including our churches.

Even in so big a space as St John's, it's going to be tricky to fit in everyone who would like to celebrate their involvement with Textiles here. As this goes to Press, there might just be one or two spaces if you have something in Textiles to display. Contact [angelastoryteller@gmail.com](mailto:angelastoryteller@gmail.com)

This event synchs with the Williams/Brown family's efforts to raise money for the Macmillan Cancer Care Counselling Service. Team Storm Dragon, who won the final Macmillan 4x4 Rally earlier this year, enjoyed Waterbeach support. The 'Waterbeach Thread[ed]' is an edited version of all that we want to do in continuing that battle... We thank neighbours, friends and local warriors in the fight! We also thank the Living With Integrity Group at St John's, for having faith....

Drop by, chat with us, have a cuppa here or nearby. Be prepared to be surprised – and to have fun!

*Angela Brown*

# Tithe Barn

## *Have you spotted the Sheaf yet?*

As part of the launch of their 'Sponsor a Sheaf' campaign, the Tithe Barn Trust, a small charity and volunteer not-for profit group, are sending a sheaf of longstraw to different locations around Cambridgeshire until they raise enough to rethatch the Tithe Barn in Landbeach.

Melanie Hale, Tithe Barn Trust Trustee and volunteer photographer, says "The Landbeach Tithe Barn is unique and is in serious need of rethatching. So, every week until we raise the funds, the Tithe Barn Trust will be sending a sheaf of longstraw to various locations around Cambridgeshire to highlight our fundraising quest. As punting is quintessentially Cambridge and the Tithe Barn is so close to the city, a punt tour was the obvious choice to kick off our 'Sponsor a Sheaf' campaign. Our thanks go to Scudamore's for supporting the Tithe Barn Trust. To make suggestions of where we might find the sheaf next week, people can tweet @TBarnT."



You can help this sheaf find the way back to its new home on the Landbeach Tithe Barn's roof by sponsoring a sheaf for as little as £5 at <https://www.totalgiving.co.uk/mypage/TitheBarnTrust>

The Tithe Barn Trust aims to save and sympathetically restore the Grade II Listed Tithe Barn for community use, but we need you to help us. We estimate we'll need 5 tonnes of locally sourced hand drawn Longstraw to rethatch the roof.



The Tithe Barn Trust believes the medieval Tithe barn, with thatched roof, brick threshing floor and timber granary, to be unique to Cambridgeshire and even of national significance. It

is one of the few Tithe Barns in the country still standing next to its medieval rectory. Over 90% of Tithe Barns in the UK have been converted and their

historic features are being lost forever. Sadly, the Landbeach Tithe Barn is in a poor condition and deteriorating.

Follow the Tithe Barn Trust on Twitter @TBarnT and like us on Facebook FriendsOfLandbeachTitheBarn or visit [www.tithebarntrust.org.uk](http://www.tithebarntrust.org.uk) to find out more about the Tithe Barn Trust.

The Tithe Barn Trust would like to say a huge thank you to all the volunteers and community groups who have helped over the last year, from the Cambridge Film Trust who ran our first community cinema event at the Tithe Barn, to the Fen Edge Archaeology Group who carried out a geophysical survey of the land surrounding the Tithe Barn for free. A special thank you goes to the Fen Edge Community Association for giving us a grant, which will make a big difference to a small charity.



*How to find the Tithe Barn* - Kissing gate entrance is opposite No. 2 Waterbeach Road, Landbeach, Cambridge, CB25 9FA. Walk along the grassed track by the hedge.

## Waterbeach Brass

Following a busy summer, with concerts as far afield as Hunstanton and St Neots, at Waterbeach Brass we're already preparing for next year's competition season. This starts with a January visit to Butlins in Skegness followed by the Local Areas competition in Stevenage in March.

Before the competitions though, we'll be busy performing at several local concerts and events in the run up to Christmas and we'd love you to join us!

The highlight of our festive season will be our Christmas Concert. This year it will be held at Waterbeach Primary School on Friday 15 December at 7.30pm. As well as the usual selection of mince pies and festive music, this year we'll be joined by the children from the Primary School Choir for carols and Christmas songs.

You can also find us on Saturday 2 December playing carols in Longstanton and on December 17 we'll be raising money for charity playing in Milton Tesco. We'll also be holding our annual carol concert in Landbeach Hall – this year on Wednesday 20 December at 7:30 pm.

If you're interested in joining the band, we're a friendly group, and always like hearing from new players. To find out more, or to contact us please look at our website at [www.waterbeachbrass.org](http://www.waterbeachbrass.org).

# Gardening Club



At our AGM in October a new committee was elected to oversee the activities of the club over the next year. Following the business part of the meeting, David Lynn, a club member, entertained us with an illustrated talk on 'South Africa's Garden Route in Spring' accompanied by a glass of South African wine. In November we were told the fascinating story of the restoration of a walled garden in Ramsey by Dr Jane Sill. As we meet on the third Thursday of the month, there will be no meeting in December but we will resume with the ever-popular New Year Social in January. This is open to visitors who would like to join us for the evening at a cost of £7.50 in advance (phone 01223 574050 for details).

The programme of talks gets underway again in February with what promises to be a highlight of the year. We will be visited by broadcaster Geoff Hodge who will be talking about using scented plants in our gardens.

You may have noticed that there was no Annual Show this September. However, work is already underway to ensure that the show will return, possibly in a modified form and in a new location, in 2018. Look out for further details nearer the time.

Visitors and new members are always welcome. Now is a good time to join to benefit from the discount on King's Seeds orders and the reduced cost of the New Year Social.

# New Health and Fitness Club

Myself (Ryan) and my brother, Lloyd, are opening the new Inspired Health and Fitness Club in Waterbeach, which you may have heard about. To be more specific the new facility will feature a fully equipped gym with cardio, resistance machines and free weights. There will also be a studio which will offer a variety of classes, a spa area with Jacuzzi, steam room and sauna, plus a beauty salon offering nail, wax and massage treatments.

We are really hoping that Inspired Health and Fitness Club will bring the opportunity to improve the health and wellbeing of local residents. Our fitness team will be on hand to offer you support and guidance if you would like help to achieve your goals.

Other planned facilities on the site at Cambridge Innovation Park on Denny End Road will include a new café/restaurant (directly in front of the gym) and office space, with further plans for a new purpose-built Crèche in the future too.

We are very open to suggestions and feedback to help make Inspired Health and Fitness Club a great meeting point for the community. If you would like to contact me, you are welcome to email [ryan@inspiredfitnessclub.co.uk](mailto:ryan@inspiredfitnessclub.co.uk) or visit our website [www.inspiredfitnessclub.co.uk](http://www.inspiredfitnessclub.co.uk). Both myself and Lloyd would love to welcome you into Inspired Health and Fitness Club when we open in January.



# Waterbeach Scout Group



**Cub Camp** - At the end of the summer the Cubs enjoyed time at Cub Camp at Thriftwood Scout Campsite, Brentwood. Here are some reports from some of our members.

"The end of August the Cubs went camping at Thriftwood campsite in Brentwood. At Cub Camp I liked my tent selection because I was in with my friends. I loved the Cresta Run and the pedal carts were very fun because we were racing each other." *By Charlie Winter*

"I enjoyed cooking our own lunch on Monday on the barbeque because it tasted so nice. I also enjoyed learning how to make fire and we got to try making one. We got to do lots of cool activities like the adventure walk and treasure hunts." *By James Taylor*



**Bingo** - Our monthly Family Bingo is still going. Our next will be Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January and Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February. Everyone is welcome. We start at 19-30 and finish about 21-00.

**Jumble Sale** - If you are having a clear out over Christmas, please think of us. We will be holding our annual Jumble Sale on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2018, 10am - 1pm. There is normally someone at the Scout Hut Monday-Thursday evenings if you have anything to donate or you can leave a message on 01223 440259 if you need a collection.

## Jazzercise

We have been in the village for 20 years and still going strong at Waterbeach School.

Tues 6.45pm Dance Mixx - Thurs 6.45pm Dance Mixx - Sat 9am Dance Mixx  
Tues 8pm Strength 45 (Tums/Glutes/Upper body/legs) We work and strengthen our bodies, no jumping.

New Monday morning class will be on our Fit menu 2018

First class is always free for our new customers, no need to book.

Last class before Christmas is Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Dec and we return Sat 30<sup>th</sup> Dec

Xmas Party Glow Class on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 6.45pm

(£4 walk-in for non-members and no first class free at this class for 19<sup>th</sup> Dec)

FB jazzercise Waterbeach Mob: 07531505806 Email: [bevjazz55@gmail.com](mailto:bevjazz55@gmail.com)

Checkout jazzercise worldwide website

*Bev Tumber*

# Waterbeach WI



We had a very successful Open Evening on October 5<sup>th</sup> where many ladies came to find out about Waterbeach WI and share cake, wine and cheese. We have had two meetings since, both attended by well over 30 members and visitors. Our membership is now 42 and we have been delighted to welcome many new members.

Our October speaker was Mr. Max Steinhardt, a Story Teller, who entranced us with some magical stories, and in November Warwick Wilson from Camsight told us his personal journey from going blind 10 years ago, at the age of 18, from an inherited syndrome. He was absolutely inspirational and has a full and exciting life lived with positivity and good humour. £145 was raised at a Bring and Buy Sale in the evening to be shared between Camsight and Cambridge Central Aid.

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December is our Christmas Party at St. John's Church at 7.30pm. There'll be musical entertainers Pat Blanchet and Roy Goodwin as well as Christmas food and drink. All are welcome.

Our January meeting on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January is Mrs. Carole Pook, whose talk will be on Edith Cavell who became famous for her exploits as a nurse in WWI.

If you would like to find out more about our activities, please phone our President, Sheila Lynn, on 01223 860948. Visitors and new members can be sure of a warm welcome.

## Waterbeach Cycling Campaign

In previous editions of the Beach News we've introduced the aims and objectives of the Waterbeach Cycling Campaign. You can find out about this on our website [www.waterbeachcc.com](http://www.waterbeachcc.com).

Our group of committed campaigners has been meeting with council officers, councillors and developers. We've been encouraging them to consider providing high quality infrastructure for pedestrians, cyclists and other users of non-motorised transport. There are some excellent opportunities for the development of sustainable transport options as the area develops.

If you'd like to help with our campaigning activities please get in touch by email [waterbeachcc@gmail.com](mailto:waterbeachcc@gmail.com)

We'd also encourage you to sign up as a supporter of the campaign at <http://www.waterbeachcc.com/p/join-us.html>. Both individuals and organisations can sign up. Your support will add credibility to our campaign.

You can follow on facebook and twitter

<https://www.facebook.com/waterbeachcc/>

twitter: @waterbeachcc

# Keep Waterbeach Rural

It is hard to believe that we have come to the end of another year! It has been a year of major change, challenge and opportunity for our village and community. Here's a roundup of what's been happening in 2017.

Building has commenced in Bannold Road on 300 dwellings.

Building on the site in Denny End Road has also started. This development is for 30 affordable homes for people with a local connection.

We still await the outcome on the Local Plan Inquiry and the report by the Inspector on the proposed new settlement of Waterbeach New Town. The Inquiry was for 8,500 - 9,000 dwellings on the barracks land and prime agricultural land. There are two developers involved Urban & Civic to develop the barracks and RLW Estates to develop the farmland. Urban & Civic have submitted an outline planning application for 6,500 dwellings on the barracks land before the Inspector's findings are known. RLW Estates will seek to submit an outline planning application in the New year (also before the Inspector's findings are known) to move the station from the village to the north of Bannold Road. The station could possibly be accessed via Bannold Road/Bannold Drove/Capper Road. RLW will at some point apply to build 5000 dwellings and associated infrastructure as part of the proposed new settlement.

There are plans to move the Milton sewage works eventually and Waterbeach is a favoured site for it to be relocated to possibly to the north of Bottisham Lock. This is to enable the Milton site to be developed for housing.

It is expected that a planning application to build an incinerator will soon be submitted by Amey, in partnership with the County Council. The Incinerator will be situated on the Amey site to the north of Waterbeach on the A10 and opposite Denny Abbey.

The outcome of the A10 corridor study is still outstanding. Let's hope that the findings will give us some new information and positive outcomes to ease congestion.

In the light of the proposed developments mentioned in this article let's hope that enough money will be provided to enable homes to be build that people can afford and to ensure that essential services and infrastructure are delivered in the right place at the right time.

The planning permission granted for the Sports Lakes between Milton Country Park and Waterbeach expires in March 2018.

We would like to thank those of you that we have met and spoken with throughout the year, those who have come alongside. Thank you for your kind words of support, encouragement and help. It means a lot.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!

Find Keep Waterbeach Rural on Facebook and Twitter.



*Jane Williams*

# Toddler Playgroup



The children were in for a treat on their very first day back after the Summer Holidays: Hatley Court invited the children over to meet some animals that were visiting the home. As you can imagine, the children loved the experience and it was delightful to see neighbours from WTP and Hatley Court mingling together, across the span of ages.

The children have also been busy collecting signs of Autumn for their sponsored 'Autumn Searches'. If you see children on the recreation ground, looking like they are following a detective trail, then it could be they are from WTP on a very important mission!

For the setting as a whole, we have some very exciting news to share: the planning permission for relocation of the playgroup has been passed by both County Council and Parish Council (for which we are very grateful). This involves the conversion of use of a building within the old barracks site, but very close to the entrance. Building will begin very soon to create a purpose-built space for the children, with plenty of outdoor provision available; a safe environment with opportunities for exploration and mini adventures! It will be easy access for parents and the children will have a delightful environment in which to develop and flourish. The playgroup will retain its parent-led charitable status.

Our fundraising events this year will be with the new premises in mind. Please note these dates for the diary!

- Auction of Promises 8pm Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March, led by the inimitable David Palmer, from Flog it! and Bargain Hunt – something available for everyone!
- The third annual Waterbeach Running Festival takes place on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2018. See details below.

Your support is greatly appreciated. If you wish to find out more about the playgroup then please check out our website or contact our Play Leader, Wayne Badcock via e-mail [waterbeachtoddlerplaygroup@outlook.com](mailto:waterbeachtoddlerplaygroup@outlook.com) or call him on 07808 357729. We are always pleased to see new faces and have spaces for new children to join us, with some availability on Mondays and Wednesdays for 9:00 – 3:00 sessions for those starting school in September 2018.



*Get your running shoes on!! The 3<sup>rd</sup> Waterbeach Running Festival will take place on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at the Waterbeach Barracks. There are distances to suit everyone – 10k, 5k and 2k and even a 100m Toddle for under 5s. Entries open on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018 at [www.waterbeachrunningfestival.co.uk](http://www.waterbeachrunningfestival.co.uk)*

# Village Fun Dog Show

"Anyone who didn't get to the annual Fun Dog Show missed a treat. Beautiful weather, lots of stalls, delicious food, combined with the fantastic organisation by Wendy Johnson and Jude Sutton, made for lots of smiling people and wagging tails. A great day out, dog or no dog and lots of money made for charities." *Sheila Jones* (show visitor)

The show raised a whopping £1000 again this year which has been split equally between the Denson Close Day Centre for the Elderly, Retired Greyhounds Trust and Poplar Farm Kennels, and Waterbeach Toddler Playgroup supplied scrummy cakes raising a lot of money for their cause.

Scruffy mutts, smart dogs, short dogs, sausage dogs, big people and little

people all made the event fantastic. Not a single paw punch up and most dogs went home with a toy, a rosette or a prize. We were honoured to have remarkably talented medical assistance dogs enter this year. There were picnics a plenty whether people



had a dog or not and super speedy scurry fun which was won by a 3 legged dog! There are clearly some very talented and good looking, much adored dogs in the village and beyond.

Thank you for the kind generosity of many local businesses who generously support the show each year and contribute greatly to the funds we raise for the charities. Thank you to the folks who give up their whole day to help us make it happen. Thank you not least to all the four legged friends who get their two legged families to smarten them up for a brilliant family day out with us.

Waterbeach Fun Dog Show will be back again next year. Keep your *Paws at The Ready* and an eye on the Facebook page for news!!!!

*Jude and Wendy* (Dog Show crew!)

# Fire and Rescue Service



It is the time of year when we're enjoying a tipples with friends, cooking up festive feasts for the family and entertaining loved ones. With all the fun to be had it is easy to be distracted when cooking in the kitchen.

50 per cent of all fires in the home start in the kitchen and more than half of those are as a result of distraction whilst cooking.

We want to help ensure your festive cheer doesn't go up in smoke this Christmas by sharing our tips below for safe cooking over the festive season:

- Never leave cooking unattended
- Do not cook when tired
- Do not cook when under the influence of alcohol, drugs or medication that makes you drowsy
- Regularly clean the grill pan and oven. Built up fat can easily catch fire
- Never leave anything cooking if you leave the house
- Do not leave anything flammable on or near the hob – tea towels, oven gloves and even washing baskets can catch fire
- Take care when using microwaves. Fires can start when people put food in too long. Always read the instructions on the packet – never guess the time needed
- Oven chips or temperature control deep fat fryers are safer than using a chip pan. If you do use a chip pan, do not fill it more than one third with fat and turn the heat down if the oil starts smoking
- Fire can break out in household appliances so you should regularly maintain dishwashers, washing machines and driers and never leave them on if you go out or when you go to bed
- Have a working smoke alarm on each floor of your home. If it keeps going off when you are cooking it is probably in the wrong location or you may have the wrong type of smoke alarm
- Never take the batteries out of your smoke alarm.

If you do have a fire in the house, get out, stay out and dial 999.

For more information, or to get in touch, contact us at [firefire@cambsfire.gov.uk](mailto:firefire@cambsfire.gov.uk) or on 0800 9179994.

For more information log on to [www.cambsfire.gov.uk](http://www.cambsfire.gov.uk), follow us on social media or call 01480 444500.

# Happy Folks Club

The summer has proved to be one of our best, we have had an influx of new members to bring our membership up to 64. The club has enjoyed a trip to Newark and a cruise on the river Trent and this was followed by a day out in sunny Southwold. Then to Melton Mowbray, always a favourite, our visit was rounded off with a cream tea cruise on Rutland Water. As winter will soon be upon us, we have a trip to Rochester Kent for a Christmas market.

We then look forward to our Christmas Party in December. Many thanks to Waterbeach Community Association for their generous donation towards our guitarist entertainer for this event.

## Waterbeach Turbary Charity (Reg No 201529)

### ***Applications for Heating Grants***

Applications are invited for heating grants from the above Charity. Please apply in writing, stating your name, address and telephone number with the reasons for the application. All details given are confidential.

Applications are accepted from residents (regardless of age) from Chittering and Waterbeach ONLY. Applicants may be on low incomes, single parents etc. If you think the Charity can help, please consider applying.

Applications must be on a need basis, and may not be accepted. In order that funds of the Charity can be targeted at those most in need, candidates with savings over £10,000 should not apply.

Please send details to:

Mrs S Wilkin, The Secretary, Waterbeach Turbary Charity,  
25 Payton Way, Waterbeach, Cambridge CB25 9NS  
*Closing date for applications is 14 December 2017*

## Poems in the Kitchen goes mobile...

Now in its fourth year, Poems in the Kitchen went to 21, High Street for National Poetry Day – well, the 2017 theme was Freedom! We found a warm welcome and superb soup and cake – and a whole new circle of friends and enthusiasts who shared favourites of published verse or contributed their own work. Times may be changing: poetry is upsurging...

The £360 raised in donations continues to Médecins Sans Frontières for its humanitarian aid work at this time with traumatised Syrian refugees currently residing in Jordan. Our thanks as ever for all the generous support before, during and after the day; the Taylor family; Verity Joubert for scrutineering monies. We also thank the Living With Integrity group based at St John's, Waterbeach: from Trevor Thorn comes a new poetry blog, <https://eco-verses.blogspot.co.uk/> - proof that poetry can be straightforward, and relevant to our times and lives. [angelastoryteller@gmail.com](mailto:angelastoryteller@gmail.com)

*Angela Brown*

# Landbeach Society

A Society for anyone interested in the history of the village, its place within the region and in protecting the environment of the village.

We hold a series of monthly meetings between January – June and September – December to which all are welcome.

The cost of membership is £3.00 per annum and entrance to the talks in the Village Hall is £3.50. (You do not need to be a member to attend the talks.)

*Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Jan:* AGM with wine and cheese.

*Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Feb:* The Work of a County Councillor - Anna Bradnam.

*Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Mar:* Being a Blue Badge Guide in Cambridge - Steve Robertson

*Wed 18<sup>th</sup> April:* Worts Meadow and Local Nature Reserves. A joint meeting with the Friends of Worts Meadow. - Phil Clark, Community Green Spaces Manager, Cambs County Council.

*Wed 16<sup>th</sup> May:* Cambridge Civic Ceremonial - Susan Edwards.

*Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> June:* Landbeach Lunch at 4, High Street

Meetings are held in Landbeach Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm, unless otherwise stated. All Welcome!

The Landbeach Society website is at:

<http://www.landbeach.org.uk/history/99-landbeach-society>

# Waterbeach United Charities (Reg No 201528)

Waterbeach United Charities provide financial support or pays for services that help to alleviate individuals who are “in need or distress” who are residents of Waterbeach Parish.

## ***Electric Wheelchairs***

We have a number of electric wheelchairs for those in need. If you would like to be considered please let us know.

## ***Distress Grants***

The Trustees would like to hear from individuals who may be IN NEED OR DISTRESS. If you think we could help, and to find out whether you are eligible for assistance, whether it be loaning equipment to you, or providing financial support, please contact:

All personal applications are confidential.

Mrs S Wilkin, The Secretary, Waterbeach United Charities  
25 Payton Way, Waterbeach, Cambridge CB25 9NS



# Goodbye Paper Caddy

South Cambridgeshire District Council is changing the way used paper is collected from residents for recycling.

From 11 December, residents won't need to use their caddies to recycle paper anymore.

From that date, residents should place their used paper directly into their blue wheelie bins instead. This used paper will still be recycled after being sorted from other materials at our facility near Waterbeach.

Residents can keep their caddy to use for anything they like. Alternatively, they can be recycled by being dropped off at the nearest household waste recycling centre. They should not be placed into wheelie bins.

The decision to withdraw the paper caddy service was taken at South Cambridgeshire District Council's Cabinet meeting in September. The decision will save taxpayers money and simplify the recycling process for residents.

Because of this upcoming change, the District Council will not be delivering any new paper caddies. If they are lost or stolen before 11 December, residents can begin putting paper in their blue bin.

More information can be found here: <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/recycling>



## Waterbeach Community Association Carols on Waterbeach Green



**Christmas Eve  
6.30pm**

**Please remember to bring your  
lights, lanterns and torches**



A copy of the carol sheet can be downloaded in advance from [www.waterbeach.org](http://www.waterbeach.org)

# Cambridgeshire Constabulary

Police are urging residents to check their home security as the clocks go back and the evenings start to draw in. With more homes empty after sunset, officers are concerned the number of burglaries could rise. However, an increase in crimes over the darker months could be avoided if homeowners take a few simple steps.

In the six months from November last year to April this year (inclusive), 1238 homes were burgled in the county. During the previous six months (May-October 2016) 1051 homes were burgled, meaning offences rose by 17.8 per cent over the autumn/winter months.

Detective Inspector Andy Tolley said: "Burglary is a priority for us and we're working hard to catch offenders and bring them before the courts.

"However, with the clocks going back offences can start to increase. It is usually an opportunist offence so there are steps people can take to remove the temptation for burglars. Keeping possessions out of sight and making it seem like someone's at home are two good starting points."

Police are offering the following advice:

- Install good lighting, for example exterior lights with dawn-to-dusk sensors and an alarm.
- Use timer switches. These can be linked to lighting or even a radio giving the impression that someone is at home and can be switched on through mobile phone applications.
- Close your blinds or curtains at night, preventing people from looking into your home. If your children are home first from school encourage them to close curtains and blinds first.
- Keep windows and doors secure, and lock side gates, even if you are at home.
- Do not leave spare keys hidden outside – a burglar will always look for these first.
- Mark your valuables – with your post code and house number – or garden and shed equipment with a spare can of paint or even nail varnish.
- Do not leave car keys near the front door or anywhere easy to find.

For more burglary prevention advice, visit our website

<https://www.cambs.police.uk/information-and-services/Burglary.aspx>

We have recently been looking through past editions of Beach News and came across this poem written by Jack Harding, a former local resident.

### **My New Address**

*I've come to live at Chapel Close  
From Landbeach far away  
And I cannot help but wondering  
How I'll spend Christmas Day*

*For at my little bungalow  
Just by the 'Slap Up' pub  
I had lots of Christmas presents  
And a table full of grub*

*And Father Christmas, bless his heart  
He filled my little sock,  
And other secret Christmas gifts  
He hid behind the clock*

*For there we had four chimney pots  
All nicely swept and clean  
And though we heard no noise at all  
We knew when he had been*

*He always brought some razor blades  
And after shave as well  
And handkerchiefs and other things  
Far more than I can tell*

*Sometimes he brought a pair of socks  
All knitted nice and strong  
Some years they seemed to be too short  
And some years far too long*

*He always left a jar of mints,  
And other things to eat  
A finger of fudge or two as well  
To give old Jack a treat*

*And now we have no chimney pots  
So what a right old do,  
He'll have a job to find me now  
Before the night is through*

*And if I try to scale the roof  
I'll break my blessed neck  
So I think I'll go and watch them  
Playing football on the Rec.*

*And as I stand to watch them  
If of players they're bereft  
And they let me play as outside right  
I shall have no inside left*

*So I'll simply write a letter  
To save an awful mess  
Then dear old Father Christmas  
Will be sure of my address*

*Then I know that he will find me  
As he always seems to do  
So I'll wish you "Happy Christmas"  
And I hope he finds you too.*



*Jack Harding - 1982*

# Library News



Waterbeach Independent Library had a successful Summer Reading Challenge, 174 children registered, with 157 completing the Challenge, an excellent number for a small Library. 131 children were from the Local Community School, the remainder from the community attending various independent/state schools in the area. Majority of children received their Diplomas/Medals on 10<sup>th</sup> November at their school assembly, the remainder delivered to their homes on the morning of the 11<sup>th</sup>. There were many happy, proud faces that weekend.

Most recent Library performance figures broke past records, with Library members rising once again, resulting in the Library being one of the largest community groups.

The Library will be closed for the Christmas period from end of session on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December until 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 2018.

We would like to thank you for your support, wish you all a Very Merry Christmas. We hope 2018 brings you everything you wish yourselves.

## Waterbeach School 50 years ago

Following an item in the Autumn 2017 edition of Beach News 'Waterbeach School 50 years ago' (page 25), we have had a couple of people contact us who were able to fill in some of the missing names of the members of class 8. Please find below the updated details.



### ***Waterbeach Primary School - Class 8 - Summer 1967***

*Top Row (L-R) - Malcolm Nelson, Carolyn Suart, ?, Paul Cupitt, John Wyatt, Carol Camps, Gordon Walker, Carol High*

*Middle Row (L-R) - Miss Hatley, Susan Edwards, Johnathan Elbrow, ?, Dennis Thomas, Peter Doyle, Colin Hayhoe, Susan Townsend, Rachel Bottle, Shirley Chapman, Mr Studley*

*Seated Row (L-R) - Valerie Impey, Rosemary Moss, Pauline Molloy, Lorraine Gilzean, ?, Janet Bloomfield, Martin Howlett, Robert Shipp, Ann Bavester, Alison Kirkbride, ?*

*Seated on ground (L-R) - Keith Falconer, Lorraine Smith, Jane Richardson, Steven Kidman*

# What's On

## December

- Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Exhibition of Nativity Scenes from around the world (*Salvation Army*) - Salvation Army Hall, 10am - 4pm
- Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Christmas Messy Church (*Salvation Army*) - Salvation Army Hall, 3pm
- Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Nativity Fancy Dress Party (*Salvation Army*) - Salvation Army Hall 10am-12
- Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Carols in the Abbey (*Denny Abbey*) - Denny Abbey, 4.00pm
- Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Dad's Army: the series, writer and actors by Elizabeth Brown (*Waterbeach Village Society*) - St. John's Church Room, 7.30pm
- Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Christmas Party (*Waterbeach WI*) - St. John's Church Room, 7.30pm
- Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Christmas Concert (*Waterbeach Brass*) - *Waterbeach School*, 7.30pm
- Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Concert at the Chapel with singer and harpist Lucy Bunce (*Baptist Chapel*) - Waterbeach Baptist Chapel, 8.00pm
- Sun 17<sup>th</sup> Carol Service (*Salvation Army*) - Salvation Army Hall, 5pm
- Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Christmas Concert (*Waterbeach Brass*) - Landbeach Village Hall, 7.30pm
- Sun 24<sup>th</sup> Carols on the Green (*Waterbeach Community Association*) - Waterbeach Green, 6.30pm

## January 2018

- Sun 7<sup>th</sup> Messy Church (*Salvation Army*) - Salvation Army Hall, 3pm
- Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Edith Cavell by Carole Pook (*Waterbeach WI*) - St. John's Church Room, 7.30pm
- Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Family Bingo (*Scouts*) - Scout Hut, 7.30pm
- Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Feast Meeting (*Waterbeach Community Association*) - Community Room (Library), 7.00pm
- Wed 17<sup>th</sup> AGM (*Landbeach Society*) - Landbeach Village Hall, 7.30pm
- Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> New Year Social (*Gardening Club*) - St. John's Church Room, 7.45pm
- 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> Aladdin (*Community Players*) - Waterbeach School, 7.30pm and Saturday Matinee at 2.30pm
- Wed 24<sup>th</sup> AGM (*Waterbeach Village Society*) - St. John's Church Room, 7.30pm
- Sat 27<sup>th</sup> Jumble Sale (*Scouts*) - Scout Hut, 10am - 1pm
- Sat 27<sup>th</sup> Waterbeach Thread[ed] (see page 18) - St. John's Church, 10am - 4pm

## February

- Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Copy deadline for Spring edition of Beach News
- Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Messy Church (*Salvation Army*) - Salvation Army Hall, 3pm
- Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Family Bingo (*Scouts*) - Scout Hut, 7.30pm
- Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Scented Plants and the Scented Garden (*Gardening Club*) - St. John's Church Room, 7.45pm
- Wed 21<sup>st</sup> The Work of a County Councillor (*Landbeach Society*) - Landbeach Village Hall, 7.30pm
- Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Beach News Spring edition published
- Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Anglesey to Fairhaven (New York) and back again by David Craig (*Waterbeach Village Society*) - St. John's Church Room, 7.30pm

Send your events in March, April and May 2018 for inclusion in the Spring edition of Beach News to [beachnews@waterbeach.org](mailto:beachnews@waterbeach.org) by 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018.

*Waterbeach Community Association reserves the right to omit events at its discretion and without notice. To the best of our knowledge, the information contained herein is accurate and reliable as of the date of publication; however, we do not assume any liability whatsoever for the accuracy and completeness of the above information.*

## COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

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ST. JOHN'S WATERBEACH WIVES	Sheila Gill - 01223 861999
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WATERBEACH & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB	Jerry Cooper - 01223 574050
WATERBEACH ANGLING CLUB	Colin Brett - 01954 200956
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WATERBEACH COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP	Jacqui Woods - 01223 440705
WATERBEACH DAY CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY	Mary Longstaff - 01223 564666
WATERBEACH INDEPENDENT LENDING LIBRARY (WILL)	Maggie Crane - 01223 440560
WATERBEACH MILITARY HERITAGE MUSEUM	Adrian Wright - 01223 861846
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WATERBEACH SALVATION ARMY	Colin Harrod - 01223 506217
WATERBEACH SCHOOL P.T.A	01223 718988
WATERBEACH TODDLER PLAYGROUP	Wayne Badcock - 07808 357729
WATERBEACH VILLAGE SOCIETY	Adrian Wright - 01223 861846
WATERBEACH WI	Sheila Lynn - 01223 860948
WAY PROJECT (WATERBEACH & LANDBEACH ACTION FOR YOUTH)	Shelagh Robertson - 01223 860445
WOODLAND TRUST - COW HOLLOW WOOD	Adrian Wright - 01223 861846

### Other useful numbers:

BEACHES COMMUNITY CAR SERVICE	07807 875878
DISTRICT COUNCILLOR	Ingrid Tregoing - 07715 908694
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DOCTORS SURGERY – WATERBEACH	01223 860387
FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE - Non Emergency Calls	0800 9179994
LANDBEACH VILLAGE HALL	Anne Bullman - 01223 860692
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POLICE - Non Emergency Calls	101
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WATERBEACH SCHOOL	01223 718988
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# Waterbeach Barracks and Airfield

52.2656° N, 0.12910° E

The former barracks and airfield at Waterbeach offer a range of community facilities for local groups including:

- Sports Hall
- Studio area
- Tennis Courts
- Squash courts
- Community rooms

## Military Heritage Museum

Open from 11am to 4pm on the first Wednesday and Sunday of each month, March to October, and by appointment with Adrian Wright (01223 861846).

## Find out more

Urban&Civic hold regular events to keep you informed and give you the opportunity to shape the future development of this special place. If you or your local group would like to find out more, meet us for a coffee and have a tour of the site, contact Rebecca Britton on 07739 339 889 or email us: [rbritton@urbanandcivic.com](mailto:rbritton@urbanandcivic.com)



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Twinkle Twinkle  
Little Star...



Merry Christmas

**Little Stars**  
Day Nursery

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