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*Front cover – Freedom Parade 16<sup>th</sup> June 2012*

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# Community Association



**Big Lunch Picnic** - Unfortunately the Big Lunch Picnic to celebrate the Jubilee had to be cancelled due to bad weather. It was a very difficult decision to make based on a weather forecast, but in the event the majority agreed it was the right choice especially as it *did* pour with rain on the day.

From comments received we believe it would have been a very well supported event and maybe we will be able to hold something similar in the future.

**60 Plus Afternoon Tea** - Once again we joined with Waterbeach Primary School to offer an afternoon of entertainment. Our residents over 60 were invited into the school on 16<sup>th</sup> July and enjoyed entertainment from the children in Year 6 who performed 'Dream On', based on A Midsummer Night's Dream. It was a fantastic performance of singing, dancing and acting by some very talented children. The afternoon was rounded off with tea and cakes kindly provided by the WI and the Waterbeach Wives Group.

**AGM** - The Community Association AGM was held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September in the Community Room. The Chair reported on the events organised during the year including Carols on the Green on Christmas Eve, the 60 Plus Afternoon Tea and the Feast. Thanks were expressed to all those who have helped and supported the Community Association during the year. The officers were elected: Chairperson - Jacqui Rabbett, Secretary - Pam Clack and the post of Treasurer will be shared by Jacqui Rabbett and Pam Clack until a new Treasurer can be appointed.



# Feast 2012

Back in June we were very fortunate to have one of the few warm, sunny and dry days of summer, albeit somewhat windy, for the Waterbeach Feast. The day started a little earlier than normal due to a special march from the soldiers at Waterbeach Barracks. Following the Beating Retreat and Freedom Ceremony at the Barracks on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June the regiment exercised their new right to march through Waterbeach with fixed bayonets, at noon on Feast Day. The march was the last public appearance of the regiment in the village before the closure of the barracks. A huge number of village residents lined the route to show their respect and appreciation to the soldiers.

Feast Day then continued with performances in the arena by Waterbeach Brass and the military band that led the Freedom Parade. The main Feast parade of floats and walking groups left the school at 2pm led by the Soham Fenlander Majorette Troupe. This year's theme was 'Something beginning with F....' and we saw fireworks, fairies, flowers, France, 'Farewell Friends' and fun. The shield for the best decorated infant float went to 'Farmyard Fun' from Waterbeach Toddler Playgroup. The winners of the junior float were Waterbeach Colts Football Club with 'Football', the adult category was won by the 'Flintheath Medieval Society', the best decorated bike award went to Tony Shipp disguised as a frog and the Friends and Family trophy was won by Pam Clack and Deborah Watts for 'Flowers'. The Green was also covered in things beginning with 'F' and the winners of the best decorated stalls were Waterbeach Toddler Playgroup for the juniors and Waterbeach Wives for the adults.



This year's Feast competition for all ages to take part in was to make a flower from any kind of material possible. We had blooms from balloons, cutlery, handprints on paper plates, cakes, recycled plastic, flower pictures made from petals and leaves and a knitted one too! The winner in the Under 5's category was a group entry from Waterbeach Community Playgroup, the 5-11years

was won by Rebecca Wentworth, Bridget Johnson won in the 12-17 years category and the over 18's winner was Julia Garbutt. The trophy for the Overall winner was awarded to Alison Bowler.

Congratulations to all our winners and a big thank you to our judges James Smith-Baxter and Dennis McGrath, two Chelsea Pensioners who were visiting the barracks.

In the arena we saw a variety of displays including a gym demonstration from 60HQ & Support Squadron, some very impressive baton twirling from the Soham Fenlander Majorettes, an excellent performance of country dancing around the maypole from children of Waterbeach School, a display by the ladies from Jazzercise and



some American and British Tribal Style Dancing from the Shameitshakes Belly Dancers.

A huge thank you to Panther Taxis for supporting the Feast for a second year, and generously donating two TV's and a mini Hi-Fi system for the raffle. We would also like to thank AmeyCespa and The Sun for their donations and all the local clubs, groups and businesses who gave prizes. Thanks also to RSM Darren Taylor and personnel from 39 Engineer Regiment, Dave Moller and the Army Cadets and all those who assisted before, during and after. We couldn't have done it without you!

Comments received indicate it was a successful and enjoyable day with a warm and family friendly feel. Your feedback is very much appreciated.

If anyone has any photographs of the Feast they are willing to share, please forward to [beachnews@waterbeach.org](mailto:beachnews@waterbeach.org) or to 5 Spurgeons Avenue, Waterbeach. We are hoping to use them on our website and possibly in future editions of Beach News.

The date for next year's Feast has been set for Saturday, 8th June 2013.

## Library Facilities

***Help celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Waterbeach Library*** - In January 1922 Cambridgeshire County Council agreed to accept a grant of £750 from the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust to set up a County Library Service. The first delivery of books to the initial 63 villages took place in November 1922. Waterbeach was one of those villages and received 100 books, 52 of which were issued on the first day of opening!

You are invited to join us on Saturday November 10<sup>th</sup>, when there will be cake and refreshments as well as various activities and competitions.

***Thank you ...***

... to those who visited our stall at Waterbeach Feast and purchased books - £122 was raised.

... to Waterbeach Parish Council for a grant to purchase books for the Summer Reading Challenge.

... to the 66 children who took part in the reading challenge this year.

... to our borrowers for bearing with us as we come to grips with the new library software.

***Young Adults book club*** - This is run by young adults for young adults and meets at the Library every 4 or 5 weeks on a Wednesday evening, 6pm - 7.30pm. The next meeting is on 17<sup>th</sup> October. For more information, see our Facebook page.

***Council Minutes*** - The minutes of meetings of Waterbeach Parish Council and Cambridgeshire County Council are available to read at the Library.

***Could you help?*** - If you have two hours to spare a month, every two weeks, or even every week, and have an interest in books, we would love to have you join us as a Volunteer at the Library. We are a lively bunch, with lots of different interests, all committed to ensuring the Library remains open in our village. Volunteers usually work in pairs and cover a two hour session. If this might interest you, just pop in to see how it all works. We look forward to meeting you.

***Waterbeach Library*** is located in the Community Room on the Waterbeach School site. If you already have a Cambridgeshire Libraries card this can be used at Waterbeach, or you can join the Library there to enjoy the benefits of all Cambridgeshire Libraries.

We can order books from other libraries for you, or you can order them yourself on-line, for collection at Waterbeach. Books borrowed from other Cambridgeshire libraries can be returned to Waterbeach.

The Library is open on Monday 10 – 12noon and 3pm – 5pm, Wednesdays 6 – 8pm, Friday 2.30 – 5.30pm and Saturday 10 – 12noon.

***Mobile library visits*** - The mobile library calls once a month, on the second Monday. Forthcoming dates are thus 8<sup>th</sup> October, 12<sup>th</sup> November, and 10<sup>th</sup> December. Timings are: Waterbeach – Denson Close 13:30-14:00; Waterbeach – The Green 14:05-14:25; Waterbeach – Chapel Close 14:30-14:50; Waterbeach – Buchanan Centre 14:55-15:30; Landbeach – 9 High Street 15:40-16:20.

For more information, see <http://hipweb.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/mobiles/>, or ask at any library.



# Pieces Terrace Jubilee Celebrations

On Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2012, Pieces Terrace celebrated the Diamond Jubilee with the only street party in Waterbeach. It all started with an idea from John Cattermole & Jan Dolan and residents quickly got caught up in Jubilee fever with ideas inspired by photos from long term residents who attended the Silver Jubilee (1977) and The Royal Wedding (1981) parties.

One of the best things about the party was getting a dozen or so of us together to organise the event. Nothing too formal - no official committee - just sharing ideas, planning ahead and for the likes of Rose, a chance to bring along photos of Terrace parties from '77 and '81 and tell us 'youngsters' how it should be done! We met two or three times, and these generated many evening discussions along the street.

All 'Terrace' residents were invited to donate a small amount of money and bring something to share. Due to the overwhelming generosity food and beverages were provided. We allowed family and friends to come too, so what started out as an event to bring the street together and celebrate the Jubilee, soon grew to be something with 150 people saying they'd be coming, and to what we later realised would be Waterbeach's only Street Party. (Older residents told us about the history of Pieces Terrace parties, and the rivalry that used to exist between 'us' and Way Lane for the Feast Parade...it was good to keep the tradition of having a good time alive!) The street was decked with bunting the night before, and we fetched tables and chairs from the Scouts and Social Club. Bill and Shirley were, as always, tremendously helpful, also lending us their barbecue for the day. We kept checking the weather forecast, and it looked fortunately for us like Saturday was going to be the only dry day of the weekend. In the morning, houses were decorated with more bunting, streamers, flags and balloons and we put bins up at each end of the street, along with the Cambs. official signs of road closure; then out came the chairs and tables! Everyone had already agreed to cars being moved, so we ended up with an empty street, probably like it was in 1953. And then the food was laid out: seemingly endless plates of home-made sausage rolls, quiches, sandwiches, salads, pastries, rolls, cakes, jellies, scones...



Food, goodwill, enjoyment and laughter were in abundance. Old friends, new friends, children; every single one had a great day with activities which



included 3 legged races, football, egg & spoon, a quiz, bingo and even a motorised disability chair race. The committee also had enough money left over to provide each child from the street with a special 'Pieces Terrace Street Party' medal which will be treasured for a long time.

One of the greatest outcomes was that sense of coming together and getting to know people who you

might previously have only smiled at, and who you can now talk to. Those you used to only say 'hello' to, you can now have a conversation with; people who you now share a memorable time in your life with and who you now feel a much greater connection to. But most of all it was fun and it's something we'll never forget, and which we hope everyone will fondly remember. All we need now is an excuse for another one!

### ***From a child's point of view***

I would certainly say this was a terrific day to remember. I very much enjoyed watching the whole street coming together and having a laugh. This really touched me and I got a buzz in my spine. There was something for everyone. I thoroughly enjoyed meeting our neighbours and getting to know them – of all ages. We do not normally do special occasions like this so seeing all of our neighbours made me smile. I loved the races – it was just like Sports Day!

This has been my first street party and I am only ten years old. Having Kate and William's Royal Wedding and her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the 2<sup>nd</sup>'s Diamond Jubilee at such a young age has given me more of an interest in the Royal Family. I just hope that when I am old enough I can remember this special day and share it with others. Thank you to all the people who organised this.

*Ruby Cattermole*

## **Message from Cllr. James Hockney**

The previous edition of the Beach News editorial deadline was May 4th (Election Day!). So I could not presume the result and write a piece! Could I therefore take this opportunity to thank everyone that supported me for a third term of office.

Over the past eight years it has be a real privilege to serve the villages of



Waterbeach, Landbeach & Chittering as one of your District Councillors. I will, as ever, work with local residents, parish councillors, the county councillor and my fellow District Councillor Peter Johnson for the good of the local area.

***Bus Service - restoring a service to Ely*** - There has been considerable outrage to the decision by Stagecoach to stop the service 9 Bus going through the villages of Landbeach and Waterbeach. Stagecoach's own figures have shown about 80-90 regular boarding's each week. From this news I launched a petition, produced two leaflets and contacted the local media. Cllr Johnson and I also met with Stagecoach on the issue. During the hour meeting we raised the points made by local residents. The response from Stagecoach was that this is a commercial decision and they stood by their decision.

From this I have called a meeting with the County Council in August attended by the two Cabinet Portfolio Holders involved with transport and two officers. The aim of the meeting was to discuss alternative options following Stagecoach's decision. They are working with me to look at a possible community transport scheme so local residents can access Ely from Landbeach and Waterbeach. I have had follow up discussions and it is my very real hope that this results in a new service to Ely.

***Waterbeach Barracks - looking to the future*** - South Cambs District Council is working on the new Local Plan for housing needs across the District. The Barracks is one of the potential developments sites. I very much welcome this debate as clearly the Barracks cannot be left derelict following closure in March 2013; but I am also clear that whatever the land is used for must be of benefit to, and complimentary with the local area. The Local Plan is our opportunity to be in the driving seat and have our say. I would therefore encourage you to take part in the consultation. The new South Cambs Magazine will include a survey response form. The deadline for responses is September 28<sup>th</sup> - which maybe around the time you are reading this article!

Thank you to the near 3,000 residents who signed the petition opposing a new town larger than Ely and supported keeping the leisure facilities. The MOD response so far has been that once the gates close at the end of March that public access will not be allowed. This is clearly disappointing to local residents who have really valued the swimming pool, fishing lake and golf course.

In August I attended the removal of the Hawker Hunter Plane from the Barracks. This was a sad sight and I took video and photographic footage as a record of this during the day. The plane will be on display at Sywell Aviation Museum in Northamptonshire.

When the museum closes the exhibits will be kept in a secure location in Waterbeach so they are safe and protected. Although in the longer term we will need to find a permanent place to display them. I understand a Trustee Board will be set-up and I will do anything I can to help.

I have been pressing the MOD on the issue of the vacated houses around the Cody Road/Capper Road/Kirby Road/Abbey Place area. The plan is to transfer the empty homes to Annington Homes who will then refurbish them for sale or rental. The good news is there should be an immediate transfer of empty properties from the MOD to Annington Homes rather than the usual 6 month notice waiting time. It is expected that 160 properties will be transferred by the end of the year.

For latest news please look at the Facebook page; [www.facebook.com/waterbeachbarracksnonewtown](http://www.facebook.com/waterbeachbarracksnonewtown) or Website [www.waterbeachforward.org](http://www.waterbeachforward.org)

**Shop Local, Shop Waterbeach & Landbeach** - I have launched this campaign to help promote and support our local shops and small businesses in the area. This is all the more important with the closing down of the Barracks. There is a Facebook page; [www.facebook.com/shopwaterbeachward](http://www.facebook.com/shopwaterbeachward). Please do visit the page and 'like'. If you run a business and would like to get more involved with the scheme then please let me know.

**Local E-Mail News Updates** - Currently I send out regular e-mail news updates on local issues and events. If you would like receive e-mail updates, please let me have your e-mail address and I will add you to my list.

Please contact me if you need to raise any local issues:

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Facebook: Cllr James Hockney

## 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 also continue to provide electric wheelchairs for those in need. If you would like to be considered please let us know. At the time of writing we do have an electric wheelchair available.

**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

# Waterbeach Community Players

Waterbeach Community Payers are your local drama group, performing at Waterbeach School 3 times a year (January, May and November)

Our Autumn Production will be *Portrait of Murder* by Robert Bloomfield, a classic murder-mystery of intrigue, suspicion and surprise revelations.

Successful novelist Paula Barlow returns home after many months recovering from a terrible accident but with no memory of her previous life or the events that led to her injuries. As the plot unfolds we discover the real truth behind her 'accident' and that some of those closest to her are still plotting to finish the crime. Through flash-backs and plot-twists this story will keep you guessing until the very end.

Directed by Jane Stewart and James Dowson the experienced cast includes: Wendy Croft, Christine Easterfield, Vicki Green, Martin George, Michael Husband, David Morris and Rosie Wilson.

Our 2013 pantomime from 17 - 19 January will be *Robinson Crusoe and The Pirate Treasure* especially written for the group by Julie Petrucci and Chris Shinn. Auditions will be held at the school on Wednesday 17 October at 7.30pm.

Don't miss out on any of our forthcoming productions: to keep in the know why not become a Friend of Waterbeach Community Players? There is no cost involved: email FOWCP Mailing List Secretary [chrisjshinn@btinternet.com](mailto:chrisjshinn@btinternet.com) or phone him on 01223 880023.

You can keep up with all WCP news on [www.wcponline.org.uk](http://www.wcponline.org.uk) and find us on Facebook.

## Jazzercise

Jazzercise Waterbeach has been at the school for the last 20 years! The original dance exercise phenomenon a 60 minute workout!

Our schedule has never changed, only when we have added classes. Bev Tumber, Class Coordinator for Waterbeach, has been a Jazzercise instructor for 10 years now, previously a student for about 4 years. "Jazzercise meets all my fitness criteria to get that work life balance and it's in the community I live in. I was hooked at the first class I attended when I moved to Waterbeach and have never looked back!"

Come and try us, first week free to all those new to Jazzercise. We have varied fee options to suit all our students, including a walk-in class fee for that now and again class.

Look out for Junior Jazzercise sessions for children to be run during the school year. Checkout our advert in this magazine. [Facebook.com/jazzercisewaterbeach](https://www.facebook.com/jazzercisewaterbeach)



# Waterbeach Cultural Collective

On August Bank Holiday Monday two years of work came to an end with the launch of In Hear It And Say; a game by artist Emma Smith. The game includes fifteen objects placed around the village in public and privately owned spaces, to be discovered with the help of a map, cards, games instructions and a 'book of rumours' which covers four hundred years of Waterbeach history. Emma researched the history of different sites and



aspects of the village with the help of residents and then collaborated with village writer Guinevere Glasfurd-Brown, who has subsequently joined the WCC committee, to bring their stories to life. The result is a semi-fictionalised account of Waterbeach people and stories, past and present, represented in beautiful, modest and poetic objects around the village, and a

game set which will be distributed to every household in the village over the coming months; if you haven't received yours then please do get in touch via the email below. The whole project began in 2009 when Cllr Peter Johnson hosted a meeting in Waterbeach School to talk about how the village might spend funds that had come to it from a new housing development by Morris Homes, off Bannold Road. From that first meeting, a public consultation process was put into place and out of that a group of interested villagers formed the Waterbeach Cultural Collective, or WCC. The WCC constituted itself as a voluntary group and recruited an artist for the village in the summer of 2010, with support of Andy O'Hanlon at South Cambridgeshire District Council and Amy Wormald, Arts Development Manager, based at Cottenham Village College. Since then many individuals in the village have played a role in supporting Emma and the WCC, not least the indefatigable Jane Williamson. The WCC are grateful to everyone in the village who helped to make this project a reality. We hope that you will enjoy discovering the art works and the Waterbeach stories that they tell. The WCC aims to continue supporting cultural activity in the village and if you are interested in getting involved then do get in touch on [lynas.donna@gmail.com](mailto:lynas.donna@gmail.com).



# Waterbeach Village Society

The first meeting of the Village Society will be on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2012 when Lois Baker will talk about Wicken Fen: Past, Present and Future. Just across the river from us, Wicken Fen, now an SSSI, gives an indication of what Waterbeach would have looked like centuries ago. There are now plans to extend the Fen towards Cambridge. How will this affect Waterbeach? Perhaps this talk will enlighten us.

Cambridge University Library contains one of the greatest collection of books and manuscripts in the world. Frank Bowles, Archivist at the Library, will take us behind the scenes and talk about the numerous literary treasures to be found amongst the library's 200 miles of shelving, and eight million books, on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

Mike Petty is always a popular speaker in Waterbeach. He returns to speak about an unusual subject – Cambridge Engravers 1574 – 1900 on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November.

Did you know we have a thriving vineyard close by? Bedwell Hey Farm at Little Thetford, is the home of John Parish, who on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December will talk about wine production and the wildlife on the farm. This will include a wine tasting, just to get us in the mood for Christmas.

For more information on the above and the rest of the Society's programme, contact Adrian Wright, Chairman, on [adrianj.wright@ntlworld.com](mailto:adrianj.wright@ntlworld.com) Tel 01223 861846, Ray Rice, Secretary, on [raythefingers@aol.com](mailto:raythefingers@aol.com) Tel 01223 860663 or David Armstrong, Treasurer, Tel 01223 861586.

The Society aims to stimulate interest in, and care for the attractiveness, history and character of Waterbeach and its surroundings, and talks of general interest. Meetings take place on the fourth Tuesday of the month in the Community School Library at 7.45pm. Visitors are welcome at all meetings.

## Hatley Court

### ***Reassuring news for anyone looking for a local care home***

It is refreshing to find a care home with new independent management investing in amenities, staff and facilities in order to make a home that is genuinely caring, clean and comfortable.

Guided by the vision of experienced professional care provider and businessman Graham Jones, Hatley Court is now undergoing a reinvigoration in the way that Hatley Court looks and operates.

"We will complete a full refurbishment as quickly as is practical with a minimum of disruption and inconvenience to provide care to 21<sup>st</sup> century

standards, improving appearance, comfort and homeliness, and reviewing working practices for the benefit of residents...” says Graham “Our current team of carers and support staff are paramount in contributing to the improvement and success of our home. It is about creating an environment that we and our families would be happy to live in ourselves and setting a standard that our competitors need to aspire to.”

It is only four months since Graham took over and already 10 suites have been refurbished and a new patio has been created complete with new outdoor furniture, much enjoyed by our residents.

Quality of life, compassionate care, dignity and respect are the core values that Graham wishes to ensure are at the heart of Hatley Court.

When that ethos is combined with healthy food choices using freshly cooked local produce, fresh new décor, as well as qualified, friendly and respectful carers, Hatley Court starts setting a standard for others to follow.

A Day Centre is soon to be opened at Hatley Court, as will a new independent affordable at-home care service for Waterbeach and surrounding villages. This care service which offers flexibility and an understanding of the needs and aspirations of the elderly in the community is supplied by the established Local Care Group who have been successfully supplying these services in areas of Surrey for many years.

Further information about Hatley Court or the LocalCare Group can be obtained by telephoning Graham Jones (Director of Care), on 01223 863414, or by email to [info@hatleycourt.co.uk](mailto:info@hatleycourt.co.uk) or by referring to our websites.

## **Waterbeach Turbary Charity** (Reg No 201529)

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

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

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

Applications must be on a need basis, and may not be accepted. In order that funds of the Charity can be targeted at those most in need, candidates with savings over £6,000 should not apply.

Please send details to:

Mrs S Wilkin, The Secretary ,Waterbeach Turbary Charity  
25 Payton Way, Waterbeach, Cambridge,CB25 9NS

***Closing date for applications is 30 November 2012***



# Plane Leaves Barracks

The plane that has stood outside the main gates of Waterbeach Barracks left the village on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2012 as the base continues to close down.

The Hawker Hunter F. Mk. 2 WN904 aircraft was built in 1953/4 and was first flown on 27<sup>th</sup> July 1954 and later delivered to RAF 257 (Burma) Squadron. Its service career was a short one,



and in January 1956 it was declared as Cat 4 – damaged and sent for repair. With the improved Hunter F.4 and F.5 in production by this time, the



RAF began converting to the newer models and the repaired WN904 became a ground instructional airframe late in 1957. In 1974 its ground instructional duties came to an end and it was donated to the Imperial War Museum at Duxford where it was put on display.

In 1989 WN904 was loaned to the Army to become the gate guard at Waterbeach Barracks. As a former RAF station,

Hunters were flown from Waterbeach, although not the F.2 version. The aircraft has remained at Waterbeach ever since other than returning to Duxford for refurbishment in 1998.

With the closure of Waterbeach Barracks imminent a new home was required for the Hunter. On 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2012 the plane was dismantled and left Waterbeach for its new home at Sywell Aerodrome near Northampton.



Do you remember when the Tillage Hall was little more than a patch of ground?

The Waterbeach & Landbeach Project for Youth (WAY) has been running the Youth Club in its new home (Tillage Hall) for a year now. In the tradition of the Project it remains a relaxed, friendly and laid back environment in which members decide what they want to do. On offer we have pool tables, air hockey, games consoles, table tennis and craft and cookery activities, supervised by our Lead Youth Worker, Dave Beasley, and our team of Support Youth Workers.

The Club welcomes all those aged between 11 and 19 living in adjacent villages, and it operates on Monday, Wednesday & Thursday evenings from 7- 9 p.m.

Parents are welcome to pop in and see what we offer our young members.

From 10 September, Monday & Wednesday sessions will be open to all, and Thursdays will be reserved for our younger members (11 - 14).

If you would like more information, please contact Dave Beasley on 07790 930191.

## Surgery News - Flu Clinics

This time of year is a very busy time for us, planning for the annual flu season. For most people, flu is unpleasant but not serious. You will usually recover within a week. However, certain people are at greater risk of developing serious complications of flu and those people would benefit from a flu jab to help protect against catching the flu. It is recommended that you have a flu jab if you:

- Are 65 years old or over
- Are pregnant
- Have a serious medical condition such as severe asthma, COPD, heart disease, kidney disease or diabetes. If you have a weak immune system e.g. due to chemotherapy or have had a stroke in the past.

We will be holding special flu clinics in October. If you are eligible and would like a flu jab, please contact us to book an appointment. If you are already booking an appointment with a doctor or nurse during October, we may well be able to give you your flu jab whilst you are at the surgery. Please let us know.



# Two Brothers That Went To War

Recently having been given a rather dark Photostat copy of the 'Waterbeach absent voters list'; which is a list of names of men that had joined up during WW1, and who because they were away from their homes couldn't vote.

As well as all the names of those who had joined up the list also gave (although not in all cases) a road or house name and the name of the regiment the man had joined and his regimental number.

As what I had before me was not a very good copy I decided to re-type the whole thing, for clarity and add a few extra details (whether or not there was an army service/pension record, census records, etc).

It was whilst I was doing all this that I noticed Laurence Victor Duncan Chapman and his younger brother Cecil Harry Chapman; what follows is what I was able to find out about these two brave young men.

Laurence Victor Chapman was born in Stretham Cambridgeshire in 1889 to farm labourer Frederick Chapman and his wife Sarah. Surprisingly for the time Laurence's family was small as there was just him and his brother Cecil who was 7 years his junior.

Unlike his older brother, Cecil was born in Waterbeach, most likely in the family home of No123 Winfold Road.

Before the war, Reverend Thomas Warrington of the vicarage Waterbeach employed Laurence as a gardener, whilst Cecil had a job as a baker's assistant.



On the 7<sup>th</sup> of September 1914 Laurence (aged 25) and Cecil (aged 18) attested for the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion of the Cambridgeshire regiment in Cambridge and were given the sequential regimental numbers of 2725 (Laurence) and 2726 (Cecil).

After joining the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion (Territorial Force) Cambridgeshire Regiment, Laurence and Cecil would have received twelve weeks basic training (at this point in the war 12 weeks training was

given to new recruits but by 1918 this had been cut by half to 6 weeks).

Basic training consisted of rifle and bayonet drill with quite a lot of emphasis put on the latter; the new recruit was also instructed on small unit tactics and the basics of trench warfare.

After his initial training the new recruit was then sent to a transit camp to pick up further training before being sent on leave prior to his posting overseas. Once in France the new recruit would be posted to a reserve force stationed



in a rearward (safe) area where he would be with experienced troops and receive yet more training before being sent to the front.

As Territorials Laurence and Cecil had agreed to be available for home service only and so could not be posted overseas unless volunteering to do so, as volunteers both men could serve overseas but only in their own unit (i.e., they couldn't be transferred or posted to another Regiment).



*The Imperial Service Badge*

At the outbreak of war in 1914 most Territorials did volunteer to serve overseas thereby qualifying for the Imperial Service Badge.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Cambridgeshire Regiment with Laurence and Cecil landed at LeHavre in France on the 15<sup>th</sup> of February 1915 and

became part of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Brigade (from February 1915 to November 1915) assigned to the 27<sup>th</sup> Division.

Laurence and Cecil's first taste of action came on the 14<sup>th</sup> of March when the Germans made a surprise attack against the 27<sup>th</sup> Division, which was holding the line East of St.Eloi. At 5pm, under cover of mist, a heavy artillery barrage was concentrated on the 27<sup>th</sup> Division's positions; this being further strengthened by two mine explosions. The swiftness and the confusion wrought by this attack forced the 27<sup>th</sup> from its positions and trenches at St.Eloi were taken by the Germans and held for around fourteen hours.

After several counter attacks by the men of the 27<sup>th</sup> the trenches that had been lost were once again back in British hands by 7am on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Losses to the Germans were fifteen taken prisoner with a further sixty dead in front of the trenches.

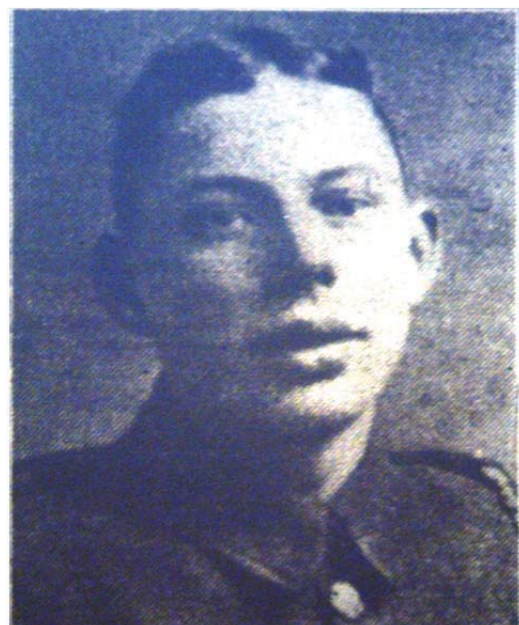
Sadly on the 17<sup>th</sup> of April 1915, just over a month after St.Eloi and two months after arriving in France, Cecil was killed, (possibly by a German sniper?).

A memorial service for Cecil was held at Waterbeach Parish church and was reported in the Cambridgeshire Times thus: –

'On Sunday last after the evening service a memorial service was held in the parish church at Waterbeach in honour of Private Cecil H.Chapman, 1<sup>st</sup> Cambs. Battalion, who was killed in action in France on April 17<sup>th</sup>. The church was filled with friends and parishioners, testifying to the high esteem which the parishioners have for those who are called to sacrifice their lives for their country.

Preaching at the ordinary evening service, the Vicar chose for his text "O death; where is thy victory?" demonstrating that the resurrection of Christ was the reversal of the greatest tragedy of the world'.

The report in the paper of the memorial service for Cecil goes on to say that the vicar told the congregation that Englishmen, Waterbeach, and that everyone was at war in defence of our Christian civilisation and that England was a more civilised place than pagan Germany. Towards the end of the memorial service the vicar put on his recruiting hat and urged parents to send their sons off to fight. It is not known if Laurence was with Cecil the day he was killed, or whether the army gave Laurence leave to come home to see his parents and to attend his brother's memorial service; either way Laurence was still with the Cambridgeshires and was still in the middle of a war.



*Pte 2726 Cecil Harry Chapman*

*By Martin Tingey*

*To be continued in the next edition of Beach News*

## Yard Sales

Thank you very much to those who took part in the Yard Sales in July despite it being such an awful rainy day. Also thank you to Waterbeach Wives Group for all their support at the Church Room.

We raised just over £500 which has been shared between Jack's Appeal and the WAY Project.

Jack is a local boy from Waterbeach who was born prematurely and following a brain haemorrhage after birth was left profoundly disabled with quadriplegic cerebral palsy. As Jack grows his equipment needs changing and this donation will help towards a bigger wheelchair for him.

The WAY Project provides a wide variety of activities for young people living locally, offering evening youth club sessions, afternoon support sessions and regular pastoral work with those families facing severe difficulties.

Thanks everyone for supporting us and hope to do it all again next year!

*Jan Gilzean*

### **Thank You**

I would like to say thank you to the kind person who found a ring on Feast Day and handed it in at the Community Association tent. This was my wedding ring and I am so grateful that it was found and returned.

Many thanks,  
*Mrs King, Denson Close, Waterbeach*

# Beach Sessions

Beach Sessions celebrates its first anniversary this autumn with some treats in store for music and comedy fans. On Saturday 13 October we welcome back Rob Coleman & his funny folk for a second comedy night. Our first comedy & cocktails night earlier in the year was a great success, with a capacity crowd and plenty of laughs. This time there will be 4 talented comedians on the bill, so come prepared to enjoy yourself and get there early as we expect this will be a very popular night. Free entry, 8pm at The Sun.

By popular request, we welcome back Dirty Ray on Saturday 17 November for An Evening with Dirty Ray & Friends. Ray has been the most requested artist following his roof-raising Beach Sessions appearance in May. A born performer and consummate musician, Ray's beautifully crafted songs are by turns poignant, funny, sad and saucy. Expect also to hear tales from Ray's colourful career, performing on the bill with artists including The Rolling Stones, Iggy Pop & Bob Dylan. Free entry, 8pm at The Sun.



Admission to both these events is free, and you will find a friendly atmosphere and a great night

out. Events take place upstairs at The Sun from 8pm. To stay up to date with the latest Beach Sessions music and comedy events in Waterbeach see [www.beachsessions.co.uk](http://www.beachsessions.co.uk) or [www.facebook.com/thebeachsessions](http://www.facebook.com/thebeachsessions)

Thanks to all the many people in the village who have helped to get Beach Sessions up and running during our first year, and to the local bands who we have featured so far. If you are a solo artist, duo or band writing your own material and would like to be considered for a future Beach Sessions gig, please contact us on [info@beachsessions.co.uk](mailto:info@beachsessions.co.uk)

## Festival of Ideas 2012



Explore the big ideas in the arts, humanities and social sciences for free at the 2012 Cambridge Festival of Ideas. The Festival offers hundreds of free talks, hands on activities, film screenings and workshops for all ages and will take place from Wednesday 24 October – Sunday 4 November 2012. The main day of the Festival on Saturday 27 October is bursting with free events for the whole family to enjoy on the University's Sidgwick Site. For more information and a programme, please call: 01223 766766 or visit: [www.cam.ac.uk/festivalofideas](http://www.cam.ac.uk/festivalofideas) Booking opens Wednesday 12 September.



# Badminton Club

For the last 18 months we have held a Badminton session at Waterbeach School gymnasium from 6.15-8.15 on a Tuesday evening. We have managed many really enjoyable and competitive matches with members, ages ranging from 14 to 68.

Sadly, over the weeks, due to injury and other reasons, the numbers drastically reduced; so much so that we have ceased the evening badminton event from the end of April. All being well we will re-open in the autumn, but this depends entirely on the number attending in the future.

If you are interested in playing regularly, or know someone else who may wish to do so, please telephone 01223 862404 and I can give you more details about the club.

*Norman Setchell*

# Waterbeach Scout Group



Unfortunately our Fun Day Sports Day had to be cancelled this year due to the rain, but the weather never deterred us from camping. Scout camp was rather wet and muddy. Below are reports from some Scouts and Cubs;

We did lots of fun activities at Scout camp including the cresta run, splash Wednesday, rafting, dino carts (go karts), fire lighting, fishing and many more. Our favourite though was the squirrels; they ate through Kama and Saskia's tent and backpack to get their grubby little hands on Kama's food. The next victim was Theresa's tent where they ate into a Tupperware container because they left a banana skin in it, oops!!

*Written by Kama Miller-Gambie and Theresa Norman-Dowson.*

On Cub camp the theme was Olympics. Every morning we got up about 7 to get ready for inspection and breakfast. We enjoyed fire lighting one morning with Steve because we learned about friction, embers and hay nests. We brought some souvenirs from the shop on site. We ran 1000m, shuttle run, done some star jumps, step ups and other races. We won gold medals for the Olympic events. We went fishing. Between us there was an 11, 17 and 25 pounder carps caught. We also made candle boat to float on the lake as part of our closing ceremony. *Written by Luke Dodge, Isaac Dodge and Jamie Langley.*

Family Bingo season is upon us again Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October, Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November and our Christmas bingo Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Start at 7-30pm in the Scout Hut. All welcome.

Our Christmas sale will be held on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November 10am until 2pm. Come along to see Santa, enjoy a big breakfast and plenty to win or buy. As usual our annual jumble sale will take place on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January.

# Toddler Playgroup



It hardly seems possible at the time of writing this that a new school year is already almost upon us. Last term saw us preparing for and participating in Waterbeach Feast and to say that we were delighted with the double success of winning both best float and best stall for our age group would be an understatement! The staff and children worked extremely hard to produce some beautiful artwork to decorate both the float and the stall, and even though the day before the Feast saw us tackle the disappointment of having our float vandalised, the efforts of the staff, parents and children on the day itself were a source of celebration. Last term was also one in which we helped our eldest children prepare for their move to primary school, through a variety of transition visits and activities enjoyed by all, and we wish them all the very best as they start this next exciting stage. Of course, with the relocation of those families connected with the barracks this also meant bidding them a sad farewell as they left for new pastures much further afield than Waterbeach Primary.

The end of term itself was a time of great celebration however, with a



leavers party being held for the 'Rising 5s' before the whole playgroup (parents and siblings included) descended upon the Botanic Gardens. This was a 'Grand Day Out' organised by the committee which included a train ride to Cambridge, a bug trail (complete with explorer backpacks) and a

picnic lunch. The day was a great success enjoyed by all, and we were even blessed with some glorious sunshine!

Waterbeach Toddler Playgroup has been running in the village now for over 20 years and is located on Burgess Road. We are a small playgroup with an excellent adult to child ratio and we welcome children aged from 2 ½ to 4 years of age (pre-school year) in a variety of groups. These include specialised pre-school sessions on Monday and Wednesday afternoons (12-3pm) and separate sessions for the younger group on Monday and Wednesday mornings (9-11:30am). Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings we hold mixed sessions open to both age groups (with optional lunch sessions from 12-1pm at a small extra charge). Thanks to Nursery Funding

money from the government, our sessions are free from the term after your child turns three.

If you want to know more about the playgroup, please check out our website or contact our Play Leader, Wayne Badcock on 07808 357729 or via e-mail at [wayne@waterbeachtoddlerplaygroup.org.uk](mailto:wayne@waterbeachtoddlerplaygroup.org.uk) . Alternatively, any of our committee members would be delighted to talk to you!

## **Betty - A Girl from Waterbeach**

We recently received a letter about a young girl who lived in Waterbeach many years ago....

It was 27<sup>th</sup> December 1924, Christmas Day and Boxing Day had gone and Dora had put her other two children to bed. She told her husband "You better call the doctor as our baby will be born tonight". Sure enough a baby girl arrived, called Betty. They lived in Primrose Lane in a cottage rented from a Mrs Denton. Betty's Dad worked for Mr Hatley who had a farm in Landbeach. He delivered milk in the mornings and in the afternoons he was a coalman. His name was Fred known to the village as Freddy.

When Betty left school she went to work in Cambridge. In 1939 the war started and several of the local lads were called up to join the forces. There were many airmen and soldiers in Waterbeach and in 1941 Betty met a soldier, Reg Collins and two years later they were married.

Betty's brother had joined the REME and enjoyed the life. In July 1945 he was training in readiness to move to Burma when a storm broke and Dennis was struck by lightning and drowned.

In 1945 Betty moved to the south coast the home of her husband Reg. Two years later their first son arrived followed by a second son after four more years. At the age of 11 months the second son suffered badly with Meningitis and struggled to survive, but he did and they all lived happily. The boys grew up, got married and had families of their own.

Betty and Reg were married for 62 years before Reg was taken very ill and sadly passed away.

Betty started writing and her first book *Collies Tales* was published in 2004. Since then she has written five more – *Collie Returns The Unexpected*, *Richard's Dream*, *District Nurse*, *Lucky Lady* and *The Debate*. All are short stories with some poems by B.C.Collins and are available on Amazon.

Some residents may remember Betty Bavester who became Betty Collins when she married. She now spends her spare time knitting for the Special Care Baby Unit for her local hospital.



# Advice from Trading Standards

## ***Heating oil and gas – getting the right measure***

At the time of writing we're having a mini heat wave, so you might not thank me for turning your thoughts to the winter months! But sometimes time flies far more quickly than we like, and in our British climate who knows how early a cold snap will arrive. Some of you may therefore be considering buying in your fuel for those cold months.

In Cambridgeshire, Trading Standards work closely with heating oil and bulk gas suppliers to help them ensure their tankers are measuring and dispensing fuel accurately. This helps to ensure that you, the customer, can be sure you're getting what you've paid for. When it comes to bottled gas, local Trading Standards services check the meters at the bottling plants to ensure they are accurate. We provide support for businesses to make it easier for them to meet regulations and provide good customer service too. However, for added peace of mind there are a few checks you can make yourself, at the time of delivery, to ensure you are getting the fuel you paid for.

## ***Heating oil and bulk gas***

On most tankers there is an automatic ticket printer that records and prints the quantity of fuel dispensed into your tank. You should be given a copy of this delivery ticket. If you want to make absolutely sure it is correct, you can take the following steps:

- For heating oil, observe the fuel being dispensed from start to finish. (For safety reasons we do not advise this for bulk gas).
- Inspect the ticket before it is put in the printer and before the fuel is dispensed to make sure it is yours and that it remains in place until it is printed again on completion.
- When the ticket is inserted, make sure the meter shows 'zero'.
- At the end of the delivery, check the reading on the meter is the same as on your ticket.

A small number of oil tankers still use a dipstick to measure fuel being dispensed. This is harder for you to check as your own dipstick or sight tube may not be as accurate.

## ***Bottled gas***

Bottled gas is sold by the weight of its contents which should be clearly marked on the cylinder. If you want to be sure that you have received the correct amount of gas, you can take the following steps:

- Check the amount marked on the cylinders adds up to the amount on the delivery note and both match the amount ordered.

- Where fitted, check the plastic seals are in place and that the essential safety information is stamped or painted on the side.

If you have concerns or issues with any products that you have purchased, you can contact our partner, Citizens Advice Consumer Service, on 08454 040506 for advice. For business advice and support contact 0345 0455206.

# Waterbeach Angling Club

Waterbeach Angling Club was formed in June 1936, by a party of local anglers meeting on the river bank. Then known as 'The Beach Angling Club', the intention was to protect local angling interests against the big angling clubs from Cambridge, London and Birmingham.

Land owners were worried about the influxes of anglers from outside the area, as damage was being done to crops, plus gates were being left open by people who had no idea of country life. So with this on their minds land owners were very co-operative towards having a local Club and soon agreed to lease several excellent stretches of the Cam below Bottisham Lock. By 1939 membership was no longer restricted to Waterbeach residents and had risen from 37 to a respectable 184.

Following the war, in 1948, a further mile and a half of river above Bottisham Lock was added to the fishing available to members.

The club at one time boasted to having the oldest participating angler in the UK, Waterbeach resident Horace Bull, who was still fishing at 100 years of age.

Since then, the club has maintained many of these waters and added others, notably a stretch of the Old West with a series of adjoining 'lagoons' at Stretham and the Leland Water fishery just off the Waterbeach to Landbeach Road which includes Atkin's Water and Magpie Lake. We also run and maintain Hatley's Junior Pit in Landbeach. The club recently took over the running of the Parish Council water at the end of Bannold Road and try valiantly to keep that area tidy.

All of our waters are available to fish on day tickets and some notably the river fisheries plus Atkin's Water [restrictions apply] can be fished by buying a club card. These are available in the village from Rosemary Stores. Day tickets are available on the bank on all our waters apart from Leland Water where they must be booked in advance. These are available from our ticket and Leland Water manager Tony Leadley on 07966 487 320

The club celebrated its 50th anniversary in 1986 and 25 years later we celebrated our 75th anniversary in 2011.

We look forward to welcoming new members both young and old to our fisheries.

# News from Cllr. Peter Johnson

The Barracks saga goes on and we were all sad to see the “Guardian of the Gate” moved away and a lot of the soldiers have gone now but our fight goes on. The various facilities on the Barracks site such as the swimming pool, golf course, and the fishing lakes would be badly missed if we lost these but I have asked the question to have these bequeathed to Waterbeach and our MP Jim Paice is also asking for this as well. Whether it will happen I don't know but it won't be for the lack of asking.

Well we did get most of our white lines restored, the footpaths across the green have had their accesses marked and the “Keep Clear” by the Chinese takeaway. If there are any that have been missed please let me know.

The ditch in Denny End Road is flowing again at last. Anglian Water have cleared enough to get the water flowing again and they are monitoring the flow rate as they suspect there may still be a slight blockage, this is to be investigated further before the winter sets in.

I have been informed that many of the dropped kerbs are not dropped enough for mobility scooters and wheelchair users so I am doing a survey on these to try and rectify the situation. So far I have covered 75% of the village accompanying a mobility scooter user and found that many are either in the wrong place or are simply not dropped enough. I now need a wheelchair user to volunteer to check these dropped kerbs before the winter sets in so if you would like to volunteer, contact me then we can make arrangements to finish the survey.

A few weeks ago I walked through the Rec to find lots of litter scattered around. If you use the Rec please ensure that you put your rubbish in the bins provided. Perhaps not all the bins are exactly where you would like them to be but they are within walking distance, please respect our green spaces and keep them clear of litter.

The wet and warm weather has been good growing weather but this has resulted in some of the passageways in the village becoming nearly impassable. The ones on South Cambs property I am chasing as I feel the people who do the grass cutting should be doing these passageways as well. I am waiting for the officer who deals with the contract to get back to me so we can get this issue resolved. The passageway between Rosemary Road and Burgess Road was so overgrown it was impossible for a wheelchair user to get through, so I enlisted the help of Kevin Flitton and we cleared this so the passageway can be used by all.

Lastly all the campaigning has paid off to get the A10 from Milton to Denny End Road junction reduced to a 50mph limit, maybe a 10 mph reduction isn't



a lot, but the stopping distance at 60mph is 73 metres and at 50 mph it is 53 metres, a difference of 20 metres which could mean the difference between a fatal accident and a non-fatal accident. Hopefully this will also make leaving the village at the Slap Up junction less hazardous and reduce accidents in this area.

I do consider myself privileged to represent Waterbeach, Landbeach, and Chittering as your District Councillor and I thank you for having the confidence in me and I will do the best I can for our villages. Please remember I work for everyone in our villages so if you have any issues you want to talk to me about then contact me by whatever means you like, telephone 01223 560918, mob. 07947475549, e-mail [cllr.johnson@scams.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.johnson@scams.gov.uk), or just knock on my door at 25 Jubilee Close Waterbeach.

## Message from PCSO John Mason

**Cycle Security** - Unfortunately the issue of cycle theft remains a concern throughout Cambridgeshire. If you or a member of your family have a cycle please take a note of the following advice:

*Register it* - Register model, make and frame number to increase your chance of getting it back if stolen. You can do this at <http://www.immobilise.com>

Frame numbers can usually be found: near the handlebars, below the seat post, by or underneath the pedals, towards the back wheel.

*Security mark it* – Use an ACPO-approved marking scheme. Make sure the security mark is clearly visible, highlighting that the cycle is security coded and is secure and difficult for a thief to remove.

*Buy a lock* - Or even two. Expect to pay at least £40 for a decent lock. Lock your cycle securely: lock 'tight' so that your cycle is hard to move around when parked, lock both wheels and the frame to a cycle stand or other immovable object, secure your lock so it does not touch the ground.

*Insure it* - Add a standard cycle to your home contents insurance, ensuring it is covered for theft outside of your home. More valuable cycles should be insured separately.

*Additional security measures* - Park your cycle where it can be seen. Make sure the locks catch the cycle frame as well as both wheels and the post. Don't leave your cycle in the same place every day. Face the lock to the ground (but not resting on it) so it can't easily be turned upwards for picking. Fill the D part of a lock with as much of the cycle as possible to reduce the chance of it being smashed open. Never leave the lock lying on the pavement, where it can be easily sledge-hammered. Take removable items with you, for example lights and pump.

# Royal British Legion

## ***Remembrance Sunday***

Landbeach Service commences at 9.15am

Waterbeach Service will commence at the War Memorial at St. John's Church at 10.45am

*\* There will be no parade this year \**

Act of Remembrance will be at 11.00am on the 11<sup>th</sup> November as the nation remembers.

*For Today's, Tomorrow's and Yesterday's Ex- Service Personnel.*

What we do.

- Legion funded Centre for Blast Injury Studies – based at the Imperial College London. Cost of £5million provided by the Legion over 5 years to look at mitigation of blast injuries in the long term.
- Personal Recovery Centres – built with funds from Help for Heroes, the RBL is financing the centres operational running costs as part of its pledge to give £50 million to the Defence Recovery Capability Programme. This is to assist today's service personnel with help and support to the wounded, injured and sick. There are four of these centres around the UK. The latest one is at Colchester "Chavasse House". This centre has room for 27 forces personnel and 30 day visitors. It offers residents the chance to gain new skills and qualifications.
- The National Memorial Arboretum – The RBL support this by providing funds towards running costs.
- Welfare – The RBL spends £1.7 million a week on welfare work throughout the country assisting people through its network of branches and service case workers. It has homes around the country offering residential care, rest and convalescence. We work in co-operation with other ex-service charities to ensure that the maximum assistance is given to those who request our help.
- Poppy Appeal – This is always recognised as the flagship of the Royal British Legion and its work in the welfare and of the serving and ex-serving community. Although most thought of at remembrance time in November it operates throughout the year with members and volunteers freely giving up their time to help.

Your local branch meets in our headquarters at the Beach Social Club. Our annual meeting is on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm.

# Frank - A Study in Contentment

Before Dr Beeching wielded his axe on the railway system of the smaller branch lines there was a particularly picturesque line between the city of Lincoln and Grantham. This line was much used during the years of National Service by members of the RAF from the many airfields in the Lincoln area. The trains stopped at the many villages along the route and in my last day of service in the RAF I became friendly with Frank who lived in one of the villages.

Frank had left school at the then minimum age of 15 years and took up employment on a local farm. He loved nature and took great pleasure in the beauty of the surrounding countryside. The work was physically very demanding at times, modernisation of agricultural systems and machinery was just beginning to change much of the hard labour associated with the work on the farm.

Men of older generations who worked with Frank told him stories of the First World War in which some of them had served. Sadly they returned to a country approaching the great depression of the thirties when work was scarce and wages were low. They had a profound knowledge of the fields in which they worked and Frank took all this on board as it greatly increased his commitment to his job. As the train approached the village Frank would point out to me features of the fields on which he had worked. Here a small wood under whose trees he had sheltered from rain and sun as the weather dictated. A brook used to keep bottles of cold tea cool in the summer heat of the corn harvests.

Then came his conscription to National Service in the RAF. Since he had only had basic education he was given the trade of batman waiter. Frank was not concerned with status and counted himself fortunate to have a posting close to his home. He took great pleasure in pointing out to me the various fields on which he had worked and was looking forward to returning to on demobilisation. He enjoyed family life with his parents and sister and hoped for a home and family of his own one day. I suggested that a farm workers wage would make the purchase of a house of his own very difficult. He assured me that he only expected to rent a house and had no ambitions other than the possible purchase of a small second hand car. His life revolved round the farm, the little church and occasional trips to the nearby towns.

We were both demobbed on the same day and when the train arrived at his village I remember that as he walked up the lane towards his future in the village that he loved, he turned and waved and effectively walked out of my life.



In a time of ambition and high hopes for a brighter future Frank reminded me that the real appreciation of life could be found in simplicity and enjoyment of very basic living.

Frank and I are about the same age and I visualise him now in peaceful and happy retirement. I hope that in the fullness of time he will rest in the churchyard of his beloved village in the beauty of the Wolds which if they could speak could tell stories that would make a book mighty as themselves.

*Bryan Parr*

## Gardening Club

The summer's events started at the Feast. As usual the Community Association produced a great programme: the Green was filled with stands, the Ring was full of activity and we thank the organisers for enabling the Club to join in the celebration. The stand was set up on the theme of "Flowers for the Queen" and was filled with a grand supply of plants for sale – we thank the many generous donors for the quality, quantity and variety of plants which kept us going until the close and we sold out!

This year the Club made an evening visit to the gardens of Fitzwilliam College in the company of the Head Gardner, Mr Kidger. He showed us how the splendid gardens had evolved and how the various gardens were designed to give sequence of different seasonal plantings. This was reinforced, over coffee and biscuits, by means of a film-loop presentation showing gardens through the seasons. We thank Fitzwilliam College for a delightful visit and we wish our special thanks to go to Mr Kidger for his skilled presentation.

The rainy season having started, a fall back plan for the barbecue on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August was luckily in place. The morning was fine: hopes were high, the gazebos were set up, the tables were laid, the barbecues were charged, people were arriving and....the rains came! The guests decamped to St. John's Church Hall, the barbecues were moved under the gazebos and the food was successfully ferried to the Hall. The master chef, David Lynn was on form and the "Bring and Share" was, as usual, delicious. We could get used to this!

The Annual Show was held on 8<sup>th</sup> September and the prize winners will be reported in the winter edition of Beach News.

### *Forth coming events*

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November

AGM and Photographic presentation

"Floral and Botanical Art at the Fitzwilliam Museum" Andrew Morris

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COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION TREASURER	01223 860993
HAPPY FOLKS CLUB	Mrs A Coxall - 07767 072169
ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - WATERBEACH & LANDBEACH	Norman Foster - 01223 474622
ROYAL ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION	Brian Simm - 01487 832982
ST. JOHN'S CHURCH	Revd Pam Thorn -01223 860353
THE WAY PROJECT	Julie Wentworth - 01223 861668
WASPS (WATERBEACH AFTER SCHOOL PLAY SCHEME)	Zoe Palmer/Wayne Badcock - 01223 861140
WATERBEACH & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB	Peter Dixon - 01223 860280
WATERBEACH BAPTIST CHAPEL	Martin Ensell - 01223 862494
WATERBEACH BRASS	David Pell - 01223 860396
WATERBEACH COLTS F.C.	Bernadette Sowden-Fletcher - 01223 566687
WATERBEACH COMMUNITY PLAYERS	Julie Petrucci - 01223 880023
WATERBEACH COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP	Jacqui Woods - 01223 440705
WATERBEACH CULTURAL COLLECTIVE	Donna Lynas – 01223 860722
WATERBEACH DAY CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY	William Bullivant - 01223 862506
WATERBEACH FORWARD	<a href="mailto:info@WaterbeachForward.org">info@WaterbeachForward.org</a>
WATERBEACH INDEPENDENT LENDING LIBRARY (WILL)	Sheila Burke - 01223 861717
WATERBEACH SALVATION ARMY	Wendy Brown - 01223 506217

WATERBEACH SCHOOL P.T.A	Cressi Downing - 07976 635774
WATERBEACH TODDLER PLAYGROUP	Wayne Badcock - 07808 357729
WATERBEACH VILLAGE SOCIETY	Ray Rice - 01223 860663
WATERBEACH WI	Sheila Lynn - 01223 860948
WATERBEACH WIVES GROUP	Sheila Gill - 01223 861999
WISE (Waterbeach Initiative for Sustainable Energy)	Paul Bearpark - 01223 571512

**Other useful numbers:**

BEACHES COMMUNITY CAR SERVICE	07807 875878
COUNTY COUNCILLOR	Michael Williamson - 01223 860899
DISTRICT COUNCILLOR	James Hockney - 01223 441289 or 07958 389713
DISTRICT COUNCILLOR	Peter Johnson - 01223 560918 or 07947 475549
DOCTORS SURGERY – WATERBEACH	01223 860387
FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE - Non Emergency Calls	01223 376217
LANDBEACH VILLAGE HALL	Anne Bullman - 01223 860692
PARISH COUNCIL	Norma Kay/Roy Reeves - 01223 862937
PARISH PATHS GROUP	D. Armstrong - 01223 861586
POLICE - Non Emergency Calls	<i>New number - 101</i>
ST LAWRENCES CATHOLIC CHURCH	01223 704640
VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT	01223 476601
WATERBEACH BARRACKS-STATION STAFF OFFICER	Dave Hornby - 01223 204406
WATERBEACH SCHOOL	01223 718988
WATERBEACH TURBARY CHARITY	Pam Gooding - 01223 861003
WATERBEACH UNITED CHARITIES	Pam Gooding - 01223 861003
YOUTH OUTREACH WORKER	David Beasley - 07790 930191