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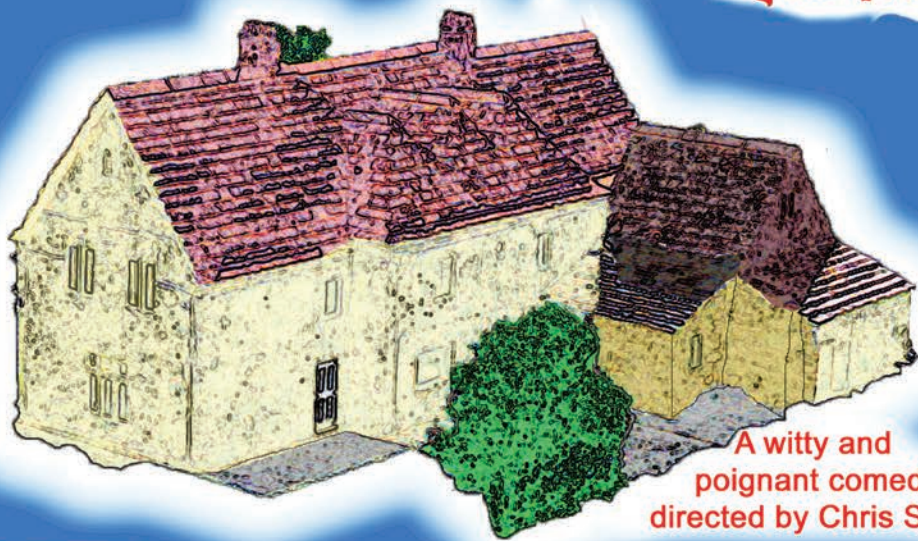


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Community Association



Hello everyone and welcome to the Spring 2024 edition of the Beach News.

Christmas 2023 – Thank you to everyone who turned out for Carols on the Green on Christmas Eve, it was a great turnout again and it's great to see the village come together during the festive season. I'd like to say a big thank

you to Pastor Martin Ensell and Captain Angela Wilson for leading the carols and to all the readers for volunteering to help. A loud thank you to the members of the Salvation Army band and Waterbeach Brass for providing the musical accompaniment. Thanks as well to Pam Clack, Mark Clack, Lee Clack, William Moon, Shirley Hayhoe and Nick



Burch, for organising and running the Carols and helping to put up and decorate the tree. Thanks also to Jeremy Brookman for standing in for me to do the introduction on behalf of WCA. The Carols on the Green would not be the same without our wonderful Christmas decorations, so thanks to Gary Langley for putting up, fixing and taking down the lights around the Green and to Bannold for transporting, erecting and removing the Christmas tree.

The collection during the Carols was held on behalf of Cam Sight, a Cambridgeshire charity which aims to support local people of all ages living with low vision and blindness to live the lives they choose. Your generous donations raised £896, a fantastic amount, thank you very much everyone for your contribution. You can contribute and find out more about this local charity at their website [<https://www.camsight.org.uk/>].

Feast 2024 – This year's Waterbeach Feast will take place on Saturday 8th June 2024. Planning has started and we are looking for volunteers who want to help, come up with some inventive ideas. To help with this we are organising a village social evening where people can come along and talk to the group that plans the Feast, and pass on any ideas and suggestions you have about the Feast (date and location TBC). Keep an eye out for more information on this and Feast planning activities on the Feast Facebook Page [www.facebook.com/waterbeachfeast/]. We also need volunteers to help us on the day of the event, to help with setting up, marshalling and clearing up. We're a small group that organises the Feast and we cannot run it without your help, so if you can volunteer to help for an hour on the 8th June, please get in touch.

The parade is at the heart of the Feast Day celebrations, we had some new groups walking last year and we'd love to continue that this year. Anyone is free to join the parade, local organisations, street parties, and family groups are all welcome. In our trip through the theme alphabet



Feast Parade 2023

we're up to something beginning with the letter 'P'. I look forward to seeing all your inventive ideas.

We're still looking for groups to take part in the arena, if you know of or organise a local group that would like to take part and show the village your talents – please get in touch. We plan on running the music stage again this year after the success of last year. We've had lots of suggestions for bands and musicians that cater to a wide range of musical tastes so we are looking forward to another year of great performances.

Spring Litter Pick – The next community Litter Pick is scheduled for Sunday 10th March, for more information see page 17.

I hope you all enjoy this edition of the Beach News, thanks for reading.

Email: wcachair@waterbeach.org.

Alasdair Pentland - WCA Chair

www.waterbeach.org , <https://www.facebook.com/groups/611204276784361>
<https://www.facebook.com/waterbeachfeast>

Community Playgroup



It has been lovely being back at playgroup and starting spring term 2024 together. We have enjoyed seeing each other following the Christmas break and meeting and making friends with new children who have started at playgroup for the very first time.

With spring in the air, although still a little chilly, we have been busy taking part in the Great Garden Bird Watch 2024. We learnt about the birds we can see in our garden and thought about how hard it was for them to find food in the winter months.

This led onto us making bird feeders using seeds, raisins, coconut and of course lots of lard. We also made some binoculars to help us watch the birds and while we were

at it, we cleaned and replaced the bird boxes in our garden, hoping to entice the blue tit families back once the weather gets warmer.

We have also enjoyed taking part in storytelling week, exploring some well-loved stories from traditional tales like the Three Bears, to much older stories like Whatever Next where we pretended to be bears going off to the moon in boxes, right the way through to some favourites like Dear Zoo and the Gruffalo.

As well as taking part in these celebrations we have continued to enjoy lots of other activities that help with our language and communication skills using role play invitations like the home corner, hairdressers, and shops. We have been developing our fine motor skills with lots of loose parts play and of course it wouldn't be Community Playgroup without copious amounts of messy play to explore.

It's amazing how much we have explored and learnt and this is all just in the first half term together, we still have so much fun and learning to come including exploring the seasonal changes, our very own kindness week, rolling out our brand-new home learning packs to support families learning together and so much more!

If you would like to find out more about what we get up to then why not head over to our website www.waterbeachplaygroup.org.uk

We are currently taking bookings for September 2024 (we do have some limited availability for summer 2024 too and are happy to put you on the waiting list if we cannot offer you the sessions you would like straight away) You can download an application form from our website, email us on info@waterbeachplaygroup.org.uk or alternatively call us on 01223 440769 and speak to Laura who will be happy to help.



Waterbeach Theatre Company

Thank you to everyone who supported our annual pantomime, *Dick Whittington*. We had four wonderfully lively audiences and we have received some lovely feedback from many of our patrons. The reviewer said "There were many fine performances". We are very proud of all involved.



Thank you if you purchased a raffle ticket which raised £250 for Versus Arthritis (formerly Arthritis Research UK).

WTC has received three NODA (National Operatic & Dramatic Association) nominations in the East Region for last year's productions, *Robin Hood*, and two for *Home I'm Darling*. Winners will be announced at the NODA Gala Awards in April.

WTC's next production will be Pam Valentines' poignant comedy *Spirit Level* at Waterbeach School 15, 16, 17 & 18 May. Tickets will go on sale on 1 March.

Advance box office 01223 880023. Online bookings at

www.ticketsource.co.uk/wcp (There is a per transaction booking charge)

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

Beaches Community Car Service

The Beaches Community Car Service, offering a voluntary service to take residents of Waterbeach and the surrounding area to doctors, dentists, hospitals and other essential appointments, began operating on April 1st 2009. This year we will be celebrating our 15th anniversary. A number of our team members have been with us since then; we are getting older and are not able to do as much as we would like. Over the years we have had a good number of drivers who have served willingly for as long as they were able. Four of the present five coordinators have been doing the job since the scheme started. They are not as young as they were! Now the supply of volunteers seems to be drying up. To enable BCCS to keep on providing the vitally essential service that we do, we really do need more drivers and coordinators. Coordinators don't necessarily drive but arrange the drivers for requested lifts. A mileage allowance is paid.

If you feel that you would be able to help, or would like more information about what is involved, please talk to one of our coordinators on 07807 875878 Or email the Administrator at m.dean@ntlworld.com for a friendly chat without commitment. BCCS offers an essential service for people who have no other means of getting to important appointments and it would be a great loss to Waterbeach, Landbeach and Chittering (also Milton and Horningsea) if this service could not continue due to lack of drivers or coordinators.

WASPS



Since our last article, the children at WASPS have enjoyed Christmas festivities at the club, we made decorations and took part in various arts and crafts, had an advent countdown, and enjoyed creating lots of festive edible treats too at our afternoon and Holiday Club sessions.

In December we had the carpet replaced at the Playhouse, the building is now looking great and refreshed following this and an upgrade to our children's toilet facilities in the summer and the purchase of our new chairs too! We have been working with Waterbeach Community Playgroup (with whom we share premises) to maintain and improve our facilities and environment for the benefit of all attending.

At our January Holiday Club children enjoyed writing thank you notes after Christmas, making and racing sponge boats, making bird feeders and taking part in bird watch I-spy. We also had a fantastic visit from The Animal Experience... which was very exciting!



By the time you receive your copy of Beach News the February half term Holiday Club will have already taken place and we will be busy preparing for the Easter Holiday Club! Holiday Club days run between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Full day, half day, and flexible bookings are available. Look out for our activity timetable coming soon or contact us for more information. Future Holiday Club dates are as follows:

Easter Holiday Club - Tuesday 2nd to Friday 5th April

Half Term Holiday Club – Tuesday 28th & Wednesday 29th May

Training Day – Monday 3rd June

Summer Holiday Club days will be shared soon!

We are very much looking forward to spending more time outside again in our garden through the spring and summer. Our garden area is in need of some

attention at the moment, if there are any keen gardeners who would be willing to volunteer their time to help tidy up the garden, we'd love to hear from you! Please get in touch on the email address below.

We always encourage parents/carers to consider joining our Management Committee, a warm welcome will be received, and it's a great insight into your child's childcare. The day to day running of the club is taken care of by the Manager and Deputy, with the committee supporting in the background. No previous experience is necessary as a smooth handover will be provided. To find out more please speak to a member of the team or email us. WASPS are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. All positions are subject to enhanced DBS checks (for paid or voluntary roles).

We asked some of the children to tell us what they like about WASPS. Here is what they said...

'I like playing football, it's good to have somewhere to play it!'

'The breakfast is good, toast is good. I like that you get to access the toys.'

'There is an outdoor area so young people can interact with nature.'

'I like playing on the monkey bars with my friends and I like colouring.'

WASPS has a Facebook page, @WaterbeachWASPS, please like our page to find out the latest news, updates and about our employment opportunities too. Breakfast Club runs from 7:45 a.m. until the start of school and After School Club runs until 6 p.m. on all school days. Please enquire to find out availability and book a place.

Contact us: For more information, please visit our website:

www.waterbeach-wasps.org.uk. For enquiries please email us wasps.waterbeach@outlook.com or telephone us on 07858 975397 during opening hours. Outside of opening times, please leave a message and a member of the team will return your call when convenient.

Waterbeach Turbary Charity (Reg No 201529)

Applications For Heating Grants

Applications are invited for heating grants from the above Charity. If you are resident in Waterbeach or Chittering and struggling to find the money for your heating bill then you can apply. To request an application form please contact:

- By post: Ms Shelley Mason, Secretary, Waterbeach Turbary Charity, c/o7 Cambridge Road, Waterbeach CB25 9NR.
- By email: waterbeachunitedcharities@gmail.com
- Alternatively, ring 07761 155881 and leave a voicemail message with your email address (or postal address if you don't have access to emails).

Completed applications, plus a cover letter, should be returned using the contact details above. Funds are limited so it may not be possible to accept all applications. The Charity is also unable to make ongoing commitments.

WAY



Waterbeach and Landbeach Action for Youth (WAY) is a free, Open Access youth club that operates two nights a week, Wednesday and Thursday from 6.30pm to 8.30pm at the Tillage Hall. This welcoming space caters to all secondary school aged children, drawing members from Waterbeach while extending an open invitation to young people from the surrounding villages.

During the Christmas holidays, our Activity and Food (HAF) initiative successfully engaged 43 young participants over the 16 hours that we were open. Our enriching activities included Christmas quizzes, making pottery decorations and video productions utilising our newly acquired green screen. Our HAF provision is a collaborative effort, jointly funded by the government to benefit individuals receiving free school meals and supported by the Waterbeach Parish Council, allowing us to extend its accessibility to all youth within the parish.



This term our regular Thursday night sessions have seen a decline in attendance from older members, presumably (we hope!) as they are knuckling down to revise for their impending exams. We have therefore taken the decision to broaden access on Thursday nights to all secondary school aged children. This now means that all of our members can now attend both Wednesday and Thursday sessions. We will closely monitor attendance and behaviour, with the potential to welcome new Year 6's after Easter – stay tuned for updates on our social media channels.

Elaine Hart, our very capable Lead Youth Worker, continues to head up our youth work team and is aptly supported by Leanne, Lewis, Megan and our Trainee Youth Worker, Hezzie. Their dedication to our young people is the key to WAY's success when many local villages are losing youth provision. We would not be able to run WAY without the incredible support we get from local residents - be it through volunteering or being on our board of Trustees. We continuously seek new individuals to contribute ideas and skills or assist us in any way. Regardless of background or profession, we encourage anyone with an interest in developing local provision for young people to get involved. Our Trustees meet 8 times a year and play a pivotal role in our development.

WAY is fortunate to receive financial backing from a number of local residents who have established standing orders, providing a constant source of funding for our youth club. As grants become more challenging to access and increasingly burdensome to administer, we express immense gratitude to these individuals.

If you are interested in supporting the sustainability of our youth club through a small donation or assistance with volunteering your help, please email caroline.waterbeachway@gmail.com for more information.

Caroline Ward on behalf of the Staff and Trustees @ WAY

Patient Participation Group

The Core PPG group meets monthly, via Zoom, with Bruce Abel, the Practice Manager at Waterbeach Surgery. At that meeting we are told of what is going on at the surgery re staffing, communications, vaccinations etc. and we are able to ask questions and raise concerns. If you would like to receive notes of the meetings, they are sent to all members of both the Core and Virtual PPG. All patients can be part of the Virtual PPG. If you contact me by sending an email to waterbeachppg@gmail.com I will add you to the group.

In addition, I can email you the health information in a newsletter that is published regularly by the Communication team at the Integrated Care System (ICS). This month for example, it gives advice to those waiting for surgical procedures, asks for views on NHS111 urgent care service, vaccination clinics for measles and the role of local pharmacies in giving help for common conditions.

*PUBLIC COMMUNITY MEETING ON HEALTHCARE PROVISION
IN WATERBEACH VILLAGE AND NEW TOWN
ON TUESDAY 26TH MARCH AT 7.30PM
IN THE BAPTIST CHAPEL*

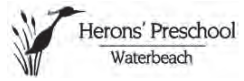
Waterbeach PPG are setting up a Public Community Meeting to ensure residents are aware and reassured about the plans for health care in the New Town and how it impacts on our health care provision in the village. There will be representatives from Urban&Civic, Malling Health (who run our surgery), and the Integrated Care Board (ICB), who run the provision of healthcare for all of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

We visualise that presentations will explain the plans for the future. We can submit written questions before the meeting and have an opportunity in an open forum, too.

I look forward to hearing from you about joining the Virtual PPG.

Viv Cooper (Chair Waterbeach PPG)

Herons' Preschool



In January we celebrated being in our beautiful building for 3 years- how that time has flown by and the changes and improvements that have happened during that time have been huge! And we are still improving and evolving to make our preschool an exciting and happy place for all.

Did you know at Herons' we have.....

Our own Forest School! - Here at Herons' Preschool, we have set up our own Forest School and you will find our site on the Preschool grounds, using our trees and natural environment. Sessions take place twice a week on a Monday and Wednesday afternoon and the Forest School sessions are available to all the children, they access it all year round no matter the weather. Children are given the time to explore and to be individuals, to take responsibility over their own beliefs and attitudes, to look further into nature and their environment.



Behind the experience's children can benefit from social skills and empathy for others, by working in groups or as individuals, being valued and respected by the people around them and achieving a deep level of learning.

We aim to help the children to be happy, confident, resilient individuals ready for the big wide world.

We give the children the opportunity to problem solve, use tools, play in the mud, climb trees and to look at their environment in a different way - We love Forest School at Herons'!

Fish - At Herons' we have an amazing round fish tank with 4 fish - names keep changing and it's hard to figure out which one is which! We decided to add the fish tank to our preschool to aid the children learning and to help create a calm area. Fish can help with calming emotions and watching them gives the children a few minutes to think - the bubbles are very mesmerising! The fish also help the children to look after something other than themselves - they know that the fish need to be fed and why.



Herons' Holiday Club - We started the Holiday Club last year and this takes place in the Easter and Summer holidays. We added this to our services after listening to parents needs and seeing a need in the village for this type of

provision for preschool children. We have a great time at our Holiday Club with lots of different activities including cooking every day and every afternoon is filled with exciting Forest School sessions including cooking on the fire.

Date for your diary - Just to let you all know, we have our Mother's Day Stall again this year. We will be on the village green on Saturday 9th March selling beautiful planters and cakes for you to buy for those special people! Please come down and support us if you can.

Do you want to know more about our fabulous Preschool? Have a look on our website www.heronspreschoolwaterbeach.org or contact us on info@heronspreschoolwaterbeach.org

Waterbeach Day Centre

We're still desperately in need of a new treasurer to keep us going after our AGM at the end of March. We also need new members; a couple of our members have written what the Day Centre means to them.

'I go to the Day Centre at Denson Close, Waterbeach twice a week on a Monday and Wednesday. I must say everyone is very friendly. There is a lovely atmosphere. Would be nice if more people could join us. We have a two course meal cooked for us, with tea and cakes in the afternoon, also entertainment. Do make an effort to come and join us please.'

'Why I come to the Day Centre - Most people here know each other and are comfortable talking about local situations with local people. I am an incomer, someone who was so unable to mix with anyone, 10 years looking after a husband with Alzheimer's deprived me of social activity and moving to Chittering left me totally isolated. I needed a real push to get beyond the mental block of mixing, or even talking to anyone. The group here I feel, needed an effort as I did, to actually help me and eventually include me, and I found even if I didn't know anyone, I enjoyed listening and even learning about other people's lives. Gradually I found myself feeling more comfortable amongst a group of people that I had nothing in common with. My life had been one of isolation and a life of non-contact, so I thank the Day Centre, all who run it and my kind driver Peter, who without him I would be unable to come here. This place has not only given me the company I need in my life, but I like to think has radically changed my attitude and capability, I once more mix with people who make me laugh again.'

'We have delicious home cooked meals amongst lovely people in a comfortable and warm place. Afternoon tea and cakes.'

At present we are only meeting on a Wednesday 10-30 till 15-00 until we get some new members, this is to keep the cost of the day down for the members. If you would like more information and like to join us, please contact either Mary on 01223 564666 or Shirley on 07767 793505.

Waterbeach Community Market

Well, it's been a while since we last had a piece in the Beach News. Since our last piece we have moved to our new premises at the Terraces on the former Waterbeach Barracks, also home to Summer at the Beach Arts Festival. Our market is expanding, with themes this year for most months. We hold our markets every 3rd Sunday of each month throughout the year. We celebrated our 4th Anniversary in December, hopefully many more years to come!

A recent addition to the market is our minibus service that collects people from the Village Green to the Market and timetables will be out and about the village. The minibus is free but a donation towards our charity of the year is much appreciated.

We also have live entertainment, from singers, buskers and DJ's providing a nice atmosphere to shop and meet your friends and family. We have free parking, free entry and dog friendly too!

Our market traders vary throughout the year and our markets are never the same! We

like to support local businesses and also offer local charities a free stall each month to spread the word or fundraise.

Our market is for the community, run by the community. We offer food, drink, gifts, pet treats, vintage, jewellery and much, much more.

For more information, please see our Facebook page or drop us an email to waterbeachcm@yahoo.com. Our markets are held every 3rd Sunday of each month at the Terraces on the Former Waterbeach Barracks 10am-3pm. So please come along and see what we can offer you.



The National Hyacinth Collection Open Days

Sat 30th and Sun 31st March 2024

11am - 5pm

Admission £3 ~ Children Free

Burgess Drove, Waterbeach (Off Bannold Road)

The world's largest collection of hyacinth varieties (240)

Ample free parking ~ Toilets

Refreshments ~ Plant Stalls

Military Heritage Museum



The museum tells the story of the former airfield from 1938 when Winfold Farm land was bought for a war time airfield and then the RAF arrived in 1941. The Royal Engineers took over in 1966 until they left Waterbeach in 2012. The site is now being developed as Waterbeach (New Town).

WMHM Open on the following dates:

April:	Wednesday 3 rd ,	Sunday 7 th ,	Sunday 21 st
May:	Wednesday 1 st ,	Sunday 5 th ,	Sunday 19 th
June:	Sunday 2 nd ,	Wednesday 5 th	Sunday 16 th

The question always asked, will the Battle of Britain Flight be going over the Feast on the 8th June this year? Sorry to say no as Trooping the Colour is the following week, Saturday 15th June. However, 514 Squadron RAF who flew Lancaster Bombers out of Waterbeach, will be holding their annual reunion on that day in the hope the Lancaster Bomber will fly over on its way to Buckingham Palace. I will be asking the 514 Squadron Reunion organiser to request a flyover the village as well if possible. Fingers crossed!

Thanks to grants from Waterbeach Community Association and Waterbeach Parish Council the Museum is shortly expecting the arrival of four new display cabinets which will enable us to display more artefacts. Unfortunately, there has been a delay at the manufacturers end, experienced by several companies supplying cabinets.

Whether it be the RAF or RE's they were mostly male, but there were women. The RAF had the Women's Auxiliary Air Force (WAAF). From the records held about the 514 Squadron there seemed to be about twelve or so attached to Waterbeach, although in the picture there are fourteen. Their roles were secretarial including telephony, driving, and supporting the plotting of aircraft. In the museum we have only a small collection of artefacts used by the WAAF's



who served at Waterbeach and we are trying to build up the display. Does anyone know of any families in the village or surrounds, or even further away, who's relative was a Waterbeach former WAAF? If so, point out this article to them. Maybe they recognise or could name some of the WAFF's in the photograph. We also have some other good photographs, including some of the ladies joining in camp entertainments shows.



514 Squadron Concert Party

Our partnership with Duxford Radio Trust (DRT) is strengthening. As the months go on, we hope to be able to display artefacts, some more working and interactive. The museum trustees are keen to display Royal Engineer communications equipment such as 'Clansman' and 'Larkspur'. Former serving Sappers will remember this communications equipment. Many adults and children have enjoyed using the Morse Key and receiving a certificate for signing their name correctly. It has been good to have Brownies, Guides and Scouts groups have a go.

email:waterbeachmilitarymuseum@waterbeach.org

Website:www.waterbeachmilitarymuseum.org.uk Follow us on Facebook
We look forward to you visiting us.

Adrian Wright - WMHM Chairman

Gardening Club

Waterbeach and District Gardening Club members enjoyed their New Year Social event held in St John's Church Room in January. A hot meal was provided by committee members, with help from some willing volunteers and some 'just for fun' quiz activities were provided for entertainment. We look forward to this opportunity to share an evening with friends every year.

The programme of talks resumed in February with a visit from Lucy Skellorn who spoke about 'My Family and Other Irises'. She lives near Stowmarket and is the great, great, grand-daughter of Sir Michael Foster who produced many new varieties of irises. She now holds the official Foster iris collection in her garden.

In March we will be visited by Nigel Start who will be giving us advice about what to prune and when to achieve the best results. Twigs Way will be our speaker in April and will be explaining the history of the grounds of Belhus House near the M25 in Essex. Our final talk before the summer break will be in May when Gary Matthew will be telling us about the gardens of Easton Lodge.

Visitors are welcome at all our meetings (£5 on the door) and new members can join for a reduced rate during the year. Our meetings start at 7.45pm in St John's Church Room on the third Thursday of the month.

Cam Sailing Club

The Frostbite Spoon was competed for on Boxing Day, followed by a welcome hot soup and a festive catch-up in the clubhouse afterwards. This was the last sailing event on the 2023 Fixture List.

With winter being very wet this year it was no surprise in early January to see the club grounds flooded when the river topped the slipway and quickly cut off the dinghy park. The majority of the dinghies were securely fixed and stayed put, though a few floated from their moorings but fortunately stayed within the club grounds. As the clubhouse is built on slightly higher ground it invariably stays dry, as it did again this year.

2024 is going to be a significant year for the Cam Sailing Club as it is celebrating its 125 year anniversary. There will be special sailing and social events held to mark this achievement, all to be revealed when the Fixture List is sent out to members soon.

However, before the sailing season begins the trees need to be pollarded and everything given a bit of a Spring Clean before early March when the dinghies will come out of the sheds and the cruisers put back on their moorings.

If you are interested in finding out more about Cam Sailing Club, please visit the website: www.camsailingclub.org.uk or email: secretary@camsailingclub.org.uk

History of Cam Sailing Club Part 4. The Twenties

In 1920, the river by the open clubhouse was filled with dinghies and cruisers

so that members might hear the vicar of the Round Church Cambridge give thanks for Victory and Peace and to bless an oak memorial for the five members who had lost their lives during the war. The plaque, with two names of Second World War heroes added, now holds a place of honour in the current clubhouse.



The Dinghy Park



In 1922 the Act of Parliament was set up to form the Cam Conservators whose jurisdiction was extended as far as Bottisham Lock. Licence fees for boats were authorised and became payable by club members. In 1924 the Conservators dredged the river and the Cam Sailing Club agreed to guarantee the sum of £25 towards the loss of grazing on the fields where the spoil would be deposited. However, the dredging was only partially successful since in July 1929 all racing was abandoned due to the weeds in the river.

Despite the decline in general racing the summer regattas continued and were very well attended. An innovation was the split regatta with a weekend regatta at Waterbeach followed by a three day regatta down the river. Matches were arranged against the Cambridge University Cruising Club which was the first time they had ever sailed in a match other than against Oxford. Also in 1924 the first 'golf', or what we would call putting, took place during the regatta weekend at Waterbeach. Golf on the main lawn was to become an important event and later a full nine hole putting course was laid out.

The club grounds had also fallen into disrepair during the war and great efforts were made to restore them. Flower beds were replanted and general repairs were made. A Ladies Pavilion was built on the site of the present clubhouse at a cost of £75. This was largely paid for by fund-raising by the ladies. This pavilion was a substantial structure built on high piers so that boats could be stored underneath in the winter. Curtains were fitted across two corners of the room where females could modestly change their attire for sailing.

Access to the club was now from the road instead of solely by river. Though the Waterbeach Lode still had to be crossed using a rickety punt at first poled across the dyke and later pulled with chains. Along the bank by the track there were up to eight houseboats moored. The main club lawn was kept roped off for the early season so that the hay crop could be taken. Also, at this time, a small piece of land was leased for car parking. In 1922 Mr. Shipp, the owner, was paid £1 a year for parking. By 1924 the field had changed hands and was now owned by Mr. Warrington. The land became known as Warrington's Meadow. Negotiations with him over car parking were unsuccessful and the club didn't have any proper car parking for years afterwards.

In 1924 what was to become a club institution was started. Three clubs, the Cam Sailing Club, the Cambridge Motor Boat Club and the Cambridge and County Motor Club came together to hold an Annual Ball. Known as the Three Clubs Ball this became an important annual event on the Cambridge scene during the 1920's and 1930's.

Waterbeach Bowls Club

During the winter a good number of our members have played indoor bowls at the Chesterton Club mostly in the league for outdoor bowlers. Whilst a learning curve for many of us it has been enjoyable and many of the games have been close fought. A few of us have also taken part in the Cottenham Bowls Club's short mat league. This is something we are happy to do and again many close games are played often with success. We have also arranged for members to get together for a meal which should be enjoyable.

It is the time to look forward to the next bowls season and whilst it is still in the future there is much to do before the first woods are rolled. Work will, of course continue on the green and its surroundings with members doing what they can to help. We shall hold our usual meeting to collect subscriptions and decide what still needs to be done before and after the season begins. We look forward to our roll ups and first games of the new season, the first of which is arranged for the end of April. We also need to hold the final of our pairs competition which could not be played last year. All this will take place under the name of Waterbeach Bowls Club to which we have reverted.

The Outdoor Bowls Season starts soon, it is great so many new to bowls came to our Open Days last year and decided to become members. We would like more people to enjoy playing on our excellent green at our friendly club. The new members last year have enabled us to form a new team in one of the leagues we already play in.

Waterbeach Bowls Club will be holding an Open Day on our Green on Waterbeach Recreation Ground on Saturday 25th May - 11am to 5pm. Young and old are welcome, males and females alike. We have woods available for you to try to see if bowls is for you. Please wear flat shoes.

Details will be found on Facebook nearer the time and on notices in the Community Association boards. The Open Day will coincide with the Colts Football competition. Anyone interested will also be very welcome to come to our pre-season or other roll ups. Again, details will be on Facebook or just call Chris Rushmer on 07712 940184 or Pam Black on 07751 730357 who will be pleased to tell you what is going on.

Many of you will know that we have been in discussions with Waterbeach Parish Council about a new building for the bowls club. Unfortunately, until now there has been no action to see construction take place. However, we are hopeful that recent discussions will finally lead to real progress. The bowls club will certainly do what it can to assist in the process.

We look forward to seeing participants and spectators during the season.

Spring Litter Pick

10:00 to 12noon on Sunday, 10th March

The Way Project and Waterbeach Women's Institute are organising a Spring Litter pick on behalf of Waterbeach Community Association with sponsorship from Urban&Civic. We hope that you will join us to spruce up our village.

Perhaps you, your family or your group could come along? Everyone is welcome.

The children who came along in October found it fun to help and they enjoyed the refreshments afterwards!

Meet: At the Community Room on the Former Barracks site.

What3words location: [///watching.backpacks.bypassed](https://www.what3words.com/#!/watching.backpacks.bypassed)

Equipment: Please bring your own litter pick if possible, but we do have some litter picks you can borrow. We provide strong bin bags. Gloves are a good idea too. Please bring some if you feel that you need these.

Duration: Pick for 2 hours

Routes: Assigned on the day for suitability.

Rubbish Disposal: There are designated drop-off points, so you do not have to carry a load for long.

Refreshments: Meet at noon in the Community Room for cake, biscuits and hot and cold drinks courtesy of Urban&Civic.

Hoping to see you on the day.



Waterbeach United Charities (Reg No 201528)

Waterbeach United Charities provides financial support or pays for services that help to alleviate the situation for individuals residing in Waterbeach Parish who are "in need or distress".

Electric Wheelchairs - We have a number of electric wheelchairs for those in need. If you would like to be considered please ask for an application form.

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:

Ms Shelley Mason, The Secretary
Waterbeach United Charities, c/o 7 Cambridge Road
Waterbeach, Cambridge CB25 9NJ

Email: waterbeachunitedcharities@gmail.com

All personal applications are confidential.

Girlguiding in Waterbeach



We have exciting programmes planned for the run up to Easter and beyond for our Rainbows, Brownies and Guides. Our young members continue to flourish with many girls moving up through the units learning new skills and building confidence as they grow.

We have enjoyed celebrating several spring festivals, having fun with dragon-themed activities for Lunar New Year and making pancakes for Shrove Tuesday. We all spent time exploring environmental and global concerns for World Thinking Day 2024, as well as thinking about our guiding sisters around the world.

Looking back to December, Girlguiding Waterbeach supported the Landbeach Tree Festival by each group theming and styling their own Christmas tree. With so many creatively designed ornaments, the girls decorated their themed trees with colourful bees, science apparatus, upcycled and recycled items, Hedwig owls and wizard's wands.



Waterbeach Rainbows –
'Bee Kind at this Tree-mendous time'



1st Waterbeach Brownies
'Chemistree'



2nd Waterbeach Brownies
'Recycled Chaos' tree



1st Waterbeach Guides
'Harry Pottermas'

Congratulations to our prize winners, Waterbeach Rainbows for their 'Bee Kind and Happy at this Tree-mendous time' and 2nd Waterbeach Brownies for their 'Recycled Chaos' trees.

Waterbeach Rainbows have had a busy start to the new term with a visit to the cinema to see 'Wish' and a thoroughly enjoyable visit from the Hearing Dogs for Deaf people. They made bird feeders for the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch.

1st Waterbeach Brownies have been working on their mindfulness badge, practicing techniques for calming, exercises for improving their fitness and moves for self-defence.

2nd Waterbeach Brownies have been thinking about how they can individually, as well as a group, have an influence to change things and listen to others.

1st Waterbeach Guides have been exploring their creativity, as storytellers, inventors and artists, designing comic strips and working with binary codes.

Brownies and Guides had a fun joint Christmas outing to Tenpin bowling and then challenged themselves on a recent visit to Clip n' Climb Cambridge, experiencing the daring 'Stairway to Heaven' and 'Vertical Drop Slide'.

We inspire girls to discover and become their best.

We help all girls know they can do everything.

All of this is made possible by the incredible commitment of our volunteers who run meetings, as well as managing all the behind the scenes planning and admin. If you or your daughter would like to get involved in Guiding, please register online at <https://girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/> or find our contact details on the community noticeboards within the village. We are always keen to welcome new volunteers to our friendly team.

Waterbeach WI



Waterbeach WI meets in St. John's church room every second Thursday of the month at 7.30pm to about 9.30pm.

We have a diverse range of talks, craft activities, social events and visits.

Before Christmas we had a craft evening when we made Christmas decorations, which we used to make our two entries to the Landbeach Church Christmas tree festival. We were delighted to win a lovely hamper which we shared at our Christmas Social in December.

In January we had a talk by John Flood about Victorian Cambridge and Riverside Pumping Station and in February Dr Frances Dipper, a marine biologist gave a talk on The Marine World, Shore to the Depths.

You are very welcome just to come along as a visitor and see if you would like to join our happy band of ladies of all ages. Here is a list of upcoming meetings.

14th March - Angie Stewart from Cambridge Women's Refuge

11th April - Historian Kevin Boardman 'The Oregon Trail and Women as Pioneers'

9th May - Hawk Honey will talk on 'Forgotten Bees' plus short Annual Meeting

13th June - Lindsey Barrell will talk and demonstrate 'Burlesque'

We shall be participating in Feast Day in June and preparing for it. If you decide to join then you are entitled to access online the national WI Hub where there are free classes in things like yoga, crafts and talks by experts. The local Cambridgeshire CFWI also organises events and trips where you can join in with WI members from other groups.

If you'd like to know more then please come along or contact Viv Cooper on 01223 574050.

Library News



Waterbeach Independent Lending Library

We started the year with a door-to-door leaflet drop, to make sure all local residents are aware of where we are and the services offered. We are looking forward to meeting new readers!

There will be books for sale at the Hyacinth Open Day at the end of March, and all proceeds will go towards new books for the Library.

Discussions about the future of the Library building continue, and we look forward to discussing the new strategic plan for the school site with the governors later in the spring. As you may know, the current building is now coming to the end of its life and no longer meets modern fire regulations. As the Library has over 1500 members across all generations, with about half being under the age of 18, it is the largest community group in Waterbeach. It is vital to ensure that the library service is able to continue in the village, and is not subsumed into a new facility in the new town.

Volunteers Wanted - If you love books and chatting to people and want to help us continue to provide a reliable library service to the community, why not join the Library's team of volunteers?

Various shifts are available during our normal opening times:

Saturday 10:00-12:00

Monday 14:45-17:00

Wednesday 14:45-17:00 and 18:00-20:00

Friday 14:00-17:00

Volunteers take weekly or monthly shifts according to availability. There are also opportunities to help out on a more ad-hoc basis (after a training period) to cover for absence or illness. Full training will be given.

Do pop in for a chat or email waterbeachlibrary@gmail.com.

Waterbeach Charities (Reg No: 201528 and 201529)

Please help us to help those in need!

Waterbeach United Charities and Waterbeach Turbary Charity are looking to fill a vacancy for a Trustee. Both charities look to support those in need or distress in the parish and share the same set of Trustees; there are plans to amalgamate them. WUC also owns a number of mobility scooters it loans out, while both charities can provide support in the form of financial grants.

You need to have been a resident of Waterbeach parish for at least two years and be aged 18 years or over to be a Trustee. We come from a variety of

backgrounds and there are few formal requirements for the role. As long as you have an interest in people of all ages and their welfare, then this may be a role for you. The trustees would like to positively encourage people to come forward as trustee who may have already benefitted from either charity as their experience would be invaluable.

Trustees meet every couple of months, so the time commitment is not onerous. If you are interested but not sure, then the current Chair Pam Gooding, will be pleased to have an informal chat to tell you more (Tel: 01223 861003). The position of trustee is voluntary and unpaid – but your contribution would be important. You can help those in your community when they need it most.

If you wish to be considered as a Trustee please write in with any relevant supporting information to:

The Secretary, Waterbeach United Charities, 7 Cambridge Road, Waterbeach, CB25 9NJ or email: waterbeachunitedcharities@gmail.com

Closing date for applications: 16 April 2024

Happy Folks Club

January is a relatively quiet period for the club as everyone is trying to get back on track after the Christmas/New Year festivities. However, we did have our annual dinner. This year we went to The Cherry Tree pub and restaurant in Soham and I must say the meal was very enjoyable with various choices available. The staff were very accommodating and did their best to satisfy the needs of our members who were approximately 60 in number.

The end of the meal saw our outgoing Chairman, Stuart Atkins, making one of his last speeches before handing over the reins to yours truly. A photo, not a good one I must admit, of Stuart at the end of his speech is shown herein.



We had no further trips planned for January but our next visit was to a pantomime at Brick Lane, London in February which we all looked forward to.

We have further trips planned throughout the year and these will be covered in the forthcoming issues of the Beach News.

I am pleased to say that we have a full complement of members at the moment but we are always glad to see new faces at our meetings which are held every Friday from 1.30pm to 4.00pm at the Beach Social Club where we include an auction, raffle and fun bingo. Non-members are also welcome to join us on our coach trips which, in general, are once a month.

Terri Spencer - Chairperson

Farmland Museum



The Farmland Museum and Denny Abbey will be open again very soon - we're getting ready to welcome you back from Thursday 21st March. Your local heritage site is then open every Thursday to Sunday, and Bank Holiday Monday, until the end of October.

The season starts with the Easter Holidays, during which there will be lots of activities to keep children entertained, including crafts and a trail. Other events already planned for the year include a traditional May Day celebration, where you can have a go at maypole dancing, our ever-popular 1940s weekend over the late-May Bank Holiday and a Heritage Craft Weekend at the end of August.



The Docky Box Cafe team has planned lots of new bakes and cakes for the season; our education team is preparing for local school and group visits; and exciting exhibitions are being put together. Keep an eye on our Facebook page and www.dennyfarmlandmuseum.org.uk for the most up-to-date information on all that's going on.

The Farmland Museum is run by a very small team of staff, supported by a wonderful group of volunteers, who help with everything from gardening and cleaning, to delivering tours and greeting visitors. Volunteering is a great opportunity to meet new people, learn new skills and have fun! This year, we would like to welcome more volunteers to help sell tickets and serve customers in our gift shop. Our customer service volunteers enjoy chatting to visitors, while playing an important role in running this local heritage site. If you think this is something you'd enjoy too, we are looking to expand our weekend customer service team. Can you spare anything from two hours to a full day on Saturdays or Sundays? It could be every week or just once a month. If you'd like to know more, drop us a line at info@farmlandmuseum.org.uk.

Don't forget, all admission tickets to The Farmland Museum and Denny Abbey provide free repeat entry for 12 months, so do check last year's as it might still be valid!

District Councillor Update

Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE): At the time of writing, fines are being issued for parking offences ‘in contravention of restrictions in place.’ This means that the CPE officers can only issue tickets for offences such as parking on single or double yellow lines or for obstructing a pavement adjacent to such lineage. Other parking matters, such as blocking a pavement or parking within ten metres of a junction, remain a Police matter. If you feel you have information to feedback please email parkingcontrol@cambridgeshire.gov.uk with the location of the restriction being contravened, the day(s) of the week and time when it usually occurs, plus the frequency. For further information on CPE please visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/CPE

Cost of Living Support: With the ongoing squeeze on household finances, South Cambridgeshire District Council continues to offer support to those most in need. If you are claiming some benefits, or if you are not currently eligible but are struggling to make ends meet, you may be able to receive help with your council tax bill. 100% of the bill is the maximum award. Any award would be made directly from SCDC onto your Council Tax account. You can find out how much council tax support you are likely to receive by using the Benefits Calculator – please visit the South Cambs website.

Further support is provided through the Household Support Fund (a County Council scheme) which provides immediate financial relief. There are also twenty food banks and food hubs within the district. To access the food bank at the Baptist Church in Waterbeach (open on Thursday mornings from 11am – 12pm) you will need a food voucher. Although the weather is hopefully getting warmer, the council is providing free electric blankets to those receiving Council Tax support or a benefit connected to lack of mobility. In collaboration with Cambridgeshire Acre, the Council continues to support community-led free-to-use community hubs (formerly called warm hubs.) The Landbeach Community Hub is open on Wednesdays from 10.30am to 2pm at All Saints Church where tea, coffee and a hot meal is provided. To find out more about accessing Cost of Living support email the council at duty.communities@scambs.gov.uk

Cllr. Judith Rippeth

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(Mobile: 07956 528223) or
(Mobile: 07824 709153) or
(Mobile: 07950 241845)

What's in a name?

Smith's Corner - can the reader help?

In February 1919 Waterbeach Parish Council received a letter from Chesterton Rural District Council which asked that:

'A public meeting be called at an early date to consider the question of Housing and Sanitary arrangements in the village'. This was because there was a great shortage of decent affordable housing. Many rented homes for poorer people were in an appalling and insanitary condition in the years after the first world war and Lloyd George was promising 'homes fit for heroes', with public funding to pay for building them. A public meeting was held on March 4th 1919 and eleven applications for new houses were subsequently received. However, the Parish Council considered that at least twenty were required. In June 1919 Chesterton Rural District Council wrote to say that funding would be provided for twelve and asked for suggestions for suitable sites. These were duly submitted by the Parish Council along with the request that it could take part in the selection of the tenants (who would be renting them from the RDC) and a request for a bank in Waterbeach.

The site chosen was to be land on 'Hall Farm between Smiths Corner and the Slap Up'. Hall Farm occupied land where the riding stables are now and would have covered a wider area ninety years ago and bordered Cambridge Road. By 1919 it was owned by the County Council. Cambridge Road in those days continued along what is now called Old Cambridge Road because Car Dyke Road was not built until the mid 1970's.

Mr. Wyatt, seconded by the Chairman proposed that 'a road be made from Smith's corner, Cambridge Road leading to the station and twelve houses be built adjoining thereto'. The road didn't happen but the three pairs of houses with a very distinctive style were built just before the turn into what became



the Recreation Ground and another three pairs were built further along what is now Old Cambridge Rd. These were I think the first council houses to be built in Waterbeach. The road never happened.

So, I think Smith's Corner would be the point where Cambridge Road becomes Car Dyke Road and Old Cambridge Road goes off to the right. However, I am none the wiser about who Smith might be. Has anybody ever come across him (or her?)



My theory that it might in some way be linked to William Smith Wiles who lived at the Rookery and whose family farmed a large area, came to grief when I went to check the source which I thought said the Smith Wiles family had leased some of Hall Farm. However I had misread it, and they didn't. So bang goes that theory. So far despite asking a number of people and doing quite a lot of searching and finding some interesting things, I have drawn a blank. If any reader knows more, please get in touch. Perhaps there was just a blacksmiths there. It would be nice to know

As a postscript: we might have had a much bigger change in the 1920's. Mike Pettys' Cambridgeshire scrap book for Waterbeach (a summary of items in the local papers about Waterbeach between 1897 and 1990) includes these intriguing headlines.

24th September 1919: Rural housing – suggested garden city at Waterbeach

22nd October 1919: Rural housing, proposed garden city at Waterbeach for 50 houses

I went in to the central library which houses a great collection of information about Cambridgeshire and was able to find the newspaper articles in which these headlines appeared.

Both are reports of meetings of the Chesterton RDC and are fascinating. The suggestion for a 'type of Garden City' for Waterbeach with 50 houses came in the 24th September meeting in a debate about raising money to build much needed new housing. Mr. Francis the chair of planning committee came up with: 'people in Cambridge would like to live in the country on Garden City terms and would pay good rents. The site would be fairly close to Waterbeach station' (not much help for poor Waterbeach labourers who would not be able to afford big rents though).

However, at the next meeting in October the Garden City concept was shelved because Chesterton RDC felt that the money which would have to be borrowed to build them would take away funding from other villages.

So, we just got 12 rather attractive council houses which must have been greatly welcomed and appreciated by village residents.

Jane Williamson

Beach Social Club

A very happy new year to all, we hope that you had as much fun as we did, at the club.

Our Christmas draw went very well. The Christmas Eve disco was bouncing, kids were allowed in until 9-30pm and then the adults became the kids. New Year's Eve was another success, as was the over 60's party with Richie Monroe entertaining.

To help out with the cost of heating two of the ladies on the committee have started a coffee morning every Tuesday from 10am until 12 noon and anyone, member or not can spend a couple of hours in the warm supping tea or coffee and chatting to friends. Come along and bring a friend or granny and relax.

Our bar manager Andy has left us for a move to the north and we say welcome back to Kate who was manager a few years ago. We also welcome our new bar staff Kelly and Lynne.

Our chosen charities last year were Arthur Rank and Diabetes UK who each received £1500 and gave a short talk on their activities. This year's charities are Cam Sight and the Waterbeach Military Heritage Museum at the barracks. We will spend this year raising funds for them both and Cam Sight also collect used postage stamps which they sell on.

New members are joining every week and we welcome you all.

Future Entertainment

March 15th: Quiz

March 23rd: Singalong

April 20th : Charity Bingo

May 18th : Singalong

May 25th: Charity Quiz

June 1st SKA

July 20th : Charity Band Night 'the New Fools

More to come, check the notices.

We have started booking regular entertainment again and they will be advertised outside and inside the club and also on Facebook and Babble.

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. Bingo sessions continue to be popular every Monday evening from 7-9pm 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 and Snooker and Darts, Crib and Football teams. Plus, a table tennis table for the use of all. 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). Apart from our usual well stocked bar, we always have two real ales that we change weekly for other brands.

Geoff Donovan

Foodbank



Waterbeach Distribution Centre (part of Ely Foodbank)

Do you know where in the village to find the Foodbank (Waterbeach Distribution Centre)? Or that over the last year we have fulfilled 211 requests for emergency food parcels? These requests have helped 543 individuals, 249 of whom were children.

If you, or someone you know needs some extra support right now, there are many agencies you can approach who can provide you with a voucher for a food and toiletries parcel. We are open every Thursday at the Waterbeach Baptist Chapel (WBC) between 11.00 and 12.00 and in addition to bringing your voucher, you can talk to us about additional support services we can put you in touch with.

Together with the Trussell Trust we are raising awareness of the huge financial gap faced by those receiving Universal Credit and the actual cost of paying for essentials such as food, travel, toiletries, clothes and bills. It's not too late to sign the online petition 'Guarantee Our Essentials' which already has 50,000 signatories! Find more information, sign up to, or share details of the petition at <https://action.trusselltrust.org/guarantee-our-essentials-petition-fb> or scan the QR code included here using your smart phone.



We are so grateful for donations we receive and would like to say another big 'Thank you' to all the village residents and others who pop into the WBC throughout the year and help to fill our donations box. We welcome donations of non-perishable foods, cat/dog food, toilet rolls and toiletries. You can also find donation bins in the Co-op and One Stop stores in the village.

We'd like to say special 'Thank you's' to the locally based Alstom team who had a collection in their offices in November and bought a big food parcel down to the centre, to the Co Op staff who manage the Foodbank donation bin in their store, to the extremely generous local family who have recently made a significant food donation and to Alanna and the whole team at the One Stop who put a huge effort into their Foodbank Friday on January 26th and collected a wide variety of food for the Foodbank. THANK YOU to everyone who visited the One Stop and kindly bought a parcel, we were overwhelmed by your support and know how welcome your gifts will be to those in our community finding life particularly tough right now. If you, or anyone you know need support from the Foodbank, please call 01353 468626 or email info@ely.foodbank.org.uk



Aaron from the One Stop helping to move the donations to WBC

Waterbeach Angling Club

Situated in rural north Cambridgeshire, Waterbeach Angling Club or WAC, as it is affectionately known as, offers some of the best fishing in Cambridge.

Whether you choose to purchase a Clubcard (valid from 1st April – 31st March) or a day ticket on the bank you can be assured of tranquil surroundings and a quality fishing experience.

WAC is not a commercial run fishery with profit in mind. It is a fishing club lovingly attended by local volunteers.

We have an open day once a year and also run coaching days to learn or improve your skills.

Our next open day is on the 29th June. Free BBQ, bait & tackle provided, learn or improve your skills with the help of our team at Landbeach.

Toilet on site at our location in Landbeach with bait for sale, plus some small items of tackle available.



We have sections of river on the river Cam & Old West as well as the lakes in Landbeach. This page should give you some of the information you need about WAC but for up-to-date information, captures and notifications on the lakes please see our website www.waterbeachac.com Email: secretary@waterbeachac.co.uk Follow us on Facebook.

Nexus Fostering



Nexus Fostering is a local fostering agency who are seeking more local people to consider becoming foster carers to help look after children who can no longer stay with their birth families. Children from 0-18 are looking for foster homes and would need an adult around to support them day to day. This includes children on their own, sibling groups, teenagers and unaccompanied children. We welcome people of all ages, genders, religions, and ethnicities to apply. It doesn't matter if you have not had your own children or if you are single, we need a variety of people to become foster carers. We are looking for people who have a genuine interest in wanting to help children have positive outcomes. When you are a foster carer with us, you are supported 24/7, 365 days a

year, paid a fostering allowance and have a Supervising Social Worker dedicated to supporting you and the household. We hold foster carer events throughout the year and put on regular activities for our young people and birth children. We provide full training for our foster carers, so they feel supported and confident. We have a passionate team of Social Workers, Support Workers and our administrator who are here to support you.

Get in touch to find out how you can become a foster carer and help create positive outcomes for our children and young people.

Phone: 01223 903 503 Email: foster@nexusfostering.co.uk

Website: www.nexusfostering.co.uk/cambs



Singing for Breathing

Do you have breathing difficulties? Did you know singing can help?

Singing for Breathing is a singing group for people who have breathing difficulties - a problem which sadly has become more widespread following the pandemic. It is a friendly and fun way to help people get the best from their lung capacity, using breath and voice exercises, guided relaxation and singing.

The Cambridge Singing for Breathing group is meeting online, using Zoom, on Thursday afternoons 2.30 - 4.00pm and we're looking for new members!

Kay Barrett, founder of the group, says:

"You don't need any singing experience to take part - it's all about what it feels like, not what it sounds like. The camaraderie of the group, the guided relaxation, the breathing exercises and the singing are so much appreciated by everyone and the health benefits transfer over into daily life. Being online singers can join from the comfort of home, even when they are feeling unwell. We sing with microphones turned off, which can actually be very liberating! You simply sing along with the leader, learning uplifting songs often in call and response style. We also use multi-track recordings so we can enjoy singing rounds and harmonies."

Do I have to pay? - Those who can afford it are invited to give a £3.50 donation each week, but this is not essential - we want everyone to be able to come.

Do I have to come along every week? - We know that appointments, sickness, family commitments and such can get in the way! Just come along when you can.

I have Long Covid, can I join? - The gentle pace, breathing exercises and relaxation can be very beneficial, but do check with your doctor or respiratory physio, especially if your symptoms are severe.

How do I join? - Simply email singingforbreathingcambridge@gmail.com or call Mary on 07972 645473 for more information and to receive the Zoom link each week.

You can find out more at www.singingforbreathing.wordpress.com

or on Facebook: www.facebook.com/singingforlunghealthcambridge Mary Denn

Beaches' Baubles Bounce On

Landbeach Christmas Tree Festival proved such a success that plans are already forming up for our Fen-Edge villages to come together again [Nov 30th & Dec 1st 2024] to share seasonal fun again. If you weren't able to contribute a tree or to visit last time, now's your chance! Details below.

Waterbeach's individuals, groups and businesses gave a real boost to this event: The Friends of All Saints' Parish Church, who organised the festival, would like to thank everyone across the A10 for creative talent and neighbourly inputs.

Forty-two Christmas Trees found their way into the historic, uplifting and warm Landbeach church: trees natural [pine, bay, twig], some re-plantable; artificial and even made from egg-boxes! Seasonal theme, serious or humorous, featured: a 'Pan-Tree' covered with shiny pans from the free Landbeach Community Lunch Club was a big favourite with the 250 visitors who came to share the drop-in fun.

The words of the 'O, Christmas Tree' carol [*O, Tannenbaum*] came alive in creations by our community groups and individuals: the 'Love' in the Foodbank Tree; 'Hope' in the GirlGuiding 'Bee Kind' and 'Recycle' trees; 'Faithfulness' in several playgroup trees on the theme of Friendship. As well as warmth there was wit, as a 'Harry Potter Tree' and a 'ChemisTree' showed! In a quieter spot, a calmer tree supported Remembrance. After the event, some trees made their way home; others were kindly donated to good causes.

Quality as well as kindness attracted media attention: we found ourselves interviewed for ITV's Anglia Today, and gained double coverage in The Cambridge Independent, as well as regional magazines. We didn't even have to offer them any of the available mulled wine and mince-pies...



Waterbeach was generous in providing resources and prizes, especially Beach Social Club; Ben Hudson Timber; our new East of England Co-op; Screwfix and Urban&Civic. Gratitude is due to them and sponsors further afield, such as Scotsdales and artist Alison Hullyer.

Everyone who participated received a memento; thanks to QR wizardry, some prizes were voted to the vintage-style Emmaus tree, and to Waterbeach School pupils, as well as to trees ranging from the Yummy to the Eco-elegant. Judge Lindsay Davies, from St Peter's Church, Horningsea scrutinized and saw Fair Play.

If you would like to stir a tree into the 2024 Christmas mix of our villages,

contact: Jane Oakes, 07740 282387, janemaryoakes@gmail.com from the summer onwards. For an accessible, family-friendly outing, mark Nov 30th and Dec 1st in your still-new 2024 calendar!

Angela Brown



Gardening Club Tree Angel

Congratulations to: Emmaus, 'Ho, Ho, Homelessness Happens' (Overall Winner) and (Judge Special Mention); Women's Institute Waterbeach, 'All Homemade' ; Waterbeach Gardening Club, 'Gone to Seed' (Judge Special Mention); 2nd Waterbeach Brownies, 'Brownies' Recycled Chaos'; 1st Waterbeach Rainbows, 'Bee Kind and Happy at this Treemendous Time'; Linden and Phoebe, Waterbeach Community Primary School, 'Have yourself a sensory little Christmas'; Waterbeach Community Playgroup, 'We are Treely Unique' (Judge's Choice)

Photos from Holli Bielby

Repair Cafés

Repair Cafés are community events that match people who need stuff fixed with people who like fixing things. Experienced, volunteer repairers repair all sorts of household items such as kettles, toasters, lamps, laptops, clothes, toys, bikes and more.

Repair Cafés are completely non-commercial. There are no promises and no guarantees, but if something can be saved the repairers will do everything they can. Repairers are always keen to teach visitors how to do the repair themselves and at the very least watch while they do it. One of the aims of Repair Cafés is to encourage more repair.

There's been a Repair Café once a year in Waterbeach for the last 7 years. And there are many others in Cambridge and surrounding villages such as Histon and Cottenham. However, we know that interest in Repair Cafés is increasing and we'd like to hold more frequent cafés but we could do with more volunteers. We'd like to run them more frequently in Waterbeach.

If you are interested in repairing or helping run a Repair Café please send an email to waterbeach@repaircafe.org.uk. We need electrical and electronic engineers, mechanical engineers, jewellery repairers, bike repairers, people who can sew, restorers of books/art/ceramics, carpenters and generalists. You'll be invited to sit alongside an experienced Repair Café repairer and if all is good, then you'll be ready to start. You can join a Repairers Register that lets organisers around Cambridgeshire know the locations you'd prefer, when you might be available and what skills you'd like to share.

No special skills are needed to help run and administer a Repair Café. Roles include publicity, organising bookings and helping out on the day.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Paul Bearpark

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Waterbeach

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

• Sports Hall • Studio • Tennis Courts • Squash Courts • Community Rooms

For more information and to book please contact:

hello@waterbeachwb.co.uk



- 1 Sustainable Travel Hub
- 2 Space for imaginative play
- 3 The Causeway
- 4 Deneia Primary Academy
- 5 Wild Woods Play Area
- 6 Allotments (coming in 2026)
- 7 Waterbeach Gardens
- 8 Lake
- 9 Community centre, café and interim health centre (coming in 2024)
- 10 1.2km lake loop
- 11 Memorial Park
- 12 Sports Hall & The Playground assault course
- 13 Mere Way cycle route
- 14 Waterbeach Military Heritage Museum
- 15 Squash courts
- 16 Tillage Way cycle route
- 17 Waterbeach Causeway

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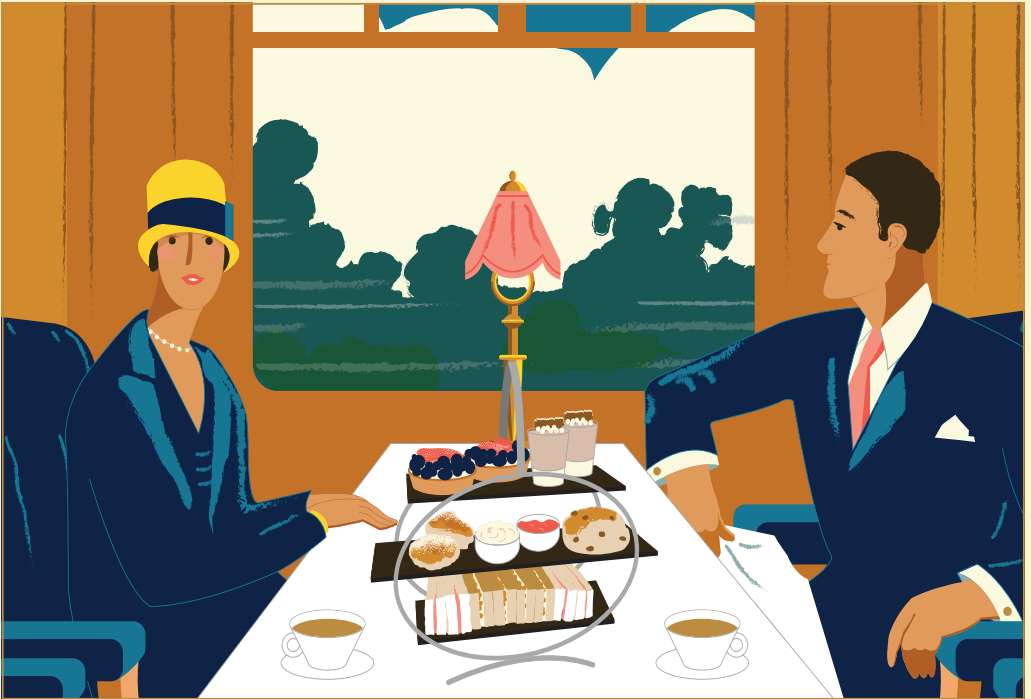
Urban&Civic are keen to work with the community to keep you informed and give you the opportunity to shape the development of this special place. If you, or your local group would like to find out more, meet us for a coffee and have a tour of the site contact:

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