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Front cover – Waterbeach Feast 2011

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Community Association



Big Lunch Picnic – 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. There will be live music and games and races for everyone to join in. The official opening of Tillage Hall will also take place during the afternoon. Remember your picnic blankets and chairs and feel free to bring bats and balls or other small games to play with others and join in the fun. Teas and coffees, an organised barbecue and ice creams will also be available.

Due to very limited parking please avoid bringing cars if possible. As it is due to be a family event it is requested that people do not bring their dogs.

Feast – 16th June - Feast is fast approaching and we hope you are all proceeding well with your preparations for floats and stalls. This year’s theme is “Something beginning with F....” – we’re hoping to see many floats, walking groups and individuals to make a spectacular and colourful parade. We need to remind you that any vehicle in the parade must be road legal and appropriately insured by the owner.

Please note that the roads around the village will be congested on Feast Day and we ask that you please be careful and try to avoid driving through the village between 2 – 3pm. Thank you

There will be a varied programme of events in the arena including a performance by Waterbeach Brass, Belly dancers, a military band, children's entertainer, country dancing by children from Waterbeach School and a display from Jazzercise to name a few. There will also be a wide range of stalls including refreshments, children's activities, games and competitions.

Once again we are holding a Feast Raffle to raise funds for this, and future Feasts. There are some fantastic prizes to be won - a Panasonic 32" LCD TV, Panasonic 24" LCD TV and a Panasonic Micro Hi-Fi with iPod dock and these have all



Feast 2011

been generously donated by Panther Taxis. We also have many other prizes including vouchers, a hamper, various bottles and more. Tickets are available through Community Association member groups and will also be on sale in the Community Association tent on Feast Day. Please support the Feast by buying some tickets and you never know you may win a prize!

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 10.30am 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 19 or on our website www.waterbeach.org.

Feast Collection - It was decided that this year's collection at the Feast should be used to support Waterbeach Community Association and local groups and to assist those wishing to form new groups. The Army Cadets will carry collection buckets along the parade route, so please bring your loose change and give generously. There will also be a collection bucket in the Community Association tent on the Green.

60 Plus Afternoon Tea - We have once again joined with Waterbeach Primary School to offer an afternoon of entertainment. All residents of Waterbeach, Landbeach and Chittering aged 60 plus, are invited into the school on Monday 16th July at 1.30pm. There will be entertainment of

singing and dancing provided by the children from Year 6 and the afternoon will be rounded off with tea and cakes.

Please note that as the party will be held during a normal school day there will be no admission before 1.30pm and entrance will be via High Street only, as the back gate on Way Lane will be locked.

You will find your invitation and place confirmation form on page 26. This needs to be returned by Saturday 30th June 2012.

Village Correspondent – Janice Maltby has been our village correspondent for several years and now feels it is time to pass on this role to someone new. The role involves collecting information from local clubs and groups about their forthcoming events and then forwarding an article to be published in the Cambridge News. Any volunteers please contact Jacqui Rabbett on 01223 860990 or wcachair@waterbeach.org

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Janice for her contribution to the community over the years.

Farewell – During the summer most of 39 Engineer Regiment will be leaving Waterbeach Barracks. They have been part of our village for many years and we will be sad to see them go. We would like to say thank you for all the support they have given to the community over the years and wish them well in their new locations.

Joan High - As you may be aware Joan High sadly passed away on 27th February 2012. Joan and her husband Sid were part of Waterbeach Community Association for many years. Joan was always to be seen working hard at the Feast, the OAP party and assisting with the production of Beach News. Our thoughts are with the family.

Date for your diary - Waterbeach Community Association AGM is on Monday 17th September 2012 in the Community Building, Waterbeach School at 7.30pm.

News from Cllr. Peter Johnson

We are slowly seeing the troops moving away from Waterbeach despite our protests and campaigns but with the formation of “Waterbeach Forward” we are starting to plan what happens next. We have formed a committee and are looking at what Waterbeach residents want to see on the Barracks site, I think that most people want some houses for local people but a development that enables our village to grow at a controlled rate. To say a blanket “No” could cause our village to stagnate so we have to accept growth but the village will be kept informed, consulted and another rally is planned for 8th September on the Green.

I have raised the issue of White Lines, or in many cases the absence of White Lines at many of our junctions, with Cambridgeshire County Council and I am waiting for a response as to when we can expect to see our White Lines restored before there is an accident.

The flooding problem at the Gault has now been resolved, there was a drain blockage, but this has been cleared and despite all the recent rain the path has been clear of puddles.

The ditch in Denny End Road has flooded again, but there has been a meeting with the Ely Drainage Board engineer and Anglian Water after I raised this at the WLIDB meetings. This has resulted in a map coming to light that showed Anglian Water to be the owners of this ditch and they have now accepted this. They need to put a camera through the culvert to see what the blockage is, but there is definitely going to be a marked improvement in this ditch.

Dog mess on the recreation ground is still a big problem and with the forthcoming Jubilee celebrations to be held on there we do not need this problem, it is hazardous to health and unnecessary. I ask all dog owners please clean up after your dog and keep the area clean and safe for all users.

Robson Court Hostel is now in the hands of Hereward Sanctuary, but there are still people living there and until they have been rehoused nothing will be done so there is a delay on the demolition.

Earlier this year a problem arose from the area around Pleasant View on the A10 being cleared of all trees. Thanks to all those who did contact me regarding this as I was able to get the Enforcement team in on a Sunday to check this out. It has turned out to be something the new owner was allowed to do and I hope that the immediate neighbours have been reassured that I am monitoring the site along with the Enforcement team for South Cambs to ensure that matters do not get out of hand. If any resident does see something going on that they are unsure of then please contact me so I can check it out for them.

I am honoured 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@scambs.gov.uk , or just knock on my door at 25 Jubilee Close, Waterbeach.

Gardening Club

The March meeting was a great success with a full attendance of members and guests to listen to Hilary Thomas' colourful talk on "Colour and Seasonal Excitement". The winter weather had had a devastating effect on not only the survival of many plants but on the timing of the daffodil flowering period. The effect on the second attempt at 'Have-a-Go Spring Show' was catastrophic, very few entries and only one First Prize (Roger Nichols) was awarded. The Club is not defeated and we will continue the trial but with a more general approach – more anon. The April talk on "The Fascination of Fungi" was given by an enthusiastic local mycologist, Peter Walker. The range of forms, colours and even chemical methods used in identification of the larger fungi were illustrated and the care which a field mycologist has to take in separating the edibles from the inedible or absolutely lethal was stressed. The mycophagists in the audience went away somewhat reassured. The fungi have always been of importance to the gardener: usually as pathogens, typically the rusts, smuts and powdery mildews; but recently the beneficial relationships between plant-root systems and fungi, as *mycorrhizal associates*, has shown how the mutual support each gives to the other as transfer of food to the fungus and the extraction of minerals from the soil to the plant. Now gardeners can purchase a commercial mycorrhizal preparation to establish rapid and luxuriant seedlings and adult plants. Peter had kindly agreed to lead a local Fungal Foray in the autumn – watch for the poster.

The important event in the Club's year is the Annual Show in September: an opportunity to exhibit triumphs of horticultural skill and win prizes. The Show is not just for adults: to allow children to show their gardening skills, creative talents and culinary achievements the 2012 Show Schedule has been revised. The new "Children's Classes" are set out below:

Children's Classes 5 years and under

- 89 A Posy of Flowers
- 90 Painting or drawing of a Flower
- 91 Model made from junk
- 92 Garden on a plate – up to 12" in diameter
- 93 Home Baking: 2 iced biscuits (biscuits either home baked or bought)

Children's Classes aged 6-11

- 96 4 cup cakes
- 97 Photograph taken by exhibitor: Subject: "Pets" (Max size 5"x7")
- 98 Pot with plants grown from seed sown this year (Pot max 20cm diam.)

Children's Classes aged 12-16

- 101 Home baking: an iced chocolate cake
- 102 A planted patio pot no larger than 30cms diameter
- 103 Photograph taken by the exhibitor: Subject "Sport" (Max 5"x7")

The Club has been incubating a scheme, to run an allotment, for the mentoring of apprentice gardeners i.e. those, both junior and senior, who are keen to learn. We are now the proud holders of a plot on the Diocesan Glebe site. We are very appreciative of the generosity of the previous holder, Andrew Taylor, who has donated a small greenhouse and other bits of kit to help us on our way. The site however needs some preparatory clearing work and the Club will need to put a 'Swat Team' onto the ground. Members and any able-bodied 'Guest Swatters', keen to assist, please contact Peter Dixon (01223 860280)



"Do you think some WD40 might help?"

The forth coming Summer programme of events will include

Saturday 16th June

Sunday 17th June

An early July evening visit

An early Sunday in August

Saturday 8th September

The Garden Club stand at the Feast

Visit to Shropshire's Open day

Gardens at Fitzwilliam College (DTBA)

Lunchtime BBQ at 2 Station Rd, Waterbeach

Annual Show at Waterbeach Primary School

Waterbeach WI



We had our own mini Jubilee Celebrations when our speaker for April was unable to attend because of illness. A Royal Quiz, a glass of wine for a toast and memories of Coronation Day made for a lively evening.

The Annual Council meeting of the Cambridgeshire Federation was held at Comberton Leisure Centre with the Guest Speaker, Adam Henson of Country File.

Plans are in hand for the Feast, so if you are looking for good Bric-a-Brac or fancy winning a bottle on our Tombola, or have a go at fishing in our pond look us up with the big green W.I. signs and come and talk to us.

The July meeting brings us a speaker from Cam-Mind and in August we welcome Fran Saltmarsh who is going to talk on Corsets, Crinolines and Camisoles.

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 church.

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

WASPS



In the term leading to Easter Holidays children have been busy making all things to do with Spring; very appropriate considering the lovely March we had.

On the March 25th we hosted WASPS' 2nd annual charity 5 and 10 km race at the Waterbeach Barracks Airfield. Despite a very cold and foggy morning we had a good turnout, with 39 runners and many well wrapped and cheerful supporters. The 10 km race participants were rewarded by the sun coming



out for their second loop, just as the 5 km runners were finishing. The overall winner in the 10k race and for men was Tuulka Kaikkonen with time 42:34. For women, the winner was Eileen Nugent with time 47:13. The winner of the 5k race was Louise Scarle with a time of 26:51. For the full results see <http://www.wasps10krun.org.uk>. The run raised a grand total of £599 for us - a big thanks to all contributors! We are planning to contribute some of this money towards the cost of replacement fire doors required for the Playhouse. We will also be purchasing new materials and toys to use at WASPS, the children have been busy writing wish lists! Special thanks go again to Major Hornby, along with Justin and David (PTIs) of Waterbeach Barracks for helping with the organisation and the pre-run warm up. Thanks also to Sarah Southall who assisted the committee with organising and running the event on the day. We hope that we will be able to continue with our annual races, so keep checking Beach News and WASPS' website early next year for the 3rd race.

Easter break had seen us with a busy Holiday Club, running full two weeks with exception of the bank holidays, but as always with cover for the school's inset day. We made a plethora of Easter eggs, conducted a great egg hunt within the Playhouse and in the outside play area, a fashion show and many more activities. The break helped us to return to our breakfast and after school clubs with renewed vigour.

Our Holiday play scheme coordinators Tracey and Shirley will run June Half Term Holiday Club on Wednesday 6th - Friday 8th June (only 3 days due to

Jubilee Bank Holiday weekend!). 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.

We are also starting to plan our letter “F” entry to the annual Feast parade run by Waterbeach Community Association. Children have been asked to come up with a subject that they would like to represent. If you have a good idea, why not pass it along to children that you know attend WASPS.

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.

Summer School

Every Summer holiday we run a very popular Summer School at Cottenham Village College offering a variety of arts & crafts courses. Our programme



includes lunch and refreshments each day and our tutors are very experienced. This year our Summer School will run during the week of 23rd-27th July due to the Olympics starting on the evening of the 27th.

If you would like to try something different or build on skills you already have then why not give us a try. You'll meet new people, have fun and relax in a very enjoyable and friendly atmosphere.

We still have a few spaces on: Experiments in Felt, Weaving on a Table Loom, Pattern Cutting (dressmaking), Painting on Silk, Illuminated Lettering (watercolour), Egg Tempera Painting, Drawing, Beadwork Jewellery, Dichroic Glass Jewellery, Blues Guitar Adventures, Calligraphy, Upholstery and Walking.



View our brochure at www.cvcweb.net (click on Community Education) or email us for more information at community@cvcweb.net, Tel: 01954 288751 (ext 1742).

This Summer School has been running successfully for 18 years and the comments we receive are so encouraging: “Brilliant”, “Great week - extremely well organised”, “Learned and achieved so much”, “Everyone catered for and encouraged”, “Fun, tutor marvellously prepared”, “An opportunity to embrace many different techniques”.

Waterbeach Community Players

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

Another Drama Festival Success - The premiere of Tim Boden's first play *Searching* won WCP four awards and seven nominations at the 2012 Sawston and Cambridge Drama Festivals

The production came third at Sawston with Wendy Croft winning best actress as Zara and Tim Boden won Best New Play with nominations for Jane Stewart as a Best Actress and Mark Easterfield on set design.

At Cambridge David Morris and Stephen Smith shared the adjudicator's award for their `double-act` as Douglas and Trent with Jane once again nominated as a Best Actress. Mark Easterfield's set received a Best Stage Presentation nomination, Tim's script was nominated for Best New Play as well as Stephen and David receiving Best Actor nominations

Unfortunately this edition of *Beach News* just misses our May production (16-19 May) but hopefully our village leaflet drop will have alerted you to the event so hopefully some of you managed to get along to see it. Our next production will be *Portrait of Murder* by Robert Bloomfield from 7 to 10 November 2012. A classic murder-mystery of intrigue, suspicion and surprise revelations.

A read through of the play will be held at the school on Monday 18 June at 7.30pm and Auditions will be on Thursday 21 June at 7.30pm in the school.

For full details, character notes and audition information please visit our website at www.wcponline.org.uk

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 or phone him on 01223 880023.

Waterbeach Barracks

An update from Colonel Andy Philips, Commander Waterbeach Station.

"I undertook to give you regular updates on our rebasing plans. Since I last wrote to you on 25th January, we have made steady progress and although we still have much to do, I can now give you additional information on our rundown plans that will be of interest to you.

The original rebasing timelines remain unchanged; the main body of 39 Engineer Regiment will move from Waterbeach to Kinloss in July 2012 and the main body of Headquarters 12 (Air Support) Engineer Group will move from Waterbeach to Wittering in October 2012. The vacation and hand-back

of Waterbeach Barracks to the Defence Infrastructure Organisation will be completed by the end of March 2013.

Once the main bodies have departed, a closure party of approximately 40 personnel (military and MOD civilians) will remain, and this will gradually ramp down through to March 2013. After that, the Barracks will be guarded and managed by the Defence Infrastructure Organisation until they dispose of it.

We expect 40-50 of our families to remain in military housing at Waterbeach after the main body moves. About half of these will probably move on within 6 months, with the remainder staying for a year or so. It lies with the Defence Infrastructure Organisation to decide what to do with the houses once they are vacated. They are still working out their plan, but it will probably include the retention of some quarters (number to be determined) to provide for service personnel working in the Cambridge area with the remainder being handed back to Annington Homes for disposal. We do not expect to see the details of the disposal plans, which are unlikely to be finalised for some time yet.

Our plan for closing down the facilities in the Barracks is as follows:

- The Buchanan Centre pre-school group will close at the end of the summer term.
- The airfield training area will close to military units, including the Cadets, at the end of November.
- The golf, fishing, clay pigeon and model aircraft clubs will finish within the camp by the end of December.

I'm afraid that extending any of the above beyond the dates stated is not something we are able to do; we are heavily committed from the middle of the year, including supporting the Olympics, and we simply do not have the management or manpower required. We will also be unable to provide formed contingents for the various Remembrance Services we normally support, although we hope to be able to send a representative to each for 2012.

We intend to mark the closure of the Barracks on the weekend of the Waterbeach Feast. There will be a Beating Retreat ceremony in the Barracks on the evening of Friday 15th June, which will be open to the public, and we will be supporting the Feast as normal on the Saturday.

I hope this gives you a better idea of what we are planning and how it might affect you. If there is anything else you'd like to know, please let us know."

BEATING RETREAT AND FREEDOM CEREMONY

On Friday 15 June 2012 there will be a Beating Retreat and Freedom Ceremony at Waterbeach Barracks. Members of Waterbeach village are welcome to attend this event.

The timings for the event are as follows:

- 1815hrs Main gate open to public where they will be directed to parking areas and marshalled to the Regimental Square. Please note vehicle parking is limited.*
- 1915hrs Beating Retreat commences.*
- 2000hrs Beating Retreat concludes and will be followed by the Freedom Ceremony which should last for approximately 20 minutes.*

Beach Sessions

Who'd have thought that there was so much musical talent in Waterbeach? We've been amazed by the number of talented local bands and singer/songwriters who have approached us, and are very pleased to announce that we'll be continuing to showcase the best local musicians over the coming months, alongside national acts. Waterbeach band Glorious Ferry Curve will play Beach Sessions on 23 June, supporting Fred's House. On 14 July, we welcome Cambridge band Motortapes, supporting punk poet legend Patrik Fitzgerald, who toured with The Jam. Further ahead we hope to include appearances by 2 further Waterbeach bands – Trouser Crisis and Little Alien. The big news for the autumn is Manchester band The Slow Show, who are being tipped as the next big thing nationally, having just played sessions for Dermot O'Leary on BBC Radio 2, and Lauren Laverne on BBC 6 Music . Catch them at Beach Sessions on Sat 15 Sept, before they get too famous! We are also planning a return visit by Custard Comedy, following their brilliant comedy & cocktails night earlier this year. All events are upstairs at the Sun and are free entry. All welcome. Latest news www.facebook.com/thebeachsessions Local bands who write and play their own music & interested in playing Beach Sessions, please contact Andrew on info@beachsessions.co.uk



Cambridgeshire ACF Open Day 30th June 2012



**Cambridgeshire ACF will be holding an Open Day at
the Cadet Training Centre, Denny End Road
on Saturday 30th June 2012 which is FREE and open to the public.**

We would like to take this opportunity to invite all residents of Waterbeach Village to join us in this event. There will be:

Free fairground rides

Clay pigeon and air rifle shooting

Face painting

Climbing tower

Stands showing various aspects of Cadet Force activities

Displays of military vintage vehicles and memorabilia and collectibles

Corps of Drums display

Food and ice creams...

...and much more

Gates open at 10.00

Library Facilities

Waterbeach Independent Lending Library - The Library, located in the Community Room on the Waterbeach School site, has nearly ten thousand books, including over 250 large print books. 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.

Summer reading challenge 2012 - "Story Lab" - The Reading Challenge helps prevent the 'summer reading dip', encouraging children aged 4 to 11 years to continue reading over the summer period. The children are invited to read six books during the summer holiday, and are provided with a reading pack to get them started. With each book read, there are rewards to collect to transform the fold-out model of the Story Lab into a laboratory where children read, collect, share, create, and transmit stories. If your child, grandchild, or any child you care for, does not have a Library card of their own, get them to join now and give them the greatest gift of all, the power of knowledge through the written word.

(Registration for the reading challenge starts on Friday 6th July.)

"Spot Check" - This is a reading challenge for adults. We have sorted out some 400 books that have been little borrowed and you are invited to read one (or more) of them and indicate whether you think it is worth keeping.

Waterbeach Feast - As usual, we shall have a bookstall at the Feast, concentrating this year on children's books.

World Book Night and Hyacinth Open Days - Thank you to all those who visited the library on World Book Night. If you received one of the 96 free books, or have one passed on to you, please remember to log on to the World Book Night website and register your book, using the number printed in the front. This enables the World Book Night organisation to track how many people read the books and how far they travel.

Thank you also to those who bought books from us at the Hyacinth Open Days – we raised over £65.

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 - The mobile library calls once a month, on the second Monday. Forthcoming dates are thus 11th June, 9th July, 13th August and 10th September. 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.

Buy with Confidence

At Cambridgeshire Trading Standards we have just introduced a new approved trader scheme, 'Buy with Confidence'. The scheme is designed to provide Cambridgeshire residents with a choice of traders, all of which have demonstrated a commitment to providing a high quality service and have been thoroughly checked by us.

To expand our list of current members we are currently undertaking a recruitment drive. If you are, or know of, a reliable trader in Cambridgeshire we want to hear from you!

How does a business join the scheme? - You can access further information and application forms at www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk. Alternatively you can ring Cambridgeshire Direct on 0345 0455206 to be sent an information pack.

Nominating a trader to join the scheme - If you know a trader that you would recommend, you can nominate them by emailing bwc@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or by calling Cambridgeshire Direct on 0345 0455206. We will do the rest.

How to use the scheme - There are a number of ways you can find traders on the scheme:

- Visit www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk.
- Telephone the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline on 08454 040506.
- Visit your local library where staff can look up traders for you.

Our checking procedure ensures the quality of our members but does not provide a price guarantee. We recommend that you still get three quotes to ensure you are happy with the price.

To find out more about the scheme, visit www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk or contact Cambridgeshire Direct.



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

Home Guard Spigot Mortar

Most people walking along the towpath to or from the Clayhithe Bridge will have seen the strange round lump of un-obtrusive concrete with its integral stainless steel rod, peering out from under the tangled mass of brambles and stinging nettles that now threaten to engulf it.

Although I suspect that quite a few won't have any idea of what it is or what its intended role was around 70 years ago?

This was the intended mounting for a weapon used by the Home Guard known as the Spigot Mortar. The Spigot Mortar, or "Blacker Bombard" was invented by a Lieutenant Colonel Blacker; Blacker's



A lump of concrete just lying alongside the towpath?

idea was to create a cheap weapon that could be mass produced to help fill the gap created by the retreat of the British Expeditionary Force from the beaches of Dunkirk in 1940, during which it had lost most of its heavy weapons.

Demonstrations at Bisley in April 1941 convinced GHQ Home Forces that the weapon should be adopted by the regular army, and by the Home Guard as an anti-tank weapon.

As it turned out, the regular army didn't like the spigot mortar due in part to its size and weight so it was given en masse to the Home Guard.

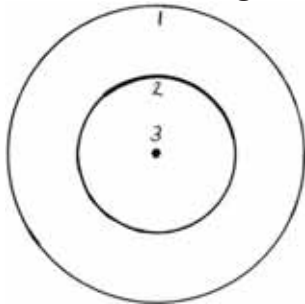
The design of the spigot mortar was such that the firing of the weapon drove a steel rod, the 'spigot' into the bomb's tail boom. This ignited the charge and blew the bomb off the spigot. At the same instant the explosion re-cocked the weapon by forcing the spigot back into its housing and compressing the spring, readying it for the next shot.

Firing the mortar could put its crew at risk, as when a round struck its target the fins from the exploding bomb would fly straight back.

In its anti-tank role, with a 20lb warhead, the spigot mortar had a range of around 100yds. With the lighter 14lb warhead, in its anti-personnel role, this range was increased.

Maximum rate of fire was 12 rounds per minute for the 20lb bomb and 15 rounds per minute for the 14lb bomb.

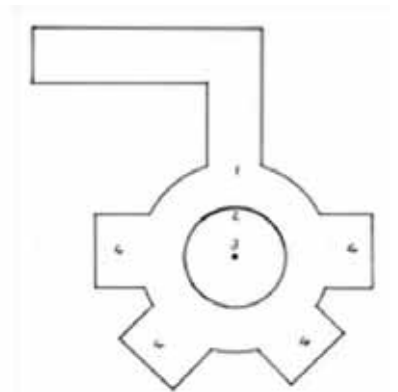
Initially the concrete pedestal for the mortar would have stood in the center of a small pit 3 feet 10 inches in depth, with just enough room for the 3 man crew (the commander and his Nos 1 and 2) to be able to load and fire the mortar; the inner wall of the pit was to be revetted in whatever material was available, e.g. wire netting, wooden stakes, etc.



Spigot mortar pit:

1. Pit, which regulations stated should be 3ft 10ins deep.
2. Concrete pedestal.
3. Stainless steel spigot for mortar.

Sometimes (and presumably space permitting) a much more elaborate structure was constructed, this consisted of a pit with an 'L' shaped trench and recesses for ammunition. fig 4.

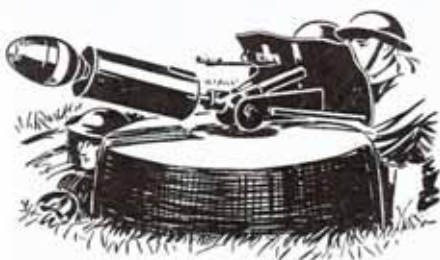


The initial idea was for the spigot mortar to be used in a mobile role and fired from its own set of legs, but by October 1941 this idea had been revised and 1,030 static mounts constructed from concrete had been put in place throughout the Southern Command area.

By July of 1942 the issue of spigot mortar's had ceased within the Southern Command area; in the end, from the mortar's early trials in April 1941 until July 1942 (when production stopped), 22,000 pieces had been delivered nationally.

The front cover of the wartime publication "Book of the Blacker Bombard" by the now defunct Gale & Polden printers; it shows a spigot mortar on its concrete pedestal being operated by its 3-man crew.

BOOK OF THE
**BLACKER
BOMBARD**



GALE & POLDEN LTD.

I'm interested in the wartime role of the Home Guard, particularly the Cambridgeshires.

If anyone has any information, photos, documentation etc. that they would like to share relating to Waterbeach's Home Guard, then I would love to hear from you.

I can be contacted through Beach News or via e-mail at martin@sjeb.eu

Martin Tingey

Rosie's Childcare

Do you need Childcare? - If you need to return to work, we may be able to help you. We are a team of Ofsted Registered and qualified Childminders who gladly accept children from young babies, right through to before and after school. Situated opposite the small green, in the Village of Waterbeach, we find that children quickly settle into our relaxed and friendly home environment. If you need to return to work, our unusually large garden, qualified dedicated staff and facilities allow children an easy transition from their home and family to the outside world. Children are given opportunities to feed our chickens, which helps develop their personal, social and emotional skills as well as their knowledge and understanding of their natural world.



We subtly incorporate the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum into our days through fun planned themes, free play, cooking, messy play, art and craft, story times, music and singing, physical activity and opportunities to explore in a safe environment. We also place a high emphasis on preparing children for life after they leave us in all areas of development including personal care and all our teaching is carried out with understanding and respect. We have the freedom to take children out to local playgroups, parks and trips which the children get very excited about.

Our topics are always fun and educational. When learning about “Animals”, we visited a pet shop, looked at local horses in fields and the ducks in the pond at Histon etc. The children learned about the Chinese new Year, tried some Chinese food and made their own dragons to take home. Construction was a particular favourite with the children because they made their own construction site with playdough, cardboard boxes and trucks and dumpers. Currently our theme is “Friendly Pirates”. The children have made their own ships and dressed up as pirates and explored the principles of sinking and floating. Our staff are always on the lookout for ways to engage children in their learning.

Thanks to government funding we are able to offer free places to children between the ages of 3&4 and we also accept various work Voucher schemes. Parents choose whether they bring their child's food or they can take advantage of our healthy menu. Our opening hours are 8am – 6pm and we run throughout the school holidays as well but we recommend ringing well in advance for availability. If you would like more information ring Rosemary on 01223 441902 or email us info@rosieschildcare.co.uk

WISE (Waterbeach Initiative for Sustainable Energy)



Could this be heat escaping from your French Window? (it looks even more dramatic in colour! Paler means hotter!)

Very few readers cannot have been to Emmaus at some time to donate unwanted goods to go in the shop or to seek out furniture, books or bric a brac. It is also sells a jolly good cup of coffee and very nice cake.

By the very nature of its business Emmaus

helps to increase the sustainability and reduce the carbon footprint of the district. Now the Community is starting to consider how the whole site can become even more sustainable by reducing energy use and costs and perhaps installing one or more renewable technologies. The difficulty has been knowing where to start.

In January this year WISE (Waterbeach Initiative for Sustainable Energy) worked with Emmaus to apply for a Local Energy Awareness Fund (LEAF) grant for an energy survey for Emmaus to help address this problem. The grant application was successful and the survey was carried out by a consultant from the National Energy Foundation. As part of this survey WISE members were able to borrow a thermal imaging camera from South Cambridgeshire District Council and take pictures to show where heat was escaping from the building one of which you see above. The light colour of the door shows that lots of heat is escaping through it.

The project has been very successful in enabling Emmaus to understand much more clearly what needs to be done to make the community more energy efficient and which renewable technologies might be most appropriate for the site. The project report included an Energy Saving Action Plan which the community is already working on. The report also suggested that replacing the oil boilers with a biomass system might be a good renewable technology option and this is being actively explored together with installation of solar PV panels to generate electricity.

While the Emmaus site was being surveyed WISE members carried out a visitor survey of 100 visitors to Emmaus to find out something about the way in which their homes are insulated, their energy use, attitude towards renewable technologies and what steps, if any, they take to try to reduce their carbon footprint. In these days of rising energy costs it was surprising that quite a high proportion of people appeared not to have done anything to see how they might cut down on their energy bills. However, others had

some very practical ideas, the most effective of which seemed to be fining the children £1 every time they left the lights on. Other less cruel ideas included: only heating one room if only one person was at home, lowering the central heating thermostat by a couple of degrees and adding another sweater, line drying clothes, and putting foil behind radiators.

There will be a display with more details of the findings of the visitor survey and the NEF survey at Emmaus in the café and the WISE stall at the Feast so come along and find out more.

Cambridge Open Studios 2012

What is Cambridge Open Studios? - Cambridge Open Studios is a membership group that collectively works to promote artists and their works in both Cambridge and also many surrounding towns and villages. All artists participating in Cambridge Open Studios will have work for sale irrespective of whether they are a working studio or an exhibition. A number of artists will also have postcards and or greeting cards for sale.

When is it? - Cambridge Open Studios is always in the month of July. This year Cambridge Open Studios are open 7th/8th, 14th/15th, 21st/22nd and 28th/29th July. If you'd like to see a particular artist, check the guide book or website to see when artists are exhibiting. They may not be open all four weekends.

What can you expect from Cambridge Open Studios? - With just under 400 Cambridge Open Studio members in and around Cambridge, there really is something for everyone. From watercolour artists to potters, from sculptors and woodworkers to jewellery designers, not to mention beautiful textiles and photography. The Artists open their doors and welcome the public into their studios and homes to show off their beautiful works of art. It's a fantastic opportunity to gaze at amazing treasures and if you wish, speak to the artist that created it.

You may even like to pick out a few artists from the guide who are exhibiting and create your own 'studio tour'. Remember, the villages too, and there are so often members exhibiting all within range of a pub offering a good pub lunch, so all in a all a perfect day! **Entry: FREE**

How to find out more ... Look out for the free yellow guide book normally out in May/June - you can pick these up at libraries, galleries, tourist information and shops. Follow us on twitter: @CamOpenStudios and Facebook. www.camopenstudios.co.uk

A fantastic showcase for the artists and a thoroughly enjoyable day out. Keep an eye out for the yellow flags flying to indicate an Open studio.



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 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.....

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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

Wicken Fen and Anglesey Abbey

Hopefully the wet miserable spring is behind us and we can all look forward to a long hot summer.

If you fancy a night under the stars, toasting marshmallows around the campfire and listening to the nocturnal wildlife of the fen – why not book a night or two at our wild campsite at a secret location on the nature reserve. The campsite consists of four basic rustic shelters which will protect you from the elements (sleeping eight children or five adults), a fire pit and eco-toilet. Access to the site is on foot or bicycle and you will need to be self sufficient carrying your own food, water and fuel (and taking your rubbish away of course). It's £25 per night to hire the site, so if you fancy a wild adventure please contact the Wicken Fen Visitor Centre on 01353 720274 or e-mail wickenwildcamping@nationaltrust.org.uk.

Thanks to the generosity and fund raising efforts of members of the Chelmsford, and Colchester and North Essex National Trust Association's we have been able to purchase two disability tricycles and a tricycle tag bike for our cycle hire fleet. The tricycles are ideally suited for children and adults with physical or learning disabilities. Cycle hire is available at Wicken Fen at weekends and school holidays until the 4 November, 10am-5pm (last hire 3pm). Hire rates for children's/adult bikes are £5/£7 for 2 hours or £10/£14 for the whole day.

If cycling is a little energetic for your liking then why not enjoy a peaceful cruise along Wicken Lode in our new electric boat, the Mayfly. Boat trips run 4 times a day at weekends and Bank Holidays and 2pm on weekdays. Trips last 50 minutes and cost £3.80 adults and £1.90 for children.

Last month the Trust launched '**50 Things to Do Before You're 11³/₄**', a major initiative to re-connect children with the countryside and nature. The list of 50 things include a range of exciting activities from skimming stones, making grass trumpets to tracking animals and camping out in the wild. You can collect your '50 things' scrapbook at Wicken Fen or Anglesey Abbey or find out more online at www.nationaltrust.org.uk/50things.

This year we are looking to increase the range and scope of volunteering opportunities for families at both Wicken Fen and Anglesey Abbey, so we've come up with the idea of **Family Muck In Days**. The activities are designed to be suitable for all the family to enjoy and will provide the perfect opportunity for families to spend time together in the outdoors, whilst undertaking some really useful conservation activities. The programme for the next two Muck In days is:-

Saturday 16 June, 11am-2.30pm – Anglesey Abbey - Habitat building in the Hoe Fen Wildlife Discovery Area including construction of insect hotels

and a reptile shelters.

Saturday 21 July, 1-4pm – Wicken Fen - Wildlife Watch – wildlife surveying for the Wicken Fen bio-blitz challenge.

To help us plan the ‘Muck In’s’ it would be appreciated if you could let Lois Baker, our Community Officer know if you plan to come – please drop Lois a quick e-mail at lois.baker@nationaltrust.org.uk or phone the visitor centre on 01353 720274.

At Wicken Fen we will be holding our first ever **Wildflower Festival** from Saturday 16 June – Sunday 1 July. During the Festival we will be organising a series of self-guided and Warden led walks to introduce you to the amazing wildflowers of the fen. Throughout the summer we will be holding an exciting programme of holiday activities so please check out our website for details of all events

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/wicken-fen/things-to-see-and-do/events/

Down at Anglesey Abbey we are holding a big picnic on the East Lawn to celebrate the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee on Monday 4 June, 10.30am - 5.30pm. We will have a big screen showing Wallace and Gromit films throughout the day and lots of traditional fun and games - so please bring a picnic and join us for what promises to be a truly Jubilicious day. Details of all events at Anglesey Abbey including our outdoor theatre season which starts with Shakespeare’s classic ‘*Much Ado about Nothing*’ from Thursday 12 – Saturday 14 July can be found at

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/anglesey-abbey/things-to-see-and-do/events

Hearing Dogs for Deaf People

It is now 30 years since Hearing Dogs was launched as a charity and it is 29 years since the first hearing dog was placed with a deaf recipient. Today we support over 750 working partnerships around the UK and as more and more people suffer with various degrees of hearing impairment the work of the charity has become more and more important.

In our 30th anniversary year one of my ambitions for your local Cambridge & District Branch is to try and increase the number of our local volunteers. Ideally I would love to have 30 volunteers to match our 30th anniversary. Volunteering does not have to take up a huge amount of time, if you can spare a couple of hours a month or would be happy to attend some events and help sell merchandise, or run raffles I would love to hear from you. I would also dearly love to have a database of people who could help out occasionally but who do not want to commit to regular meetings etc. New committee members would of course be very welcome but I do appreciate

that committee work does not appeal to everyone. Perhaps you would like to train as a speaker and go out into the community letting people know about our work? Would you have time to socialise a puppy before it goes on to its specialist sound work training? There are so many ways in which volunteers help the charity and all of their work is vital to us. We literally could not function without our helpers.

Later on this year there will be a 30th anniversary “Strictly Come Walkies” sponsored walk in the grounds of Wimpole Hall. In conjunction with Milton Country Park we will again be having a fun dog show and many other dog activities and games – more details of both events will be published later in the year but please mark 16 September in your diary as a day out for you and your dog.

If you would like to know more about the work of Hearing Dogs for Deaf People or would like to offer to help please give me a call or drop me an email – all offers of help will be warmly welcomed.

Jenny Parker – Speaker & Branch Organiser

01223 833562 (evenings only please) jennifer.parker5@btopenworld.com

Hedgehogs

Hedgehogs are in decline by over 25%, mainly due to farming practices. They have been around for more than 15 million years. Here is how we can help

- Make a hedgehog sized hole (5” square) in fences and walls so that hedgehogs can travel from garden to garden. They need a large area to find enough food.
- Don’t use pesticides or slug pellets
- Leave some of your garden wild for shelter and protection
- Check thoroughly for hedgehogs before strimming hedges, mowing grass, turning over your compost heap, moving your shed or lighting a bonfire.
- Keep pond levels topped up. Hedgehogs can swim, but make sure there is an escape route so they can get out.
- Provide a shallow dish of fresh water and food such as tinned meat based (not fish) cat food, crushed peanuts or preferably dried meal worms as cats don’t eat them. Leave the food where cats can’t get to it.
- Don’t take a hedgehog from the wild, but if you find one that is out in the daytime, ill or injured, or still very young ring the British Hedgehog Preservation Society 01584 890801 who will give you advice and put you in touch with a carer. If you think there may be babies listen out for high pitched distress whistle.



Sue Melbourne

Three Peaks Challenge

A group of adventurous parents in the village took on the Three Peaks Challenge to raise money for new play equipment for the primary school after vandals attacked the previous equipment. The five parents joined a group of others in an effort to climb the highest mountains in Scotland, England and Wales, a total combined climb of over 3000 metres within just 24 hours.



The parents, Claire Glemas and husband Tom, Chris and Clare Mead and Grace Geneja wanted to help the school raise funds to replace the equipment.

Jane Green, head teacher at the primary school said "It is an absolutely fantastic effort by this group of parents, the whole school is delighted".

The group travelled up to Ben Nevis in Scotland and started their climb at 7am. Towards the top of the mountain they faced heavy snow and ice and poor visibility which added an extra challenge but the group managed up and back in five hours. It was then back on the minibus to travel to the Lake District to climb Scafell Pike, much of which was completed in the dark with the use of only head torches to navigate their way. They completed this in good time before the tired team travelled across to Wales to climb Snowdon which they did at first light.

The tired but triumphant team completed their challenge in 23 hours and 20 minutes before heading off to a local hostel for food, a celebratory drink and some well earned rest.

So far the group have raised around £1300 towards the £20,000 required. Children at the school have already completed a sponsored silence and other activities to raise money for the project.



If you would like to support the fundraising then please donate at <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/waterbeachschool>

Miles for Smiles Week

18-24 June 2012

How would you like to do *ANY* sporting activity or exercise of your choice *ANYwhere* at *ANY* time on *ANY* day in Miles for Smiles week and raise much needed funds for Blue Smile?

Leading the way are British Rowing's mixed coxed four of Pamela Relph, Naomi Riches, David Smith, James Roe and their cox, Lily van den Broecke. World Champions and aiming for this summer's Paralympics. 'During Miles for Smiles week we shall be rowing for miles and miles and trying to smile while doing it, and wishing our best to all those supporting Blue Smile as well as those children who benefit from the charity's work', they say.

To join them in supporting Blue Smile's work, all you have to do is register on www.bluesmileproject.org. There is no fixed fee, just make a donation or raise sponsorship for your activity.

Once registered and the week begins, you simply exercise or race to your heart's content, safe in the knowledge that not only are you improving your personal mental health through physical activity, but you are also improving the lives of Cambridgeshire children.

Any kind of sporting activity is welcome, give your dog an extra walk, ride with friends, swim more lengths, play an extra round of golf, go on a Blue Smile ramble, organise a tennis match or row - the list is endless! Get together with your friends, family, running group, tennis and golf partners, local school, gym and exercise class to take up the challenge.

There are no losers in Miles for Smiles: whether you will be walking for wellbeing, jogging for joy or handstanding for happiness, you'll know that your enjoyment could change a young person's life.

Blue Smile is a registered Cambridgeshire children's charity(1139279) which provides counseling and support in schools to help children fulfil their true potential and have happier childhoods.

www.bluesmileproject.org info@bluesmileproject.org tel:01223 872619

The Summer

A view of the summer ahead from one of our younger readers.

Swim, swim, swim in the sun. A hot day is good for swimming.

At the Jubilee you can see all the people squashed together trying to get to the front.

At the Olympics there are people doing sport and winning races. Sports like tennis, football and running and there are Paralympics.

Anna Purcell Age 7

Jazzercise

On your doorstep five classes a week! The original dance exercise phenomenon! Each 60 minute workout blends dance and muscle toning movements to the latest music. It's a real good feeling you get after any Jazzercise class! Do come and try us for free if you have never attended a Jazzercise class before. We offer a fantastic membership price or a walk-in class fee. No need to book just come, we are at the Waterbeach School. Checkout the advert in Beach News or contact Bev on 01223 861656 or [Facebook.com/jazzercisewaterbeach](https://www.facebook.com/jazzercisewaterbeach)

We also host junior Jazzercise for children at Waterbeach School several times a year.

Beach Social Club

Our supported charities this year, voted on by the members of the club are The Rosie Hospital and Ward L5 at Addenbrookes.

One of our Stewards, Steve Gilson nominated Ward L5 and to support it ran the marathon this year in 3hour 37 minutes, raising £551. Thank you Steve and very well done. I cannot imagine what it must be like waiting to start and thinking only 26 miles to go!

Ben Wills and Carly Love nominated Rosie Hospital, in gratitude for the excellent care they received on the birth of their son Archie. Archie has become a star in his own right, winning the Cambridge News kids photo competition.

If anyone has any fundraising ideas, we would be grateful for any suggestions.

The Waterbeach Watering Hole Olympics will soon be upon us, a week of healthy competition, which will run from Sunday 10th June at 2.00pm with the relay race, followed by rounders on the Rec and a BBQ at Beach Social Club. Finishing on Friday 15th June with the crib match and cake competition at Beach Social Club, followed by Run for Cover.

If you would like to join in, we would welcome your support.

Don't forget we will be showing the England Euro matches on the big screen, and our drinks as ever, are very reasonable.

Events

<i>Saturday 2nd June</i>	8.30pm – Back to the Future band
<i>Friday 15th June</i>	9.00pm Run for Cover
<i>Sunday 24th June</i>	Live bands all day - TBC
<i>Saturday 7th July</i>	Jailbreak Blues Brothers

60 Plus Afternoon Tea

INVITATION



You are invited to the Community Association 60 Plus Afternoon Tea on

Monday 16th July 2012

from 1.30pm until 4.00pm

at Waterbeach School Hall.

Guests will enjoy entertainment from the children in Year 6 and the afternoon will be rounded off with tea and cakes.

This is all *free*, but we do ask you to return the slip below to book a place. Please return the slip below to Mark Clack, 5 Spurgeons Avenue, Waterbeach or to Jacqui Rabbett, 9 Providence Way, Waterbeach by **30^h June 2012**.

Regrettably we cannot provide transport, so please talk to your family and friends to arrange a lift.

If you will be in a wheel chair for the afternoon, please let us know so that we give you plenty of room.

Please note that as the event will be held during a normal school day there will be no admission before 1.30pm and entrance will be via High Street only, as the back gate on Way Lane will be locked

For further information Tel. 01223 860993

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60 PLUS AFTERNOON TEA- PLACE CONFIRMATION

Please reserve place(s) at the 60 Plus Afternoon Tea on **16th July 2012**

Name(s) :

Contact Address

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Telephone.....

Email.....

Please tick if you will be in a wheelchair

Please return by Monday 30th June 2012

Family History

Recently Beach News received a letter from someone researching their family history. Norman Long's family lived in the local area many years ago and he has some questions that you may be able to answer.

I am hoping you might help me find the answers to a few questions that came up while searching into my family history. They all have lived in and around Waterbeach since the 18th century and beyond. My immediate family is named Long, along with the Lowens family by marriage, and the Taylors.

My questions are as such:

Where were 'The Lanes'?.....(The Longs 1918)

Where was 'Workhouse Hill' situated?.....(The Taylors 1851)

Where was the 'High Road'?.....(The Lowens 1851)

The Lowens lived in Winfold Road in 1881

Are Denny Lodge Cottages 1891 the same as Denny Abbey Buildings 1901?..... nearly all the males worked as farm labourers, so I assume they lived in small farm workers houses.

I lived in Ely until 18yrs old, and remember the Green at Waterbeach...I was only familiar with the bus route!

One other thing...Is there any way I can access the school role for 1923 onwards when my father Charles Henry Long would have attended please? He was the youngest of seven boys and one girl at the school.

Lastly, is there a street map of Waterbeach of around 1850 to 1920 or thereabouts available that I could copy or see to locate whereabouts they lived?

As I am retired, and living in West Sussex, it is unlikely that I will come to Waterbeach again, but if I do it would be great to have a better idea of the area to help the search. If you can solve some of the questions, I would be very grateful. Any advice you can give will be wonderful to receive.

Norman Long

If you can assist Norman in any way please contact us here at Beach News and we will pass on the details. Email: beachnews@waterbeach.org or write to 5 Spurgeons Avenue, Waterbeach, Cambridge CB25 9NU

Staying Independent, Safe and Well

Adult social care roadshow to visit libraries

Library visitors have the chance to find out about local services to help them stay independent, safe and well at a series of roadshows taking place throughout 2012. The roadshow has been visiting libraries across the county since the end of January. It will be visiting Cambourne Library from 14th May to 9th June and Cambridge Central Library from 11th June to 7th July.

Each event will feature a display of information leaflets, presentations about assistive technology resources to help you remain independent, and details of Trading Standards approved trader scheme Buy With Confidence.

Demonstrations of Your Life, Your Choice Cambridgeshire's adult social care website and AskSARA, an online guide to equipment to make staying independent easier, will be taking place on the last Saturday of each of the roadshows. Trading Standards staff will also be on hand to tell visitors more about the Buy With Confidence scheme. If you are interested in assistive technology resources please check with the library for the dates of these presentations.

For more information about the roadshows and the full schedule visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/social telephone 0345 045 5225 or email: yourlifeyourchoice@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

If you are unable to visit one of the roadshows but require information about staying independent, safe and well phone Cambridgeshire Direct on 0345 045 5202 or see the Your Life, Your Choice website at www.yourlifeyourchoice.org.uk

Guided Walks

Cambridgeshire Archaeology, a body operated by the County Council Archaeology team that includes other heritage/archaeology interests in the county, are leading two guided walks in the villages over the summer. These are:

Wednesday 18 July - Car Dyke Roman Canal. Meet at 7pm by Waterbeach Recreation Ground.

Wednesday 1 August - Landbeach mediaeval village sites. Meet at 7pm at the entrance to Worts Meadow opposite Landbeach Recreation Ground.

Both tours will be accompanied by staff from Cambridgeshire Archaeology who will lead groups round and explain the story of each site. All welcome.

Both events are free and booking is not required - just turn up.

For more information please see www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/archaeology or contact the County Council Archaeology team on 01223 728565/728569.

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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