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# Community Association



**Feast – 8th 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 G...." – 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.



Feast 2012

This year's parade will be led by the Arco Iris Samba band and we would like to encourage spectators on the parade route to join in by cheering, clapping and waving. Bring your whistles, rattles and hooters and let's all make it a lively parade. 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 during the afternoon. Come and see knights of old in combat, cheer on your favourite swordsman and experience the sights and sounds of the Middle Ages with the Shire of Flintheath Medieval Society. Enjoy a performance by Waterbeach Brass, improve your personal fitness with the ladies from Jazzercise and get those feet stomping and hands clapping with the Arco Iris Samba Band. There will also be some dancers, a contest between the Scouts and Guides to see who can erect a tent in the fastest time and a gymnastic floor display from a young member of a gymnastic club.

There will also be a wide range of stalls including refreshments, children's activities, games and competitions and a display of vintage vehicles.

**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.

## Fire and Rescue Service



**Barbecue Safety:** The sun has finally arrived so I'm sure some residents will enjoy a tasty barbecue – but all barbecues can get out of control if care is not taken. Follow our top tips for a safe barbecue:

- Place your barbecue on level ground where it will not tip over.
- Site barbecues away from sheds, fences, overhanging foliage and the house.
- Avoid positioning a barbecue where people have to pass closely by it.
- Keep children and garden games well away from the cooking area.
- Never leave barbecues unattended.
- When cooking is finished, ensure the barbecue is cool before moving it
- NEVER pour petrol or other highly flammable liquids over any barbecue.

For more advice about coal or gas barbecue safety, log on to [www.cambsfire.gov.uk/firesafety](http://www.cambsfire.gov.uk/firesafety).

Like our fan page on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/cambsfrs](https://www.facebook.com/cambsfrs), follow us on Twitter @cambsfrs.

Find out if you are eligible for a free home fire safety check, call 0800 917 9994

# Waterbeach Community Players

By the time you read this we will be about to perform our last night of our current production of 'Look Who's Talking', a fabulous comedy/farce by Derek Benfield (nothing to do with the John Travolta film). The performance is from Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May to Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May, so if you have been to see us thank you very much and hope you enjoyed it, but if you haven't and are tempted phone now on 01223 880023 and book some tickets as we can always fit a few more people in even if it's a few spare seats at the back.

It's been an exciting few months for the group. You may have seen us walking around Waterbeach and Landbeach one April morning delivering our What's On leaflets which now tells you what we are up to for the whole year. I think there is a correlation between spring finally arriving and our leaflets so if you want the weather to stay please do not throw it away. Our entry into

the Sawston Drama Festival (The Statement by David Morris) did really well winning five awards (best new play, best actor, best set, best technical excellence and second overall). As you can see in the picture the



writer and cast were absolutely delighted and we are really hoping to repeat this success at Cambridge Drama Festival (unfortunately I am writing this before it has happened).

Looking ahead our November production is 'Memory of Water' which is a brilliant award winning play about three sisters the night before their mother's funeral and is very funny but also incredibly moving. Tickets have already started selling for both that and the next pantomime, which is Puss in Boots. It's worth noting that the front row has already been sold for the matinee performance so if you have young children please think about ordering tickets now so they don't get disappointed. For more details and to buy tickets please have a look at our website <http://www.wcponline.org.uk> or contact Chris Shinn on 01223 880023.



# Waterbeach PTA



*Spring Term 2013 Round-Up* - The Quiz in February proved to be another fantastic evening, and raised an amazing £651.00 in profit. Huge thanks go to Dave Jenkinson as Quiz Master Extraordinaire, and to Richard Jones for masterminding the scoring for the evening.

The International Food Festival on 3<sup>rd</sup> March looked and tasted delicious, and we had a range of countries represented – Poland, Indonesia, Germany, Japan, Thailand, Wales, USA, Ireland, England and Malaysia. Thanks to all the chefs who worked so hard to make this event a success, and generously gave of their time and their food! We were also thrilled to have four young chefs representing Italy - Lyra, Katie, Libby and Dora from Year 5 put on an incredible spread which included Strawberry Misu, a sparkling drink and pizza with beautifully prepared toppings to match the colour of the Italian flag. So many people thoroughly enjoyed the tasting experience, and a fantastic £305 was raised. Meanwhile outside, teachers, parents and children gave up their day to plant over 300 trees in the school grounds, which they did in record time!

*Summer Fair: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July, 3.30pm-6.30pm* - Please come and join us at the School Summer Fair, on the 12<sup>th</sup> July between 3.30pm and 6.30pm. Browse stalls, try your luck on the tombola and raffle, and enjoy games, children's enterprise stalls, fair-rides, bouncy castles, beat-the-goalie, tea and cake, a BBQ and ice creams! We look forward to welcoming you.

Join us on Facebook – search for Waterbeach School PTA

## More Choice in Social Care

Social care is provided to people who have been assessed as having substantial or critical support needs with personal care, getting meals, managing medication and staying safe.

If you need social care the County Council will arrange your care for you, but they now have a duty to offer and provide Direct Payments. Direct Payments are an alternative way of getting the care and support you need. They are cash payments made directly into a Direct Payment bank account so that you can use the money to make your own social care arrangements.

With a Direct Payment you have more choice, control and independence about how your care is organised. If you would like to find out more about Direct Payments visit the Your Life, Your Choice website at: [www.yourlifeyourchoice.org.uk](http://www.yourlifeyourchoice.org.uk), pick up a leaflet from your library, phone adult social care enquiries on 0345 045 5202, or contact the Cambridgeshire Direct Payment Support Service on 0845 6000 684.

# Gardening Club



Following the New Year Social and Charity Draw in aid of the Darwin Nurseries, the Club has finished the Winter Programme with four outstanding talks: Natural and Biological Control of Pests, Clay Gardening, Hidden Nurseries of East Anglia, and Around the Shows, by four expert speakers. Now the serious business of hands-on growing begins: controlling pests and pathogens, conditioning the soil, hunting out little plant treasures and getting all in order for the show in the garden and the ultimate test: the Annual Show. To supplement all this and stimulate our phagocytes and enthusiasm, we are going on an evening visit to the Darwin Nurseries, and a coach trip to see the new developments at the RHS Garden at Hyde Hall. Admixt in all this gardening frenzy we will see you all at the Club Stand at the Feast; A break for R and R follows at the Annual Barbecue then *FLASH-BANG* it is: *SHOW TIME!!!!*

## 28th ANNUAL SHOW

Saturday 31st August 2013 at the Waterbeach School Hall

*ENTRIES WELCOME FROM NON-MEMBERS*

Show Opens at 2.30 pm

Presentation of Prizes at 4.00 pm

Join us in a display of over 100 classes of fruit, vegetables, flowers, handicrafts, baking and more!

Full Schedule/Rules and Entry Forms available *FREE* from all local shops, churches and pubs during August.

If you need more detailed information before schedules are available please telephone 01223 860280

The Programme for 2013/14 will be available at the Show and we would be very happy to welcome both beginners and experts gardeners to our meetings and social events - come and join us.

## *Thank You*

*Joyce and the family of the late EDWARD BECKITT, would like to say a heartfelt thank-you for all your cards and kind messages on their recent sad loss.*

*All your donations in Edwards's memory*

*for the NEUROSCIENCES CRITICAL CARE UNIT, came to £929.86*

*which we hope will help in a small way. Once again thank-you.*

# The Green

Looking at Waterbeach Green today, with its mature trees and well cared for grass it is hard to believe that in 1859 the vicar, William Clay, wrote 'That pleasant feature of village scenery, the green, on which the booths for the May Feast are erected and where the customary smithy stands, once well deserved to be called a green. On the contrary of late years, it has become so worn in almost every direction by traffic that it has hardly the least title to its original name.'

An undated postcard in 'Waterbeach in Old Picture Postcards' which is



probably late 19<sup>th</sup> century shows that the situation did not change very much over the following years. The photograph is not very

good but shows the Green looking very unkempt and with no trees round it. In 1895 all grazing was banned for one year by the Parish Council in an attempt to improve it. A postcard showing the mature trees we know today as young saplings planted in 1902 to mark the accession of Edward VII still doesn't seem to show much improvement. That postcard also shows the village pump in the position it is today and a wrought iron lamp standing in the middle of the Green which had been erected for Queen Victoria's Jubilee but disappeared not long after.

Whilst it may have been less well cared for than now the Green was an important focal point without which there could not have been the Feast, a tradition which goes back for several centuries. At one time it was held in July but it moved to the last Monday in May in 1779. At that time it lasted for three day, with 'stalls, swings and shows'. The first parade which took place on the Sunday before the Feast did not take place until 1893 and it was introduced as a way of raising money for Addenbrookes Hospital. Accounts and photographs suggest that the parade was remarkably similar in format to todays although the floats were horse drawn at the start and the route was different.



The Feast and parade continued until 1939 when they lapsed because of the outbreak of war. It was not revised until Roger Kilsby became head teacher of Waterbeach School. Part of his brief as the leader of a community school was to develop some community activities and so the Feast was reborn to become one of the key dates in the village diary and a celebration of an event which goes back for centuries.

So on Feast day this year remember the generations of villagers who have gone before who enjoyed the anticipation, the creativity in constructing floats and stalls, the parade, the events, the food and the coming together of the village community as well as the people who have left the village but who come back just for this day.

# Toddler Playgroup



We've been celebrating the onset of Spring at playgroup and have been planting seeds and enjoying the outdoors.

A big thank you to all those who came and bought flowers and cakes at our Mothers Day stall in early March which we held outside the village Post Office. The support was greatly appreciated and a fun morning was had by all involved. The money raised will be going towards more resources at playgroup.

We're looking forward to Feast Day and having lots of excitement getting creative for the playgroup float in the parade and the stall on the village green. Come and support us on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June!

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

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

# Waterbeach Scout Group

We had two successful camps in the spring for the Cubs and Scouts and below are accounts from some of those who attended.

## ***Hallowtree Campsite, Ipswich. 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> April***

At our Cub camp we enjoyed having English breakfast every morning but we really disliked the amount of noise from the younger Cubs when we were sent to bed.

We enjoyed the wide games (outdoor games) and they were Hunt the Bandalog, Fox and Hounds and egg trail. We also played triangular and human football.

We went down to the Estuary and jumped into the sinking sand. Saturday we had a b-b-q lunch that we cooked ourselves but our fires kept going out. We also sung some hilarious campfire songs.

Amazingly we did not get caught having a midnight feast, but some of us forgot to eat our chocolate and found it all soggy in our bags when we got home. This was the best winter camp we have been on so far and are now looking forward to summer camp.

*By Luke & Isaac Dodge and Robert Gwilt*

## ***Scout Spring Camp, Bradfield Combust, Bury. 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> April***

My bags were packed and I was ready for what would be an interesting weekend. The drive was not too long and the traffic was fine so by 6.30 we had arrived at our country field. We began erecting our tent and after a warming meal of spaghetti bolognese it was time for the evening camp fire. The morning was freezing and it was a push to get out of my sleeping bag. Challenge one soon arose as we had to start our fire. After much blowing and puffing we soon had a nice little fire going.

After breakfast we chopped logs and relaxed in the beautiful sun before going on a treasure hunt that I took part in to no avail. We had a go on the bouldering wall which is a climbing wall you climb along instead of up. Also we had some races around an assault course which I was spectacularly bad at.

Quickly after lunch we began to realize that there were a good number of pheasants wandering around. Plans were made for a trap that would consist of a large box held up by a stick to a long length of rope held at the end by an eager pheasant catcher. A number of hours and no pheasant later we gave up.

Dinner was meat slow cooked for hours on a hot hole in the ground and it

was lovely. Tender and full of flavour served with potatoes cooked in the embers. The next day was of hard work and labour as we set to work taking our tents down and packing up. Before I knew it I was home and in a warm bath filled to the brim with soapy water and looking forward to my next camp.

*By Erin Wright*

Waterbeach Scouts and Guides Hut Committee Chairperson presents a cheque from monies collected by the Scouts and Guides Christmas Santa

Sledge, to the Chairman, Mr J. Richer and Treasurer, Mr K. Long from Friends of The Princess of Wales Hospital Ely.



## Jazzercise

Muscle does not weigh more than fat - it's just denser than it, so the same weight in muscle is "smaller" than in fat. Don't go by the scales - go by measurements or how clothing fits you!

We are having a fun fit time at Jazzercise and doing our part for our own personal fitness goals. Some of us had a great time at the National Fitness Weekend at Wembley in March where we had guest presenters from the states. I attended the National conference, one of two a year and am always inspired upon my return to Waterbeach.

Watch out! June 8th we will be at the Feast in the afternoon and you too can come and join in with us.

Tues/Thu 6.45pm & Sat mornings 10am - no need to book please just come along and if you've never done Jazzercise, then your first class is free, (bring the advert in the Beach News and your first week is free, terms & conditions apply).

Watch out for junior Jazzercise workshops!

Please contact us anytime [Facebook.com/jazzercisewaterbeach](https://www.facebook.com/jazzercisewaterbeach) like our page!



# Library News

Waterbeach Library has been very active over the past few months with many projects taking place.

The Storytime Session at the Library, run by the Child Development Centre, proved so successful that the Centre has two further sessions planned, on the 13<sup>th</sup> May and the 1<sup>st</sup> July, both commencing at 10am at the Library.

Doorstep deliveries have proved useful to a few members of the Community, ensuring they can carry on with reading their favourite books even though it has been inclement weather. If you know of anyone who would benefit from this service just provide their contact details to the Library, or telephone 01223 440560, and we will arrange to make contact to discuss their requirements. Please ensure you have the individual's permission before disclosing their details.

Wi-Fi has been installed at the Library, with the computers upgraded to Windows 7 - many thanks to Cambridgeshire County Council. We are hoping to have a colour laser printer in the near future.

For those unaware of its location, the Library should now be easier to find, with new signs erected on the High Street and a larger sign on the side of the Library building. We would like to thank Roy of RPM Signs who has been extremely helpful with regard to this project. The Children's Library Logo Competition has provided a winning logo which Roy has incorporated into all the new signs, so it is truly a Community sign, designed by the Community, for the Community.

We were able to run a second-hand book stall raising £39 in total during the Hyacinth Weekend (held over two weekends due to the cold weather). Our thanks to Alan Shipp for allowing the use of this facility, and to those who supported us.

As part of the Landbeach Sales on the 18<sup>th</sup> May, there will be a second hand book stall in aid of the Library, in Landbeach Village Hall from 10am.

Babies and Books, held at the Library from 2.15pm on Friday afternoons, has proved very popular. It allows parents and carers to experience books with younger children, listen to stories, and enjoy the Wonderful World of Books.

Waterbeach Library was nominated as one of the groups to receive monies from the Cambridge Building Society Community Cash Awards, which resulted in the receipt of a cheque to the value of £292.51p. We would like to thank all those who collected tokens for the Library, providing further funds to ensure our Community Library continues.

On 23<sup>rd</sup> April a very successful and well supported World Book Night was held. Five of our Volunteers applied and were chosen as "Givers" so we were very lucky to receive five different titles from which our readers and new members could select. Wine flowed and refreshments were enjoyed by all who attended, and all disappeared into the night clutching a nice new book to enjoy in the comfort of their own home. Many thanks to those who supported us, especially to Marjorie Smith from the County Library Department, who took considerable time out of her

busy day to visit our small Library. Also thanks to Parish Councillor Janet Cornwell who joined us at the celebration.

The Library will be operating a second-hand book stall at the Feast in June. We hope you will come along to support us at that time.

**The Summer Reading Challenge** will be launched in July, so if your child is not a member of the Library please visit the Library and take ten minutes to join. The Reading Challenge is a UK-wide project aimed at assisting children maintain their reading standards throughout the summer months, as it has been found that when children are away from school for a long period their reading age reduces considerably. The children are asked to read six books during the summer vacation; with the completion of every book they receive stickers, badges and various incentives to continue. When they have completed the project they receive a certificate and a medal, which we hope will be presented at an assembly in school, as happened last year. This year the theme is "The Creepy House" which will offer some spine chilling adventure for the children who take part, and the Library will have new books on the theme for readers of all abilities. The children love the challenge and the school actively encourages them to enter as it assists in reading and comprehension. Watch out for the notices and flyers which will provide further information nearer the time.

By the end of the present academic year we shall have welcomed all the children from Waterbeach Community School into the Library, a different year group visiting us for each half term. Each year group has a different project and the Library provides displays and discussions about the various aspects of their projects. We value the strong ties we have with the local school, and are pleased we can assist in some small way towards the valuable work which goes into providing an excellent education for all the children in the Community School.

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

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

The Library is open on Monday 10-12noon and 3pm-5pm, Wednesday 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, so forthcoming dates are June 10<sup>th</sup>, July 8<sup>th</sup>, August 12<sup>th</sup>, September 9<sup>th</sup>, and 14<sup>th</sup> October. 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.*

# WAY Project



As we reported in the last issue of Beach News, our young members braved the almost sub-zero temperatures during their February half term to wash cars. Despite the appalling weather - though it did stay dry - they raised the very laudable amount of just under £300. Our thanks to all of you who came. They were so pleased with this that they have decided to do another one during the May half term and are hoping for even slightly warmer weather! So – bring your car(s) to the Tillage Hall on 29 May between 10 a.m. & 4 p.m. We will again provide refreshments in the hall, so that you can enjoy a drink and a natter while your car is cleaned. I can personally testify to the fact that they do a very good job!



Amusement Park, Kettering, which has been entertaining children since 1913. Over and above enjoying their time away from home, our young people have learned that hard work brings its own rewards.

Otherwise, life at the Youth Club goes on as usual – games, matches, computers, crafts & cooking, to say nothing of just chilling out with friends. Just to remind you the Club is open on Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays from 7 – 9. All members are welcome on Mondays & Wednesday, and Thursdays are reserved for the younger group (11 – 14 year olds). We still have room for more, so please do encourage your young people to come along and see what we offer.

As the result of their hard work, we were able to fund two trips during the Easter holidays. Some of the older members enjoyed swinging through the trees at Go Ape near Thetford and our younger ones chose to spend a day at Wicksteed





# Waterbeach Day Centre

***Come and join us!! We're here for you.***

Waterbeach Day Centre was established in the 1980s to benefit all residents of Waterbeach, Landbeach and Chittering of pensionable age.

We meet at the Denson Close Community Room twice a week, on Mondays and Wednesdays, from 11.00 in the morning to around 3.30pm. A home-cooked two-course hot lunch is provided every day for our members - as well as morning coffee and biscuits and afternoon tea and cakes. There are organised activities to join in with, as well as catching up with old friends and neighbours - or making new ones! The great value cost of this is only £3.50 per day per member. Costs are kept low through grants from the Waterbeach Charity, Waterbeach Parish Council, and Cambridgeshire Community Foundation (CCF). The Centre is extremely grateful for the support of these bodies.

We have a membership list so that we know how many lunches to provide each day; members of the group can attend on one or both days each week. Where needed, transport to and from the Denson Close Community Room can be arranged.

***We need you! Please join us.***

We would love you to join us. There are a number of opportunities for you to be involved in what we do:

- as a member to join us on Mondays and/or Wednesdays
- as a volunteer, helping out for one (or two) day(s) a week:
- as a fund-raiser, either supporting us in our fund-raising activities or raising funds for us

## ***LocalGiving.com***

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

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

# Community Playgroup



This last term saw the children brimming with excitement over the arrival of our very own Easter chicks. We had seven chicks hatch and the



children were able to watch and learn how they developed and grew in their first few days of life. All of the chicks were named by the children with choices including Clucky, Yolko and Fluffy. If you'd like to find out more and see for yourself what the children

experienced you can have a look at our Chicks 2013 blog on our website at [www.waterbeachplaygroup.org.uk](http://www.waterbeachplaygroup.org.uk) As part of this New Beginnings topic the children



grew cress and talked about what plants need to grow, painted spring flowers and spotted new signs of life and made lots of chick related artwork. They also used their new cameras to take photos of all the new life springing up around them.

But it was a cold March morning when the children, parents and staff met at the station for our annual trip out on the train to Planet Zoom in Ely. Not only was the soft play at Planet Zoom enjoyed but also the train journey. The children loved visiting the station at Ely, watching the different trains arriving and leaving, but also loved to see the fields and the occasional building whizz by their windows on our 16 minute journey.

Sunnier days have meant the children only want to play outside. Over Easter we had some Easigrass installed. At first the children were wary of the new surface but soon decided they loved it after joining one of our play workers rolling about on it. It was so popular that the children insisted on having a picnic at snack time not wanting to leave the grass (and sun) to go inside. We are continuing to look for ways to fundraise and improve our outside area. We were lucky enough to be chosen to take part in The Cambridge Building Society's Cash for Community scheme which was run in The Cambridge News during February. We received a fantastic £219.06 and plan to use this to fund our Grounds Day, where we hope parents will come and help us clean, repaint and brighten up our outdoor space. We would like to thank everybody who helped us collect tokens for the scheme including all the

parents, grandparents, neighbours and friends of children who attend Playgroup, Jan from JB's Hair Salon and members of the Salvation Army. Thank you all.

The children are all looking forward to the Feast and are bursting with ideas for Gnomes, our choice for the theme 'Something beginning with G'. As always the children are looking forward to dressing up and taking part in the parade and the parents are equally looking forward to getting the poster paint and gloopy glue out to decorate the stall. We're all kids at heart! We hope you can come and visit our stall to see the Gnome Gallery and take part in one of our Gnome themed games and hamper raffle. This year we will also be holding a Gnome hunt for any children who would like the chance to win a prize! So please look out and give our children a wave as we parade to the Green as Gnomes!



*Some of our Gnomes have escaped and are hiding amongst the stalls at the Feast.  
Can you help find them?*

*Grab an entry form from our stall or online and tell us where they are and what colour hat they are wearing.*

*More details at [www.waterbeachplaygroup.org.uk](http://www.waterbeachplaygroup.org.uk)*



Waterbeach Community Playgroup provides a fun, safe environment with an emphasis on learning through play. Children are welcomed from their second birthday until they attend school.

If you would like to visit, please call in during any of the sessions, where you will be warmly welcomed by a team of happy and well qualified staff.

Alternatively please contact Jacqui Woods on 01223 440769 or [info@waterbeachplaygroup.org.uk](mailto:info@waterbeachplaygroup.org.uk)

Please take a look at our website too, to see more of what we do:  
[www.waterbeachplaygroup.org.uk](http://www.waterbeachplaygroup.org.uk)

## Open Air Swimming Pools

Now the Waterbeach Barracks Pool has closed, and has been filled in, the nearest lidos or outdoor swimming pools are:

Jesus Green Pool, Cambridge - 91m unheated - opens 18 May 2013

Letchworth Lido - 50m heated (33 miles away) - normally opens end of May

Peterborough Lido - 50m heated (40 miles away) - normally opens end of May

For pools in other parts of the UK, see my non-profit website

[www.lidos.org.uk](http://www.lidos.org.uk) There are also rivers and lakes you can swim in - see

<http://www.wildswimming.co.uk>

Oliver Merrington



# Waterbeach Brass

Waterbeach Brass now meet in the Landbeach Village Hall on Monday nights at 7.30pm till 10.00pm and in St John's Church Hall the first Monday of the month. We would welcome any one who would like a blow to come and join us.

The band is looking for a bass trombone player and a percussionist.

We have just had a good result in the last contest we entered we came 5<sup>th</sup> out of 15 bands in the third section.



## ***Forthcoming Events***

*Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May* - Band concert: 'Music from the Movies' at the Wesley Methodist Church Cambridge 7.30pm start. £5 and £7 Tickets at the door.

*Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June* - Waterbeach Feast

*Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June* - Ely River side, Jubilee Gardens 2.00pm to 4.30pm.

*Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July* - Hunstanton Bandstand 2.00pm.

For more information contacts Richard Dean, [Richard.dean444@gmail.com](mailto:Richard.dean444@gmail.com) 01223 355987 or David Pell, [pellbrassband@aol.com](mailto:pellbrassband@aol.com) 01223 860396

# Keep Waterbeach Rural

With the closure of the Barracks on 28<sup>th</sup> March and the transfer of the Royal Engineers and their wives and children to Scotland we are facing many challenges now and in the future.

Waterbeach is currently a vibrant village with many voluntary community associations and activities serving all ages, needs and interests. It is a wonderfully green and rural place and many of us have chosen to live here for these reasons.

South Cambridgeshire District Council and the City Council are currently formulating a Local Development Framework with a target to build 5,000 houses per year until 2031. They have had more land identified than they need to meet these targets.

This is why we as villagers need to make our voices heard as to how Waterbeach is shaped in the future. As you are probably aware Waterbeach New Town is a real possibility. The Parish Council proposed 900 houses on

the brownfield Barracks site to be adopted as part of the Local Development Plan.

We have it on good authority that due to issues such as infrastructure and the finance required that building houses in the thousands is the only viable way for the Consortium behind Waterbeach Town to progress which will mean that prime arable land will be lost to meet these needs.

Apart from the issues of infrastructure, congestion due to parking in the village for the station there are piecemeal developments of two hundred homes being proposed by developers and supported by some Parish and District Councillors to infill the greenfield land between Bannold Road and the vacated 300 MOD homes. Apart of the risk of flooding this could potentially create another 1,000 plus vehicles entering and exiting the already overloaded roads of Way Lane, Bannold Road, Station Road, High Street, Cambridge Road and Denny End Road.

Should these developments go ahead our village will become joined to any development of Waterbeach Town and the rural identity of our Waterbeach village lost forever?

We believe that until the Local Plan for considered development is agreed by the City and District Councils that no other development should go ahead. We also have the prospect of the Rowing Lake being built between Milton and Waterbeach with traffic exiting to and from Carr Dyke into Cambridge Road then on to the A10. This will bring many blessings and challenges to our village.

We need to safeguard our community, our local services and shops, our rural character and to fight against becoming just another dormitory village. We also need to keep valuable arable land to be able to produce food now, for our children and our children's children.

If you agree with these sentiments then let your local Councillors know by email or attending Parish Council meetings generally held every first Tuesday of the month. See the Notice Board on the Green for Agendas, dates, start times and venue. A paper copy of the minutes of meetings can be read in the village library or on the Parish Council's web-site. The Parish Council's AGM will be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May if you would like to have your say.

We are aware that only Waterbeach is mentioned in this article but that there may be many of you reading this in Chittering and Landbeach who will also be affected by "Waterbeach Town" and might like to have your voice heard too!

*Jane & Brian Williams*

Keep Waterbeach Rural - a non-political voice for villagers

Jane and Brian Williams: email [jw\\_bw@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:jw_bw@tiscali.co.uk) Tel: 01223 861818

Also join us on our Facebook page - Keep Waterbeach Rural

# Beach Sessions

Beach Sessions announces a major village gig!

The Beach Sessions has announced a special fundraising concert on Sat 29<sup>th</sup> June to help the Baptist Chapel to raise money for its refurbishment as it starts to celebrate its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary this summer! The evening follows two full houses at the Chapel last year and we hope that villagers will support the gig. We have another amazing line up featuring Blue Rose Code with support from Tom Adams and Reckless Play.

London-based / Edinburgh-born Blue Rose Code is singer/songwriter Ross Wilson. Blue Rose Code's classic sounding songs have been described as 'Caledonian soul' and have been receiving national airtime on BBC radio. With a beautiful debut album 'North Ten' receiving fantastic reviews, Ross's songs also feature on an advertising campaign for Aubin Wills starring Sophie Dahl and Alex James (Blur).



*Blue Rose Code*

You can find out more [www.bluerosecode.com](http://www.bluerosecode.com) or see & hear using the search on You Tube or Sound Cloud. Blue Rose Code plays The Beach Sessions before heading out to leading UK festivals across the summer including Cambridge Folk Festival.

Support comes from Cambridge-based Tom Adams - singer of The Mountaineering Club – who will be playing solo. Tom creates epic soundscapes, which fans of Radiohead, Sigur Ros and Athlete will love. He is currently working on a soundtrack for a new Universal Pictures film. Second support comes from Reckless Play.

Tickets are only £7.50 from The Sun in Waterbeach or [www.wegotickets.com/beachsessions](http://www.wegotickets.com/beachsessions)

The bands are playing for minimal expenses and the all the Beach Sessions team, sound engineers etc. are giving their time for free so all the profits will go to the Chapel refurbishment fund. Doors open @ 7.30pm. Over 14s only. The Beach Sessions will then take a break for the summer and return with some great music acts on Sat Sept 7<sup>th</sup>. To keep up to date “like us” on

[www.facebook.com/thebeachsessions](http://www.facebook.com/thebeachsessions) or visit [www.beachsessions.co.uk](http://www.beachsessions.co.uk)

You can also sign up to our email list by emailing us at [info@beachsessions.co.uk](mailto:info@beachsessions.co.uk)



# Lancaster Flypast

In past years in June villagers may have seen the flypast of the Lancaster from RAF Battle of Britain Memorial Flight. This year it is to take place on Saturday 15 June 2013, one week after the Feast. It is normally late morning, as the Lancaster continues to Buckingham Palace for the Queen's Birthday flypast.

The time and location in Waterbeach will be known nearer the day. As always, the flypast will be subject to weather and aircraft serviceability.

The flypast is arranged by Royal Air Force 514 Squadron who have held their annual Reunion in Waterbeach Barracks every year since 1988. This year it will be held at the Tillage Hall on the Recreation Ground, preceded by a Memorial Service in St John's Parish Church. These are both private functions, but if you know someone who is a relative of a former 514 Squadron crew member, do contact Oliver Merrington via email [rafwaterbeach.museum@gmail.com](mailto:rafwaterbeach.museum@gmail.com) and he can put you in touch with the organisers. Alternatively come along to the Tillage Hall after 2.30pm on 15 June.

514 Squadron was formed in 1943 and arrived with their Avro Lancasters at RAF Waterbeach on 23rd November 1943. The squadron operated from Waterbeach until the end of WW2 in 1945. As part of 3 Group Bomber Command, 514 Squadron took part in 222 operations, totalling 3675 sorties and suffered the loss of 66 aircraft. There is a Memorial and a Book of Remembrance in St John's Parish Church, Waterbeach.

Look out for posters on village noticeboards in early June, giving more details of the flypast. Please note that the former Barracks Museum remains closed throughout 2013, as we are without a building and its contents are in storage.

## Waterbeach Yard Sales

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2013  
from 10am to 4pm**



**Also**

**Table Top Sales at**

**Scout Hut, School Grounds and Waterbeach Day Centre, Denson Close  
and a Jumble Sale at Tillage Hall**

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

# Dolphin Children's Centre



To find out what you could be doing at your local centre please call us or pop in. We'd love to meet you.

Come along and explore! Arts, crafts, active fun, music and outdoor play.



Baby groups for parents and parents to be.

Groups for you and your under fives.

Advice:-We hold baby clinics where you can get your baby weighed and seek advice from health professionals. This could include sleep patterns, speech and language, weaning etc.

Courses and support: We regularly run courses and day sessions, such as Infant Massage, First Aid training and parenting advice courses.

You can also pop-in and talk to our family worker Charlie if you need some advice or support on anything else affecting your family.

Dolphin Children's Centre, Waterbeach Primary School site, High Street, Waterbeach, CB25 9JU Tel: 01223 472791

## Beach Social Club

The last few months have been busy at The Club. We have had some great events, Sledgehammer, The B4's, Van Goghs Ear and our ever popular Open Mic Nights, which attract a variety of entertainers, backline is provided, so if you want to come down and do your thing you are welcome. The next one is on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June.

You may also have noticed that we had a March of The Mods event in aid of The Teenage Cancer Trust. This was one of 17 Mod themed events held throughout the UK in March. We were overwhelmed by the support of all that got involved and provided their expertise, services, equipment etc. for free. Thank you to Cambridge Scooter Club, The Alley Club, Foodwell Veg Processors, Eclipse Sound & Light, Jester Productions, GTR Print Solutions, GreenJam, Heavysol, Fiveska & The Loop, to name but a few. Including a donation from Barclays, the Cambridge leg made a phenomenal £5,500 for the TCT and overall the 17 events made over £50,000.

Thank you all that attended and donated, here's to next year's event Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2014, put it in your diary.

Waterbeach Watering Hole Olympics is nearly here again, if you want to take part in the Olympics, Beach Social Club would be happy to welcome you on board. They run from 2<sup>nd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> June, the list of events and entry forms are on the board in the club. It is a week of great fun and competition between the Watering Holes of Waterbeach.

Our supported charities this year are WASPS & Prostate Cancer. We have had several charity events and have so far raised £1100, we endeavour to double this by October for these deserving causes.

Our pool team have done us proud again and have now been promoted to Division 1, going up as winners of Division 2, well done lads and thank you. Our lounge area is available for hire to members at a very reasonable cost, if you would like to hire it for a celebration, please send a letter to the committee for approval.

That brings me on nicely to my next subject. *COMMITTEE MEMBERS REQUIRED*. As many organisations, we need a committee to run the club, we find ourselves in need of new recruits. If you are a member of Beach Social Club and would like to be involved in more depth in the running of the club, please contact us.

The following events have been scheduled so far for the coming year, others may be added in between times. Our events are displayed on our notice boards at the front of the club and on all of the Community Noticeboards around the village.

<i>June 7<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Open Mic Night</i>
<i>June 22<sup>nd</sup></i>	<i>Heavysol Band</i>
<i>Aug 2<sup>nd</sup></i>	<i>Open Mic Night</i>
<i>Sept 7<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>RBL Social Evening</i>
<i>Sept 21<sup>st</sup></i>	<i>Harvest Festival Auction</i>
<i>Oct 4<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Open Mic Night</i>
<i>Oct 26<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Open Day</i>
<i>Nov</i>	<i>TBC</i>
<i>Dec 6<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Open Mic Night</i>
<i>Dec 8<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Kid Christmas Party</i>
<i>Dec 15<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Christmas Draw Night</i>
<i>Dec 24<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Christmas Eve Disco</i>
<i>Dec 31<sup>st</sup></i>	<i>The B4's</i>

Here's hoping we are in for a nice summer, remember we have a garden as well at the rear of the club, which is a real suntrap in the summer, so come on down for a drink and relax in our garden.



# Fen Edge Festival



## ***It's back! Cottenham's "Long Weekend" in June***

Following the runaway success of the 2011 Festival, preparations are in full swing for an even bigger and better event on the 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of June 2013. Packed with activities for all ages, refreshments and food, stalls, live music and demonstrations and performances from a huge variety of the fantastic groups within the Fen Edge, you'll definitely want to be there.

Encompassing the Village Green, the Festival will also spread across the College and grounds, the Community Centre and Coffee Shop and then throughout the whole village on Sunday as Open Gardens offers a chance to enjoy hidden gardening gems within our village.

## ***Here's just a taster of what's on the menu ....***

- Pre-school Fun Day on the Green, run by Cottenham Toy Library Fri. 21<sup>st</sup>
- Evening entertainment on the Green Saturday and Sunday night – bar and cocktails, disco, live music from Shredded Beat and Barry Palser's Savoy Jazz Band
- From Saturday, the College fields will be host to a number of adventurous activities. There will be a climbing wall, and a mini quad bike circuit. You can also test your skills and nerve in the skate park (or just watch those brave enough to try), take a ride in a mini electric car or have a go in a real car – Tops Cars will once more be offering the chance to take a driving experience.
- Fabulous cream teas will be served at Cottenham Community Centre's Coffee Shop who will also be hosting fantastic activities for all the family. Beautiful strings, strummed acoustic guitars, spoken word performances and guest singers will all grace the Coffee Shop itself, whilst the Back Hall will include such wide ranging delights as messy play, music, drama and yoga for the kids and a whole range of other musical treats for everyone else. Go along for the coffee and stay for the entertainment! (and more coffee!)

## ***There's something for everyone ....***

- Walking historical tours of Cottenham
- Stilt walkers
- Cottenham Brass, Songs of Praise
- Have a go at real golf
- Fen Edge Archaeology Group unearthing treasure from beneath our feet
- Table tennis tournament at Cottenham Sports Centre
- Roller hockey display

Over the course of the weekend on the Green, there will be a wonderful mix of activities and live demonstrations to enjoy. Local groups, Break the Mould, Tyrannochorus and Cottenham Theatre Workshop will all be entertaining us and there will be Tae Kwon Do and dancing demonstrations to watch as well. Grab a glass of Pimms or a pint of beer and settle down to listen to some music in the buskers tent or listen to tales told by the Cambridge Storytellers. The "Science Zone" will keep young and old busy with hands on activities and Mr Marvel and Just Puppets will provide further entertainment for the young at heart.

The full programme of events will be available soon via the Festival's website at: [www.fenedgefestival.co.uk](http://www.fenedgefestival.co.uk)

It's going to be busy. It's going to be exciting. It's going to be exhausting. Be part of it! facebook: fenedgefamilyfestival twitter:fenedgefestival #feff13

## @SouthCambsCops

### ***@SouthCambsCops engages with online community***

People who live in South Cambridgeshire can now get the latest news on policing issues in their area by following officers online.

Officers already have the @SouthCambsCops account on Twitter to provide followers with news on a variety of police-related matters including crimes, crime prevention, court results and community issues. Now, they are engaging with communities online by encouraging residents to complete an online survey and launching a new blog.

At a recent panel meeting in Histon, more than 70 people completed an online survey that helped shape local policing priorities set at the meeting. Throughout this, Sergeant Paul Rogerson tweeted live updates and a number of suggestions were raised on Twitter during the meeting resulting in a road safety priority being set.

Inspector Chris Savage said: "The Twitter account is a quick way for people to dip in and out of the work we do. It also allows followers to share this information with friends, family or colleagues".

Officers have also launched a new blog to provide regular updates on policing in the area. The blog includes updates on local panel meetings and current policing priorities.

If you want to get closer to policing in South Cambridgeshire, follow @SouthCambsCops or view the blog at <http://www.southcambscops.org/> for an insight into policing where you live.

# Cambridge Open Studios



**What is Cambridge Open Studios?** - Cambridge Open Studios exists to promote local artists of all mediums and their work to the public. More than 250 artists from Cambridge and the surrounding towns and villages participate each year over a number of summer weekends, opening their doors to the public to allow a unique glimpse into the world of art. Visitors will have the opportunity to purchase original works of art, and in some cases prints, greetings cards or postcards. They can also speak with artists about their work, or even see them at work to discover their techniques.

Our aim is to demystify the world of art, bringing artists together with local people, and offering an unusual insight into a fascinating unseen world.

**When is it?** - Cambridge Open Studios always run on Saturdays and Sundays in July, from 11am-6pm.

The dates for this year are 6/7, 13/14, 20/21 and 27/28 July.

If you wish to see a specific artist please check the guidebook or website for details of when they will be exhibiting as not all artists will be available on every date.

**What can you expect from Cambridge Open Studios?** - With nearly 400 Cambridge Open Studio members in and around Cambridge, there really is something for everyone. From watercolour artists to potters, sculptors to jewellery designers, textile artists to photographers, whatever your tastes or preferences, there will be something for you.

The artists open their doors and welcome the public into their studios, workshops or 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, in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

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; often members are exhibiting within range of a good pub lunch or tempting teashop, so you can plan a route to make the perfect day out.

Entry: FREE

## **Find out More**

- Look out for the free yellow guide book distributed in May/June to local libraries, galleries, tourist information offices and shops, among others.
- Visit our website: [www.camopenstudios.co.uk](http://www.camopenstudios.co.uk) or follow us on Facebook or Twitter: @CamOpenStudios

Cambridge Open Studios is a fantastic showcase for local artists and a thoroughly enjoyable day out.

*Keep an eye out for the yellow flags flying to indicate an Open Studio.*



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