

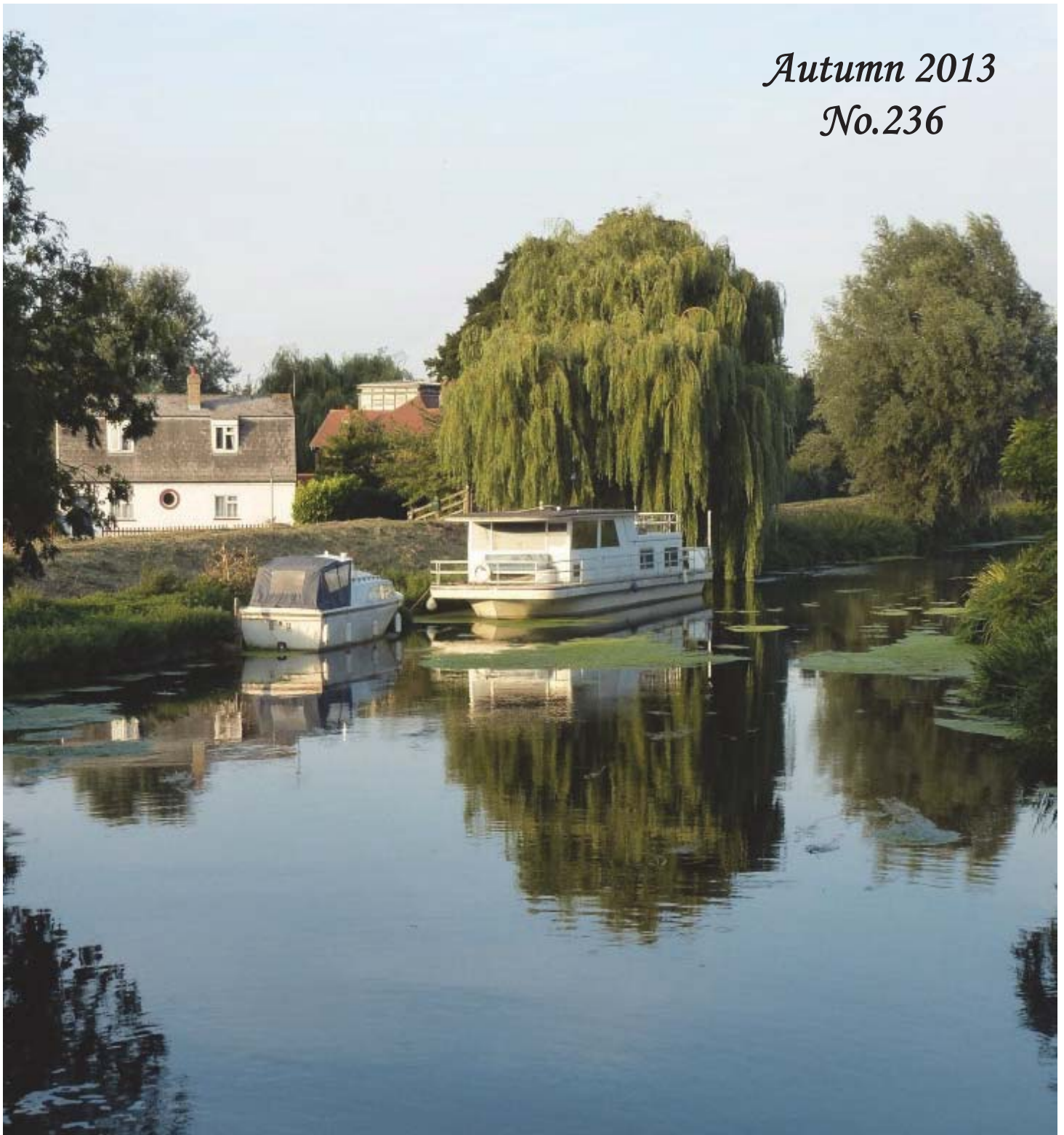
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Community Association



The Community Association AGM was held on Monday 9th September in the Community Room. The Chair reported on the events organised during the year, including Carols on the Green on Christmas Eve and the Feast in June. Carols on the Green was well attended and the collection raised £586 for local clubs and groups. The overall feedback received indicated that the Feast went very well and had a really good atmosphere. Many people had been concerned about what impact the army moving away would have on this year's Feast, but there appeared to be a misconception of how the army actually assisted with Feast Day. Whilst we missed their presence and assistance we had a strong band of willing volunteers to take on the tasks required. Once again the collection was very well supported and raised £558. A full report on the Feast can be found on page 4. This year the Community Association were unable to arrange a party for the senior citizens of Waterbeach, Landbeach and Chittering, but plans are being made to hold a party in early February 2014. Details and booking form will be in the next edition of Beach News.

The officers were elected: Chairperson - Jacqui Rabbett, Secretary - Pam Clack and the post of Treasurer will be shared by Jacqui Rabbett and Pam Clack until a new Treasurer can be appointed.

Thanks were expressed to all those who have helped and supported the Community Association during the year.

Feast 2013

On Saturday 8th June the sun came out and drew the crowds to the Green for Waterbeach Feast. The parade of floats and walking groups left the school at 2pm led by the Arco Iris Samba Band. This year's theme was 'Something beginning with G....' and we saw ghosts, games, gardening, guards, gold, gnomes and gymkhana. The shield for the best decorated



'Gangsters' from Pieces Terrace

infant float went to 'Graduation' from Waterbeach Toddler Playgroup. The winners of the junior float were Waterbeach Cub Scouts with 'Ghosts & Ghouls', the adult category was won by the 'Guards & Guilds' of SCA - Flintheath, the best decorated bike award went to Tony Shipp disguised as a gorilla and the Friends and Family trophy went to the 'Gangsters' from Pieces Terrace. The Green was also covered in things beginning with 'G'

and the winners of the best decorated stalls were Waterbeach Community Playgroup for the juniors and Waterbeach Wives for the adults.

This year's Feast competition for all ages to take part in was a photograph competition. We asked residents of Waterbeach, Landbeach and Chittering to submit photographs in line with this year's theme of 'Something beginning with G....'. The winner in the Under 5's category was Abigail Temple, the 5-11years category was won by Gemma Bearpark and the Over 18's winner was Gill Bridger who also won the trophy for the Overall Winner.

Congratulations to all our winners and a big thank you to our judges, Margaret and Tony Ayling.



'Guards & Guilds' -Shire of Flintheath

The arena events started with a variety of music from Waterbeach Brass. Following the presentations we were entertained by the young ballet dancers from Rosewood Dance Academy, a medieval re-enactment from the Flintheath Medieval Society, a performance from Arco Iris Samba Band, an energetic display by the ladies from Jazzercise, an opportunity to try out

some circus skills and the afternoon ended with a Scout v Guides tent challenge.

Waterbeach Community Association would like to say a huge thank you to all those who assisted with the Feast. We are extremely grateful to AmeyCespa, Bannold Supplies & Services and The Sun for their generous donations.

Thanks also to Cambridge City Moves for their support and



'Ghosts & Ghouls' – Waterbeach Cub Scouts

assistance. A special "Thank You" must go to all those who volunteered at the last moment to assist with marshalling the parade, as late on Friday we were notified that the Army Cadets were unable to support us this year. Without this assistance we would not have been able to continue with the parade, which forms a major part of Waterbeach Feast. Thank You! Comments received indicate it was a successful and enjoyable day with a good atmosphere. Your feedback is very much appreciated.

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

The date for next year's Feast has been set for Saturday, 7th June 2014.

County Councillor's Report

Landbeach Cycleway – The first phase is now complete, the solar lights are working, and it is good to see cyclists and pedestrians using the new path. The second phase involves crossing the A10 and the County Council will be holding a drop-in consultation session at Landbeach Village Hall to discuss the options for the design of the junction on Thursday 3rd October between 2:30 and 7pm.

Waterbeach New Town – The consultation period for South Cambs Local Plan, including their plan for a massive new town, has been extended by a fortnight. We now have until Monday 14th October to make our views known.

If you have an opinion about the proposal you really must let the planners know what you think. A large number of local responses is the strongest weapon at our disposal. The main points that I will be making are:

1. Waterbeach is not opposed to development. My survey last year showed that local residents support the redevelopment of the built-up part of the barracks site. But their proposals are too big, for too many houses.
2. Their own figures show that they do not need so large a development. The plan period only runs to 2031, and they are proposing just 1,400 houses for Waterbeach up to then. They do not need a new town for that.
3. Much of their proposed site is land below the 5 metre contour. With climate change we should not be building houses on low-lying land. There is plenty of land in South Cambridgeshire much higher and more suitable.
4. They claim that the new town will be entirely separate from Waterbeach – yet the site they are talking about interlocks with the rest of the village like a jigsaw piece. A development of this size so close to the village will have a big impact on Waterbeach.
5. Their transport plans are a pig-in-a-poke. They pretend that they can move the railway station to their new town without taking it from Waterbeach. They say there will be no problem with traffic because the A10 will become a dual carriageway but they will not be honest about where it will go. They do not have, or will not share, any plans for how the A10/A14 junction will cope with the extra traffic. It is not good enough. Before any decision is made they really should consult local people on what the real impact will be on our villages.

You might like to include some of these points when you have your say.

Road Maintenance – As I reported to the Waterbeach Annual Parish Meeting there seems to be a backlog of road repairs in the village after last year's long hard winter. Although progress has been slow, for a number of reasons, we do seem to be making some progress. For major works the Highways department works in six month periods and Station Road carriageway and pavement are due to be attended to during the next six months. Winfold Road must now be the most poorly maintained road. Many of you will know that I have been badgering everyone concerned to try to get it fixed, and I can report that we are bidding for it to be included as a major scheme to be done in the next six month period. But we cannot wait that long for something to be done so I have asked for the pot holes to be urgently attended to in the meantime.

If there are any other matters, whether to do with road maintenance or anything else that you think I may be able to help with, do please contact me. Maurice Leeke Email: maurice16@ntlworld.com Tel: 01223 441562

Waterbeach Village Society

By the time this issue arrives on your breakfast table, the Society will have had its first talk of the year, when a prison chaplain will have talked about his experiences at a high security prison. But no matter - an interesting programme is mapped out for the season from September 2013 to May 2014. In October (Tuesday 22nd) Liz Carter will take us through “*100 Years of Maps and Surveys*” and on a similar theme, Tuesday 26th November’s speaker, Steve Boreham, who is a palynologist, (no, not a spelling mistake - look it up!) will come very close to home when he examines “*Waterbeach: The geology under your feet!*” On Tuesday 17th December, Ken Sneaton will discuss “*Everyday life in the 17th Century.*”

Ever looking ahead, the Society is planning an outing to Wingfield College, during the Spring 2014. Wingfield College was founded in 1362 as a secular teaching establishment. The buildings include a medieval Great Hall, part of the 14th century cloister and Tudor and Georgian interiors. Four acres of gardens include a walled kitchen garden, medieval fishponds and extensive wildflower areas. There is a strong association with the historic Suffolk families of the de la Poles and Charles, Duke of Brandon and his wife Mary Tudor, sister of Henry VIII. Should be an interesting trip.

For more information on the above and the rest of the Society’s programme, contact Adrian Wright, Chairman, on adrianj.wright@ntlworld.com or 01223 861846, Ray Rice, Secretary, on raythefingers@gmail.com or 01223 860663 or David Armstrong, Treasurer on 01223 861586.

The Society aims to stimulate interest in, and care for the attractiveness, history and character of Waterbeach and its surroundings, and talks of general interest. Meetings take place from September to May on the fourth Tuesday of the month in the Community School Library at 7.45pm. Visitors are welcome at all meetings and are invited to contribute £3.00 per person.

Yard Sales

Thank you very much to those who took part in the Yard Sales in July and to Waterbeach Wives Group for all their support at the Church Room. We hope you all had a great day.

We raised £554 which has been split between the local communities of Chapel Close and Denson Close for a day out at the beach, and Arthur Rank Hospice which is this year’s charity of the year for Waterbeach Wives.

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

Jan Gilzean

Community Playgroup



The Staff, Committee, Parents and Children enjoyed a wonderful Feast. The children loved dressing up as Gnomes



and parading down to the Green behind our float. Before the Feast the children worked hard on all the preparation including painting on huge rolls of paper to make flowers, lots of sticking to make insects and colouring lots of Gnomes for the Gnome Gallery on the stall. After all that hard work we decided to recycle our decorations and use them to decorate the Playhouse so we could continue to enjoy the artwork.

During the summer term two of our staff members completed a training course on Forest schools. Forest schools is an educational approach to playing outdoors

and fits nicely with our core ethos of 'learning through play'. Lots of our activities have been based outside, the children have been den building, playing with lots of different natural materials including sand, water, bark chippings and, continuing one of their favourite activities, digging. We also created a runner bean tepee for the children to play in and made pretend campfires and sang camp fire songs. This term we are looking to continue and develop these activities which will include making a mud kitchen for the children to explore, create and play with.

Our sports and open day was a huge success. The children enjoyed the races which this year took place on the school field and then it was back to the playhouse to enjoy the lovely sunshine and cream teas. This year we invited the families of children who are starting at the Playgroup in the next school year. This gave them a chance to talk to staff and existing parents about the Playgroup experience. Meanwhile all the children had fun playing inside and out with a huge host of activities and having their faces painted. The staff at Playgroup were treated to a lovely lunch whilst they cleaned, organised, replaced and tidied all the toys and equipment ready for the new school year. The lunch was provided by Geordie at the Brewery Tap in Waterbeach. Thank you Geordie for keeping our ladies going whilst the sun shone and they were stuck inside cleaning.

It's always sad to say goodbye to the children who have been at the Playgroup during the last year. But we would like to wish them Good Luck as they start their next adventure at 'Big' school this September. As they are

starting in their new classes at school, next door we will be welcoming our new starters. This year we are changing in order to give greater flexibility to parents. We are extending our hours and for the first time integrating 2 year old children into all Playgroup sessions. This change is being supported by the council, and all the staff and committee are excited to be extending and improving our fantastic facility at the Playgroup. Existing and New parents are signing up and choosing which sessions best suit them, so if you are interested in finding out more or booking a place please drop by the Playgroup or contact Jacqui directly, details below.

Waterbeach Community Playgroup provides a fun, safe environment with an emphasis on learning through play. Children are welcomed from their second birthday to attend any of the following sessions:

Morning Session 09:00 - 12:00

Lunch Session 12:00 - 12:30

Afternoon Session 12:30 - 14:30

These sessions run Monday through to Friday and you can mix and match them to get the best fit for you and your child through the week. Children can attend all day, a morning or afternoon session with or without lunch. Where places are available all sessions are open to 2, 3 and 4 year old children.

Due to Government funding, 15 hours a week of your child's playgroup fees are fully covered from the start of the term after your child's third birthday. The Playhouse can be found in the grounds of Waterbeach Community Primary School (just off the main drive). We are very lucky to have our own* purpose

built, modern, secure facilities with fantastic outside play areas. Due to our great location we are also fortunate to be able to use the school gym and library each week, and we also offer weekly French lessons.

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, info@waterbeachplaygroup.org.uk Please take a look at our website too, to see more of what we do: www.waterbeachplaygroup.org.uk

**Shared only with WASPS – Waterbeach After School Playscheme*



Waterbeach WI



Our aim is to make Waterbeach WI about 'Fun and Friendship' and we hope that you, too, will find some of that with us. Why not come along with some friends and try it out? We welcome new members and new ideas to help meet the needs of women in Waterbeach.

There has been a resurgence of interest amongst women of all ages in the WI both nationally and locally. Here are some brief details about the WI, how it operates and what WI membership can offer you.

When you join the WI you become a member of the largest voluntary organisation for women in the UK, with over 210,000 members - and rising. Waterbeach WI, like others, is a charity in its own right; it is part of the Cambridge Federation of WIs (CFWI) and of the National Federation of WIs (NFWI) which is the umbrella organisation for the 6,600 WIs in the UK. The NFWI also has affiliation to Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW), so we have global connections too!

The WI was formed in 1915 in Wales having originated in Canada in 1895 and has grown to be a respected campaigning organisation as well as an educational one; the views of the members are regularly sought by Government through the NFWI and its support is actively lobbied by others. Did you know that the WI was responsible for the 'Keep Britain Tidy' campaign? You may also have heard of 'SOS for Honeybees', 'Care, not Custody', 'Love Your Libraries' or 'Action for more Midwives' -these campaigns and many more originate from the WI. As a WI member you get the chance to vote on and influence such future campaigns. There is more information at www.thewi.org.uk.

Denman College is the WI's own residential college standing in beautiful grounds in Oxfordshire. It offers courses of different lengths with professional equipment and facilities on a wide variety of subjects. You can find out more on its website www.denman.org.uk or from its course prospectus.

The Cambridge Federation (CFWI) is made up of 69 individual WIs. Their office is in Girton where various committees put together a wide range of events, day schools, weekend breaks together and a monthly newsletter.

At Waterbeach WI we have twelve meetings a year held on the second Thursday of every month from 7.30-9.30pm in St.John's Church Room. We have a speaker or activity with a raffle and friendly get together over a cup of tea or coffee. We also have a reading group, darts team and lunch club and members join in many other visits and events arranged by our Committee and also by the Cambridge Federation. Like other WIs, Waterbeach WI is organised by a Committee for which there is an annual election. As a

member, you can serve on the Committee or get involved in many other ways should you wish. We are also linked to four other local WIs and meet up once a year for a Group Meeting. We pay an annual membership fee which includes a subscription to WI Life magazine produced by the National Federation.

As you can see, the WI can offer you the chance to hear interesting and entertaining speakers, acquire new skills, visit different places and to be a part of major campaigns and your community.

Posters advertising the next meeting are displayed around the village. The October Meeting on Thursday 10th is entitled 'The Other Side of the Maldives' by Alison Deane and has an environmental theme. In November we shall be holding an open meeting with an exciting speaker. Do come and visit us soon!

For further information, contact Sheila Lynn on 01223 860 948.

Neighbourhood Watch

Coordinators needed

A Neighbourhood Watch group has existed in Waterbeach for a number of years, the village group consists of a number of Coordinators each of whom acts as a contact point for a small section of the village (e.g. a street or part of a street). The number of Coordinators has dwindled recently, due to people moving away and we feel that now is the time to look for some more people willing to take on this role.

Coordinators encourage the residents in their designated area to sign up to Neighbourhood Watch (and thus become members and entitled to display the Neighbourhood Watch sign). They act as a contact point with the police for their street or group of houses. The police will keep them informed of anything relevant such as break ins or damage to vehicles in the surrounding area. Coordinators will then circulate their members who may have useful information if the incident happened near them; otherwise it alerts them to possible problems and means that they have an opportunity to review their security actions before trouble strikes.

Coordinators must be on e-mail as this is how the police will send information. As more and more local residents are on e-mail the job of the Coordinator is made quite straightforward as they can communicate with their members electronically, though on occasion it may be necessary to send paper copies to some residents of any information they receive.

If you are interested in finding out more have a look at www.cambsnhw.org.uk and/or contact Jane Williamson on jane275@btinternet.com

News from Cllr. Peter Johnson

The Local development plan has now been displayed at Waterbeach and it was good to see so many people at this exhibition, and after talking to so many there are varying ideas about what people would like to see happen on the barracks site. I do hope that everyone will write in to South Cambs District Council with their ideas and the reasons behind their ideas as this is possibly the last chance for your voices to be heard, the closing date for your letters is 14th October and this is an extended date as it has been realised that many people will have been away but will still need time to write.

The first batch of ex MOD houses have become available which is good news for both people looking to live in Waterbeach, but also good news for the small businesses in the village as a growing population should result in a growing revenue for our local shops.

The new street lighting has not turned out to be as good as most people thought it would be, several passageways have been left with fewer or no lights and most side streets now have darker areas than before, I have been able to persuade the County Council to put a light by the Rosemary Road/Burgess Road passageway as this area had the light completely removed creating a hazard for those walking after dark. There are some not working at all which I continue to report and if you see a light not working please either report it or tell me and I will get it fixed. In Rookery Close a new light was fitted, the old one was left and now neither are working, I have reported this many times and will continue to do so as in the winter time this will be a very dark area.

The promised cycle racks have still not appeared at the station which as a result is still seeing cycles chained to the railings at Lodeside Mobile Home Park. I have contacted the County Council and have been assured they are on the way but couldn't give me a date so I will be watching and chasing up as necessary.

Primrose Lane has at last been trimmed back after I found evidence that the whole lane belongs to South Cambs District Council. For quite a while they had denied this but I was able to prove that wrong, next step is to get the street sign changed to reflect all the properties as the present sign doesn't do that and could be misleading to a visitor to the area.

The "Free Stretch" down at Bottisham Lock has been unfishable this season so far due to an extra large boat being moored there, it was unsure who actually owned the land there until some searches revealed it is owned by the WLIDB. I will be asking them to try and get this boat moved to another area so that the young people who want to go fishing can use this section of the river as it was always intended.

The old goods yard is still on the cards to be used as a car park but Network Rail are proving to be very difficult to deal with. They like the idea but they need to apply for a “Change of use” with South Cambs District Council and despite many phone calls and e-mails this application is not forthcoming. But I do not give up easily and will continue to pursue this project until something does happen.

Lastly I now have a web-site where you can contact me and give me your thoughts and ideas, it is www.your-councillor.com/peter-johnson/ Please visit the web site and feed back to me anything you think I should be doing for the benefit of the village.

It is a real privilege and an honour to be elected as a District Councillor to represent you all at South Cambs District Council and for that I say “Thank You”. Please remember I work for everyone in our villages so if you have any problems or issues you would like to talk to me about please contact me by whatever means you prefer, telephone, e-mail, or knock on my door, don't forget I am here for all of you.

A Waterbeach Walk

Part of the Public Art contribution from Morris Homes (who built Cam Locks), was used to create a number of small pieces of art work set at various locations round the village. They and other locations were used to create the ‘Waterbeach Game.’ However it is not necessary to take part in the Game in order visit and enjoy the locations. Each one has something about the history and legends of the village and the people who have lived in it. The very brevity of what they say in sign and word allows the observer's imagination free rein.



Waterbeach Game – ‘In Hear It And Say’

What follows here is a list of the locations with a very brief description of each one. It is hoped to produce a more detailed Village Trail which gives more background information about the locations and the history they celebrate.

The order here does provide a way of visiting most of the locations in a systematic way should you want to identify all of them during a single expedition

1. **The Railway Station** - The coming of the railway had a significant effect on the life of the village. The first train through the village was in 1845.
2. **The Lode** - At the entrance to Lode Avenue, to the left of Lodeside Park driveway are two specially commissioned stone pillars with shrubs planted

in front which mark the site of the Dock where goods were unloaded from barges travelling up from the river. They stand on either side of a deep ditch or 'lode'. When the railway was built a section of the lode was filled in, but its continuation can be found on the far side of the railway (accessed by the footpath which can be found just over the level crossing)

3. **The Old Burial Ground – Station Rd** - This was used by the parish Church when the burial ground in the churchyard became full. It was last used in the late 19th century and was later cleared and is now open space maintained by a small group of volunteers. The furthest headstone resting against the wall on the left of the entrance looks almost indistinguishable from its neighbours but was specially commissioned for the Public Art project and is inscribed with an extract from a poem written in the nineteenth century by a villager mourning the loss of his wife.

4. **Car Dyke (via Chapel Close & the Recreation Ground)** - At the entrance to the Recreation Ground car park is a track leading to Car Dyke, a very important Roman waterway. An information board gives more details and a little further on and to the left of the track, a specially commissioned slab is set in the ground. This area was known as the Tillage after which the new village hall is named.



5. **The Green and the White Horse Public House** - A specially commissioned carved plinth stands at the South end of the Green into which is set a poem which refers to some of the history and legends of Waterbeach. The White Horse public house is referred to in the Game with reference to legends about horse skulls and skeleton. A horse bone can be seen over the entrance. The pub has existed for longer than the current early 20th century buildings.

6. **The Old Orchard** - The Old Orchard can be reached by going down Back Styles footpath which runs between the Old School Guest house and the thatched cottage. A gravelled path through the Orchard to the left leads to Poorsfield Road and small red plaque by the path lists some of the local varieties of fruit.

7. **Numbers 2 and 14 High Street** - On the wall of No. 2 High Street is a red plaque which says 'I was happiest when I was dancing' referring to celebrations held on the Green over many centuries. Further along at number 14 High Street is a specially planted Whitethorn bush at the left of

the front door which was legendarily planted outside the house of a 'woman of high esteem.'

8. **Cam Locks development (off Bannold Road)** - At the back of this new development is a lovely open space with a children's play area and nearby a specially commissioned ring of large stones. The numbers on the stones refer to various RAF and Royal Engineers squadrons and regiments which occupied the Barracks site. The empty



officers' mess can be seen in the distance as well as some of the officers' houses.

9. **Midload Farm** - Midload Farm is to be found just before the level crossing in Bannold Road. By the fence is the next piece of specially commissioned work, a collection of mushrooms, a local crop. Carved on the fence is a collection of words all of which have relevance to Waterbeach's rural history.

10. **Bannold Road Bench** - (to be found just over the level crossing) Another list of words carved into the back of the bench creates a short poem which also can be related to Waterbeach now and long ago.



11. **Bottisham Lock** - People were baptised in the river here in the 19th Century. There was also a pub called the Green Man, which is now a private house
12. **4 Rosemary Road** - Rosemary Rd is now very different from what it was forty or so years ago when the site of the modern houses on the right was a coal yard. At one time it was known as Rosemary Hill. Despite the many changes over time, the plaque on number 4 sums up the continuity of village existence with the quotation: 'Waterbeach hasn't really changed - it's a good living place.'

All the places described show in a small way how the village has evolved over centuries whilst retaining characteristics that are special to it alone.

Copies of the Waterbeach Game were distributed to all the houses in the village in 2012. If you have arrived in the village since then and would like to have a copy they are available free of charge at the Parish Council office on the Recreation Ground and from the Library in the school grounds.

Waterbeach Community Players

Your local drama group Waterbeach Community Players (WCP) have had a busy summer with a stall at Waterbeach Feast (thanks to everyone who came along to visit us there), a summer barbecue and auditions for our November production *Memory of Water*. Before rehearsals begin for that we have our annual car rally and barbecue plus our Annual General Meeting. So, as you can see, it doesn't all happen on stage!

Our first production of the new season is Shelagh Stephenson's *Memory of Water*. This is an award-winning play which won the 2000 Olivier Award for best comedy. See it at Waterbeach School from 6 to 9 November. Curtain up at 7.30pm.

This great comedy concerns three sisters with little in common who go back to the family home the night before their mother's funeral. The sisters use humour to cope with the tragedy of their mother's death and all three each have different memories of the same events which inevitably causes them to bicker about whose memories are true. Two men, a husband and a lover, attempt to keep the proceedings under control but with little success. The excellent cast comprises: Caroline Blair, Tim Boden, Christine Easterfield, Vicki Green, Steve Kennett and Rosie Wilson. Supported by Julie Petrucci, Mark Easterfield, Dave Hingley, Wendy Croft, Chris Shinn, Jane Stewart, Linden Leeke and Sue Barnes. Tickets are on sale and may be booked in advance at 01223 880023 online at www.wcp.ticketsource.co.uk or via The Sun Inn, Waterbeach.

On 16 October auditions will be held at 7.30pm at Waterbeach School for our 2014 pantomime *PUSS IN BOOTS*. More information about cast requirements on our website www.wcponline.co.uk. *PUSS IN BOOTS* will be performed from 18 - 20 January 2014.

Watch out for the fantastic WCP leaflet drop round Waterbeach and Landbeach on Saturday 5th October which will give you a reminder of our next two productions.

Waterbeach Badminton Club

New players are needed for adults Tuesday night badminton at Waterbeach School gymnasium.

If you have held a racquet before and can coax a shuttlecock over a net, and can count to 21 you'll fit right in!

Cost approximately £24 per half term and we play from 7 – 9pm.

For more information contact Norman Setchell on 01223 862404.

Waterbeach United Charities (Reg No 201528)

Student and Apprenticeship Grants

Waterbeach United Charities invite applications from individual students who might benefit from some help with their studies. We consider grants for equipment for students undertaking vocational training, tools, clothing, books etc; or grants for students who may appreciate help with the costs of books. We also consider applications for help with travel costs.

Students Grants are only awarded once a year, in September and applications need to be made by **21 October 2013**. No applications will be considered after this date. The trustees will consider all applications at a meeting in early September. If you think we may be able to help please complete an application form, obtainable by writing to the address below. We will acknowledge your letter and send you an application form.

All personal applications are confidential.

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

Library News



Waterbeach Library has experienced a busy time in the last few months. There were concerns regarding the loss of many members when the Army personnel moved from the Barracks. However, following considerable work on the part of the Volunteers, we were exceptionally pleased to discover on receiving the quarterly figures that we have maintained our numbers; we were also very pleased to receive compliments from the County Library Service recently. We would like to take this opportunity of thanking all those who supported our stall at the Feast this year which added to our funds which in turn purchased a few more books. Our success has been demonstrated by the numbers of children joining the Reading Challenge this year, as we have 73 eager young people participating, with many children prepared to experiment with different types of books widening their already fantastic imagination even further. A number of children quickly finished their six books and returned for more to read! For those pupils at Waterbeach School who finish the Reading Challenge, there will be a Certificate and medal presentation in early October. (For children who attend other schools, we intend to ensure their schools are supplied with the Certificates and medals if the children and parents are in agreement.) We are looking forward to welcoming all the children into the Library over the next academic year and providing various displays to supplement the

numerous projects undertaken in a very busy school. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Parish Council for the grant supplied to the Library for the purchase of new books for the Reading Challenge.

In mid September the Babies and Books will re-commence on Fridays, 2.15pm to 2.45pm - we look forward to seeing both new and previous parents and babies in the Library to enjoy the stories on offer. Also we are hoping to run a Babies and Mums session on another afternoon which will assist parents who visit the Dolphin Centre but have to wait around for their older children to finish school. Opening the Library and allowing the parents to enjoy books with the babies will prove a positive move but it requires some organisational aspects to be resolved. We will keep you posted regarding this via the Library Facebook page. The Storytime sessions will be taking place at dates to be arranged with the Children's Centre as they have proved very successful in the past months; details will be announced on Facebook and via posters. We have been promised visits from two authors in the future months and again we will keep everyone posted via the Facebook page, notices on the Community Association Notice Boards and the Post Office who very kindly display our notices.

In November the Library will have been an independent library for ten years and we are looking to celebrate this with a birthday party of some description so watch this space as it will include cake and wine and you will all be invited! Finally, a thank you to the County Library Service for supplying us with a new colour printer. This follows recent computer upgrades and the provision of Wi-Fi, so we now offer excellent computing facilities for those who do not have them at home.

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 14th October, 11th November, 9th December, and 13th January. 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.

Many of you will know that Dave Beasley, WAY's Lead Youth Worker, decided to retire from youth work and left us at the end of July. We are very sorry to have lost Dave, he has worked tirelessly and well above and beyond the call of duty during all of his eleven years with WAY.

His farewell party was a delightful and busy event, as many ex- Youth Club members and supporters dropped in to see him and enjoy a cuppa and a piece of cake. Our current members had made a memory book for him containing photographs taken over the years and many fond messages from those who benefited from Dave's work.

We have appointed a new Lead Youth Worker, Sarah Tennant. Sarah comes with lots of experience of working in Youth Clubs around the local area and is full of ideas and enthusiasm with which to take WAY forward. We also have three new Assistant Youth Workers, one of whom, Julia Lemin/Hatt may well be known to you already as either the landlady of the White Horse or for her work with WASPs. We are also delighted to have a growing band of eager volunteers.

We know that Dave will be sorely missed by our members and that the Club will feel very different without him. However, we are excited about this new era in WAY's life and are confident that Sarah and her team will inject a new lease of life in the Club.

The Youth Club will open its doors again on Thursday 12 September at 7.00 p.m. and thereafter, we will continue with our usual three nights per week – Mondays & Wednesdays for all ages (year 7 and upwards) and Thursdays will continue to be dedicated to those in years 7 – 9.

We therefore ask that you encourage your young people to come back to the Youth Club in September and to be patient with Sarah and her team whilst they settle in.

1st Waterbeach Guides



A beautiful sunrise, complete with morning birdsong awakens me... at 4 am. Luckily all the girls were asleep by midnight last night, so it could be worse. One huge mug of tea later and I am ready to prepare breakfast on a gas stove, for 20 people.

It doesn't sound like a good way to spend a week of your summer holiday does it? But wait, I think to myself, what opportunities will the girls get today? Abseiling, Aeroball, Climbing, Backwoods Cooking, Canoeing, or perhaps Zorbing?

In August, 18 girls from 1st Waterbeach Guides joined 1000 girlguides from

around the region on an exhilarating week-long camp - Anglia 13 - at Hautbois, Girlguiding Anglia's residential centre in Norfolk. The girls took



Waterbeach Guides enjoying the Air Zone at Anglia 13

part in a range of activities based on the Elements - Earth, Air, Fire and Water - as well as a fantastic party to

celebrate the centre's 25th Birthday.

My personal highlights of the week included playing in a Samba band with Chief Guide Gill Slocombe; a day out at Pleasurewood Hills theme park (where I was persuaded to face my fears of "upside down" roller coasters and ride Wipe Out with the girls); plus an awesome disco on the last night of camp (where I noticed the girls slowly moving away as I threw some shapes on the dance floor). Or maybe my personal highlight came towards the end of the week; seeing the girls working together, pitching in and helping, chopping vegetables, cooking the dinner, even washing up without being nagged.

So perhaps that does sound like a good way to spend a week of your summer holiday after all!

Before we even got to camp; guides, leaders, parents and volunteers from our guide unit had already been working hard to raise funds for this adventure and the unit collected a staggering £4,421.59. This includes grants received with the help of Young Lives from Cambridgeshire County Council, to purchase tents and camping equipment to use at the event. Grant money from Cambridgeshire Community Foundation and a donation from Waterbeach Community Association helped us with camp fees. We held a musical marathon at the Grafton Centre, Cambridge supported by Millers Music raising £242, we packed bags at Milton Tesco and organised cake, book and craft sales.

For some of the girls this adventure was their first camping experience. With so many activities on offer and with so many other girls and young women attending, this was a fantastic opportunity. The girls have shown great team work and leadership skills in the organisation of our fundraising activities; by fundraising it has meant that all of the girls in our unit have had the opportunity to attend. We are immensely grateful to all those involved in helping our Guides on their journey to adventure.

Adventures like this are just part of the range of activities open to girls and young women through Girlguiding, which allow them to grow in confidence, raise their aspirations and have fun in a safe, girl-only space.

For further information visit http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get_involved.aspx

Beach Sessions

After a successful Chapel fundraiser in the summer featuring the amazing Blue Rose Code, we are excited to announce our programme for the remainder of 2013.

Sat 12th October sees the return of our popular comedy night at The Sun with our regular comedy host Rob Coleman and his invited funny acts. It's free to get in but tends to be very popular so get there early to make sure you get a seat. Doors open at 8pm.

Then our gigs return to the beautiful Baptist Chapel venue on Sat 16th Nov starring Beach Sessions favourites Straw Bear who are now getting masses of critical acclaim in the press and on the radio for their new single 'Snobbery' and amazing album 'Black Bank'. The band are being championed by many leading lights on national Radio including Whispering Bob Harris and Dermot O'Leary on BBC Radio 2, Jen Long and Ally McCrae on Radio 1 and BBC 6 Music's Tom Robinson - who recently described their track *Kitty* "as an understated gem" before booking the band for a session on his show.



Straw Bear Band

Although they now hail from Brighton and beyond, Straw Bear started out in Cambridgeshire and have taken inspiration from the area to create indie/folk songs about strange tales of Fen goings on, foxes and dogs! Anyone who has seen them live will know it will be a special night. A New Band A Day.com named Straw Bear as one to watch in 2013, describing *Kitty* as "a hook-laden song of near-perfect pace, delicious construction, delightful lyrics and sweet intent". Check out what all the fuss is about www.strawbear.com where you will find videos and tracks for your enjoyment.

Support comes from The Pony Collaboration who are making a rare live appearance. They played an amazing Beach Session back in early 2012 and we have received lots of requests to bring them back. Tickets for the gig in the newly refurbished Baptist Chapel are £7 for adults and £5 for accompanied teenagers - available from The Sun or at www.wegottickets.com/beachsessions Doors open 8pm.

We are really lucky to have access to the beautiful village Baptist Chapel and hope to continue to attract amazing musicians who making a name for themselves nationally to come and play at our intimate Beach Sessions. Please continue to support live music in the village and if you haven't been to a session yet, come along and we guarantee that you will leave feeling inspired. To find out more visit www.facebook.com/thebeachsessions or www.beachsessions.co.uk

Message from Cllr. James Hockney

Here is an update on some of the issues that I have been working on for the good of the local community in Waterbeach, Landbeach & Chittering.

A10 Safer Junctions Petition presented - On August 29th I presented the A10 Safer Junctions petition signed by over 1,200 local residents to Cllr Mac McGuire (Highways Portfolio Holder) at Cambridgeshire County Council Shire Hall.

The petition calls for action to make the two junctions at Landbeach/Milton and Waterbeach/Landbeach safer.

I am delighted by the response that we have had this year to the petition campaign that we launched in February. It is clear that both these junctions have been of serious concern to local residents for many years. Last year we succeeded in the reduced 50mph limit on the A10. Now we must get these two junctions improved once and for all. This petition sends a clear message to Highways in the call to action. Thank you to all the local residents who supported the campaign.

Many residents have commented that the junctions' layouts are unclear and confusing. The petition calls for action and funding to improve the two junctions in consultation with the local community.

At the time of writing, the petition is expected to go to the next meeting of the County Council Cabinet on September 10th.

Welcome progress on former MoD properties - Waterbeach is set to receive an economic boost with the first ex MoD houses due to start being occupied in September.

The handover of the 77 properties from the second tranche has taken place. So they are now fully within Annington's ownership. These are planned to be sold on the open market from October onwards. The third and final transfer of the remaining homes will happen on September 11th. It is likely these houses will also be refurbished and privately sold.

I was delighted to have been toured round the refurbishment of the former MOD properties by Annington Homes. It is great to see this moving forward. These homes being occupied will help the local economy and provide homes to many people locally.

This is why I organised and chaired two multi agency meetings on the issue. Certainly I will do everything I can to help support the local economy with the barracks now closed and the effect that it has had.

Waterbeach Barracks and the Local Plan - Thank you to all the residents (over 250 people) that went to the Local Plan Exhibition on July 25th. It was very useful to speak to so many residents during the afternoon/evening.

On August 8th I was pleased to attend a follow-up meeting organised by Keep Waterbeach Rural. This was also a constructive and useful session.

I continue to press the community case at South Cambridgeshire District Council. This includes meetings leading up to the consultation including Cabinet on June 27th, the Portfolio Holders meeting on June 11th and Workshop 4 meeting '*How Many Homes? Where? and Last Issues for the Plan*' on May 14th.

The draft Local Plan consultation started on July 19th and will run through to October 14th. This includes the proposal for 8-9,000 houses on Waterbeach Barracks and the adjacent farmland to the train line. Within this are 1,400 proposed houses in the current plan period, most likely to be 2026-2031.

I have consistently campaigned with the community against the town including launching the last three petition campaigns.

Already we have seen that the community messages are getting through with the town housing numbers being reduced and recognition of the need to keep Waterbeach and the proposed town separate. However, that said, the town proposal still remains with all the infrastructure challenges. We do need more housing and something must happen to the Barracks land as it can't remain derelict. But whatever happens must be complementary and beneficial to the local area.

Thank you to everyone that is taking part in the Local Plan process. It is very important that the community is in the driving seat of what happens to the site in the future.

Shop Local, Shop Waterbeach & Landbeach Campaign - It is great to see the support for the 'Shop Local' campaign. Most shops are now displaying the campaign poster and we are looking at ways to expand and grow the scheme. The Facebook page is gaining increasing numbers of visitors - www.facebook.com/shopwaterbeachward - so if you are a Facebook user then please do visit the page and post/comment there.

I am keen to continue to grow and develop the campaign - if you have any ideas then please let me know.

Local E-Mail News Updates - Currently I send out regular e-mail news updates on the latest local news and events. Many residents have said to me how useful they find the updates. If you would like to be added then please let me have your e-mail address and I would be delighted to add you. It is a real privilege to serve Landbeach, Waterbeach and Chittering as one of your District Councillors since 2004. As ever if there are any local issues of concern then please contact me.

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Toddler Playgroup



It is incredible to think that we are into the first few weeks of a new school year. What a better time to reflect on a fantastic summer term at playgroup.



The early part of the summer saw us busy preparing for the annual Feast Day. We interpreted the theme 'Something beginning with G' with the class of 2013 and chose "Graduation". Our Rising 5's stole the show in the parade looking fabulous wearing graduation gowns and mortar boards. The judges were suitably impressed and awarded us best float for our age group. The staff and children worked extremely hard to produce some beautiful artwork to decorate the float and the stall and all of the children's graduation outfits had been hand sewn by talented staff. We were all very proud and excited with winning the best float award.

Throughout the summer term we have helped our eldest children prepare for their move to primary school, through a variety of transition visits and activities on the school grounds, such as weekly toddler stories and a Teddy Bear's picnic. The end of term itself was a time of great celebration with a graduation ceremony being held for our 'Rising 5s'. The children dressed in their graduation gowns that had been worn on Feast Day and were awarded certificates for graduating from playgroup. We wish them all the very best as they start their next exciting stage at 'big school'.

We celebrated further with all ages attending a summer party organised by the playgroup committee at Denny Abbey Farmland Museum. The morning included some arts and crafts activities, such as clay tile making and mask making, as well as treasure hunts and quizzes organised by the education team. The new play facilities were a big hit and much fun was had by boys and girls alike pretending to drive the farm tractor and playing on the obstacle course. A good number of parents and siblings joined in and we finished with a picnic lunch in the grounds with farmyard themed cupcakes. This was a lovely finale to the term and equally the start of the fabulous weather we have experienced over the summer holidays!

Just before the end of term, the staff and children surprised our Playleader Wayne, with decorating the playgroup and mocked up a wedding celebration.

Wedding fever ensued during the morning and gave Wayne an opportunity for a rehearsal! The children and staff had fun throwing confetti, eating wedding cake and dancing together. Congratulations to Wayne and Zoe for tying the knot at St Johns Church, Waterbeach in August. We wish them much love and happiness in their future lives together.



Waterbeach Toddler Playgroup has been running in the village now for over 20 years and is located on Burgess Road. We are a small playgroup with an excellent adult to child ratio and we welcome children aged from 2½ to 4 years of age (pre-school year) in a variety of groups. These include specialised pre-school sessions on Monday and Wednesday afternoons (12-3pm) and separate sessions for the younger group on Monday and Wednesday mornings (9-11:30am). On Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings we hold mixed sessions open to both age groups (with optional lunch sessions from 12-1pm at a small extra charge). Thanks to Nursery Funding money from the government, our sessions are free from the term after your child turns three.

If you would like to visit our playgroup please contact our Play Leader, Wayne Badcock on 07808 357729. Alternatively you can e-mail him at wayne@waterbeachtoddlerplaygroup.org.uk

Please take a look at our website too, to see more of what we do: www.waterbeachtoddlerplaygroup.org.uk

Waterbeach Turbary Charity (Reg No 201529)

Applications for Heating Grants

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

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

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

Please send details to:

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

Closing date for applications is 30 November 2013

Waterbeach Scout Group

During the summer the Scout groups enjoyed their camps and below are some reports from some of the members;

Scout Camp this year was held at Blackwell Adventure, Birmingham. Luckily we didn't have as much rain as we did last year. Camp was full of amazing opportunities like the waterslide, big swing, niteline blindfolds, crate stacking, raft building and much more. But we also had to do duty (washing up, fetching water etc.) which was hard work, but mainly it was fun.

We also did 'Secret Santa' where we all give a present for a mystery present. My highlight was Cadbury World, it was Chocolate heaven. Cadbury World was not just better than the zip wire it was massive and the very best fun.

Written by Kama Miller-Gambie

Cub Camp was at Thriftwood, Brentwood. We had a brilliant time on camp and everyone enjoyed all the activities like making tee pees, going on the cresta run, splash fun day and the dreaded midnight maze.

We had a Campfire every night, a fry up every morning and never a drop of rain to spoil our fun. We enjoyed telling jokes around the campfire and went to sleep late every night. We went home tired but happy. *Written by Luke & Isaac Dodge*

We are into our Family Bingo season once again. The next being on Friday 11th October, then Friday 8th November, Christmas bingo Friday 13th December and in the new year Friday 10th January 2014. Anyone is welcome to come along. The evening starts at 19-30. We have three games of bingo before we break for refreshments and have a raffle. Then another two games and a flyer to round of the evening to finish about nine.

Come and visit Santa at our Christmas Fayre on Saturday 23rd November in the Scout Hut from 10-00 until 14-00. There will be seasonal stalls along with the Big Breakfast.

Santa will be visiting your street on either 2nd, 3rd, 9th or 10th December. Look out for the posters with more detail closer to the time on the village notice boards.

While having your clear out over Christmas please keep in mind that we will be having our annual Jumble Sale on Saturday 25th January 2014.

***On behalf of the Salvation Army we would like to thank everyone who
supported our plant stall at 1 Way Lane, Waterbeach***

£1800 was raised.

£500 was given to The WAY Project, Waterbeach

Many Thanks

Keith and Doris Taylor



Gardening Club

The Club's summer programme began with an evening visit to the Darwin Nursery Charity which had featured in the Charity Draw at the New Year Social. We went to see the gardening activities that they provide for people with various disabilities. The Feast followed in June, and we wish to thank the Community Association for organising a 'Grand Do', and also the many Club members who donated a fine collection of plants for sale on the Club stand, and we had a very successful day. We adopted a set of Garden Gnomes to help us but there was an unanticipated consequence. We sold some clearly labelled Marrow plants but the little rascals appear to have engaged in a little Genetic modification and crossed the Marrows with a Triffid - the result: a *Marrffid*?!.



Marrffidd?!



Those people who have grown these may have plants up to twenty feet across smothered in leaves with spiky stems, tough tendrils, and flowers large enough to engorge a small puppy. We advise growers not to stand-still too long in the marrow- patch otherwise they may have a tendril round their ankle and a Triffid growing up their trouser leg. In similar circumstances in Transylvania they

advise the purchase of either a machete or a flame thrower!

The Club is an affiliate of the RHS and the Saturday visit was to the RHS Garden at Hyde Hall to see the new extensive additions to the site- the garden is now larger than the parent garden at Wisley. A large coach was nearly full and all enjoyed exploring the various developments to the rolling environment.

The summer season ends with the Annual Show which this year has been advanced by a week in an attempt to accommodate the difficult growing conditions we have experienced over the last few years. The results and prize-winners will be presented in the next edition of the Beach News.

The programme of presentations in the Church Hall begins in September with a visit from an old friend Hilary Thomas (formerly Head of Design at Capel Manor) and the 2012-13 programme ends with the business of the AGM and a Photographic Essay on plants in New Zealand.

Forthcoming Events:

Thurs 17th October

AGM and Members Meeting

Thurs 21st November

Ferns and other Foliage Plants for the Garden-
Margaret Nimmo-Smith

Waterbeach United Charities (Reg No 201528)

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

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

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

All personal applications are confidential.

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Keep Waterbeach Rural

Read all about it South Cambs Magazine Autumn 2013 – Six page special on South Cambridgeshire District Council’s final call on growth plans.

As you are probably aware we as villagers have until 5pm on Sunday 14th October 2013 to make our FINAL views known to South Cambridgeshire District Council regarding the 8,000 to 9,000 houses proposed in their Local Development Plan for Waterbeach New Town.

Whether you are for or against such a development it is important to have your say.

On 8th August Keep Waterbeach Rural held a public meeting where planners from South Cambridgeshire District answered questions raised by residents and some of our councillors. A copy of the minutes are available by contacting us, details shown at the end of this article.

Some of the key issues raised included:-

Size of development (in excess of identified need)

Degree of separation within existing village location of proposed extension to the greenbelt

Location of initial development within the development site (Brown field Green field)

Concern about traffic impact on A10 and A14 especially with developments planned in East Cambridgeshire, Fenland, Alconbury etc.

Concern about moving the station, cycle and footpath links to the station from the existing village would not be enough particularly for the less mobile

members of our community.

Concern about the drainage of site .The Internal drainage Board do not have the capacity to accept more run-off water. Holding tanks and balancing ponds have had problems at new developments in the area.

Concern about impact of piling (on drainage and residents) should the houses have to be piled.

Concern about impact on viability of existing village facilities

Opportunity to protect/restore historic footpaths/links

Cambridgeshire County Council are consulting on their Transport Strategy. We have until 5pm on Sunday 30th September 2013 to send our comments to them.

The Transport Strategy needs to improve the existing infrastructure before new growth plans for Cambridgeshire can be even contemplated.

We did a simple exercise comparing existing new build and proposed new build from the Core Strategies of Councils to the North of and including Ely and surrounding Councils with County's present traffic figures taken from the Transport Strategy:-

Existing New Builds Rural traffic route specific growth	Proposed New Build up to-2031 Districts North of Ely +Waterbeach
A428- increase 39% - Cambourne	Total 24500 by 2025 North of Ely
A141 - increase 11% - North of Ely	+Waterbeach New Town (1400 houses by 2031)
A10 - increase 14% - North of Ely	Waterbeach New Town post 2031 Potential for additional 6,600-7,600

The average HGV flow on the County's non-trunk A class rural roads is 77% above the national average. The Cambs ratio for trunk roads is even greater. The County's budget has been slashed for infrastructure and the maintenance of existing roads. Budgets are raised by a national bidding process.

Some of the cost for infrastructure would be dependent upon the developers contributing to Section106 or CIL agreements. This would mean that County and District Councils would need to ensure that the payments were made by the developers and paid on time which is not always the case at the moment. The same bidding process applies to new railway stations should the existing one be moved to the New Town.

We are setting up a meeting with County to address these issues and hope to have a public meeting on 17th September time and venue to be agreed. Please find contact details for South Cambs and County in the South Cambs Magazine or contact Jane and Brian Williams on jw_bw@tiscali.co.uk find us on Facebook as Keep Waterbeach Rural or Tel: 01223 861818

Fire and Rescue Service



Winter is coming, and Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service is encouraging all residents to sweep their chimneys before the cold sets in. Our top tips to enjoy an open fire safely:

- Have the chimney swept at least once a year, or more frequently if you burn wood.
- Do not bank fires too high and remember to let them burn down well before you retire to bed.
- Check the hearth, floor and furnishings near the fire for hot sparks or embers before you go to bed.
- Use a fire or spark guard to prevent accidental fires and make sure that it has the kite mark or conforms to a relevant British/European safety standard.
- Do not place objects on or over the mantle-piece which may cause you to stand too close to the fire to reach or use them.
- Inspect your chimney breast regularly – particularly in the roof space – to ensure that it is sound and that sparks or fumes cannot escape through cracks or broken bricks
- Avoid burning resinous woods as soot builds up quickly
- Buy only suitable fuels.
- Do not overload the grate or appliance.

Above all, ensure you have a working smoke alarm fitted on each floor of your home. This will give you an early warning to a fire, allowing extra time for occupants in the home to escape.

To find out if you are eligible for a free home fire safety check call 0800 917 99 94.



Waterbeach Surgery – Flu Vaccination Clinics



The flu season is nearly upon us!

We would like to invite you for your NHS flu jab if you fall into any of the categories below:

- *Asthmatic*
- *COPD*
- *Pregnant*
- *Heart disease/stroke*
- *Diabetic*
- *Aged over 65*

Our clinics will run during October and November, so if you are eligible, please contact us for an appointment. However, should you already be visiting us during this time, do let us know, as we may be able to accommodate you while you are here.

In addition, this year, the NHS is offering a free Shingles vaccine to those people aged 70 and 79. We expect to have the vaccine from September, so again, if you're eligible, please contact us for an appointment.

We regret we are not in a position to administer flu vaccines on a private basis.

Tel: 01223 860387

Annington Homes invests in Waterbeach homes

Highly anticipated Haling Place by Annington Homes is undergoing exciting refurbishment and creating a buzz around the village. The development comprising of 159 spacious two, three and four bedroom homes provides the ideal destination for first-time buyers, families and downsizers alike.

Haling Place development will provide a healthy boost in the village's population, allowing local businesses and schools to flourish. It has also benefitted from external and internal refurbishment, with new kitchens and bathrooms fitted in all of the homes. The grounds and communal spaces are also being improved to include additional landscaping.

Angela Walsh, Head of Sales and Marketing at Annington Homes, comments:

"We are breathing new life into these homes. Haling Place will see benefits not just for those purchasing and renting on site but also the wider community".

"We are offering a unique and welcoming place to live and are proud of our progress at the site. Haling Place has undergone refurbishment and the interest shown by keen homeowners demonstrates the enthusiasm for this lovely village."

When complete, Haling Place will be home to many people, who will become part of this thriving location. From first time buyers who have been able to finally make that important step onto the property ladder, to growing families who needed a little extra space, Haling Place will provide an opportunity to make people's dreams a reality as well as benefit the wider community.

Those interested in either renting or buying at Annington Homes' Haling Place are invited to visit www.annington.co.uk to register their interest.

Hedgehog News



Last autumn I had one sick hedgehog to take to the vets for worming and antibiotics. Shortly after came the next one. She had lost her back left leg, but the vet found this had healed a while ago. Her problem was that, because she was unable to groom the left side her skin was bad and she had severe ear infection. The vet thought she might be pregnant so she was given an antibiotic that would last two weeks. A week later I knew she had given birth as I could hear tiny squeaks, despite the dreadful sound of her scratching

which echoed from inside the large cardboard box in a pen in the spare room in an alarming way. Ten days later, when I dared to look, I found there were six tiny hoglets. Hedgehogs usually have four or five.

At three weeks the mother was looking so exhausted, although she had stopped scratching, that I took two hoglets away and hand reared them for a week. This means frequent feeds of special lactose free warm milk from a syringe; a rather messy business. Mother hedgehogs stimulate the hoglets bottom end by licking. Humans have to use a cotton bud or finger dipped in baby oil and lightly vibrate it up and down. The hoglet then usually relaxes on its back in your hand, stretches out its legs and I am sure smiles with relief and satisfaction. The hand reared two were snug in a cardboard box on a heater in the bathroom.

At six weeks the mother had done her job and could go in a rabbit hutch in a pen in the garden. The six hoglets had two thirds of the spare bedroom, fenced off and with a tarpaulin covering the carpet, held down with bricks round the edge so that they couldn't get underneath it.

Meanwhile another very sick hedgehog came in, so now there were nine. Once the hedgehogs got to 600 grams they could go into rabbit hutches in the shed and they all hibernated for about three months.

In the spring I put an article in the Beach News asking for people with appropriate gardens and environment to offer to release a hedgehog. I was looking for big garden, not too neat and tidy and with access to other gardens. Preferably not too near a busy road, no badgers or a pond that an animal couldn't escape from. I asked the releasers to provide water and I gave them a two week supply of meal worms to help the transition to the wild.



One of the hedgehogs released into the wild

I got a magnificent response and during May I was able to release all of them except the mother who went to an animal rescue centre. So an enormous thank you to everyone who had one or two hedgehogs and a special thank you to the lady who had the fat grumpy one and who only saw its nose!

Hedgehog numbers have declined by 25% and one of the biggest ways we can all help hedgehogs is to make gaps under their fences or walls so that the animals can get from one garden to the next.

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Carers Away Day

Support and information day for carers in Cambridgeshire, Friday 11 October 2013 10.00am - 3.30pm, The Holiday Inn Lakeview, Bridge Way, Histon, Cambs CB24 9PH

The County Council's Carers Support Team has organised an information and support day for the army of family carers working across Cambridgeshire. The away day is designed to give carers who support a family member or friend a chance to find out more about services and information and to have some 'me-time' with a series of entertainment and exercise sessions.

The free event will include speakers hosting informal discussions about Carer issues such as welfare benefits, health and social care services, Carers Trust Cambridgeshire (Crossroads Carers) services, and legislation around caring for a vulnerable adult.

Booking is essential as places are limited. To find out more or to book a place contact Nancy Voak on (01480) 373282 or via e-mail at: nancy.voak@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Calling all parents!

Have you ever wished kids came with instructions?

It has been said that being a parent is the hardest job in the world! If you would like to get together with other parents for a cuppa, share ideas and experiences, and pick up some tips along the way, you might enjoy the "Raising Children" course, running in the autumn term at Waterbeach Baptist Church.

"Raising Children" is a popular parenting programme running throughout Cambridgeshire, looking at topics such as how to encourage our children, listening skills, parenting styles, understanding challenging behaviour and positive discipline strategies. It is suitable for parents of children aged 2-12 yrs, and will be running for 10 weeks on Thursday evenings (7.30-9.30pm) between 26 Sept and 5 Dec (with a break for half term).

The course will be fun and informal, and usually at the end parents ask if we can carry on for longer!

The course will be run by an Accredited Facilitator, and will be FREE, but places are limited, so BOOKING is essential.

To book your place, please contact Angela Ensell on 01223 862494.

For more info about the course, please contact Alex Davies on 01223 511504.

"Raising Children" is a Sharing Parenting programme, accredited by the Adlerian Society

Fen Edge Twinning Association

Do you know which town in France we are twinned with? Do you know how many years we have had a twinning association?

Riding a small electric train through tunnels 200 feet underground was certainly a different way to mark 15 years of twinning with Avrillé in the Loire valley. In May our party of 50 visited a restored slate mine during a weekend with our French hosts. We passed through cathedral sized caverns where slate had been mined and guides demonstrated how the 2 tonne blocks were split into roofing slates by hand.

On Saturday evening there was a dinner with music and dancing to a live band. The Mayor hosted a reception at the Town Hall on Sunday morning to officially mark the 15th anniversary, with a local choir providing the entertainment. An afternoon walk in the countryside allowed all of us to enjoy the spring sunshine, before returning with our friends for dinner.

The Fen Edge Twinning Association is a voluntary group for everyone who lives in Cottenham, Rampton, Willingham, Landbeach and Waterbeach. We are always happy to welcome new families to join us, especially those with children of school age as there is strong interest from similar families in our twinned town of Avrillé – so if you would like an excuse to visit France regularly or if you would like to find out more about the group, please contact Anna, details below.

Quiz Night

We will be holding another of our very popular quiz nights this autumn on Friday 22 November. The venue is Cottenham Village College. Teams can be up to 6 people and the ticket cost is £7.50 per person. The doors open at 7.30 and the quiz will start at 8.00pm. Supper is included in the price of your ticket and there will be a pay bar.

Annual General Meeting

Another way of finding out more about us would be to join us at our annual general meeting. We will be meeting at 8pm on Monday 7 October at the Black Horse pub in Rampton. This will be an informal meeting over a drink in the pub – so come and meet us and find out more.

If you would like details of how to get involved with the twinning association or are would like to reserve a table at our next quiz night, please contact Anna Vining on 01954 252432 or panda@vining.co.uk

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