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Community Association



Christmas 2019 - Although Christmas is long gone and all the tinsel and lights have been put away, we must say thank you to all those who contributed to making Waterbeach Green look so festive. Firstly, a huge thank you must go to Gary Langley and team for providing and maintaining the lights around the Green. Each year they appear as if by magic, but we know and recognise how much hard work and commitment is involved in keeping our village so festive, so thank you again. Also thanks to Mark & Pam Clack for organising the Christmas tree on the Green and with the assistance of Lee Clack and Bill Moon, ensuring it was decorated, maintained and removed in the new year. The tree was kindly donated by Urban&Civic and delivered and removed by Bannolds.

'Carols on the Green' on Christmas Eve is always a popular way to start the Christmas festivities and this was proved once again by the large number of people that attended. From tiny babies, toddlers and some very excited children with their families, to those not quite so young, they all came to join in with the singing. Well done to all those



who downloaded the carol sheet from our website and remembered to bring it along on the night and some even read it on their mobile phones!

This year we had a very special visitor prior to the event who left three large boxes of soft toys beneath the Christmas tree. A note was attached which read 'Soft toys for Christmas Eve for Waterbeach Carols on the Green, from Secret Santa.' Once the carols were over, the children attending were invited to choose a toy to take home. We would like to say a great big thank you to 'Secret Santa' for this kind donation which certainly made for some very happy children.

Thank you to all those who helped make the event possible, before, during and after, including the bands of the Salvation Army and Waterbeach Brass, the representatives and readers from all the Waterbeach churches. Thanks also to those who set up on the night including Mark, Pam and Lee Clack, Bill Moon, Nick Burch, Zak Osbourne and additional collectors Adrian Wright, Shirley Hayhoe and Tony Ayling. The collection on the evening was in aid of STARS, a charity that support children and young people in Cambridgeshire facing grief and dealing with loss. STARS can give specialist bereavement support and counselling for young people aged 0-25 years within Cambridgeshire, who are finding it difficult to cope with the loss of someone significant in their life. STARS also provides support for young people and their family when someone close to them is dying. The collection raised £880.00. Thank you for your support. *(also see page 13)*



Feast 2020, Saturday 6th June - Once again it's time to put on those thinking caps and come up with ideas to decorate your stalls and floats for Feast Day. This year's theme will be 'Something beginning with N.....' The parade will leave the school at 2pm and make its procession around the village. We're hoping to see many floats, walking groups and individuals to make a spectacular and colourful parade. The parade is free to enter and is open to groups, clubs, families and individuals, just dress up and join in the fun. You can find all the forms needed to join in the activities on our website www.waterbeach.org

To ensure the success of Feast Day we need your help. We need assistance in the organisation of the day and to help set up in the morning and clear away at the end of the day. We also need people to volunteer to be marshals and walk alongside the parade as it makes its procession around the village. If you think you can help please contact Jacqui Rabbett on 01223 860993.

Waterbeach Theatre Company

Thank you to everyone who came along to our pantomime *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*. We hope you enjoyed the show. We have received some lovely feedback from many of our patrons and WTC is thrilled to have had our biggest pantomime audience ever. If you purchased a raffle ticket you helped to raise over £300 for Arthritis UK.



Rehearsals for our 2020 drama festival entry have begun. This year it is *A Small Family Murder* by Simon Brett starring Tim Boden and Christine Easterfield. The first performance will be at the Sawston Drama Festival at The Marven Centre, New Road, Sawston on 20 March at 7.30pm. Tickets available at the door.

From 13-16 May our Spring production is *Cheshire Cats* by Gail Young directed by Wendy Croft. Follow the Cheshire Cats team as they speed walk their way to fundraising success in the London Moonwalk. Hilary, Siobhan, Yvonne, Vicky and Maggie are attempting to walk 13 miles across the capital in record time in their decorated bras and posh new trainers, but the 6th member of the team doesn't seem to meet the physical criteria! Cheshire Cats is a cross between a girls night out and a real mission to support a cause close to many hearts, with plenty of laughs and a few tears along the way.

After a break over the summer we begin rehearsals for November when we will be presenting *A Bunch of Amateurs* by Ian Hislop and Nick Newman. The story of the play follows former Hollywood action hero, Jefferson Steele, arriving in England to boost his stalling career by playing King Lear at Stratford. Unfortunately for him his hapless agent has made a massive faux pas and this is not Stratford-upon-Avon, home of the Bard, but a small Suffolk village. And instead of appearing with 'Branagh' and 'Dench' and the RSC, as expected, the rest of the cast are an amateur drama group called Stratford Players who can't believe their luck, or lack of it. As the worlds of glamorous Hollywood and sleepy Suffolk intertwine Jefferson's career implodes, as he discovers some real truths about himself.

Box Office opens on 1 March. Advance box office 01223 880023.

Online bookings www.ticketsource.co.uk/wcp (per transaction booking charge) or nearer the time in person from The Sun Inn, Chapel Street, Waterbeach

You can find out all about Waterbeach Theatre Company by visiting our website www.wtconline.org.uk

Please note: Parking cannot be guaranteed at the venue due to ongoing building works.

Waterbeach Surgery

Since the recent CQC report, McLaren Perry Ltd have been supporting Dr Al Ghazzi and Waterbeach Surgery in making the necessary changes as required under the Health and Social Care Act. McLaren Perry have a background in healthcare with experience of supporting practices in similar circumstances to Waterbeach. We have been working closely with the PPG (Patient Participation Group) and recently held two public meetings at Beach Social Club. We realise that some patients were unable to gain entry to the club due to high turnout of patients. We were pleased to meet the local community and we thought it would be a good opportunity to use Beach News as another means of communicating the changes and updates happening in the surgery.

We have created a Facebook page dedicated to Waterbeach Surgery as the surgery website is very difficult to update. We are actively exploring other options for the surgery website, including replacing it with a completely new website. You don't have to be a member of Facebook to access the page, just visit www.facebook.com/waterbeachsurgery.

We are also aware that the telephone system is not fit for purpose (having been installed almost 20 years ago) and we have plans to replace it with a brand new system. The new system will have triple the number of incoming phone lines and have a call queuing service so you can get through to reception in plenty of time. We have received presentations and quotes from three telephone companies to staff and members of our PPG (Patient Participation Group) and we expect to have the new service installed by the end of March/April at the latest.

In order to meet the demand of requests for GP appointments, we are using experienced remote GPs to deliver telephone consultations. They are GPs that we have worked with before and are highly experienced practitioners. They have complete access to the clinical IT system which holds all your patient information. The remote GPs liaise with our on-site team every day to ensure that patients requiring further consultation face to face receive an appointment at the surgery. This means we have additional room capacity for our on-site team to see patients face to face and also relieves the telephone system.

We have appointed a new practice manager who has been working at the surgery since November. Perminder Matharu is an experienced manager and she enjoyed saying hello to many of you at the meetings which took place on February 11th. We have plans to appoint more medical and admin

staff over the coming months to help deal with the additional capacity needed.

We are also aware that repeat prescription requests have been taking longer than you may have expected. This is because we are having to review medications that patients have been on due the medicines management guidelines set out by Department of Health and Social Care. As you can appreciate, we need to ensure that all our patients are being safely prescribed the correct medications as this was an aspect CQC raised in their inspection of the surgery in November.

We would appreciate our patients continued support during the time of change and welcome any feedback or suggestions from our patients.

Michelle Teague - Director Primary Care

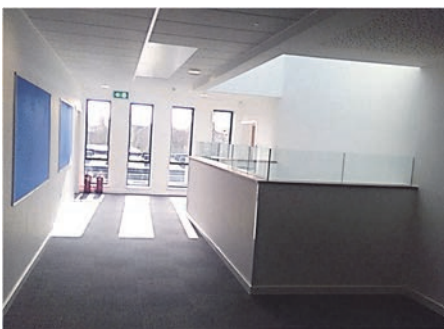
Waterbeach School

As you have all probably noticed, our amazing new building is nearly completed. The offices have been handed over to us and both areas are now ready for us to move in. We



have the keys for the new block and have started taking the children over so that they can have a look around. The huge job of moving in will now start. The key stage 2 teachers are now packing up their classrooms and hope to be in situ by 24th February.

There has been a massive amount of work behind the scenes, upgrading out of date IT equipment, telephone systems and alarm systems. The updates are very much needed to enable the school to move forward in the twenty first century. Waterbeach Community Primary School has had to "make do" for a long time and we are really grateful that our children will now have a very special environment in which to learn.



I would also like to mention our fantastic PTA group who have been working tirelessly to provide us with a bright exciting library for our children to use. This facility will enhance the curriculum and support the way that we teach reading. It is a valuable resource and with some children being so fascinated by

screens, I feel that a school should do as much as it can to keep books at the forefront of learning. Thanks to our PTA we will be able to do this in a lovely new library space.

Jane Green - Headteacher

Waterbeach Angling Club

Circa 1936 – the present day

2020 sees the 86th year for Waterbeach Angling Club, a year when the club has been consolidating its fishery in Waterbeach Road, Landbeach. The last year has seen a great amount of work undertaken to provide a good and safe environment for our anglers.

New platforms have been installed on both of our smaller lakes as well as the reinforcing of the banks. Both lakes have now been fenced to protect our stocks from predators, many may not realise the damage an otter or a mink can cause to a small fishery complex such as ours.

Magpie Lake was surveyed last year and restocked accordingly with 1000 8-10" carp in March. The survey team advised the loss of our roach population was probably caused by airborne predators, mainly cormorants. We now have a type of bunting strung across the lakes in an effort to deter these birds. I'm pleased to say this seems to be working well.

Much of the aforementioned work has been carried out by members of our small committee, all pensioners, which prompts me to ask, "where are all the young anglers" there must be some out there prepared to come along and give us oldies a hand?

Catches have been pretty good with plenty of carp and silver fish being caught by all methods, we hope to encourage a few more youngsters along this year as we are hoping to have another family day either late spring or midsummer. Watch this space.

Our river fishery has also fished really well with the River Cam being a magnet to specialist anglers in search of the big Rudd the river holds. It's also a great Chub fishery with a good spread of fish throughout the whole river. The river attracts many species of birds and our fellow member, wildlife photographer and videographer, Hugh Miles, has recorded over 60 species in a year. It has many wild flowers along its banks and in summer time is alive with the sound of insects. It's a magical place for both anglers and ramblers.

A couple of downsides are:

1. The emergence of pennywort, a very invasive plant that soon covers the surface and deprives everything of light thus making the river devoid of life. The Environment Agency have cleared this menace in the last couple of years but it's a really difficult plant to totally eradicate.
2. We have great difficulty in bailiffing the river, so we are always on the lookout for a person or persons to help us with this. An active pensioner who

enjoys being outdoors in a great environment would probably be ideal. Any volunteers? We pay a generous commission on all ticket sales.

Finally, our new club books will be available in early March, buying one allows you to fish on Atkin's Water all year, get a discount on the day ticket price on Magpie lake and to fish on the wonderful River Cam in the fishing season of June 16th to March 14th inc. In addition to the Cam the club book also covers a small section of the Old West River and the lagoons at the Lazy Otter, the lagoons can be fished in the close season,

Hoping to see a few more of you on the banks this year, Tight Lines.

A Musical Marathon

Just before Christmas I heard the Radio Appeal where St. Martin in the Fields asked for help with the Homeless; not just in London, but in cities all over the UK. Having experienced first hand over the years the problems for women and men finding a deposit for basic accommodation I talked it over with my drumming pal, David Lynn. Between us we worked on a day on 25th January 2020 where musicians would be invited to play for part or all of seven hours between 10am and 5pm. Angela and Martin Ensell agreed we could use the Baptist Chapel stage and kitchen area. Under the guidance of Sheila Lynn, the W.I. with plenty of male partner support created refreshments, cakes and a hot soup and lunch. All for sale all day long!

With two drum sets on stage and fellow musicians arriving through the day we entertained and enjoyed a wide variety of jazz and blues. In addition, we heard the talents of Nate and his two friends with a Heavy Metal slot (not *too* heavy!) I had intended to play through the seven hours, but was fortunate to have David, and also Rob, sit behind the drums. We were so fortunate to have my good friend Paul Cook a highly talented pianist and keyboard player and a variety of musician friends on sax, bass and vocals. A twenty year old Churchill College student cycled to the chapel and back carrying his alto saxophone.

Whatever skills I am blessed with, business and finance are not part of them! But with others taking on this essential aspect of the fund raising Just.Giving.com could be accessed, and with this and the individual giving on the day we eventually topped £1000 plus, for this deserving cause.

Although a trifle weary the next day or so, I was so thrilled and encouraged by the support that made the day a success. Thank you all who came and listened and created a genuine atmosphere of warmth and fellowship.' The beat goes on.'

Norman Setchell

Waterbeach Cricket Club

Hello all, in the dark days of winter I'd like to think of sunnier times to come with spring and the new cricket season. First though I'd like to look back at the very fruitful season last year. Under the stewardship of our new captain Will Charlton we had great success in the League winning all our games and promotion to the third division. Atmosphere, enjoyment and the spirit of the game were evident for all our games but especially in the friendlies. Highlights included two games against Cottenham, always played in a great spirit; games against the Sun Inn and Sutton and an epic two innings Sunday afternoon game against Reach.

The final event of the season was a social evening (thanks to the Sun Inn) where the award for player of the season was given to Sukhmeet Singh (Sukhi) for consistent bowling in the League (12 overs, 48 runs for 5 wickets) and the Champagne moment was given to Prajwal Kumar for scoring the winning runs on the last delivery in the league deciding game against the Royal Society of Chemists. Thanks go to everyone who took part to make it such a good season. Over 30 batsmen and bowlers played over the season and the club couldn't continue without your ongoing commitment. Thanks also go to the parish council and their continued support for the club and maintaining the cricket pitches.

Looking forward to the new season, we will continue to play the midweek league games and midweek and Sunday friendlies. Over the winter and spring, we plan to organise some indoor cricket and net sessions before the new season starts. Efforts have been made to get a regular weekend team, but we do not have enough players available to do that this season. This remains a longer-term aim, so we are always looking to welcome new players for midweek (typically Wednesday nights) and weekend games. If you are interested in playing please get in touch, we'd love to hear from you no matter your ability or experience. We are a friendly sociable club and aim to get people out on the pitch and involved in the game – contact us via our Facebook page (@waterbeachcricket) or e-mail on waterbeachcricketclub@gmail.com.



Sukhmeet Singh receives the player of the season award from Captain Will Charlton

Waterbeach Day Centre

Denson Close Community Centre: Mondays & Wednesdays, 11am - 3.30pm

What we've been doing.... Before the Day Centre closed for the Christmas break over 30 of our senior citizens enjoyed a four-course Christmas lunch with entertainment and a visit from Father Christmas.

We are now planning activities for the coming year, and the next will be our ***Easter Sale....*** Saturday, 28th March from 2.00pm.... look out for our posters around the village. Come along, lots of bargains, raffle, tombola, bric-a-brac, homemade cakes... and lots more!

Getting to know you.... We have a party planned with members of the Cottenham Day Centre later this month. We've been meeting up with other local days centres for the past few years... it's a great way to get to know our neighbours around the county!

What else do we do.... We meet at the Denson Close Community Room twice a week, on Mondays and Wednesdays, from 11.00 in the morning to around 3.30pm. A home-cooked two-course hot lunch is provided every day for our members - as well as morning coffee and biscuits and afternoon tea and cakes - all for £5.00. There are organised activities to join in with, as well as catching up with old friends and neighbours - or making new ones! Costs are kept low through grants from the Waterbeach United Charity, Waterbeach Parish Council, and Cambridgeshire Community Foundation (CCF). The Day Centre is extremely grateful for the support of these bodies. We have a membership list so that we know how many lunches to provide each day; members of the group can attend on one or both days each week. Where needed, transport to and from the Denson Close Community Room can be arranged. We are a Day Centre aiming to provide a social environment - and members are asked to attend for the whole period, not just for lunch only.

We still need volunteers.... Can you spare a few hours on a Monday or Wednesday? We are in desperate need helpers. It's not a huge commitment, just an hour (or two) a week.....please!

LocalGiving.com.... We have our very own web-page on LocalGiving.com. This is a national organisation which verifies the validity of voluntary groups and attracts donations from local businesses and individuals who wish to support local, rather than national, charities. Take a look at the website and find our page!

If you would like to know more about the Waterbeach Day Centre please contact Mary on 01223 564666. Or come along to the Denson Close Community Room - we'd love to meet you.

Cam Sailing Club

Ever thought of having a go at sailing - but don't know where to go or how to start?

The Cam Sailing Club is holding its annual Open Day on Saturday 9th May between 1:00pm and 5:00pm and everyone is welcome to come and have a go on a wide variety of boats - anything from small dinghies and half decker keelboats to larger sailing cruisers - the ones with cabins. There will be a number of instructors and club members available for advice on how to start sailing and get you out on the water. The whole day is free - just remember to bring some soft shoes. The club is situated just outside the village of Waterbeach heading towards Horningsea, after passing the railway station the Cam Sailing Club is just on the corner. You can check out details of the Club on our website <http://www.camsailingclub.org.uk>

Founded in 1899 the Cam Sailing Club has flourished for over a hundred years. The early types of boats sailed were lugsail wooden half deckers similar to those found at the time on established inland sailing areas like the Thames. Much of the early activity seems to have been centered around camping trips and sailing matches against other local fledgling clubs.



Early days of the Club – preparing to sail

The Club is fortunate to own its own grounds on a beautiful stretch of the Cam just above Bottisham Lock. In the early years several chalets were built on the club grounds and there are also a number of tent and caravan pitches so that many members stay over the weekend and longer during the summer holidays. There is plenty of space for boat storage and sail sheds/workshops for storing gear and maintaining the boats.

The clubhouse is the social heart of the club and provides changing rooms and showers, a small kitchen area and a large open social area with comfortable seating. The club holds several social events throughout the year giving plenty of opportunities for meeting other members

New members are always welcome. Membership is very reasonably priced and the Club has a selection of its own boats for members to use at no extra cost so you don't even have to own a boat to join in.



Laser dinghies racing on the Cam

Most of the dinghy sailing is on the stretch of water between the Club and Bottisham Lock. The larger sailing cruisers venture further afield and once through Bottisham Lock the whole of the Cam / Ouse River system is available to be explored. The cruisers also hold annual races to destinations as far as ten mile bank (about 25 miles downstream near Hilgay).

The club is accredited as a RYA training establishment and holds regular adult and youth training sessions awarding RYA qualifications. The Cam Sailing Club is an excellent place to start learning how to sail - being on the river you are never that far away from dry land and help is close to hand - a great confidence boost for younger beginners.

One of the highlights of the year is Optimist Week when 30 children camp out at the club for an intensive week long training session for absolute beginners to more experienced young sailors honing their racing skills.

If you are interested in taking up sailing the Club welcomes applications to join from potential new members - come along to the open day and talk to somebody about joining the club.

Happy Folks Club

Another winter goes by and we have been very busy. We had our very first Turkey and Tinsel holiday to Warners, Hayling Island. We took a coach load of fifty members and guests. They had such a good time we have rebooked for 2020! Also in the run up to Christmas, we visited Thursford and the show was one of the best we have seen. Once more, we have booked again for 2020! We also had our club Christmas Party with entertainment from Richie Munroe. Our thanks go to Eve Daily, Audrey Elwood and Rene Strong for doing the catering. Everyone agreed it was a very good spread! This was followed the next week by 'Carols and Cake'. Music was by way of the Salvation Army, our thanks to Captain Carol Baker and the band.

So, another Christmas came and went, we started back at the Beach Club and immediately began booking trips - the Galleria in February and the show 9 to 5 in London, in March. However, before that we had a small matter of our Christmas dinner at the No Hurry Inn at Upware to negotiate! All in all, a busy time for us.

We would like to thank the Beach Club and its staff for looking after us.

St. John's Waterbeach Wives

"If we didn't have Christmas, we would have to invent something else", someone famous once said, how right they were! Thank you so much to everyone involved with the lights and the tree on the Green, such a heart-warming sight coming home to the village on a dark cold night. Also for Carols round the tree on Christmas Eve, a great start to the festivities.

Our thanks to our Chris, for showing and demonstrating her exquisite lace work in October, and for leading the Flower Guild at St John's, the flowers at Christmas coupled with Ros' amazing Nativity scenes were stunning. To Tony for his expert First Aid training, so much we didn't know, hopefully we will remember all he taught us, and we will feel more capable in an emergency situation now.

Thank you to Peter from the National Trust, it is good to hear that the precious little Theatre Royal in Bury is still going strong with help, and to learn of other properties other than stately homes which the Trust owns and manages – some are pubs!

Also thanks to Fran Cook, Agriculture Director at the College of West Anglia, for telling us about the many changes in the industry which surrounds us, and the different ways farmers will be working the land in the future.

Due to technical difficulties, Clare was unable to bring her nutrition knowledge to us to put us on the right path food-wise, but she will be joining us in May. By then we will have finished off all the Christmas chocolates!

Thanks also to Sue for her time and patience attempting to guide us through the various stages of fairy making. Sadly although everyone had a good time, we were probably not up to scratch!

We enjoyed the Pantomime and then on February 5th we had another afternoon meeting, starting at 2.00 pm. Our last one proved popular with some members, so we thought we would try another during these cold months. There wasn't a speaker at this one, but the cake was well received!

Geoff Evans is coming soon with his latest adventure photographs from wherever he was last, in aid of his charity, Riding for the Disabled.

We also look forward to a visit from our local author, Guinevere Glasfurd-Brown, on March 18th. She is coming to tell us about her latest book "The Year without Summer" which is set in the time of the Littleport Riots.

We meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month except August, in St. John's Church Room which is attached to the Church. We welcome visitors and new members, if you need any further information please contact Sheila on 01223 475302.

STARS Children's Bereavement Support

On behalf of all at STARS, I would like to express our sincere thanks to you and all the members of Waterbeach Community Association for your very kind and generous donation of £880.00 towards the work of STARS, raised through the collection taken at 'Carols on the Green' on Christmas Eve.



Your donation will go towards STARS' work with bereaved children and young people in Cambridgeshire, providing counselling support before or after the loss of a parent, sibling or someone significant to them and reassurance and guidance for their families.

We are aware that children and young people need time to speak about their grief and start to make sense of what has happened to them, though this can be difficult when family members are coping with their own loss. Our counsellors help the children to tell their story; share their thoughts and feelings and realise these are normal for someone who is grieving; identify coping strategies and create their own memories. The counsellors listen and encourage young people to express their painful emotions and create memories through creative play and work and thus move on with their lives. Thank you so much again for all the kind and generous support from Waterbeach Community Association for the work of STARS that is very greatly appreciated.

Anne Streather - Service Manager

Waterbeach WI



We are holding a special *OPEN EVENING* on Thursday 2nd April at 7.30pm to give visitors a chance to find out more about our WI and what we offer members. We have for example a Book Group, Craft Group, Darts Team and Lunch Club. We are about to start a Walking Group and have more regular outings. We also have the opportunity to join in CFWI on trips, crafts and competitions.

Our usual meetings are on the second Thursday of each month at St. John's Church Room at 7.30pm. We usually have a speaker as well as a social time. Our March speaker is Julia Payne talking on Cold War Reminiscences and in April we have Dawn Cox from Wood Green.

You are very welcome to come and chat with members and have refreshments on April 2nd.

If you would like more information please contact Sheila Lynn 01223 860948 or 07713 148643.

Community Playgroup



My morning at Playgroup by Dylan aged 3

It's 9am and I'm waiting to go into Playgroup. I'm very excited to see what there is to play with today.

The doors open and I have a lovely welcome from the staff. The first things I do are hang my coat and bag up, and then find my name and photo for the board.

I look around the room and see a rail of costumes hanging up. What will I be today? A pirate, a fireman, a builder? I choose to be a doctor. Then it's time to go to the gym next door at the primary school. We walk round and I say hello to the school office staff as we go in. I get to run around and play with balls, hoops and bean bags. It's great fun. Then it's back to Playgroup for a snack. What will I eat today? Breadsticks, crackers, banana, cucumber? I choose to have rice cakes and apple. Now I'm ready to play again and I head for the play dough. At the end of the morning it's time for singing and a story. We all sit down together and sing The Wheels on the Bus. I love doing the actions of the wipers - swish, swish, swish. Next, we read Hippo has a hat. I love finding out what the animals buy from the clothes shop. Flamingo buys a bag! It's time to go home now. I can't believe everything I have done in a morning! I've had a great time

We are open from 9am to 3pm daily during term time. We take children from their 2nd birthday. 15 hours government funding is available to all 3 and 4 year olds and to qualifying 2 year olds and 30 hours funding is available to qualifying 3 and 4 year olds. We are situated in the primary school grounds in the centre of Waterbeach. Supporting our play-based learning, we offer weekly Forest School sessions, regular visits to Waterbeach Library and the school gym). Please look at our website and diary at www.waterbeachplaygroup.org.uk to find out more.

We are now taking bookings for Autumn 2020. If you would like to come and see what we do, please call Jacqui Woods on 01223 440769 (term time) or email us at info@waterbeachplaygroup.org.uk for a Prospectus and application form.



Beach Social Club

We hope you all had a good Christmas and New Year and that it continues in this year. We had a very busy time over the holiday, with the children's party, Christmas Eve disco and of course New Years Eve and all were a great success. That was followed by the over 60's Party, which as usual all tickets were taken and a good time had by all.

We are already fundraising for this year's charities British Heart Foundation and Alzheimer's. From year 2000 to 2010 we gave away £45,799.00 to thirty good causes, both local and national. I will get the last 10 years total for the next issue.

On December 19th we hosted a Beer and Carols evening with St John's Church. It was very well attended and everyone thoroughly enjoyed it. It started with a Christmas quiz and then went on to carols. You don't have to be a member to attend this function.

Our bar manager Kate left us last month. Trying to juggle work with a 7 year old, a 15 month old baby and commuting from Ely by train or taxi was becoming too much of a strain and we all wish her well. But, we have a fine replacement with Lyn, who lives in the village and she is fitting in nicely.

Following a recent meeting, we no longer allow Vapes or E cigs to be smoked inside the club after members voted to ban them.

We are also renovating all of the garden furniture, ready for Spring.

Future Entertainment

We are in transition with our entertainment, but we will ensure that a good variety of entertainment is booked and advertised on Facebook and other media and of course on the Club's notice boards. A Roy Orbison tribute act is being booked for April (date to be confirmed)

Keep up to date with our Facebook page and notices around the village and in the Club.

The Club is fully air-conditioned and has free WiFi. The 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).

Geoff Donovan – Chairman

District Councillor Update

Zero Carbon Communities Grant Scheme: The first successful applicants were announced in January which included the Waterbeach Cycling Campaign who were awarded £1200 to install bike racks in strategic places around the village. Other successful applications included tree planting, an Eco-Eats campaign and festival, and Cycle Repair Cafés. SCDC is aiming to open a new round of applications in June. If you are part of a local community group run by volunteers or know someone who is you may want to consider applying. The two main tenets of the scheme are that each application must demonstrate the following:

Community engagement around climate change and the environment AND a shift towards zero carbon emissions.

To find out more and get further advice, do attend the Zero Carbon Communities Workshop in the Council Chamber at South Cambridgeshire Hall, Cambourne, CB23 6EA on Saturday 7th March from 13:30 -16:30.

Community Chest Grant Scheme: This scheme is now open all year round and awards grants of up to £1000 to develop health and wellbeing. The committee meets every month so applications get assessed on a regular basis. An example of a typical application would be new toys for a playgroup; so smaller sums of money but nonetheless useful. So far this year £30 000 has been awarded to a variety of different community groups.

Disabled Facility Grant: Due to an underspend of this grant over the past few years and more flexibility in the rules governing it, householders, be they private homeowners or housing association or private tenants, may be eligible for a grant to better insulate their home or for other fuel efficiency savings like a new boiler. The grant is means tested so if you are receiving a benefit and live in a very cold and draughty home you may be able to receive some financial help. Please go to

<https://www.scams.gov.uk/housing/home-improvement-grants/> for more information.

Greater Cambridge Partnership - Waterbeach Greenway: The board of the GCP will meet on 19th February, so hopefully by the time you read this, the Waterbeach Greenway – the first phase of this cycle path and bridleway

– should have the go ahead. It is due to open in 2024 but we really could do with this off road route sooner so I have been pushing for the timetable to be sped up wherever possible. Further public consultation to follow on the more detailed design of the route.

A14 roadworks: As I write I have just received news from Highways England that the widening of this road is now due to be completed in the Spring rather than December 2020 so eight months early - great news all round. Some off-peak lane closures will still be in place during the Summer months as Highways England work on the sides of the carriageway with projects such as landscaping and re-planting.

If you wish to get in touch, contact me on 07956 528223 or email Cllr.Rippeth@scambs.gov.uk

Cllr Judith Rippeth

Military Heritage Museum

Waterbeach Military Heritage Museum is just under a month away from the first opening of the Museum in 2020 and looking forward to the new season. There will be a few changes inside the museum, particularly in the 39 Royal Engineer area. Trustees are working to make the changes and hoping for new artefacts shortly from the Regiment now in Kinloss. We hope you will appreciate the changes.



Also shortly to arrive will be a large model Bailey Bridge from RAF Wytton, surplus to their requirements. It will be interactive from time to time enabling the public to learn how these iconic bridges are put together.

Further display space is being considered which would enable more of the collection to be seen.

Other equipment expected are Army Cadet jackets and hats for children to dress up in. We thank the QM of the Cadets for these. The Cadet HQ is at the end of Denny End Road just before the traffic lights.

There will be some changes to the opening times as an experiment. The usual 1st Sunday and 1st Wednesday of the month March to October with the addition of Easter Monday and VE Day 8th May and Sunday 10th May. Further bank holiday openings will be considered at WMHM's Trustees meeting in May. Opening times are 10am to 4pm.

We also hope to be open during the Arts Festival during July.

Do come and visit us, see what is new. If you have any artefacts/photographs of the RAF and RE times at the Beach and would like to donate them we would be very pleased to receive them.

Adrian Wright - Chairman of Trustees

Waterbeach Youth Club (WAY)

Waterbeach and Landbeach Action for Youth (WAY) is an Open Access youth facility operating 2 nights a week, Wednesday and Thursdays 7-9pm at the Tillage Hall. The youth club is free of charge to any secondary school aged child. Members can sign in and out of the club as often as they please. We invite Year 6 students to join us from the Summer term.



2019 ended with a fantastic Christmas Party. The wonderful Salvation Army donated many gifts which the members enjoyed winning by playing in party games.

This term we were joined by students from Cambridge University's Student Community Action project who ran a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) competition to see who could build the best egg parachute. The eggs were launched in their parachutes from the balcony in the Tillage Hall and the scrambled eggs from the slightly cracked ones were enjoyed by us all!

Two PCSOs from South Cambs Police visited us in January to talk to the members about keeping themselves safe and out of trouble, covering topics such as knife crime, drugs and antisocial behaviour. The members were given lots of scenarios to think about and how the choices they make can have serious consequences even if they think they are not doing anything wrong. Positive feedback was received after the visit and the members have asked for a return visit for further discussions.

WAY also runs detached youth work funded by The October Fund. Two youth workers at a time patrol around the Rec and village during youth club hours to engage with young people who are not in the club. They enquire if the young people have any problems or concerns they wish to discuss. The detached work also includes working with organisations such as Urban and Civic to ensure that the young people are kept informed of what is happening with the new development and to inform them of potential job opportunities that may be available as a result.

All this work would not be possible without the support of a number of local people. Our Trustees attend bi-monthly meetings to oversee the work of WAY and to ensure guidelines are followed. They decide upon the best way to allocate the funding and ensure it is spent accordingly. We also extend a huge amount of gratitude to a small group of personal donors from the village who give a monthly donation towards our work ranging from £10 - £50. This helps us to fund the youth workers and resources required to run sessions the members enjoy. We really appreciate all their support.

If you would be interested in supporting WAY either as a volunteer, Trustee or financial supporter, please contact caroline.waterbeachway@gmail.com

Toddler Playgroup



We've had a busy start to the New Year at Playgroup. The children have really enjoyed exploring the outdoor area so far this term. They have been using various planks of wood to create dens and houses, using sheets to make a roof. The children have also been excited by all the Chinese New Year activities, as we looked at the year of the rat! The children have tried a variety of different Chinese foods, and I think it's safe to say that the noodles were their favourite, closely followed by the soy sauce! They also



enjoyed making Chinese paper lanterns, writing numbers in rice with chop sticks, making dragon masks and rat masks. The children also did a dragon dance in the garden with our very own Chinese dragon! The children loved dancing around the garden with it, taking it in turns to either dance as the dragon or playing drums and tambourines for the dragon to dance to. We're extremely excited about our new premises on the barracks site. The builders should be starting work week beginning 10th February. We're hopeful, that if everything goes to plan that the building will be ready by mid-May.

Our fundraising events are due to start shortly, with our first event this term being our Mother's Day Cake and Flower Stall. This will be held on the village green again this year, on Saturday 21st March. Be sure to pop along and get some yummy cakes or flowers, or better still both, for those special Mums! The following week we have our annual Auction of Promises, on Thursday 26th March. This will be held at The White Horse again, with bidding starting at 8pm. We're also pleased to say that our auctioneer friend, David Palmer, will be overseeing the bidding on the night. We hope to see lots of you on the night, coming to grab yourself a bargain, while raising funds for Playgroup.

Planning is also underway for the Waterbeach Running Festival 2020! The Running Festival will be taking place on the barracks again this year, on Saturday 16th May. Why not sign up to take part in the event, there will be

the 100m toddle, 2k, 5k and 10k races. We're also still looking for volunteers on the day too. For more information on the event, or to sign up to run or volunteer, please visit www.waterbeachrunningfestival.co.uk

There are still some spaces available at playgroup for children aged 2 ½ years - school age, during term time only. From the term after a child turns 3 years old, they're eligible to 15 hours government funded. If you would like any further information on what we have to offer at Waterbeach Toddler Playgroup please visit our website www.waterbeachtoddlerplaygroup.org.uk, email waterbeachtoddlerplaygroup@outlook.com or call 07808357729. Alternatively feel free to call into one of our sessions and speak to a member of staff.

Salvation Army



Mammoth Charity Sale 12th – 16th May 2020

Time is marching on and this year our Mammoth Charity Sale will open on:

Tuesday 12 th May	9am – 4pm
Wednesday 13 th May	9am – 8pm (Late Night Opening)
Thursday 14 th & Friday 15 th May	9am – 4pm
Saturday 16 th May	9am – noon (Closing Down Sale)

Refreshments available all day, every day. Admission 20p

The Salvation Army Hall is situated at 7 Station Road, Waterbeach and will be open to receive donations on :-

Saturday 9 th May	10am - 4pm
Monday 11 th May	10am - 2pm

We can collect!! Please tel. 01223 571477

We can sell anything except electrical goods, beds and artificial Christmas trees. Upholstered furniture must be in good condition and have the Kitemark, unless it is pre 1960. It would be helpful if toys with bits are packed in bags e.g. Lego, games etc. as it is very time consuming to sort and pack and annoying if bits get lost!

A mammoth thank you to all who donated, purchased and helped last year. Please come again this year! We are very grateful for any help, please telephone the above number or just come along.

Do come and browse and partake of our refreshments, we look forward to seeing you. Thank you for supporting us, which enables us to help others.

For information on our events watch out for posters and check our web site:- www.waterbeachsalvationarmy.org.uk

WASPS

Providing home-from-home childcare in the Waterbeach community for 22 years!

Happy New Year to you all! By the time you read this article the February Half Term Holiday Club will have taken place already, hopefully the children enjoyed the variety of play opportunities on offer throughout each day! Our next Holiday Club is over the Easter Holidays, (see details overleaf) if you would be interested in finding out more, please get in touch. We welcome children from other schools too at Holiday Club, they don't need to be a pupil at Waterbeach Community Primary School as we run independently to the school.



Following our Annual General Meeting last term, our newly established Volunteer Management Committee of parents/carers have settled into their roles and have been very busy supporting the club and working away behind the scenes. With input from the children, we will soon be looking at purchasing some new resources to enjoy in the outside play space. At our recent premises meeting with the Community Playgroup (with whom we share the building) we also discussed plans to tidy up the garden and outdoor projects to make the play space even more inviting and engaging, ready for the Spring and Summer! The Staff Team have also been busy, planning exciting activities and opportunities, and attending various training already this term. We were pleased to welcome Sam (Playworker) and Julia (Volunteer) to the team at the end of last term, Sam is working at both the Breakfast and After School Club and Julia volunteers at the After School Club each week. Both are settling in well to their roles. Sadly, we said farewell to Charlotte (Bank staff) as she completed her studies, we wish her all the very best in her new job and future career!

WASPS now have a Facebook page, 'Waterbeach After School Play Scheme – WASPS' our WASPS Logo is the profile picture, please like our page to find out the latest news and updates.

At the start of next term, we will begin planning for September 2020, so if your child will be starting school and you require before and/or after school childcare, please get in touch to find out what we can offer. We look forward to giving you a warm welcome!

There are currently job opportunities at WASPS to work on our bank staff as and when needed. Please contact Flor (WASPS Manager) for further details. All positions are subject to satisfactory references and an enhanced DBS check.

Holiday Club

Our next Holiday Club sessions will run at Easter, planned dates are Monday 6th to Thurs 9th April 2020. 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 please. Bookings must be made in advance and families must be registered with WASPS.

For future holiday club dates please refer to our website.

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. Please inquire to find out availability and book a place. We currently have some spaces available.

Contact us: For more information, please visit our website: www.waterbeach-wasps.org.uk. For Breakfast Club enquiries please contact zoebadcockwasps@outlook.com and for enquiries about After School or Holiday Club please contact florrodrigofidalgowasps@outlook.com. Telephone us on 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, please let us know.

Gardening Club

After a break in December, the Gardening Club got back into action with our ever-popular New Year Social. There was a really good turnout of members who enjoyed a meal prepared by the committee and some 'just-for-fun' quiz activities. Our programme of talks continued in February with our guest speaker, Robert Brett, who is curator of the Royal Horticultural Society's wonderful garden at Hyde Hall near Colchester. It was fascinating to learn about the way the garden has grown and the Society's plans for the future.



Members have been able to take advantage of the club's discount at King's Seeds and are busy planning their plants for gardens and allotments.

On March 19th we will be learning about the gardens of Hemingford and hope to follow this up with a visit in the summer. We're planning some joint outings with the WI who are also partners in the running of the annual Village Show. This year that event will be held at the church on Saturday September 12th. Watch this space for more details of the classes that you might like to enter. Remember that visitors are welcome at all our meetings (only £3 on the door)

Tithe Barn Landbeach

Our team of skilled craftsmen have been working hard over the last four months to repair and rescue the unique Grade II listed Tithe Barn, in Landbeach. Less than a year ago the Tithe Barn's future was uncertain and if the funds weren't raised the historic timber frame building was in danger of collapsing and being lost forever. The Tithe Barn's leaking roof was covered in a tarpaulin and it was in real need of some TLC.

We are over the moon that the repairs are due for completion within a matter of weeks. Thanks to our thatcher Jeff Helme and his team the roof has been rethatched, keeping as much of the historic fabric as possible, and now looks fabulous. Our



team of carpenters and brick layers from F.A. Valiant & Son, building restoration specialists, have worked tirelessly. The final sympathetic repairs are now being undertaken to the doors and brick threshing floor.

Gemma O'Shea, Chair of Trustees of the Tithe Barn Trust says "Of course, none of this would have been possible without the support from the wonderful public, as well as the National Lottery Heritage Fund, the Amey Community Fund, the Garfield Weston Foundation and the October Fund. We are truly grateful and can't wait for everyone to see the finished result at our next events."

We are holding some new events at the Tithe Barn this year, all made possible by money raised by National Lottery players. On Saturday 28th March 9.30am-12.30 'Histon Country pop-up market' will have handmade food and gifts on offer by local producers, at the Tithe Barn. Then on Saturday 4th April 11am-4pm we'll be holding our first ever Art Exhibition at the Barn. Local artist Maureen Mace will be exhibiting alongside the Cambridge Drawing Society and Rowan. Entry to these events is free. Visit <https://tithebarntrust.org.uk/learning/2020-events/> and pencil the dates in your diary for all our events this year

Keep Waterbeach Rural



The Parish of Waterbeach continues to experience a barrage of ongoing planning issues from the developers of the New Town Urban & Civic and Royal London Waterbeach Estates. I have been following the New Town journey for almost ten years. The original plan was that all vehicular access to the settlement would be from the A10. We are now in a situation where both developers hold “ransom land” preventing each to access their respective sites.

What is a ransom strip? A ransom strip is a small piece of land, generally strategically retained when a larger plot is sold. The purpose of retaining the strip is often a strategic guess that the adjoining land may be developed in the future and the strip of land can then become very valuable. This may be because the developed land cannot be accessed or developed unless the ransom strip area is bought or monies paid to access the land.

The implications of this at present is rather than accessing the whole of the new town site from the A10, traffic including construction vehicles for the proposed new station and housing on farmland to the east of the barracks will have to come through the village.

Ransom land is not illegal. It could however be perceived as ethically wrong that Urban & Civic and Royal London Waterbeach Estates, a consortium of local landowners, Turnstone Estates and St John’s College Cambridge, apparently driven only by profit seem to think that it is perfectly acceptable. It shows great disregard and a lack of respect for our communities. It is incredibly sad.

South Cambs District Council have on many occasions been advised during consultations that the surgery is under stress, the Waterbeach waste-water treatment works is at capacity. Huge investment is needed to ensure that there is enough electricity, the A10 is at capacity at peak hours. We all know the issues and concerns about traffic in and rat running through the village. We are in water stress. With climate change there is the possibility of the area being under water by 2050. We need joined up, responsible thinking to ensure that we have a sustainable future. We need assurance that finance will be available to fully fund the enormous cost of the huge amount of infrastructure that is necessary to enable growth.

We await public consultations on the proposed relocation of the Milton sewage works possibly to Waterbeach and for the Secretary of State to decide if an incinerator can be built at the Amey site to the north of the village and close to Chittering.

Jane Williams

Fen Edge Twinning Association

Following our visit in May 2019, one of our new members penned her thoughts below:

“Having lived in Waterbeach for more than a decade, it came as news to discover that the village is twinned with Avrillé, in the Loire Valley, France, as part of the Fen Edge Twinning Association which includes Cottenham, Landbeach, Rampton and Willingham. The Association has been happily twinning for twenty-one years and great friendships have been forged in that time.

Although my French is a bit rusty, I decided to give it a go and boarded the coach at Cottenham with about thirty-five others, ages eight to eighty: couples, families, and others like me travelling on their own. The visit took place over the May Bank holiday weekend and comprised a mixture of organised events and time with the host family.



After the extravagant celebrations for our 20th anniversary last year, the programme was more relaxed this year. In smaller groups, our hosts took us to see some of the local delights, including rose gardens, river cruises and the castle of nearby Angers. As always, our French host families welcomed us to their homes and treated us to delicious food, wine and company. Despite many different levels of French and English, we mixed together well at the dinner table and on the dance floor (at their version of a Ceilidh). Amongst the laughter as the EU election results came in, we were reminded of the importance of such links.

I came away absolutely heartened by the experience and would recommend it in a blink.”

As noted above, there are a wide variety of people, including children, who take part in the twinning. One of our regular younger visitors recently wrote: “I really like going to the twinning annually with Willingham. I love going as I have made some new friends, who I write to regularly. I also like trying new things which are not that common in England like food and games. Going to France and staying with some lovely hosts has helped improve my French speaking and become more confident with the language. This is why I think more people should participate in the twinning.”

The French return for the long May bank holiday weekend (7th to 10th May 2020) which appropriately coincides with the 75th anniversary of VE day. We are currently planning the weekend and would love to welcome new hosts to get involved.

If you would like to know more about FETA or how to get involved, please email juliagwilt@gmail.com. Another good way to find out more is to join our quiz night at 8pm on Friday 13th March at Cottenham Village College.

Waterbeach Cycling Campaign

We are a group of village residents interested in making our local environment safe and convenient for cyclists and pedestrians. We watch local developments, check planning applications and work with local councillors (Parish, District and County) to adopt policy and propose projects that move us towards a healthy and safe environment for cycling and walking.

We are delighted to have just been awarded a grant by South Cambridgeshire District Council to locate bike parks around the village. Bike parks, where a bike can be left with confidence, encourage cycling. There are currently a few locations with bike parks (Primary School, Railway Station, Doctor’s surgery and La Pharmacie). We would like more in central locations and the new grant will make this possible. We are conducting a short survey to get a better understanding of where you would like to see bike parks. Please go to <https://tinyurl.com/bikeparks> to complete our questionnaire. Thanks for your help!

The Greater Cambridge Partnership recently took feedback on the Greenways: pedestrian, cycling and equestrian routes into the City. The Waterbeach Greenway is a route planned to go from the village, run parallel with the railway to Cambridge North where it will join the City cycling network.

The project is likely to proceed in the short term, although planning, negotiation and construction may take up to four years. We're not sure whether this timetable can be accelerated, but we will be asking for delivery much sooner than that.

The New Town plans continue to take shape. We have been in discussions with Urban & Civic (developers of the Western half of the New Town) concerning cycling and walking. We would like to see a well planned system of routes that are available when the first houses are occupied. Such cycle routes into Waterbeach village and to the Mereway will mean that from the beginning of the New Town, cycling access to the station and local businesses will be of the highest standards. We have been encouraged by our discussions so far. (The Mereway is part of the old Roman road, Akeman Street and will provide cycle access to the Cambridge Science Park.)

We would love to hear from you either to voice your general support or to raise a particular question about cycling in the village. Please check our web site, www.waterbeachcc.com.

Friends of Worts Meadow

As spring approaches and the weather starts to entice you outside, do visit Worts Meadow and Bourne Wood LNR here in Landbeach. We have so far this year arranged two public events and an illustrated talk at our AGM to which all are welcome. Make a note in your diary for:

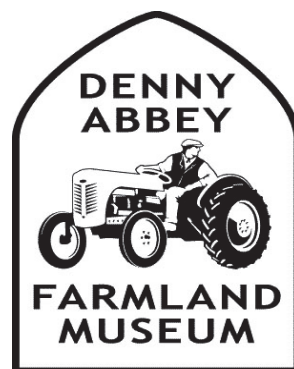
- ***Dawn Chorus*** walk and breakfast on Saturday May 2nd at 05.30am
- ***AGM*** and illustrated wildlife talk May 27th at 7.30 pm
- ***Pond Dipping*** on Saturday 29th August at 2pm

We will also be continuing with our work parties which are on the 4th Wednesday of each month (except August and December): March 25th, April 22nd, May 27th, June 24th.

If you take any photographs of wildlife in Landbeach, we would love to see them, especially those from Worts Meadow and Bourne Wood - we can add these to our database of species recorded. I am happy to help with identification for you. We record everything on the reserve from fungi and flowers to butterflies, birds and beetles!

FOWM volunteers help with the practical management of Worts Meadow Local Nature Reserve in Landbeach. 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, to send in wildlife photographs, or to be added to our email list, contact Frances Dipper on 01223 861836, frances.dipper@sustenergy.co.uk.

Farmland Museum



As ever at the museum, we have been busy while closed for the winter. Lots is happening on site as our volunteers change displays, clean up machinery and do all the odd jobs that build up over the season, ready for opening day on Wednesday 1st April.

We'll be open every Tuesday to Sunday from 11am-5pm with a series of exciting events throughout the year. In the Easter holidays, we will have our regular drop-in family craft afternoons each Wednesday and Thursday from 1pm-4pm.

On Easter Monday, 13th April, we'll be open from 10:30am for a day of Easter Family Fun. Take the Easter trail around the site - the perfect opportunity to pop in and see some of the new displays we've been working on over the winter - and collect a prize; have a look at some traditional crafts; and take a tour of our historic Abbey.

Once again, we will be celebrating May Day in traditional Fen style at the museum. On Sunday 3rd May, come along to see performances by the Ely and Littleport Riot Ladies Border Morris Dancers and perhaps have a go at dancing yourselves, round our fabulous maypole. All ages welcome, no experience necessary!

There's always a warm welcome at the museum and lots to keep visitors of all ages entertained. All tickets are annual passes, which means you can come back as many times as you like over the season to see those bits you didn't have time for on your first visit, or just return to enjoy the serenity with a coffee and piece of cake from our cafe.

We also welcome group bookings and visits from schools and pre-schools. We can arrange catering, activities or tours, or you can come as a group for a self-guided visit. Please get in touch if you'd like to know more.

The museum is run by a very small team of staff, which is complemented by around 30 regular volunteers. We simply could not operate without the dedication of these fantastic helpers! This season we need people who can sell tickets in our shop, help on busy event days, support school groups, assist with maintenance and cleaning... if you have a skill, we can put it to use. Volunteers are welcome to come each week, or just to pop in and help on event days.

Please do get in touch if you'd like to know more about anything you've read above. Email info@farmlandmuseum.org.uk or call 01223 860 988.

Beach Sessions

Beach Sessions announces two new concerts in village

Since 2011 Beach Sessions has been attracting hundreds of bands and songwriters from the UK and beyond, to perform in the village. The events are promoted and put on by a group of Waterbeach folk who are passionate about staging high quality musical events which attract locals as well as music fans from much further afield - even from abroad!

After many sold out shows Beach Sessions is once again about to transform the beautiful Baptist Chapel into an intimate venue for 2 special shows in the Spring and Summer. The first show, on Saturday 25th April, sees Jordan Mackampa make his first village appearance with his band as part of an extensive world tour. A London-based singer/songwriter with Congolese and Midlands roots, Jordan has developed a unique indie/soul/blues-soaked sound. His music combines catchy melodies and heartfelt lyrics to create a soulful sound which will enchant and uplift in equal measure. Discover more at JordanMackampa.com but don't hang around as tickets are nearly sold out!



Our summer treat on Saturday 20th June features John Bramwell from I AM KLOOT, who returns to the village with a few musical friends. John has previously sold out 2 Chapel Sessions and has gained many fans in the village. He'll be performing songs from his iTunes number one album "Leave Alone The Empty Spaces" and songs from his illustrious back catalogue as songwriter with I AM KLOOT, as well as new tracks from his forthcoming album "The Light Fantastic". You can also expect the usual mishmash of bizarre stories and quirky humour in an evening sure to delight.



Join us and discover amazing original music on your doorstep! Tickets for both sessions are available from www.cambridgelive.org.uk/tickets

Waterbeach Baptist Chapel



Sundays

10:30am - Join us for an hour and half of contemporary worship and Bible preaching, topped off with tons of cake!

The Beach Hut, for crèche to youth, provides a fun environment to learn about God.

Tuesdays

Tuesdays@WBC 7:45pm - a varied programme of bible studies, prayer evenings and film nights.

Wednesdays

Chatterbox 1:30-3:30pm - Playgroup for under 5s: everyone is welcome to join us for a chat. With tea and cake, activities and crafts, play, Bible story time, and songs, there isn't a dull moment!

Thursdays

Women's Bible Study 9:30am - this is a chance for women to get to study God's Word during the day when their evenings might not be as free, as well as a time to deepen friendships.

Pastor's Drop-In 10:30am - pop in to the chapel for a cup of coffee and a chat with Pastor Martin about anything and everything.

Coffee Morning 10:30am - a time for tea, coffee and biscuits and a chat. Bring along a craft project or a table game to play with someone.

Foodbank 10:30am - hosted in the Chapel.

20's Home Group 7:00pm - meets for food and Bible study.

Easter Adventure Trail - Saturday 4th April 10:30-12:30

Remember last year when the village was full of families on one giant adventure trail? Well, we're back again!

For a free fun morning with all the family, start at the Chapel and follow the trail around Waterbeach for lots of fun activities and puzzles!

Children must be accompanied by adults.

For more information on all of the above:

www.waterbeachbaptist.org - waterbeachbaptist@hotmail.com

01223 862494 - Facebook: Waterbeach Baptist Chapel

Waterbeach Charities

Waterbeach United Charities/Waterbeach Turbary - Secretary

A vacancy exists for a Secretary for the above two charities. The current post holder has been carrying out the role for the past 14 years and wishes to retire. The job entails working a couple of hours a month on average. The post pays a small honorarium.

For further details please contact Susan Wilkin, Secretary on 01223 860295 or Pam Gooding, Chairperson on 01223 861003.

Waterbeach Village Society

Waterbeach Village Society arranges a series of talks on the 4th Wednesday of the month from September to May each year, on subjects not only confined to the Cambridge and Waterbeach area but also further afield. Recent subjects and speakers have been: -

Motoring in Cambridge 1919-1929 presentation by Mike Petty, Mackays - a local Family Business by Duncan MacKay, Cambridge Green Badge and how to put a car on the roof of the Senate Building by Gordon Hannah and Andy in the Andes by Andy Clarke, local resident of Horningsea.

Future meetings

Wednesday 25th March - Coping with Plague, Public health and epidemics in pre industrial Europe by Prof. John Henderson (local Historian)

Wednesday 22nd April - A different life – two years in Ethiopia by Rob Guyton

Wednesday 27th May - Cambridge Railway Stations by Roy Stoner

June 6th is Waterbeach Feast and the Village Society stall can be found at the Old Fire Engine House on the Gault.

Watch out on Facebook, both Waterbeach Babbles, and in the village notice boards or in shops for up to date information.

The Village Society meets September to May on the 4th Wednesday, 7.30pm for 7.45pm in St John's Church Hall, Station Road, Waterbeach, parking behind the church. Membership is £12.50 p.a. and visitors are £3 per meeting. Refreshments afterwards, which give an opportunity to talk to the speaker. You are sure of a warm welcome and if you are new to Waterbeach, meet new people and sometimes learn about the area and its characters and further afield.

If you would like to contact us please email adrianj.wright@ntlworld.com or tel: 01223 861846.

Update from Lucy Frazer MP

As we start a new year, I wanted to take the opportunity to update you on a number of projects I worked on during 2019. They include supporting our infrastructure, increasing our school funding and tackling crime. Of course, I have worked on a number of other projects too but it is impossible to mention them all!

I spearheaded the campaign for improvements to the A10 and so I am delighted that the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority has applied for £264.2m to dual the Ely to Cambridge section, and a further £37m for junction improvements on the same stretch. I have supported these bids.

It is important that pressure is kept on finding a solution to the A10 traffic as well as consideration of the environmental concerns and I will continue to highlight its importance to my constituency and the wider area.

We all know that education can be the key to social mobility so I have continued to campaign for fairer school funding and regularly meet with Ministers to press the case. Since I was elected our constituency has received £9 million more for our schools. Following this, I arranged for headteachers from across Cambridgeshire to meet with Schools Minister Nick Gibb to discuss the need for further funding. As a result of this campaign and other work which I and others have done with teachers and parents, the Government recently announced a further £14 billion nationally. For example, Waterbeach Community Primary School will receive an increase in per pupil funding.

And it is fantastic news that Addenbrooke's will receive a share of £100 million funding to develop its plans for a state of the art rebuild, enabling the hospital to present a business case as the first step towards complete redevelopment which could begin as early as 2025.

As well as working hard on local issues I am thrilled to have had the opportunity to input into national policy on justice. Last July, I was delighted to have been appointed as a Minister of State in the Ministry of Justice with responsibility for Prisons and Probation. While my primary focus will always be representing the people of South East Cambridgeshire in Parliament, I'm honoured to be entrusted with playing a leading role in this important area.

Locally in Waterbeach, I had a great time visiting Denny Abbey and Farmland Museum. Religious worship here dates back to the 12th Century and the area around Denny Abbey has been farmed for almost 2,000 years.

Residents raised concerns about lack of reliable mobile signal on any of the major networks in parts of the village. I have met with the main providers about this, and Vodafone have taken steps to improve signal in the village and O2 are also looking at doing this.

On other issues, I successfully campaigned against proposed Waterbeach waste incinerator and I liaised with the MOD to secure improvements to the condition of the play equipment on Orchard Drive.

And after campaigning for superfast broadband for over 4 years I am pleased that 98.2% of premises in Waterbeach now have access to this speed of broadband.

I hold regular surgeries and am here to help with any issues you may have. Constituents who would like help with a problem or to meet with me at the next surgery should contact me by emailing lucy.frazer.mp@parliament.uk or calling 020 7219 5082.

To keep up with my work follow me on Facebook and Twitter or visit my website – www.lucyfrazer.org.uk.

Lucy Frazer QC MP, South East Cambridgeshire

Neighbourhood Plan



The pre-submission consultation of the draft Neighbourhood Plan has recently closed. We will be recording comments made against the various policies such as transport, the village “heart” around the village green, protecting green spaces, footpaths and bridleways. Promoting sustainable traffic movements and connectivity. Housing, jobs and protecting essential community services such as the surgery, safe walking routes to access the primary school also feature. The Neighbourhood Plan is a parish council and community initiative and has been shaped by community to identify what is important now and in the future.

We would like to say a BIG thank you to the Beach Social Club for kindly letting us hold our drop in sessions there as part of the pre-submission consultation. It means a lot to be part of our community.

The Waterbeach Neighbourhood Plan once finalised will be a legally binding document recognised by planning authorities and developers when submitting planning applications.

The Neighbourhood Plan steering group will keep residents of the parish informed as we continue through the various stages to get the plan “made”. For further information, if you would like to get involved on our final journey have a look at our website: <https://sites.google.com/view/waterbeach-neighbourhood-plan/home> or email NP admin and sign up for our newsletter: NPAdmin@waterbeach.org.uk

We are also on Facebook Waterbeach Neighbourhood Plan. *Jane Williams*

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

Email: waterbeachunitedcharities@gmail.com

Child and Family Centre


Your local Child and Family Centre has some lovely activities running. Please come and visit us. You can find us on the school grounds Waterbeach Primary School, High St., Waterbeach, CB25 9JU.

Some of our activities include a friendly and welcoming Baby Group Monday 1-2.30pm. Stay and Play (designed for toddlers but babies are welcomed as we have an inclusive baby zone too for those young siblings) takes place 10-11.30 every Wednesday. These groups are only £2 per family. In March we have the return of our very successful Baby Massage 4 week course only £20 (£5 per session is a bargain!). Please note there will be a little break in the middle, so the course will run 4/3 18/3 25/3 and 1/4. This course is designed to promote bonding, stimulation and relaxation for babies aged 6 weeks to 5 months. Our NEW advice drop-in with a family worker will run 26th Feb and 25th March from 1 to 3pm. You can book and appointment on 01223 472791. A monthly baby weigh clinic takes places every 2nd Tuesday of the month. This clinic is run by Health Visitors, but you can also self-weigh your baby at the centre on a Thursday from 10am.

For all groups and parenting courses check out our Facebook page South Cambridgeshire Child and Family Centres.

Craft and alpha

Every Thursday in St. John's, Waterbeach Church Rooms, from 9.30 - 11.30
Join us in asking life's big questions while Crafting!

alpha  is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation.

Interested? Then why not come along to this craft and alpha group at St. John's, a 'fresh expression' of Church. Not only can you create, learn and share skills, but the casual environment offers fun and friendship too, as well a chance to explore and express faith. This is a new venture for the Church and the group meets once a week during term time (car parking behind the Church). All forms of craftwork are encompassed. Just bring along whatever you are currently working on, perhaps make something from materials provided that week, or simply turn up for a coffee and chat and see what it's all about.

Attendance is free as is the tea, coffee and freshly baked cakes which are provided. All welcome.

For further information please contact Jane Oakes, [Tel: 07740282387](tel:07740282387) or Email: janemaryoakes@gmail.com

Beach Bowls Club

New members welcome. We already have more local residents who want to join us this year, but we really want further ones to become members. Ladies will be particularly welcome as we would like to join the Business Houses Mixed Pairs League in the future. So please contact anyone you know who are already members of the club or the contacts mentioned below.

In March we shall hold our usual meeting to discuss arrangements for the forthcoming season. This will include an Open Afternoon when current players and any other interested residents will be welcome. Details will be put up on notice boards in the village in due course. We welcome potential players who have not played before or only have limited experience. We hold afternoon roll-ups to give people the opportunity to learn the game and to enjoy themselves. We shall also be holding our usual early season competition for the Henry Burling Trophy. It is always an enjoyable evening. We shall then start the serious business of trying to have a successful season. We know we have won leagues and competitions over the past few years and we want to do so again. It would be great if experienced players from other clubs in our area or beyond would like to join us in our quest.

But it is not just about playing bowls. We recently held our annual informal dinner when a good number of members and supporters attended. This was held at the Sun. It was good for everyone to meet up during the dark days of winter and to have an enjoyable time.

Anyone wanting any information about the club please contact Terry Pauley on 01223 860600 or Chris Rushmer on 01223 861354

Fire and Rescue Service



Test your smoke alarm!

Did you know that you should test your smoke alarms at least once a month? Or that you should have smoke alarms on every floor of your home? Or that Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service do free home visits to make sure your home is fire safe?

Visit this website for helpful tips and advice: <https://firekills.campaign.gov.uk/>

It only takes one accident to start a fire. Fire kills. Let's prevent it.

Safe and Well Visits - Helping you to stay independent in your own home. Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service wants everyone in the county to be safe from fire at home and know how to escape safely if a fire starts. That's why we visit people in their own homes to make sure they have working smoke alarms and a good level of fire safety awareness to help prevent fires and save lives.

To help keep our communities safe we offer FREE Safe and Well visits across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

A Safe and Well visit is a home visit that lasts no longer than an hour, at a convenient time for you, carried out by trained staff. During the visit we will:

- Talk to you about fire safety in the home
- Check your property to identify any fire hazards
- Check that you have at least one working smoke alarm on each level of your home
- Fit FREE ten-year smoke alarms as appropriate
- Provide you with fire safety advice and show you how to test your smoke alarms
- Talk about escape plans, so that you can escape safely if a fire starts
- Provide advice, or link you into organisations that can help you, if you need support with other issues such as health, wellbeing or crime prevention.

To find out if you are eligible for a visit, call us on 01480 444500 or email us at firefire@cambsfire.gov.uk.

Like us on Facebook for regular updates www.facebook.com/cambsfrs or follow us on Twitter @cambsfrs. For more information or to get in touch contact us at firefire@cambsfire.gov.uk or on 0800 9179994.

Time for a Cuppa

A Waterbeach-based business is raising money for a national dementia charity by inviting local people in for a cuppa!

Eaton Bespoke of Blenheim House at Cambridge Innovation Park, Denny End Road, Waterbeach, is taking part in Dementia UK's 'Time for a Cuppa' fundraiser by inviting people in for tea and cake on Friday 6th March, between 10am and 3pm.

Local residents are welcome to pop in. There will be a raffle and games throughout the day.

Time for a Cuppa is the perfect occasion to get together with colleagues, friends and family over a cuppa and some homemade cake, whilst raising money to help dementia specialist nurses to support more families facing dementia, according to the charity.

Caroline Freeman, director of operations at Eaton Bespoke, which provides private care at home for elderly and vulnerable people, said:

"Time for a Cuppa is a lovely event which promises to bring people together, to share tea and cake, and to raise money for an excellent cause. Dementia affects several people in our care and so Dementia UK is a very worthwhile cause, close to all of our hearts."

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

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Other useful numbers:

BEACHES COMMUNITY CAR SERVICE	07807 875878
COMMUNITY WARDEN	07977 219403
DISTRICT COUNCILLOR	Judith Rippeth - 07956 528223
DOCTORS SURGERY – WATERBEACH	01223 860387
FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE - Non Emergency Calls	0800 9179994
LANDBEACH VILLAGE HALL	Anne Bullman - 01223 860692
PARISH PATHS GROUP	D. Armstrong - 01223 861586
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VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT	Maggie Crane - 01223 440560
WATERBEACH PARISH COUNCIL	Parish Clerk - 01223 441338
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WATERBEACH CHARITIES	Pam Gooding - 01223 861003

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



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