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Community Association



Farewell - I am sad to announce that Mike Sharp, our Treasurer, is retiring in March and will be leaving the area. He is moving to Lincoln to be nearer his family and new grandson.

Mike has been an active member of Waterbeach Community Association for over 10 years and held the position of Treasurer since 2004. He has been involved in many aspects of village life. Generously giving of his time folding and delivering Beach News and he has been a major contributor to the organisation of Waterbeach Feast, 'Carols on the Green' on Christmas Eve and the 60Plus parties. On behalf of Waterbeach, Landbeach and Chittering we would like to say a huge thank you to Mike for his dedication and commitment over the years. We wish him all the very best in his retirement and many happy years in his new home.



Christmas - 'Carols on the Green' on Christmas Eve was very well attended and the charity collection raised £666 for local clubs and groups. Thank you for your support.

Big Lunch - 3rd June - To celebrate the Diamond Jubilee communities are invited to gather together for a 'Big Lunch' on Sunday 3rd June 2012. To include Waterbeach in this event we are inviting everyone to bring a picnic to Waterbeach Recreation Ground at approximately 12.30pm.

This event is aimed at all members of the community both young and old alike. Some games and entertainment will be provided during the afternoon. Further details will be on the Waterbeach Community Association website and displayed in the notice boards.

As it is due to be a family event it is requested that people do not bring their dogs.

Feast - 16th June - We are continuing through the alphabet and the theme this year is 'Something beginning with F....' In this edition of Beach News you will find the various forms needed to join in the activities. Pitch Booking form, page 29 and Parade Entry form, page 8, for all entries into the parade – floats, family & friends groups, walking groups etc. This year's Feast Competition for children and adults will be 'Fabulous Flowers'. What do you have to do? We want you to make a flower large or small, beautiful to wacky, from any kind of material possible – paper, fabric, wood, plastic, metal, wool, clay, recycled materials the list is as long as your imagination. Bring your flower, labelled with your name along to the Green on the morning of Saturday 16th June, between 10.30 and 11.30am. Flowers will be judged and the Best Flower will win a prize. Entry is free and further details and an entry form can be found on page 14.

Sarge Stevens - We regret to inform you that Sarge Stevens sadly passed away on 26th January 2012. Whilst living in Waterbeach Sarge was actively involved in many groups and organisations within the village and was Community Association Treasurer for a number of years until she moved to Malvern, Worcestershire in 2003. Our thoughts are with Steve and the family.

Waterbeach Barracks

Colonel Andy Phillips has written the update below to go out to the local community so that they are aware of the latest news on the Barracks closure:

"In November last year, I informed you that there had been an announcement on the rebasing of 39 Engineer Regiment (Air Support) and Headquarters 12 (Air Support) Engineer Group from Waterbeach Barracks to Kinloss and Wittering respectively, followed by the closure of Waterbeach Barracks. At that stage I was unable to give you any firm timelines.

After a number of planning meetings and visits to the new locations, I can now let you know that the endorsed Army plan is:

- The main body of 39 Engineer Regiment will rebase from Waterbeach Barracks to RAF Kinloss in July 2012.
- The main body of Headquarters 12 (Air Support) Engineer Group, including Headquarters Works Group (Airfields) and 529 Specialist Team Royal Engineers (Air Support), will rebase from Waterbeach Barracks to RAF Wittering in October 2012.
- The Army will then vacate Waterbeach Barracks and hand an empty barracks to the Defence Infrastructure Organisation by the end of March 2013.

The Defence Infrastructure Organisation will then dispose of the Barracks and Married Quarters, although we are not yet aware of detailed plans or timelines for this.

The run-down and handover of the Barracks will be carried out by a small team from the Group who will remain working at Waterbeach between October 2012 and March 2013. There are also likely to be a few families who do not move to Kinloss or Wittering and who will remain in the Married Quarters at Waterbeach for a period of time after the move.

We will do everything within our gift to minimise the impact of our departure on the local community. We also plan to mark our departure in an appropriate way and my team will liaise with local officials to arrange this; at the moment we're looking at a 'Beat the Retreat' event in the Barracks on the evening of Fri 15 June to tie in with the Waterbeach Feast weekend.

I reiterate what I said previously; we have been at Waterbeach Barracks for many years and have enjoyed terrific support and friendship from the community. We all have fond feelings for Waterbeach and will be extremely sad to leave.

We will stay in touch with you through our usual contacts in the Parish Council, Community Association as well as local councillors, so if anybody has issues arising from the closure please raise it through them and we will look to see where we can help."

As Colonel Andy says, please let us know any particular concerns or queries. Dave Hornby, Station Staff Officer, should be the usual POC for routine enquiries and will attend and brief on our plans at the usual regular local meetings. Now that we have the above direction, we will be setting up a Closure Working Group to start work on a detailed plan for the vacation and closure of Waterbeach Barracks and will let you know our plans as soon as we can.

Beaches Community Car Service

Help! Our Drivers Are Getting Tired!

The Beaches Community Car Service, which started on April 1 2009, has now been in operation for nearly 3 years, during which time they have undertaken over 2800 journeys, covering over 27500 miles. So you can see that our drivers could do with a little help!

The service fulfils a variety of needs, from urgent hospital trips (we cover Addenbrookes, Ely, Newmarket, and Papworth Hospitals to name but a few) to shopping trips and visits to care homes. Unfortunately, we sometimes have to refuse a client because we do not have a driver available. This causes distress to both our clients and us.

Of course, the more drivers we have, the more flexible the service can be, and the load on the existing drivers can be reduced. Our drivers are all volunteers giving their time freely, but they are reimbursed for petrol costs.

How often are you expected to drive? You can do as many or as few journeys as is convenient for you, and you are allowed to say no! Application is easy, with a minimum of form filling, but all drivers have to be CRB checked (the cost of this is paid for by Cambridgeshire County Council, who also make a contribution towards expenses).

We also have a need for more co-ordinators who, working on a monthly rota basis, help to organise journeys.

If you feel that *YOU* could *HELP* and are interested in joining our team of drivers or co-ordinators, please contact Mike Dean on 01223 575698, who will be pleased to discuss the Service with you.

If you are having difficulty in getting around, and think that the BCCS could help you, please call on 0780 7875878. If the messaging service is in operation, please leave a message, stating your name, address, and telephone number, together with the date you require our service, the destination and the time of your appointment and the duty co-ordinator will contact you. Good also to know if you use a walking frame or wheelchair and if anyone will be accompanying you. Tip! Write down what you want to say first using the list and order above.



Waterbeach Yard Sales

Saturday 14th July 2012

from 10am to 4pm



Maps and refreshments available at St John's Church Room, Waterbeach
For more information contact Jan on 01223 512903

Waterbeach Scout Group



Looking forward to Scouting 2012.

First I would like to thank you all for your generous donations when Santa came to call in December, in excess of £1100 was raised for The Princess of Wales Hospital, Ely and the Scout and Guide Hut Repair Fund. Hopefully he will be calling again the end of the year!

Saturday 24th March the Scouts and Guides will be having their Spring Sale in the Scout Hut from 11am till 3pm. Once again we will be cooking our 'Big Breakfast' for you all to come along and enjoy.

Our May Sports Fun Day will be held on *Sunday 6th May* behind the Scout Hut on the grounds of Waterbeach School 2pm till 9pm. It's a fun day for all the family; you do not have to come to Scouts to be able to join in. There will be mixed team events e.g. football, Kim's game, tug of war etc. You will need to be at the hut at 13:30 to sign up to be in a team. While the teams are being sorted the fun run will take place. There will be a few unit stalls, Gat Guns, Tombola, Cakes etc. We will be selling drinks, baked jacket potatoes and burgers etc. When the fun of the day is over there will be a disco in the Hut for the under 14s until 9pm.

We're still in our Family Bingo season with games on *Friday 9th March*, Easter Bingo *Friday 6th April* and *Friday 11th May*. Anyone is welcome to come and join us. First game begins at 7:30pm and we finish about 9pm.

Waterbeach Village Society

The Society is well into its talks programme now, with interesting presentations from Dr. David Smith, Avril Hayter-Smith, Mike Petty, Elizabeth Stazinger and Chloe Cockerill. On March 27th, Stephen Macaulay, Senior Projects Manager, will reveal the secrets unearthed at Waterbeach's Car Dyke site. Talks to look forward to include "Dining with the Georgians" on April 24th and Rodney Tibbs will talk about the "Lost City of Petra" on 22nd May.

For more information on the above and the rest of the Society's programme, contact Adrian Wright, Chairman, on adrianj.wright@ntlworld.com Tele. C. 861846, Ray Rice, Secretary, on raythefingers@aol.com Tele. C 860663 or David Armstrong, Treasurer, Tele C. 861586.

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

Message from Cllr. James Hockney

It is a real privilege to live in Waterbeach and to serve Waterbeach, Landbeach & Chittering as one of your District Councillors. My contact details are listed at the end of the article if you need to get in touch with me.

Campaign Committee 'Waterbeach Forward – No New Town' founded

In January the first meeting of the 'Waterbeach Forward – No New Town' committee was held. The committee has representatives including from Landbeach Parish Council, Waterbeach Parish Council, your two District Councillors and local residents. Since the first meeting your County Councillor has also come on board. This is an opportunity for the community to work together to address the challenges facing our community with the planned closure of the barracks and through to the future.

Waterbeach Forward has four main aims; 1. To fight the proposed new town of 13,000 houses. 2. Liaise between the barracks and community during the transition of the Engineer Regiment moving out. 3. To look at ways to protect the local economy for the future. 4. Press to keep open the local community facilities on the Barracks site.

There will be a campaign rally against a new town of 13,000 houses and to protect the barracks community facilities on March 16th 3.30-4pm meeting on Waterbeach Village Green at the Village sign. Please do come along to show your support.

Shop Local, Shop Waterbeach Ward campaign - I have launched a 'Shop Local, Shop Waterbeach Ward' campaign to help support our local community small business shops and organisations. I have set-up a Facebook website page www.facebook/shopwaterbeachward.com to help promote our local companies far and wide.

If you would like to join the scheme then please let me know.

Affordable housing need in Waterbeach - A housing study in 2010 showed that to meet the affordable housing need for those with a Waterbeach connection 168 properties would need to be built. Although meeting this level of need is a real challenge, certainly some small-scale development for those with a village connection seems feasible and realistic. Already the District Council is looking at possible sites for small-scale development in Waterbeach. I recognise there are many people that want to realise the future dream of living locally in the community they grew up in. I will do all I can to help.

A10 - call to action in 2012 - In the New Year I made a call in the media for action from Highways to improve road safety. Highways are now looking at 50 mph limit from Milton to the Denny End junction. I welcome this progress. There have been over 40 injury related accidents in three years on the A10

Waterbeach Ward stretch of the road. The Slap-up junction is one of the most dangerous in the County. I will keep pressing until we see the measures to make the Slap-up junction and A10 road safer for all.

Waterbeach Running and Walking Group - A new running and walking group was launched in Waterbeach on Wednesday 11th January to help people get more fit and active in the year of the London Olympics.

The group meet at the gates of Waterbeach Primary School, High Street, at 9am every Wednesday and everyone is encouraged to attend.

Waterbeach safer crossing campaign - We are making progress on seeing action to improve road safety on Chapel Street as many residents use the local shops such as the Village Stores and Waterbeach Pharmacy. I have been campaigning with Cllr Johnson and local residents for well over seven years now.

The Parish Council has endorsed the 3rd set of plans (apart from the mini-roundabout on St Andrew Hill/Station Road) produced by the County Council Highways Department. Clearer project costs are being put together with the task of funding the scheme being looked into.

Recycling – better than ever - South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) is making really good progress with its recycling projects. The target is 65% recycling and we are almost there thanks to the great efforts made by residents in using the blue, green and black bins provided by the District Council. More recycling means more income for SCDC, less material put into landfill, which is better for the environment, and less Land-fill Tax to pay by the County Council.

Community Chest grants - The new Community Chest, which offers cash grants for community projects has been launched by South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC). Grants of up to £1000 are available to community or voluntary groups for projects that will benefit South Cambridgeshire residents and relate to one of SCDC's priorities. Applications can be made at any time in the year and can be for up to 100% of the project's costs. More information on how to apply is on the website www.scambs.gov.uk/communitychest or contact the Partnerships Officer on 01954 713290.

Local E-Mail News Updates

Currently I send out regular e-mail news updates on local issues and events. If you would like to be added please let me have your e-mail address and I will add you.

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Waterbeach Feast Parade Entry 2012

The theme for this year's Feast is 'Something beginning with F....' If you would like to join in the parade please complete and return the form below by 12th May 2012 to register your entry. The parade is open to floats, walking groups and individuals and there is **no** entry fee. There are 4 categories and the best in each category will be awarded with a trophy.

Infant

Junior

Adult

Friends and Family

Please note

- All registered parade entries are to gather on the field behind the Scout Hut at Waterbeach School
- Judging will commence at approximately 1.45pm and all entries need to be in position prior to this time
- Judging will also take place during the parade
- Parade will leave the school grounds at 2pm
- The Parade will travel via; High Street, Greenside, Chapel Street, St Andrews Hill, Way Lane, Cattells Lane, High Street, Greenside.
- Parade Presentations will be made in the arena on the Green at the end of the parade at approximately 2.45pm
- Each parade entry is required to provide parade marshal/s. Adults walking with children's groups in the parade are not counted as marshals as they are responsible for the children in their care and therefore additional cover is required. Hi-Vis vests can be provided.
- All vehicles must be road worthy and have appropriate insurance

The Feast Committee would like to emphasise how important it is to ensure that there are no accidents whilst the procession is in motion. The Feast Committee cannot accept liability for negligence on the part of organisers of parade entries. Please ensure your own safety and that of members of your group.



Please complete and return to 5 Spurgeons Avenue, Waterbeach, Cambridge CB25 9NU by 12th May 2012 to register your entry.

I/we wish to enter the Waterbeach Feast Day Parade.

Entry will be *(please tick)* Float Float & walking group Walking group Other

Organisation/Group Name.....

Name of entry.....

Contact name.....

Address.....

PhoneEmail.....

Category *(please tick)* Infant Junior Adult Friends & Family

Number of people taking part.....

Nominated marshal/s.....Phone.....

Signed.....Date.....

Waterbeach WI



We started 2012 with our AGM and Sheila Lynn was elected President. Two committee members resigned and three new members joined the committee. This was followed by a talk from Margaret Coles, Taking Care of Your Back. She showed us very simple exercises that anyone can do which were very interesting.

Our March meeting on Thursday 8th is a return visit from one of our members who moved to Yorkshire, she is returning to share the experiences of taking a Barge through Europe. On the 12th April Sally Kingman is going to give us the "History of Ribbons". Sally is a member of the Cambridge W.I committee and we always enjoy her talks and contributions. On May 10th Gerald Goldstone is going to share with us "Dates with Destiny", quite an intriguing title.

We look forward and have started plans for the Village Feast more of that in the next edition.

Visitors are always welcome at our meetings on the 2nd Thursday in the month in St John's Church room at 7-30pm. Car Park behind the church.

If you would any further information about the Waterbeach W.I. please contact Sheila Lynn President on 01223 860948

Waterbeach Colts FC

10 Year Anniversary

The Club was formed in 2002, so this is our tenth anniversary of providing Colt's football in the village and we would like to celebrate with you.

On Friday 9 March, test your sporting knowledge at the Sport's Quiz being held at the Social Club. We haven't quite got Sue Barker as question master, but a close substitute was available! If you would like to enter a team @ £6 per team (max 6 in a team) contact Karen on 07762300271 or Karen.graves5@gmail.com

For the last few years, Waterbeach Colts has organised a very successful Beer Festival in conjunction with the annual Colt's Football Tournament. This year the event will be held on 25, 26 and 27 May.

Previous events have been great successes with both events being very well supported. This enabled us to maintain the club's reputation for community involvement and make donations to many organisations in the village.

For the weekend, there is a widely distributed programme of events and if you would like to advertise in this, please contact Karen as above.

Library Facilities

Waterbeach Independent Lending Library - The Library offers the local community a choice of nearly ten thousand books to enjoy, including large print books. The Library is situated on the Waterbeach School site, at the end of the drive, next to the Scout Hut. 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. Books borrowed from other Cambridgeshire libraries can be returned to Waterbeach, saving you time and petrol. We have numerous books for children, and are quite happy for parents and children to sit and read together in the Library. If you need to use the Internet for study, or just for interest, but don't have the facilities at home, Waterbeach Library has two computers for the use of visitors.

The Library benefits from book donations and also has access to surplus books from County Council stock, so frequently there are books new to the Library on offer. You can request books from any Cambridgeshire Library, which can be delivered to Waterbeach Library. This is particularly useful if you want to read a complete series, experience additional books by a particular author, or require access to books on a specialised subject.

At Waterbeach Library we are all volunteers, and always pleased to welcome others who can spare a couple of hours a month to help out. Come and visit us, and experience a small world of books. For more information please contact Kate Grant (511455 or kate@ninetiles.com).

Hyacinth Open Days (Saturday 31st March and Sunday 1st April) - We are grateful to Alan Shipp for inviting us to join other stall holders on the weekend before Easter, so come to Bannold Road (just over the level crossing) and buy some books as well as enjoying the sight and smell of the hyacinths.

Opening hours - 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 – change to schedule - The mobile library usually calls once a month, on the second Monday. However, the second Monday in April is Easter Monday, so this visit has been brought forward to Thursday 29th March. Forthcoming dates are thus 12th March, 29th March, and 14th May. 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.

Neighbourhood Watch

The police force in in Cambridgeshire is being re-organised but it is hoped that links with Neighbourhood Watch groups will be strengthened as a result. Whereas there has been a three tier management system for the police, the middle tier (Parkside) is being disbanded so that a number of aspects of policing which were run from Parkside will now be managed by Histon which will have extra resources. As part of the re-organisation there will be a closer working relationship with Neighbourhood Watch.

Waterbeach has Neighbourhood Watch coordinators who cover quite a large number of streets in the village, but there are areas which do not have anyone. The coordinator's role is not too demanding. The coordinator acts as a contact point for the area which may be a whole street or a few houses. They are registered with the local police and can act as a first point of contact if there are issues or concerns in a specific area. Coordinators can also keep local residents informed of any issues which may arise although many people now sign up to e-cops and received information directly that way. How much a coordinator does and how many houses she/he covers is very much up to him or her and the nature of the particular street or group of houses. Some coordinators may also keep an eye on properties when people go on holiday or on elderly or housebound people close to them.

The co-coordinator for Payton Way and Rosemary Road, Mrs Betty Jones has said she would like to retire from the role of having done the job for a number of years. So that area is looking for one or two new coordinators. If any reader is interested in becoming a coordinator for Betty's patch or for another part of the village or finding out where their nearest one is please get in touch with Jane Williamson (T:440751 email jane275@btinternet.com)

Sign up for e-cops <https://www.cambs.police.uk/myneighbourhood/ecops/index.asp>

Find out more about Neighbourhood Watch

http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/CrimeJusticeAndTheLaw/CrimePrevention/DG_181651

Waterbeach Almshouse Charity

Do you know anyone who would be interested in living in an almshouse?

The Charity limits occupancy to women of limited means and resident in the parish at the time of application

A programme of refurbishment will be undertaken prior to the new occupancy.

In the first instance contact: The Clerk, Waterbeach Almshouse Charity, Bannold Drove, Waterbeach, CB25 9QQ providing name, address and details of your situation.

Waterbeach Slimmers

Waterbeach Slimmers shed 117 lb in first week!

Every Tuesday night The Tillage Hall on Cambridge Road becomes a vibrant meeting place for slimmers in the area as the new Slimming World group opens its doors. January was just the right time to open as many of us are considering our new year's resolutions, and the first night saw a big turnout of young and old.

The group has now grown to 36 members and in the first week members lost a grand total of 117 lb! Members are now planning their first food taster evening to celebrate the launch of an exciting 12 week weight loss challenge called 'Lets Beat Obesity Together'. The campaign aims to reach out to the community and help as many people looking to eat more healthily as possible. In future weeks the group will be looking at new ways to be more active and discovering recipe ideas together.

For enquiries on how to join this exciting new group call Vicki on 01223 811024 or simply come along on a Tuesday at 7.30pm

Salvation Army Mammoth Sale

Our Annual Mammoth Charity Sale will be during the first week of May this year. Opens Tuesday 1st May to Friday 5th May 9am - 4pm

Late Night Wednesday 9am - 8pm

Saturday 6th May 9am -12noon

Refreshments available all day

The hall will be open for you to bring your donations on Saturday 28th April from 10am to 2pm. We will have a van on Saturday 28th April if you need anything to be collected. Please tel. 01223 571477.

We can sell anything except Electrical Goods, Artificial Christmas Trees and Beds (Sofa Beds we can take). Upholstered furniture must have the kite mark. All items must be in good condition

We usually make a donation to another charity from the money raised from the sale, this year it will go to Salvation Army International projects e.g. clean water, send a goat and helping the homeless in the UK. Check out The Salvation Army website www.salvationarmy.org.uk for more information. Last year we raised £5726.41!!!! and gave £420.00, the Saturday morning takings, to Smile Train, who pay for operations on children worldwide who have cleft palates and hair lips.

Again, I would like to say a huge thank you for all your donations and to all you lovely people who came and helped us; we couldn't have done it without you! You have made it a real community event, which is great!

Toddler Playgroup



It was a very busy time in the run up to Christmas with the playgroup staff helping the children rehearse their Christmas production; 'Our First Nativity' was performed in the last week of term to some very proud parents, as well as to the residents of Denson Close and Hatley Court. The hard work put in by everyone was very clear to see! On the last



day of term the children had their Christmas Party, where they all enjoyed visits from Mr Marvel and Father Christmas, who found time off in his busy schedule to hand out presents to the children and their younger brothers and sisters. This term has been no less busy so far, with the children learning about healthy eating (including making their own salads) and celebrating Chinese New Year by making a

magnificent dragon and learning how to say Happy New Year in Chinese. We were delighted with our fundraising efforts last term which raised a magnificent total of £1,169. Some of this money has already been spent on craft supplies and Christmas entertainments for the children and trampolines and other outdoor equipment are popular suggestions for what can be bought with some of the remainder. Our fundraising efforts are on-going however and the coming months include some important dates for your diary – our spectacular Auction of Promises on Thursday 15th March and our ever popular Nearly New Sale on Saturday 28th April. Further details on each event will be contained in posters around the village closer to the time.

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 2½ 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). On 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 e-mail at wayne@waterbeachtoddlerplaygroup.org.uk. Alternatively, any of our committee members would be delighted to talk to you!

Waterbeach Feast 'Fabulous Flowers' Competition 2012

This is a competition for all children and adults who live in Waterbeach, Landbeach or Chittering. Use your creative skills to make a flower, large or small, beautiful or wacky, from any kind of material possible – paper, fabric, wood, plastic, metal, wool, clay, recycled materials the list is as long as your imagination.

There are four categories - Under 5's, 5-11yrs, 12-17yrs and 18yrs and over. Prizes will be awarded on Feast Day to the best flower in each group and then an overall winner. Details and entry form also available on www.waterbeach.org

Terms & Conditions

1. Entries should be delivered to the Waterbeach Community Association stand on Waterbeach Green between 10:30am and 11:30am on Feast Day, 16th June 2012.
2. Entries must be accompanied by a completed entry form. An entry number will be allocated on the day.
3. Entries must be presented with a label tied on clearly showing the entrant's name.
4. Entry is FREE.
5. Flowers may be collected from the WCA stand between 4:30pm and 5:00pm. After this time they will be donated locally.
6. Under 18's must have their parent or guardians permission before entering the competition.
7. By entering you are agreeing to have your flower photographed.
8. Waterbeach Community Association reserves the right to disqualify any entry without notice.
9. The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

Name.....

Address.....

Telephone.....Email

Category *(Please tick)* Under 5 yrs 5-11 yrs 12-17 yrs 18 yrs and over

Please fasten a tie on label to your entry clearly showing your name.

I certify that my entry complies with the terms and conditions above.

Signature.....Date.....

Parent/Guardians signature *(if under 18 years old)*

(For organisers use) ENTRY NUMBER

News from Cllr. Peter Johnson

The closure of the Barracks is not a “done deal” as some people think but changes are happening and we will see some of the troops leaving this summer so perhaps closure is becoming a reality. I am still questioning the Defence Minister regarding the justification in closing Waterbeach Barracks and will fight this decision until the camp actually closes. I have found out that Kinloss where our troops are moving to is contaminated with radiation and have asked the MOD if this is still considered a safe place to send our troops and their families.

The “Safe Crossing Point” is still going on and a price has been put on the plans, this is being presented to the Parish Council so we hope that progress will be not too far away as this is a feature that has been requested by so many residents of our village.

I guess that many of you have noticed how the gault keeps trying to revert to being a pond but Keith Fauch at County Council has been contacted to see what can be done to rectify this flooding issue, his initial thoughts are to have the drain jetted out and hopefully this will do the trick.

Faded white lines in the village are now creating a hazard as some junctions are not marked clearly enough and this has been taken to the County Council Highways Department with the expectations that when the weather improves these white lines will be repainted, some of the worse ones are at the Denny End Road and Bannold Road junction.

We appear to be getting a spate of dog fouling on our pavements and I ask dog owners to ensure they do clean up after their dog, I know that most do so but it would be better if everyone cleaned up after their dog.

Robson Court Hostel in Waddelow Road is to be demolished this year and this is expected to be replaced with a much more modern feature in keeping with today’s expectation of living standards. Once I have seen the plans then I will be able to give a better update on what we can expect to see in it’s place but it will definitely be a vast improvement on the present situation.

Recently in Landbeach a new development was opened that provided homes for people with strong Landbeach connections and now I am pushing that idea forward with housing associations and the District Council so we can have a development in Waterbeach for people with strong Waterbeach connections.

I consider it an honour to be elected as a District Councillor to represent you all at South Cambs District Council and for that I say Thank You for having the confidence in me that I will do the best possible for this village. Please remember I work for everyone in our villages so if you have any problems or issues you would like to talk to me about please contact me by whatever means you prefer, telephone, e-mail, or knock on my door, don’t forget I am here for all of you.

Dolphin Children's Centre



The second half of the Spring term brings with it some new groups and a new look to our timetable so please go to the website and take a peek. Look out for our new *New Parent's Group* - offering a quiet environment to play with your baby as well as focused sessions on topics such as; baby massage, breastfeeding and weaning, sensory play, childcare, clap and sing. This will run in conjunction with our new *Bumps to Babies* group, offering different play ideas and a space to meet other local mums and 'mums to be'. We will also be offering some *Messy Play* and *Clap and Sing* sessions so keep an eye out for those.

Our core opening hours are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9.00am-12.30pm, but staff are nearly always about at other times running groups or working in the office, so please feel free to call in if there is anything we can do for you.

The centre not only runs groups for children under 5, but can provide information on housing, benefits, links with return to work or training, speech and language support and a variety of other issues. We also support the under-fives and their families in their own homes if situations are a little difficult so please give us a call if you feel you could do with some extra help.

However, please remember that the Children's Centre is there for everyone to come and enjoy safe and enjoyable activities between adults and children. We aim to provide great opportunities for children and adults to play, learn and enjoy!

A current programme of all our activities and events, is available from <http://www.cambridgeshirechildrenscentres.org.uk/resources/milton-waterbeach> or from the centre. Contact details with us are: 01223 472791
waterbeachchildrenscentre@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Beach Sessions is growing!

The Beach Sessions has really taken off in the village with a capacity crowd for the last event which featured upcoming New York songstress Annie Dressner. The events are organised by an ever-growing group of music loving villagers, and there is a diverse programme coming up including a comedy night (with intimate cocktail bar) starring Custard Comedy & featuring funny folks Jane Hill, Dan Mackee and Rob Coleman. The music returns with Cinematic Kiss (with Nik Newark from Chittering) and Straw Bear on Saturday March 24th and then the distinctive voice of former Immaculate Fools singer, Dirty Ray on May 19th.

Admission is free. Events take place upstairs at The Sun. Get there early! Check out forthcoming dates at: www.beachsessions.co.uk

WASPS



Another busy half term has passed at WASPS and the children and staff have been having a fantastic time. Since the last Beach News we have said a sad goodbye to Syreeta our Playworker and joint holiday club co-ordinator when she moved in December. We welcome Shirley as her replacement; Shirley has been working at WASPS as a Playworker for some time and has been appointed as joint holiday club co-ordinator to work alongside Tracey.

On Friday 3rd December we welcomed the Ofsted inspector who completed a full Ofsted inspection of our setting, we were given a rating of 'good' overall which is an excellent result and we are extremely pleased. This fantastic result reflects the dedication and hard work of our wonderful staff team. The committee would like to take this opportunity to thank them all for their continued commitment to our club and the children.

The first set of fire doors at The Playhouse have now been fitted and fundraising continues to enable us to replace the remaining ones. A very big thank you to everyone who has contributed to this huge project so far. We still have more funds to raise and in addition to raising money for the building, funding for the children's toys and equipment is always needed.

Our next main fundraising event planned is: *WASPS 2nd 5km and 10km Run* on Sunday 25th March 2011, Waterbeach Barracks Airfield

If you would like to get fitter and help raise money to support WASPS, then please join us and take part in our run. Safety and route briefing 10.30am, the run starts at 10.45am.

Entry and sponsor forms are available from WASPS at the Playhouse in the Primary School grounds from 8-8:30am or 4-6pm. Alternatively, email: playhouse@waterbeach-wasps.org.uk, call 07899 728935 or download a form from www.wasps10krun.org.uk. There is an entry fee of £10 in advance or £15 on the day. The run is open to all over 18's; if 10km is a little too far for you we do have the option of a 5km route instead.

Even if you do not plan to run, please encourage your friends, relatives or colleagues to do so. We would also be interested to hear from anybody who would like to help on the day.

Many thanks to Major Hornby, Staff Sergeant Whiting and the members of their staff who are supporting our club and helping us with our plans.

For those of you not familiar with WASPS, we have been running since 1997 and are a registered charity managed by a small voluntary Management Committee made up of working parents/carers who use the Clubs. We have

a great team in place led by our Joint Co-ordinators Zoe and Wayne and two Holiday Club Co-ordinators, Tracey and Shirley.

We are regulated and inspected by Ofsted and aim to provide a home from home atmosphere for our children who are aged 4-11. We facilitate play by creating an environment where the children can play freely with a variety of resources.

Breakfast Club opens at 7:45am before school. *After School WASPS* runs until 6pm.

Holiday Club opens for most of the school holidays from 8am-6pm with additional activities on offer every day. We are now planning for:

Easter Holiday Club - this will run Monday 2nd to Thursday 5th April and Tuesday 10th to Friday 13th April 2012.

Even if you do not use WASPS on a regular basis or your children do not attend Waterbeach Primary School, please contact us if you are interested in registering with us and joining our Holiday Club.

If you would like any information about WASPS please look on our website: www.waterbeach-wasps.org.uk, email: playhouse@waterbeach-wasps.org.uk or call 01223 861140.

Tillage Hall Grand Opening

After more than ten years of planning and a number of false starts, Tillage Hall was finally completed last year and WAY started using it in September. It is also now available for bookings from the public and has already been used for a number of events.

Because the whole process of getting up and running and sorting out legalities for a transfer of the management of the hall from the Parish Council to a Management Committee has taken a long time there has not yet been an official opening.

However that is now being rectified and we plan to open the hall officially on the afternoon of the Community Association Diamond Jubilee picnic on June 3rd when we hope that lots of village people will be present. Exact details of this event have yet to be finalised, but make a note in your diary now.



Meanwhile if you are interested in booking Tillage Hall for a meeting, a party or some other event you can make contact via the website, www.tillagehallwaterbeach.org.uk, or telephone 07597 520327.

Tennis

An informal tennis group meets on Sunday mornings at 9.30am at Waterbeach Tennis Courts for friendly tennis and we welcome any newcomers. We play doubles or singles depending on numbers and vary in standard from those requiring constant reminders of which end to hold the bat and to whom the scoring is a random shouting of numbers to those who can keep score and put up a decent fight. The emphasis is on having some fun, there is spirited rivalry and plenty of banter between games. Some more experienced players are happy to give gentle coaching if asked but we play to your standard. We have a mix of abilities playing currently and so you will find others of the same level. Incapacitating hangovers are a frequent spectacle. We pay 50p/week to purchase fresh balls (old jokes need not apply). To get an idea of numbers each week please email phancey@2bytes.co.uk or phone 01223 862978 and speak to Phil if you are interested in playing.

The Living Museum

All entries from last year's writing competition are now online so visit www.thelivingmuseum.co.uk for a good read!

And then get writing as the deadline for the second Waterbeach Writing Competition is fast approaching!

This year's theme is '*Inheritance*'. As before, it's up to you to interpret the theme however you wish.

We are looking for fiction/non-fiction/poetry/memoir/whatever you'd like to write. Put pen to paper or fingers to keyboard – and get writing! The deadline for entries is *1st May 2012*.

All entries will be put online, and we will also award prizes for the entries that have most caught the judges' eye at Waterbeach Feast Day – Saturday 16th June 2012.

Please include your name, address, email address and phone number, and age (if under 18).

And now for the small print:

Only one entry per person.

Maximum of 2000 words per entry.

Either email in to info@thelivingmuseum.co.uk or post a copy to C.Downing, 28 Payton Way, Waterbeach, CB25 9NS

Please note we take no responsibility for your work, and it will not be returned.

DO NOT SEND US YOUR ONLY COPY

The Judges' decision is final. Judges are Emma Smith (artist in residence), Guinevere Glasford-Brown (writer), Penny Hancock (published author) and Cressida Downing (editorial consultant).

Vision for Waterbeach 1971

I recently found a copy of a document entitled Waterbeach Draft Village Plan 1971. Forty one years on it makes fascinating reading. It was produced by our then local council the Chesterton Rural District Council. It starts with a description of the village and then goes on to set out how Waterbeach might grow and develop so that it would become less dependent on Cambridge and more self-sufficient in terms of homes, shops and local employment. It got some things right but not all of them! The village has grown considerably mostly in the area to the West of the village as identified in the plan, but it is debateable as to whether it is less dependent on places outside the village as a result. As well as identifying sites for more houses many of which have now been built, it was suggested that there would need to be more shops, a new library and possibly a second primary school and also possibly a voluntary nursery school on the site of the old village school on the Green.

The library at the time was operated on a part time basis from the school but at the time of the report was due to move into its present home. This was a redundant 'temporary' classroom at the school which would also act as a community centre. This was supposed to be a temporary measure because it was: *'felt by the County Libraries that this will provide an inadequate service when looked at in the light of the ultimate size of the village'*. Well done to all those who have kept the Community Building going for so long (and getting an extension built). Well done to the volunteers of Waterbeach Independent Lending Library for keeping the library going when the provision of local library services by the County Council is no longer what it was.

What else has changed apart from the building of Winfold Rd, Providence Way, Jubilee Close, Denson Close, Vicarage Close and the streets round Glebe Road (and more recently the Levitt Lane)?

Retail facilities in 1971 which are no longer with us today include two 'kennels/clippings' establishments, a shoe repairer, a florist, a hardware shop, a bank, three 'filling stations/repair' businesses, a greengrocers, one of two butchers and a toy shop. There was also a police house and the Recreation Ground was less than half the size it is now.

The A14 had not been built and the way out of the village to the A10 at the Slap Up junction was along what is now called Old Cambridge Road, although by this time both these improvements were in the pipeline.

What hasn't changed? Although the entrance to the Slap Up Junction was moved from directly opposite the road to Landbeach to its present position shortly after the Draft Plan was written, readers might like to ponder on the

following quotes relating to traffic and parking in the village which need no further comment I think!

' the principal danger spot is the A(10)T Landbeach Waterbeach junction at the Slap Up'

'because of traffic congestion in Cambridge an appreciable number of vehicles do , at peak hours, use the A10 – Waterbeach Fen Ditton road. This acts as a very minor bypass.....'

'The village lay out is such that it can cope adequately with the traffic generated by the shops and school activities except in the area of Station Road and the level crossing'

The problem of car parking around the Village Green has already been recognisedTo overcome any future problems that may arise out of the natural increase in car ownership there will need to be a small public car park close to the centre of the activities'

Jane Williamson

Message from PCSO John Mason

At the time of writing this we are unfortunately suffering from several dwelling burglaries in the area therefore I would like to draw your attention to the following website which provides useful information on simple steps to can take to make your home more secure. If you do not have access to the website but would like information please get in touch with me by calling 101 and asking to be put through to myself.

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/crime-victims/how-you-can-prevent-crime/secure-your-home/>

Well 2012 is well and truly with us now and I hope you all had a good Christmas and New Year. Day light hours are gradually increasing, however cyclists are more vulnerable than other road users. I have come across numerous cyclists without lights and wearing dark clothing which makes it harder for them to be seen. We all know cycling is a good way of achieving an active lifestyle, however more and more of us are using our bikes to get to and from work. We want you to stay safe and by taking the precautions below you will help yourself and other road users by being visible. I would like to encourage parents to check that their children are also aware of the following guidelines.

It is important to **BE SEEN AT ALL TIMES**, cars cannot see you as easily as you see them, make yourself more visible with the aid of;

1. A white front reflector and wheel reflectors
2. Wear reflective and fluorescent clothing during the day and night
3. **REMEMBER**, when cycling at night it is a legal requirement to have a fitted front white light and a red rear light as well as red reflectors. You

can be issued a £30 FPN (Fixed Penalty Notice) if you do not have working lights on your cycle.

4. Always wear your helmet - helmets reduce the risk of an injury but do not eliminate it. You should make sure your helmet is CE Standard, fitted to your head snugly and replaced every 3 years or after an accident.

CHECK YOUR BIKE - it is good practice to check your bike every time you are about to cycle, check that your lights are working and reflectors are clean, brakes are working and your tyres have air. You should always have your bike serviced on a regular basis by a professional.

Cycling is fun but you need to pay attention to the road at all times. Always;

1. Check behind you before starting to cycle.
2. Always abide by the rules of the road and never pull out from behind parked vehicles.
3. Turn off personal stereo systems and mobile phones while cycling.

Where possible use cycle lanes, take care and remember that these are often shared with pedestrians. If you do cycle on the road, try to use side streets and avoid very busy roads. Take extra care at junctions and roundabouts and use clear hand signals, cycle in single file on busy or narrow roads.

We want you to enjoy cycling, adopt the advice above and stay safe.

I also wanted to let you know that you can now contact Cambridgeshire Constabulary on 101 for all non-emergency calls. The 0345 456 456 4 number will remain in use alongside 101 for several months to allow people time to get used to the new number.

The change comes part of a national programme to make 101 the single non-emergency number in England and Wales, giving residents an easy-to-remember number to contact local police wherever they are.

The call system is designed to recognise where you are calling from and connect you with the local police service. If you did not want to speak to your local force, or the force area you are in, you will be given the option to be connected to different one.

The number change does not affect the way that calls are handled and we will continue to take non-emergency calls 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Please continue to call 999 when an immediate response is needed because a crime is happening, someone suspected of a crime is nearby, or someone is in danger.

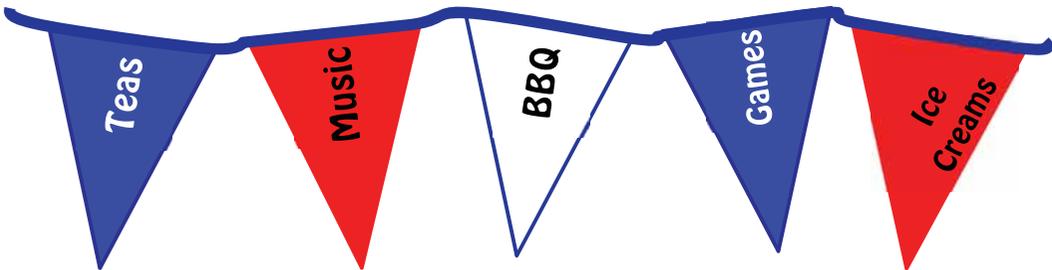
If you wish to contact myself or PC Phil Shulver you can do so by calling 101 and asking for either myself PCSO John Mason 7146 or PC Shulver 144.

Come along to the...

BIG LUNCH PICNIC

12:30pm

SUNDAY 3RD JUNE 2012



Waterbeach Recreation Ground

*Everyone is invited to join together
to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee*



*.....bring a blanket, bring a chair
bring a picnic or food to share*



No BBQs please

No dogs please

Waterbeach United Charities (Reg No 201528)

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

Electric Wheelchairs

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

Distress Grants

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

All personal applications are confidential.

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

Parkinson's UK

PARKINSON'S^{UK}
CHANGE ATTITUDES.
FIND A CURE.
JOIN US.

No one person diagnosed with Parkinson's disease has exactly the same experience as any other sufferer. For this reason the very personal support offered by local branches of Parkinson's UK is invaluable. The Cambridge and District Branch and its volunteer Committee reinforce the work of professional nurses and support workers, arranging activities (both helpful and fun), therapies and speakers, ensuring that no sufferer or carer becomes isolated.

In addition, the Committee raises funds to subsidise these events and also to contribute to on-going research into PD both locally and nationally. The Committee also generates informative literature, including a regular Newsletter.

The Local Branch Committee is currently looking for an additional volunteer.
COULD THAT BE YOU?

Ideally the volunteer would be able to attend 9 committee meetings a year; be free in the day-time; have email contact; and be prepared to make a reasonably long-term commitment. If you would like to know more, please contact:

Sue Vaughan-Williams, Branch & Volunteer Support Officer

Tel. 0844 225 3614 or email svaughan-williams@parkinsons.org.uk.

News from The Sun

Well that's another busy Christmas and New Year period over, now for a couple of `quieter` months to allow us to catch up on paperwork and maintenance - lovely!

It also gives me a chance to write this article to let you know what's been going on and what should be happening in the future.



It was certainly a very busy Christmas Eve with the good weather helping bring a good turnout to the carols on the green and subsequently lots of mulled wine and mince pies were consumed. It was also busy whilst the other festive favourite - the pantomime - was on with plenty of show-goers visiting before and after -

often with many of the performers in attendance (after the show!)

The Waterbeach Community Players who put on the pantomime usually meet in The Sun on Thursday evenings and are always on the lookout for anyone who would like to join in with them - performing or behind the scenes.

The local Angling Club also meet in the pub, on the second Monday of the month, whilst the WISE (Waterbeach Initiative for Sustainable Energy) group have a meeting every six weeks or so.

These meetings are normally held in the large first floor function room which we let out for a nominal fee to local groups and societies.

Andrew Ashworth also uses this room for his monthly `Beach Sessions` which involves local musicians, comedians and other performers. These are free to attend and are usually very busy (for more information see village notice boards). If you are a performer and wish to be seen locally I'm sure Andrew would be pleased to talk to you. He has a Facebook page for the `Beach Sessions`

Other events in the pipeline include more live music and our 4th Annual Beer Festival (4th-7th May).

Also on the horizon is the 3rd `Waterbeach Drinking Hole` Olympics. This involves The Brewery Tap, The White Horse, The Beach Social Club and ourselves competing in running, drinking, darts, pool, rounders, a pub quiz, tug-of-war and cake making in the week leading up to Feast Day. So if you want to be involved please contact the landlord/lady of your chosen drinking hole.

Gardening Club

In December the Club celebrated the Christmas season with a 'Bring and Share' social evening in the Church Hall. Angie Ellwood entertained us with a vibrant whirlwind demonstration of the art of tambourine playing; she switched to the piano and we all sang carols with gusto. We then adjourned for an extended repast with a background piano selection of old favourites and Christmas melodies. The phagocytes having been stimulated the Members and Guests returned to business and attempted a 'Happy (plant) Families' Quiz and two members matriculated with a perfect score. Those members who survived the festivities took themselves off to the 'Lazy Otter on 19th January for the New Year Meal and the Gardening programme started in February with Mike Day talking on 'Salads all the Year Round'.

The February cold snap will have slowed up the growth of your lawn, but do not forget to service your mower. The Club suggests that a good cardiovascular workout (post Christmas stiffening of the sinews) is easily achieved by mothballing your power mower, getting the old push-reel hand mower out of retirement and start 'rushing up and down a bit'. The Club is interested in



"Aha! 120 over 80!!"

a possible future project on 'old lawn mowers' and would greatly appreciate knowing the whereabouts of lingering, sad, battered, box-less, blunt, person-powered mowers we have in the village. The cylinder lawn mower is a 19th century English invention (1st Patent 1835) side and roller drive models flourished up to the 1970s. The most important manufacturers include Ransomes of Ipswich, Webb, Qualcast, Presto/Rollmo, and the Rolls-Royce of mowers by JP. This appeal, for now, is for information only (to P.Dixon 860280) and to encourage their

retention in the innermost recesses of your garden shed, in short, please don't chuck'em on the tip. The upcoming meeting in March will, after the talk, also feature the '*Have -a -Go- Spring Show*'. Do come along and see whether we have managed to trick our bulbs into flowering on a precise date.

Future Events: in the Church Hall at 7.45pm

Thursday 17th March Hillary Thomas '*Colour and Seasonal Excitement*' plus '*Spring Show*'

Thursday 19th April Peter Walker '*The Fascination of Fungi*'

Thursday 17th May Margaret Lynch '*Border Campanulas*'

Beach Social Club

Hopefully February saw the last of the snow for this year, also we hope that all of you came through it unscathed. We witnessed many snowball fights, most of them involved adults, something about snow brings out the inner child!

We have been cosy over in the club, nice and warm with cold beer on tap at our "oh so reasonable prices"! We are open every day from 12 o'clock, come in and see us for a drink, memberships are still available

New Full membership £15 for the first year

New Snr Membership £10 for the first year

New Jnr Membership £10 for the first year

New Assoc. Membership £13 for the first year

The Club would like to welcome Jackie Rutherford, who has joined us on The Committee. There are still spaces available if any of you feel you would like to help us run the club.

We have events coming up, these are added to throughout the year, so always watch the Community Association boards around the village, posters in the club and of course here in the Beach News, for more information.

Scheduled entertainment at the moment is as follows:-

Friday 9th March – Waterbeach Colts Sports Quiz

Saturday 17th March – St Patricks Day with The Hob Band

Monday 23rd April – St Georges Day – Sausage & Mash

Saturday 2nd – 5th June Diamond Jubilee celebrations

Sunday 10th June – Start of The Watering Hole Olympics

Monday 11th June – England first game in the Euros

Could you be a Waterbeach Producer?

Do you have a garden or allotment? Do you sometimes have plants or produce surplus to your requirements?

In 2011 we ran a stall in association with the Salvation Army Coffee Mornings on the first Saturday of the month where local producers could come and sell their produce and make a donation to the Salvation Army for the use of their venue.

Clearly this is most relevant in the spring-autumn season when you may be the person for whom every Brussel Sprout seed grew, or who has an excess of courgettes, glut of beans or the like but there are many people who would be willing to buy your surplus and have access to local produce.

Please register your interest in becoming a producer with beryl.bee@ntlworld.com



The Living Museum

Call out to village residents: Would you like to host part of an art work?

The Living Museum, in collaboration with the Village Society and Denny Abbey and Farmland Museum are developing a trail for Waterbeach.

Taking the form of treasure hunt with permanent art works along the route, the trail will take players on multiple routes around the village discovering its history past and present.

We are looking for people who would be willing to host a plaque or marker on their property as part of the trail*

* Locations offered must be visible from a place of public access (eg. on a road facing wall or gatepost).

If you are interested please send your contact details to:

info@thelivingmuseum.co.uk and we will give you a call to give you more information and discuss it with you.

Make your house a part of history!

For more information visit: www.thelivingmuseum.co.uk

Creative Writing Workshop

It was a beautiful day in the neighbourhood

Once upon a time in the West.....

They lived happily ever after – except for Eric.

Do you like playing with words? Come along to a monthly Creative Writing Workshop where you can join like-minded others in fun writing exercises to get your brain working & your creativity flowing!

When – Tue 6th March/ Tue 1st May / Tue 12th June

Time – 7-9pm

Place – Waterbeach Library (in the school grounds)

Cost - £5 (includes tea, coffee, hot chocolate and biscuits)

All you need is pen, paper and an open mind

All abilities, all stages of the writing journey all ages (between 12 & 100!) welcome.

Contact Cressi on 07976 635 774 cressi@thebookanalyst.co.uk - or look up The Book Analyst on Facebook for further information.

FEAST DAY 16th JUNE 2012 – PITCH BOOKING FORM

Please complete and return Pitch Booking Form and a Risk Assessment (see note below) to 9 Providence Way, Waterbeach, Cambridge, CB25 9QH by **14^h April 2012**.

Please note the conditions that you should conform to on the day.

- All stalls / equipment must be erected by noon and vehicles moved from the area.
- The limits of the marked pitch are not to be exceeded. **Please ensure you order the correct amount of pitches to fit your tent/gazebo. Mistakes cannot be rectified on the day.**
- All stalls / equipment must be removed by 6pm.
- Prices for all the rides / stalls **must** be clearly advertised.
- All sales must be conducted within your allocated pitch area.
- No pressurised selling will be tolerated.
- The chosen use of your pitch cannot be exclusive. There may be more than one vendor offering the same product.
- The sale or supply of alcohol to under 18's is an offence under the licensing act 2003. A notice stating this must be displayed on any stall supplying alcohol. Please remember this includes prizes from draws, raffles, tombola's etc.
- All stall holders and assistants must wear ID showing name and organisation.
- All rubbish to be removed from your pitch (and taken to the skip provided, **not** left with the bins around the ring) at the end of the day.
- Please inform us if you are unable to attend the Feast at the last moment.
- Pitches are a standard width (frontage) of 12ft for a single pitch.
- No tents, gazebos, tables or chairs will be provided.

PITCH FEES

Community Association Members	Single 12ft pitch - £15 Additional 12ft pitch - £25 each
Charity Stalls	Single 12ft pitch - £35 Additional 12ft pitch - £35 each
Trade Stalls	Single 12ft pitch - £45 Additional 12ft pitch - £55 each

For Health and Safety reasons the Waterbeach Community Association is required to hold Risk Assessments from each pitch user before Feast Day. *Therefore*

ALL Pitch users are required to submit a Risk Assessment. A pitch will not be allocated unless a signed & dated Risk Assessment is received with the Pitch Booking Form

If you require a Risk Assessment form email feast@waterbeach.org or leave a message on 01223 476601
ALL Charity and Trade stalls must also submit a copy of their Public Liability Insurance covering 16th June 2012



I/we would like to book a pitch: (confirmation of pitches will be forwarded subject to availability).

Organisation / trade name:

Number of pitches: Adjoining: YES / NO Fee Enclosed: £.....

Use of stall:

Risk Assessment attached: (Please tick) Copy of Public Liability Insurance attached (if applicable)

PLEASE STATE (Member, Charity or Trade)

Contact details – Name

Address

..... Telephone

Email

I/we agree to the terms and conditions above

SIGNED: DATE:

PLEASE ENCLOSE PAYMENT WITH BOOKING FORM (Cheques payable to "Waterbeach Community Association")

My Love Affair with Minnie

(The story of a boy and a tractor)

The Great North Road, now the A1, on that Spring morning in 1942 was mainly busy with military traffic all in sombre brown camouflage. An occasional lorry or van could be seen among the convoys of Bren gun carriers and army lorries with their accompanying motor cycle escorts known as dispatch riders. In stark contrast a yellow agricultural tractor was moving south and remarkably, keeping place with the other vehicles. Remarkable indeed since almost all agricultural tractors of that era were capable at most of a speed of about 10 miles per hour.

A young man of about 18 years was standing on the rear footplates of the tractor exhilarated by speed and the musical note of the exhaust, on each rear mudguard and on the front of the machine blazed the crimson logo MM of the manufacturer. The tractor had been constructed in Minnesota U.S.A. by the Minneapolis Moline Power Implement Company and was one of many sent to the U.K. to assist our beleaguered island in the early years of WWII.

The tractor descended the steep hill leading into the village to a popping and crackling of its' musical exhaust and turned sharply into the leafy lane leading to the farm to which it was destined to call home. On the way it passed the old church and churchyard the roar of its exhaust echoing back among the ancient graves. The forefathers of the village in their eternal sleep would have been astounded by the presence of an American machine in the sleepy village of their youth. Turning into the farmyard Minnie's roar subsided to a musical tick over. She was home.

The contrast between Minnie's new home and the place of her manufacture could not have been more pronounced. The city of her birth blazed with light and life, the shops were full of food and goods, large flashy cars and trucks travelled busy roads. England, however, was at war. Houses wore blacked out windows, goods in the shops were in short supply and mostly strictly rationed. Virtually the only vehicles on the roads were military. There was no street lighting. Make do and mend was the order of the day. The children of my generation had only vague memories of a peacetime village and that was scarred by remembrance of the acute poverty of those pre-war years. Minnie in her bright colours and vibrant power was a fore taste of a future beyond the war, and hope of a more just and egalitarian society. Soon the news of her arrival and her remarkable feats of power spread through the



village. To have a ride on her was to be the envy of other village boys and many delightful hours I spent sitting on a mudguard, (Illegal of course today, although I never remember an accident), and seeing the changing of the seasons in the application of mechanical power to agricultural production.

Eventually by working at weekends and holidays I began to drive Minnie myself at first in simple tasks and finally to my delight being entrusted with her to work in the lonely fields alone. I still remember the whiff of her exhaust and the way that it glowed red as evening advanced over the fields. The land we worked was hilly giving lovely views of the village nestling in the valley. Names of the fields all had a poetic and often historic description, Hanging Hills, Fox Cover, High Holborn, Brokenback, (named after a tragic accident with a horse), Bridal Pond, (where a horse reputedly drowned), Moonshine Gap on whose boundary stood an ancient oak tree known locally as Kenny's Oak, reputed to have been used as a gallows by a young boy when he committed suicide.

Minnie continued to perform a huge variety of tasks on the same farm for over twelve years. She was a credit to her manufacturer and if any piece of machinery could be said to have a personality Minnie had it in abundance. She hauled tons of sugar beet over seven miles to the nearest factory, pulled threshing tackle weighing over five tons to local villages over quite steep hills and in the worst of weathers. She then produced the power to operate the machine. To me she epitomised all that was speed, power and performance.

My last meeting with Minnie was in 1955 by which time she was earmarked for the scrap heap. I was asked to bring her home, on a wet winters' afternoon, from the Fen where she had been loaned to a local farmer as a last resort while his own tractor was out of action. She presented a rather sad spectacle. Her yellow paint work was dull and scratched and her red logos almost worn away. I carefully wiped the cobwebs from the proud logo on her bonnet and went through the starting sequence with the starting handle. Minnie bellowed into life. I drove her onto the road the pungent smell of her exhaust bringing memories flooding back of days of heat and cold the smell of earth newly ploughed, and sitting under her lee while I ate a hurried meal in the vast silence and loneliness of remote fields. I was determined that I would have a last thrill in the drive home. Gradually I increased speed until the wind tore at me the rain drenched me and Minnie's exhaust made music that echoed back from the walls we passed we roared through the village once again passed the church yard where she had almost wakened the dead so many years before and entered the old farmyard in triumph.

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