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# Community Association



**Christmas 2012** - 'Carols on the Green' on Christmas Eve was well attended and the collection raised £586 for local clubs and groups. Thank you for your support.

**Feast - 8<sup>th</sup> June** - We are continuing through the alphabet and the theme this year is 'Something beginning with G....' In this edition of Beach News you will find entry forms for the Parade and the Feast Competition. You can find a Pitch Booking form and all the entry forms needed to join in the activities on our website [www.waterbeach.org](http://www.waterbeach.org) or ring 01223 476601 and leave a message giving your details for a form to be sent to you. The parade is free to enter and is open to groups, clubs, families and individuals, just dress up and join in the fun. Parade Entry form on page 33. For this year's Feast Competition we will be revisiting our ever popular Photo Competition. All amateur photographers who live in Waterbeach, Landbeach and Chittering are invited to submit photographs on the theme of "Something beginning with G...." Prizes will be awarded on Feast Day to the best photograph in each group and then an overall winner. So get clicking your cameras and capture those gardens, giraffes, gerbils and gladiators. Further details and entry form on page 24. Please note that this is the only edition of Beach News to contain the forms, as the next edition will be published after the closing date for entries. The entries will be put into albums and available for viewing on Feast Day at the Community Association stand.

**60 Plus Party** - This is an annual event organised by Waterbeach Community Association for all residents of Waterbeach, Landbeach and Chittering over 60 years of age.

For many years the party was held on a Saturday afternoon early in the year and consisted of entertainment and then tea, sandwiches, cakes etc. Due to dark evenings and poor weather it was decided to move it to the spring and the last few years we have joined with Waterbeach School for a meal followed by entertainment from the children.

It is felt that this year we would have a change and do something a bit different. The age range we are trying to cater for is quite vast and therefore have differing expectations. A Tea Dance has been suggested with the possibility of a demonstration of dancing from a local dance group. The more agile attendees could take part in the dancing and the less agile would still be able to watch and enjoy the refreshments provided. No decision has been made yet, so if you have any thoughts or ideas please contact us so that we can explore the possibilities. Email [beachnews@waterbeach.org](mailto:beachnews@waterbeach.org) or telephone 01223 860993 or 01223 476601.

## Barracks Museum

The museum set up at Waterbeach Barracks by the Royal Engineers in 1985 has been saved by a group of villagers.

They have established a trust called Waterbeach Military Heritage Museum and ownership of all the photographs, documents and artifacts has now passed to this body. The contents of the museum have been packed up and are now being safely stored in the village, until a new venue can be found. The present volunteer Curator, Oliver Merrington, will continue in his role – carrying out research and answering enquiries, his email is: [rafwaterbeach.museum@gmail.com](mailto:rafwaterbeach.museum@gmail.com)

The Museum was set up to commemorate the men and women that served at RAF Waterbeach Station from its opening in 1941 until 1966 when the Army (39 Engineer Regiment) took over the airfield. Also those in the Army Royal Engineers from 1966 onwards - until the Barracks closes permanently on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013.

Much of the material in the Museum was donated by members of 514 Squadron RAF who flew Lancasters from Waterbeach during the Second World War. Veterans from the squadron return to the village every summer for a reunion, and hope to continue this tradition.

The Commander of Waterbeach Station, Colonel Andy Phillips, said

“I am delighted that a home has been found to secure the museum contents. I hope a permanent building is identified soon and I would like to take this opportunity in thanking the trust for all their hard work to ensure this important history remains at Waterbeach”.

# WAY Project



As Christmas popped its head above the horizon, we were delighted when our Youth Club members decided that they wanted to do something for those less fortunate than themselves. In October, they started a collection of non-perishable goods – tinned and dried food, personal items such as shaving foam and shampoo and so on – which they added to over the weeks before the festive season. Two large boxes were delivered to Jimmy's Night Shelter on December 17<sup>th</sup>. The Cambridge Evening News was there on the day and some of you may have seen the photo and article which appeared on the 19<sup>th</sup> December. If you missed it, take a look at <http://www.cambridge-news.co.uk/Cambridge/Young-people-give-food-to-shelter-21122012.htm>

Our younger members were very concerned about Malala Yousefzai, the young Pakistani education activist who was shot in the head and being treated in Birmingham. They designed a delightful get well card for her giving her their best wishes for a full recovery. We are all so pleased that those wishes have been fulfilled.

Just before the Club closed for Christmas, some of our members enjoyed a Christmas meal, cooked for them by our staff, complete with hats and a Yule Log.

January and February continue to be busy and we are very grateful to Waterbeach and Landbeach's church communities for choosing WAY to benefit from the collection taken at the Beach Churches Together service in the Primary School on 27<sup>th</sup> January. The response to our request for support was far more generous than we expected from a comparatively small congregation.

We are very appreciative of the generosity of all our local supporters – individuals and organisations - and grateful for the fact that they provide our most reliable funding stream.

Our Youth Club members are busy too. For the February half term they have organised a car wash day and have decided they would like to hold a jumble sale later in the spring. It is good to know that they recognise that we have to raise money in order to run the Youth Club.

There is still room in the Tillage Hall for more young people to join us, so do encourage your 11 – 19 year olds to come and see what the Youth Club has to offer.

# Waterbeach Scout Group

Firstly we would like to thank everyone for their generous donations when Father Christmas came to visit your street in December last year. The collection came to £1205-98. A donation will shortly be delivered to the Friends of the Princess of Wales Hospital.

Preparations are underway for our joint *Spring Fayre and Big Breakfast* with the Guide section, for the upkeep of our Headquarters. The Fayre takes place between 10-00hrs and 14-00hrs on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March.

Our *May Day Fun Day* is due to go ahead once again on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May. Everyone is welcome. If you are aged 6 -13 and wish to be in a team you will need to be at the Scout & Guide hut to sign up by 13-45hrs. The day begins at 14-00hrs until 17-00hrs with the team events followed by the disco in the hut until 21-00hrs. Look out for the poster for more details.

*Easter Bingo* will take place Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March. There will also be bingo on 12<sup>th</sup> April and 10<sup>th</sup> May before we take a break for the summer returning on September 13<sup>th</sup>. Anyone is welcome to join us. The first game begins at 19-30hrs. We have a tea break and raffle half way through the evening and finish 21-00hrs. Hope to see you there.

While all this is going on plans are well underway for Cubs spring weekend in Ipswich, Scouts backward camp at Bury St Edmunds and some of the older Scouts are going on an expedition to camp out at Wicken Fen for a night.

## Waterbeach United Charities (Reg No 201528)

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

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

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

All personal applications are confidential.

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

# Message from Cllr. James Hockney

I look forward to working with the community to rise to the local challenges and key issues of 2013. 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.

***Shop Local, Shop Waterbeach & Landbeach Campaign*** - It is great to see that the 'Shop Local' campaign is really starting to take off. 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](http://www.facebook.com/shopwaterbeachward) 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. I am speaking and listening to local business to see how this can be best achieved. If you have any ideas then please let me know.

***MOD Housing / Buchanan Centre & Beach Hut - Multi Agency Meeting***  
On February 7<sup>th</sup> I chaired a multi agency meeting at South Cambridgeshire District Council in the Council Chamber. This was to discuss the transfer of the empty MOD properties down the Capper/Cody/Kirby Road/Abbey Place estate area and the Buchanan/Beach Hut buildings. This follows on from the previous meeting that I also chaired in November.

From this meeting I can confirm that 105 MOD properties will be transferred over to Annington Homes at the end of March. These will then be refurbished for either rent or sale onto the open market around the summer of 2013 onwards. South Cambs District Council are looking at the possibility of acquiring some of the MOD properties for Council Housing. I would most certainly welcome this if it does happen - as there are many local people who cannot afford to get onto the housing ladder.

A second transfer of 77 properties will take place on July 24<sup>th</sup>. After this a third transfer of what will be the remaining empty properties on the estate will happen. A date for the third stage has not yet been confirmed.

I am pleased to report that the MOD has put in place security patrols due to the amount of empty properties. This is in liaison with the Police who have also put in extra resource.

The MOD plan to keep Park Crescent (the close located further up Bannold Road) and Orchard Drive (the houses inside the Barracks perimeter) to meet the remaining MOD housing need for the area.

The Buchanan Centre and Beach Hut will be formally transferred to Annington Homes on July 24<sup>th</sup>. There has been some interest from a number of local user groups interested in these buildings. This is welcome news and I am doing what I can to help facilitate communication.



**Waterbeach Barracks and the Local Plan** - 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. As whatever the land is used for must be of benefit and complementary to the local area. The Barracks will be closed at the end of March. Although, that being said, the vast majority of military personnel left last year. This is one of the reasons I have been driving the 'Shop Local' Campaign to help support the local economy.

Thank you to all the residents that took part in the Local Plan Consultation so far. We had a very well attended exhibition at Waterbeach Salvation Army Hall on January 15<sup>th</sup>. This was part of the second stage of the local plan consultation.

We have had nearly 3,000 residents sign the petition opposing a new town larger than Ely. As ever I welcome your views and ideas for potential future use/uses for the land.

**Fixing pavement and path potholes** - I thought it may be helpful to share with you a link on the County Council website;  
[www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/roads/reportingafault.htm](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/roads/reportingafault.htm)

This page allows online reporting on highways issues including pavement and road potholes.

As ever, if you do not feel an issue is being resolved then please let me know.

**Supporting the Bus Service to Ely** - Now we have the service to Ely back, it is very important that we maintain this. Stagecoach has already hi-lighted concern over the usage figures.

The community really came together on this issue. Many of you wrote, telephoned and e-mailed Stagecoach to express your feelings on the issue. The petition that Cllr Johnson and I ran received over 900 signatures. It was a great community success story. Let's keep the service going that we all campaigned so hard for.

**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



We had a successful, yet busy Christmas period with the children showing their Christmas performance to the residents of Denson Close and Hatley Court, as well as to lots of proud parents. The children enjoyed a fun Christmas party and an end of year disco too.

This term we have looked at Chinese New Year and learnt more about the Year of the Snake and some of us danced with a Chinese Dragon Head. We will be thinking about Space and making our own solar system later in the term.

On the Saturday before Mother's Day we'll be running a stall outside the village Post Office selling flowers and homemade cakes between 9am and 11am. This will be an ideal place to buy your last minute treats for your Mums and Grannys!

Our Spring Nearly New Sale will be held at the end of April in the village. Look out for posters for further details.

## Mother's Day Cake & Flower Stall



Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March, 9-11am  
Outside village Post Office

Treat her to something special!



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 - 4 years of age (pre-school year) in a variety of groups. These include specialised pre-school sessions on Monday and Wednesday afternoons (12-3pm) and separate sessions for the younger group on Monday and Wednesday mornings (9-11:30am). On Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings we hold mixed sessions open to both age groups (with optional lunch sessions from 12-1pm at a small extra charge). Thanks to Nursery Funding money from the government, our sessions are free from the term after your child turns three.

If you want to know more about the playgroup, please check out our website or contact our Play Leader, Wayne Badcock on 07808 357729 or 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!

# An Olympic Legacy

Do you remember the start of the Olympics, and “Chime a Bell for the Olympics” at Landbeach Parish Church? Following on from that event, the Landbeach Bell Ringers have more than doubled in numbers, being joined by 4 children and 7 adults from Landbeach, Waterbeach and Milton. Bell ringing is interesting from many different angles: religious, historical, musical, practical and mathematical. Here’s what our new learners say about bell ringing:

*You can achieve so much.  
We have created a community in harmony.  
I like supporting our church and village.  
It has taught me how to listen to bells.  
It is mathematical and I love maths.  
It requires co-operation within the group.  
The challenge is confidence building.  
A mental, physical and aural exercise.*

Ringling, on church bells and handbells, is a fascinating link with the past, enabling people, whether churchgoers or not, to support their parish church and join in a fun community activity. The musical sound of church bells ringing to announce a church service, or for the ringers’ weekly practice, is a traditional part of village life which gives people a lot of pleasure.



We practice at All Saints’ Church, Landbeach on Friday

evenings. If you would like to learn to ring, please get in touch with Barbara Le Gallez, 01223 860283, [blegallez@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:blegallez@yahoo.co.uk).

Or see our website, <http://www.landbeach.org.uk/groups/199-bell-ringers>

To arrange special ringing (e.g. for weddings or funerals), or to discuss any other issues, please contact Rev. Paul Butler, our Associate Vicar, on 01223 860353.

# Cottenham Village College



## ***Celebrating 50 years 1963 - 2013***

Thick fog shrouded Cambridgeshire on the morning of 7<sup>th</sup> November 1963. It caused great consternation at Cottenham Village College, which had opened in September of that year. The reason for the consternation was that the Queen Mother was due to arrive that day to perform the official opening of the college. Whilst the fog prevented the Queen Mother from flying to Cambridgeshire, it did not stop her getting to the college by car. The accounts from the time tell us that a wonderful day was had by all.

The college will celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this autumn. On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2013, we will hold a number of events to mark our half century. The day will include the annual family learning morning, a tree planting ceremony in the afternoon and, in the evening, a reunion.

We hope that a huge number of former students and staff will be able to join us on the 9<sup>th</sup>. Further details will be published in the not too distant future. If you would like more information or have any memorabilia suitable for an exhibition please contact: Sharon O'Mullane, the Headteacher's PA on 01954 288944 or email [headspa@cvcweb.net](mailto:headspa@cvcweb.net).

## **Brownies and Rainbows**

Want to be part of something big? Girlguiding UK has more than 530,000 members, and a whole bunch of them are right here in Waterbeach. The village has had Guide and Brownie units for more than fifty years, and our Rainbow unit was one of the first in the country. With young members drawn from Waterbeach, Landbeach and nearby villages, each unit meets once a week during the school terms for a fun combination of crafts, games, singing and trips out (bowling is especially popular!). All of this is made possible by dedicated teams of adult volunteers who lead each unit. And this is where you come in – we are currently looking for more leaders for both the Rainbows (aged 5-7) and the Brownies (aged 7-10). In return we can offer training, on-going support, opportunities to travel abroad and a chance to fulfil all those Blue-Peter-fuelled dreams of “here’s one I made earlier”! You don’t need to have had any experience of guiding in the past, but you will need to support its aim of creating safe, female-only spaces where girls can gain self-confidence, develop their potential and make a difference to the world.

If you want to find out more, contact Caroline Rutherford (Rainbows, 01223 575409) or Rowena Small (Brownies, 01223 570850).

# Community Playgroup



## *Fond Farewells and New Beginnings*

Summer 2012 saw us saying goodbye, not only to our children who were off to big school, but to our much loved Playgroup Leader as Diana Morgan retired after 30 years with the Community Playgroup. We bid farewell to Diana at a special tea party attended by staff members past and present. We asked our current children and their families, along with many families who had had connections with Playgroup during Diana's time, to contribute to a book of Memories and were able to present Diana with a lovely and very personal thank you from many of the children that she had worked with over the years.

The Autumn Term saw our staff, with our new Playgroup Leader Fiona Thomas, welcoming a new group of children to Playgroup and Bunnies. Our topics included finding out All About Me and Autumn. The children created some beautiful art work about themselves and enjoyed exploring the sights sounds and smells of the season outside in the fresh air and inside with sensory trays of conkers, acorns, autumn leaves and fruits. As the nights drew in we learned about Autumn celebrations: the children enjoyed making and decorating clay diva lamps for Diwali and we looked forward to celebrating Christmas.

The Autumn Term drew to a festive close as always with Christmas parties for the children. For our older children, Mr Marvel brought his rabbit to see us and entertained us all with his magic tricks and we even had a visit from a certain gentleman in a red suit. Finally, the children took part in our traditional Nativity Play for their parents and families and the Playhouse was filled with small sparkly sheep, reindeer, shepherds, kings and angels singing festive songs for a suitably emotional audience!

Our Theme for Spring is New Beginnings and as we watch out for snow drops and daffodils poking their heads out after the snowy start to the year, we will be celebrating Chinese New Year with the children and the Year of the Snake. We are also very excited about some special visitors to Playgroup this term: some of our own Easter Chicks! We have a batch of eggs and an incubator arriving this term. The children will be able to hear the little birds chirping in their eggs, see them hatch then watch them grow into fluffy chicks.

Waterbeach Community Playgroup provides a fun, safe environment with an emphasis on learning through play. Children are welcomed from their second birthday with session times as follows:



**Bunnies** - for children aged between 2 and 3 years. Monday and Friday 12.15 to 2.15

**Playgroup** - for children aged 3 years to rising 5. Every weekday 9.00 to 12.00

**Rabbits** - supervised lunch session for children starting school in the following September. Tuesday and Thursday 12.00 to 1.00

Due to Government funding 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 the library each week. 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 our team of happy, well qualified staff.

Alternatively please contact Jacqui Woods on 01223 440769, [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)

\*With the exception of additional Rabbits lunchtime sessions

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

## Beach Bowls Club

Come and join us and be a part of the Beach Bowls success story!

Over the last three years, we have managed to climb two divisions of the Cambridge and District Bowls League, finishing sixth in Division 1 at the end of the 2012 season.

This is a huge achievement for a small club and we would love to recruit some new players to enable us to do even better in 2013.

We have recently obtained generous sponsorship from AmeyCespa and this has enabled our members to each receive Club t-shirts which are worn for all League matches.

It's great to spend an evening on our green at the recreation ground in Waterbeach in order to compete against teams from the area and to participate in return matches.

The 2013 season starts in mid-April and runs to the end of August. Please do consider joining us – beginners and more experienced players will be warmly welcomed.

For more information please call Tony Reuben on 01223 861001

# Farmland Museum



Love History? Love Dressing Up? Want to be part of a new exciting and engaging museum project at an important historic site?

We are seeking volunteer costumed interpreters to join us once a month on Sundays for our 'living museum'. The museum team need friendly and approachable people who can take on the role of someone from Denny's past and bring its story to life.

Perhaps you want to be the village black smith, or work in the village shop, be a nun in the abbey or one of the many other roles on offer!

You will need to talk to our visitors in character and spark their interest in the museum's fascinating collections of Cambridgeshire rural life.

We will provide you with a costume, lunch and full training on your chosen character.

If you are interested in joining us, as a costumed interpreter or any other volunteering opportunities at the museum get in contact with Adam on 01223 860988 or email [info@farmlandmuseum.org.uk](mailto:info@farmlandmuseum.org.uk).

## Beach Sessions

Following on from a series of full houses and sold out Chapel gigs, The Beach Sessions returns with an exciting programme of original music and comedy for the Spring. On Saturday March 2<sup>nd</sup> we see the return of Straw Bear who are starting to hit the big time since their appearance last year. The band's unique sound is being championed by BBC6 Music's Tom Robinson who included their track Kitty in his top 25 songs of 2012, and they will be playing a live session on his show to be broadcast on March 9<sup>th</sup>. The band's new album Black Bank is getting loads of fab reviews and they will be playing plenty of tracks from it - songs about weird Fen goings on, witches, foxes, parents in law and dogs!

Support comes from New York songstress Annie Dressner who will be accompanied by Beach Sessions favourite - Paul Goodwin. Annie who releases her new EP 'East Twenties' in April has spent the last year touring with high profiles gigs at Rockwood Music Hall New York, O2 Academy Islington, Secret Garden Party, Deer Shed and Cambridge Folk Festival - we are excited about her return.

Then we return with our popular comedy nights on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April with our usual compere Rob Coleman who will be joined by some leading comics from across the UK. All sessions are at The Sun, Waterbeach and are free to get in. We expect they will be full houses so get there early!

To keep up to date like us on [www.facebook.com/thebeachsessions](https://www.facebook.com/thebeachsessions) or visit [www.beachsessions.co.uk](http://www.beachsessions.co.uk)

# Sooty

Sooty came to us as a tiny orphan lamb. Her fleece was white and she owed her name to that strange perversity of human nature which insists on giving names that emphasise the reverse. She had to be fed by bottle at short intervals day and night at first, just as a human baby. Luckily she progressed very quickly to being weaned to harder food in the way of pellets. She soon dominated the house putting everyone in their place.



She often alarmed visitors by suddenly appearing and lamblike gambolling across the room disappearing as quickly as she arrived. Finally the time came as she grew to maturity to make a home for her outdoors in a pen. She followed on a lead like a large dog when taken for walks and was

happy to pose with an old hat on, with holes cut out for her ears.

She did have one very mischievous fault, when she was loose in her pen it was a mistake to bend over for any reason. In keeping with her near relatives the goats, she delighted in butting any target that presented itself, a lesson we were quick to learn!

One of the more enterprising of the family decided that if a hat were made of sheepskin complete with ears, Sooty would feel that another member of the sheep family had taken up residence. Sooty eyed the result with a look that said "Who are you trying to fool?" and with a snort of contempt carried on grazing.



She entertained us for many years before passing quietly to rest at a good age for a sheep.

*Bryan Parr*



## Waterbeach Yard Sales

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



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

# Library Facilities

*Cambridge Building Society Community Cash Awards - act now! -*

Waterbeach Library has been fortunate to be chosen as one of the 25 recipients. Please help us by collecting the tokens from the Cambridge Evening News, from 4<sup>th</sup> February until 1<sup>st</sup> March, as the final amount awarded is determined by the number of tokens sent in for Waterbeach Library. More tokens = higher award = higher provision of books and activities in our Library. You may hand in your coupons at the Library until Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March; otherwise, coupons must be delivered to Cambridge Building Society or Cambridge News offices by noon on Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>.

*Forthcoming events - March 7<sup>th</sup> - World Book Day - look for posters advising of activities.*

March 11<sup>th</sup>, 10.30am - We are facilitating a Storytime session, to which all mothers and children are invited.

April 23<sup>rd</sup> - World Book Night - watch for posters advising of refreshments and book giving.

*Doorstep deliveries -* We are commencing a doorstep delivery service for those who enjoy reading but experience difficulty in visiting the Library through ill health, or lack of mobility. If you, or someone you know, would like this service, please telephone 01223 440560.

*Improvements to facilities -* There is now a drain at the foot of the access ramp, instead of a puddle, thanks to Jane Green, the Head, and the School Premises Committee.

By the time you read this there should be WiFi facilities within the Library and we shall soon have flat screen monitors, as part of the Cambridgeshire County Council IT upgrades.

*Children's Logo Competition -* This was very successful, with 32 entries submitted, some of which can be seen on the Waterbeach Library Facebook page. The three winners each received a £10 gift token, and three runners-up were awarded a set of colouring pencils. May we thank the children for the excellent standard of entries and Waterbeach School for assistance.

*Young Adults book club -* This is run by young adults for young adults and meets at the Library every 4 or 5 weeks on a Wednesday evening, 6pm - 7.30pm. For more information, see our Facebook page.

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 March 11<sup>th</sup>, April 8<sup>th</sup>, May 13<sup>th</sup> and June 10<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## Fire and Rescue Service

There are a few messages the Service wants to remind residents of as we leave the winter months behind.

**Get sweeping:** Chimney's should be professionally swept and brickwork inspected at least once a year to prevent chimney fires. Our advice is to check yours before and after the winter period.

**As the clocks go forward, push the button:** Everyone should have a correctly fitted, working smoke alarm in their home. You should test it at least once a week by pushing the button. If you have forgotten to do yours recently, why not test it when you turn your clocks forward?

**Easter school holidays:** Arson can often increase during the school holidays. Stay vigilant, call 999 if you see a crime taking place and do not attempt to put the fire out yourself. If you are a parent, speak to your child about the dangers of playing with fire.

**It's DIY time:** We frequently receive an increase in calls relating to homeowners getting into accidents associated with DIY. These can involve electrical equipment which has been stored in a damp shed over the winter and heavy-duty garden equipment. Be careful, read the instructions and take expert advice from a DIY store.

For free home fire safety advice, log on to [www.cambsfire.gov.uk](http://www.cambsfire.gov.uk). Like our fan page on Facebook by searching Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue, and follow us on Twitter @cambsfrs.

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

# Waterbeach Village Society

A “must” read in the Cambridge Evening News (as it then was several years ago) used to be the quirky, sometimes odd, column of Christopher South. Now retired, Chris and his wife Janet travel to many exotic places around the world. They now present a rather unusual evening’s entertainment which they call “Snap Out of It - A Slideshow Without Slides” which they describe as light-hearted travel tales from around the world. They will be at the Society’s meeting on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2013.

RAF Duxford was an important fighter base during the Second World War. It has been the military home for British, Polish and American squadrons, as well as being the station for air aces such as Douglas Bader and Frank Whittle. On the evening of Tuesday April 23<sup>rd</sup> Les Milgate will give a history of this celebrated aerodrome.

The last talk for our season will be by Peter Pilbeam who will give a slideshow on “The Nightlife of the Badger.”

A thought for the future: During the evening of Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May we will have a tour of the Stanford Training Area, near Thetford. The training area was used during WWII, when several villages and their inhabitants were summarily evacuated and the area and the houses used as substitutes for the Normandy landings. More up-to-date, Afghan and Iraq compounds have been created. The area is also an SSSI. Put the date in your diary and join us for an interesting evening’s excursion. The cost will not be more than £15. For more information on the above and the rest of the Society’s programme, contact Adrian Wright - Chairman at [adrianj.wright@ntlworld.com](mailto:adrianj.wright@ntlworld.com) or Tel. 01223 861846, Ray Rice - Secretary at [raythefingers@aol.com](mailto:raythefingers@aol.com) or Tel. 01223 860663 or David Armstrong – Treasurer on Tel. 01223 861586.

The Society aims to stimulate interest in, and care for the attractiveness, history and character of Waterbeach and its surroundings, and talks of general interest. Meetings take place 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.

## Two Brothers That Went To War

The story of two brave young men from the local area, Laurence and Cecil Chapman (*continued from Autumn & Winter 2012 editions of Beach News*).

### **Part III**

Laurence and the Cambridgeshires were back at Ypres on the 14<sup>th</sup> of December 1916. On the 12<sup>th</sup> of February 1917 Laurence is promoted to the

rank of Corporal; two days later on the 14<sup>th</sup> he sustains a shrapnel wound to his right leg and is admitted to the 129<sup>th</sup> Field Ambulance for treatment. This wound must have been a serious one or had reoccurring complications because according to Laurence's service records he's still a patient (with the same complaint) at a casualty clearance station on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March 1918. With his leg wound healed Laurence is back in the trenches with his mates for the next couple of months until the 9<sup>th</sup> of May when he is admitted to hospital near Outreau with Tachycardia (a fast or irregular heart rhythm, usually more than 100 and up to 400 beats per min), from the hospital near Outreau Laurence is moved to a convalescent depot at Boulogne on the 12<sup>th</sup> of May 1918.

On the 25<sup>th</sup> of July Laurence is granted ten days leave which would enable him to come home to see his wife and family, this must have been a much welcomed break from the fighting and chaos that he'd left behind in France. By the 8<sup>th</sup> of August Laurence is back in France, the Cambridgeshires are now part of the 35<sup>th</sup> Brigade, 12<sup>th</sup> (Eastern) Division; he rejoins his regiment in the field on the 16<sup>th</sup> of August. Within just two days of being back in the line disaster strikes again as Laurence is gassed by a mustard gas shell.

Mustard gas (Yperite) was first used by the German Army in September 1917 against the Russian Army at Riga in Latvia.

Delivered on to its target via a shell, Mustard gas was a horrific weapon that took twelve hours (after exposure) to take effect on its victim; once it had taken effect its symptoms were at worst deadly and at the very least severe. In its purest form it was a colourless and odourless liquid, but when it was mixed with other chemicals it took on a yellowish/brown hue and had a garlic/onion smell.

Wearing a gas mask offered little protection as it could be absorbed through clothing (even leather) and the skin. It was an atomized liquid and heavier than air so it fell to earth quickly, once on the ground it resembled an oily sherry; absorbed by the soil it could remain active for several weeks, a fact not lost on the Germans who used this tactic to deny the allied armies large areas of the battlefield.

The effect of the gas on a victim's skin was the same as having 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> degree burns and caused large mustard coloured blisters, these were worse in the warmer areas of the body, such as armpits, between the legs and on the face and neck (this was usually fatal if more than 50% of the victim's body had been burned).

The victim's eyes became extremely sore and streamed incessantly, after which the eyelids swelled resulting in temporary blindness.

If inhaled, mustard gas attacked the bronchial tubes, stripping off the mucus membrane and causing internal bleeding which was extremely painful

causing the victims affected this way to fight for breath, with the feeling that their throat was closing and that they were going to choke.

Because of the severe reaction to these symptoms soldiers that had been gassed were strapped down to their hospital bed, usually resulting in a slow lingering death (a build up of fluid on the lungs leading to respiratory failure) which could take up to five weeks!

Being gassed effectively ended the war for Laurence as from this point on he was no longer involved in the fighting; on the 20<sup>th</sup> of August he was admitted to the 6<sup>th</sup> General Hospital at Rouen, then on the 30<sup>th</sup> of August he was transferred back to England. Arriving back home on the 31<sup>st</sup> of August, Laurence was a patient at the Berrington War Hospital, Shrewsbury until the 28<sup>th</sup> of October 1918. After spending two months in the Berrington War Hospital Laurence is admitted to the 1<sup>st</sup> Eastern General Hospital, Cambridge on the 6<sup>th</sup> of November for treatment to the gas burns on his head, this final stay in hospital lasts until the 9<sup>th</sup> of February 1919 by which time the Great War has ended.

Laurence was de-mobbed from the army on February the 19<sup>th</sup> 1919.

Although out of the army and no longer at war, Laurence's problems did not immediately evaporate into the mists of time; the after effects of being gassed would continue to plaque him for quite a while.

Laurence Victor Duncan Chapman died in Soham, Cambridgeshire in December 1960 aged 71 years old. His wife Alice died in 1967 in Waterbeach aged 78 years old.

Both brothers qualified for the three medals illustrated, L to R 1914/15 Star,

British War Medal and the allied Victory Medal. Cecil's medals and would have been sent to his next of kin with the addition of the death plaque (right). This was a cast bronze disc 120mm in diameter featuring Britannia



*14/15 Star, BWM and Victory*



*The Death Plaque*

standing with a lion about to lay a wreath on a rectangular memorial which had the name of the deceased on it. Around the edge on the face of the plaque is the legend "He died for freedom and honour".

*By Martin Tingey*

*Thanks go to my friend Felix Jackson for supplying lists and help whilst I wrote this article.*



# Waterbeach PTA

## *Autumn Term 2012 Round-Up*

During Autumn Term 2012 we enjoyed a range of activities: the Christmas Fair was extra special this year with a fantastic performance from the school Choir; we had Christmas discos, a non-uniform day, and beautifully hand-designed gift certificates presented for donations towards new books. Nicola Ostler and Clare Strongman organised a successful '80s aerobics extravaganza' fundraiser, and we received additional donations from individuals and local companies. Altogether these events raised over £2,500 for the school. Well done and a big thank you to everybody for your support.



We would also like to show our appreciation and thanks to The Crown and Punchbowl for a very generous donation to cover the cost of caps for the Choir to wear at the O2, and towards new books for the library.

Thank you to Sainsbury's for kindly donating many wonderful Christmas decorations.

*How will the money raised benefit the children?* We have recently agreed to fund... certificate holders in which children can display their achievements from the Children's University; new PE benches and mats for all; role-play building equipment for Foundation Stage; a theatre trip in early 2013 for Year 6 to see *The Tempest*; coach-costs to enable the Choir to go to London to perform at the O2 in January. The school is completely reorganising and upgrading its library, and we have been asked to contribute £3,000 towards new books for this, which will be an amazing resource for the children.

## *Next Events: Dates for your Diaries*

On *Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May* there will be a *Bags2School collection* from the school. If you have any unwanted clothes, bedding, soft toys, paired shoes, hats, belts or hand-bags, please bag them up (any bag will do) and bring them to school by 9am on 2<sup>nd</sup> May. We receive money by weight, so the more we recycle, the more money we receive. No bric-a-brac please.

On *Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May* we are pleased to announce that *The Undercovers* will be performing at Waterbeach School. The Undercovers play sell-out performances in and around Cambridge, and have done more than 200 gigs in the last 4 years. They perform brilliant covers from the likes of The Killers, Kings of Leon, Guns n Roses, U2, Red Hot Chilli Peppers and many more. Tickets on sale soon: £5 in advance, £7 on the door. If you would like tickets or further information, please contact Elly on [elly@searchandprosper.co.uk](mailto:elly@searchandprosper.co.uk) or 07986 340 869.

On *Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July*, it will be the *School Summer Fair*, from 3.30pm. Please come along and support us – join us for games, children's stalls, fair-rides, bouncy castles, ice creams, tombolas and teas.

### *A Big Thank-You to Waterbeach Scouts*

We would like to take this opportunity to extend a heartfelt thank you to Waterbeach Scouts, in particular Bill, Shirley and Robert. They help us out every year by permitting us the use of the Scout Hut, helping at our fairs, and putting on fabulous discos for the children. The Christmas discos in 2012 were the best ever – that's what the children have been saying!

Join us on Facebook – search for Waterbeach School PTA

## Waterbeach WI



Have you ever wondered about joining the WI? Do come along and give it a try. We are a lively group of fun loving ladies of all ages. We have a darts team, reading group, go on outings to places of interest and enjoy fine dining.

There is no need to join until you have experienced several meetings – visitors are always welcome. Make new friends and enjoy some excellent talks on a wide variety of subjects.

We meet in St John's Church Room at 7.30pm - 9.30pm on the second Thursday of each month.

March 14 <sup>th</sup>	Maureen James	Exploring Fenland Folklore
April 11 <sup>th</sup>	Ruth Bramley	Spinning and Weaving
May 9 <sup>th</sup>	Gerald Dodd	What's that Smell in the Kitchen?

Come and join us – new members are always assured of a warm welcome.

The poem below was written by one of our members!

**We** are the Waterbeach WI and we are  
**A**mazing  
**T**alented and talkative  
**E**nergetic and eager  
**R**acy yet reliable  
**B**ouncy but beautiful  
**E**loquent and erudite  
**A**dorable and admirable  
**C**harming and chatty  
**H**elpful, happy and here tonight!  
**W**onderful women  
**I**nspiring other women

# Gardening Club



The Annual Show in September was well attended and despite the unusual season the exhibitors produced a great display. The prize-winners are set out below. The Annual General Meeting in October was very well attended and after the usual review of the year and a detailed analysis of the state of the funds, Ann Bonfield and Jill Briggs were welcomed on to the Committee. The following Committee was elected: Chairman, Peter Dixon; Secretary, Ann Bonfield; Treasurer, Pat Murfitt, Programme Secretary, Jill Briggs; Ann Brown, Terry Chapman, Sylvia Lock, David Lynn, Joy Morter and Norman Setchell. The proceedings were enlivened by the Vice Chairman, David Lynn, who gave a presentation "Double Dutch"; a photographic review of two very large Dutch Gardens at the height of the Tulip flowering season- excellent photographs of massive plantings, millions of bulbs "not a hyperbolic estimate" - makes the English approach of two dozen bulbs from Sarah Raven seem a bit minimalist. The 2012 sequence of meetings ended with a masterly, beautifully illustrated account by Andrew Morris of "Floral and Botanical Art at the Fitzwilliam Museum".

The Club moved the End of Year Social into January and we held a New Year Social and Charity Draw on 17<sup>th</sup> January. Our chosen Charity for support was the local Darwin Nurseries work in helping people with learning and mental health disabilities by developing their horticultural and gardening skills. Caroline and Christine from the project joined us for a 'Bring and Share Finger- Buffet' and a glass of mulled wine. They stayed to explain how the Charity, which started at the Ida Darwin Hospital had moved to Fulbourn Hospital and was now based on five acres on the Newmarket Road. They described how the project worked and invited us to include an evening visit in our July programme to see the results of the season's activities. The Club is grateful to the donors of the handsome Raffle Prizes for the Draw and we were able to give the Charity a decent cheque.

## **Annual Show – September 2012 'Prize-winners'**

**Children's Classes:** *Bannold Supplies Cup* - Abi Temple

*Regency Gallery Cup & Waterbeach Gardening Club Cup* - Alice Champion

*A.P. Abrahams Children's Cup* – Bridget Johnson

**Adult Classes:** *Oakington Garden Centre Trophy & RHS Banksian Medal* - Tom Brown

*Shirley Howe Memorial Trophy* - 3 way tie - David Lynn, Roger Nicholls, and Ann Brown

*Jean Clarke-Kentley Rose Bowl & Lowlands Nursery Cup* - Chris Armstrong

*Waterbeach Gardening Club Salver* - Julie Purcell

*Trancore Transformers Shield & Donarbon Championship Cup* - David Lynn

*Ridgeons Trophy* - John Ison

*Hudson Windows Cup* - Dorothy Druitt

**Forthcoming events:** 21<sup>st</sup> March Mike Day - Clay Gardening

18<sup>th</sup> April Barry Gayton - Hidden Nurseries of East Anglia

16<sup>th</sup> May Richard Ford - Around the Shows

# Waterbeach Feast Photo Competition 2013

All amateur photographers who live in Waterbeach, Landbeach and Chittering are invited to submit photographs on the theme of 'Something beginning with G....' Prizes will be awarded on Feast Day to the best photograph in each group and then an overall winner. So get clicking your cameras and capture those gardens, giraffes, gerbils and gladiators. Details and entry form also available on [www.waterbeach.org](http://www.waterbeach.org)

## Conditions of Entry

1. Entries may be colour or black & white in hard copy print form, up to A5 size (no larger than 148mm x 210mm). If possible also send a copy in JPEG format to [feast@waterbeach.org](mailto:feast@waterbeach.org)
2. Entry fee is 50 pence per photograph and must be enclosed with entry.
3. A maximum of 4 entries will be accepted per person and entries will not be returned.
4. Under 18's must have their parent or guardians permission before entering the competition.
5. Where people in photographs can be clearly identified their permission to allow the image to be used in the competition must be obtained by the entrant.
6. Your entry must be entirely your own original work, and not breach any copyright.
7. Professional photographers, judges and their families are not eligible to enter.
8. Entries should be sent to 5 Spurgeons Avenue, Waterbeach, Cambridge CB25 9NU.
9. Deadline for receiving entries is 5pm on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2013.
10. By submitting your photograph to Waterbeach Community Association you agree to grant them, free of charge, the right to publish the photograph online and in all media as required.
11. Waterbeach Community Association reserves the right to disqualify any entry without notice
12. The judges decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

Name.....

Address.....

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Telephone.....Email .....

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

50 pence per entry – No. of entries enclosed.....Total enclosed £.....

Photographs must be enclosed in an envelope, together with entry fee. Please write your name, address and title of image on the rear of each print.

I certify that my entry complies with the terms and conditions above, in particular that I have permission of the people appearing in my photographs as per condition No. 5 above.

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

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



# News from Cllr. Peter Johnson

We are now seeing consultations taking place regarding house building with exhibitions in the Salvation Army and the School Hall and you can still have your say on what you would like and where. So many people have told me they want to see more houses being built in the village, but not to the extent that was first mentioned so these are positive thoughts from our village. None of us want to see our children have to move away as there are no houses for them.

I still hear from Andy Campbell at Stagecoach that the No 9 to and from Ely is not carrying as many passengers as it should do, I have explained to him that the inclement weather has not helped this situation but with better and warmer weather on the horizon (I hope) I am sure that many more will be encouraged to use the bus, remember the No 9 direct to Ely is an endangered species and we must do all we can to save it.

South Cambs have launched a Textile recycling initiative which should help to reduce the amount of textiles that get placed in the black bin and then go to landfill, but also to create an extra income for South Cambs District Council. Now this is not to reduce the amount of clothing that people donate to charity shops but sometimes we all have clothes we no longer wear, but feel it is not good enough for the charity shops so it goes in the black bin. Now for clothes like this a blue plastic bag has been delivered to houses so please put those clothes in the bag and it will be collected with the blue bin and a replacement blue bag will be left for future use. The first week of this venture 1.82 ton was collected which is remarkable considering not all villages were involved on the first week.

At last Winfold Road has been recognised by the County Council as a road that does need resurfacing, but it has to be prioritised against other work that needs doing and of course funding needs to be available. I will continue to badger the County Council to get this done as a matter of safety, plus it is many years since it was last done. Filling in pot holes can only be done for so long. It helps if residents of this road can also write in to express their concerns of the state of the road.

After many phone calls and e-mails, at last funding has been secured for better cycle parking at the station. There will be covered cycle racks and open racks being erected in the not too distant future. I am sure that cyclists who use the station will welcome this and the residents of Lodeside Caravan Park will be pleased that there will be no need for cyclists to chain their cycles to the railings alongside the park, so with a bit of luck everyone will be happy. The missing "Way Lane" sign from the junction with Pieces Lane will be

replaced as soon as one is made and also the "Rosemary Road" sign at the Burgess Road junction is to be replaced.

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.

# Waterbeach Salvation Army



The Mammoth Charity Sale 2012 raised an amazing £5300.67!

We donated the money that was raised on the Saturday (£500) to the Salvation Army's work with the Homeless in the UK and S. A. projects abroad to provide clean water for communities.

After Christmas people from other parts of the country ring me up to find out when the sale is! Putting Waterbeach on the map!

Last year I was very concerned that we wouldn't have everything out, priced and ready to sell, but thankfully many of you formed the cavalry and came to the rescue!

The Charity Sale has really become a community event, which is great and we at the Salvation Army would like to say how much we appreciate your donations of goods, but especially the time you so willingly give to help us, we couldn't do it without you! A Mammoth thank you to you all.

I would also like to say a big thank you to Miriam Day, who manned the kitchen for the week and looked after everyone so well.

We look forward to seeing you all again this year and hopefully the weather will be dry, so we can set up shop in the car park as well! The sale opens at the end of April, so hopefully we will have had the April showers!

***Mammoth Charity Sale 2013*** at 7 Station Road, Waterbeach

Open Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April to Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9am - 4pm

Late Night Wednesday 9am - 8pm

Closing Down Sale Saturday 9am - 12noon

Admission 20p. Refreshments available all day.

The hall will be open for you to bring your donations on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April from 10 to 2pm. We will have a van on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April if you need anything to be collected. Please tel. 01223 571477.

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

We look forward to seeing you, do come and browse.

# Waterbeach Community Players

Well what a year it has been for the group; awards at both Sawston and Cambridge Drama Festivals, two exciting murder related productions (Summer End and A Portrait of Murder) and a fun-filled, jam-packed pantomime (Robinson Crusoe and the Pirate Treasure) with swashbuckling pirates, a witch doctor, lots of goodies and a Dame to die for! What's even better is

all the support we have received with so many people coming to see us perform. So if you were able to come



and see us, thank you so much and we really hope you enjoyed it and if you weren't, well never mind there is always this year!

We are now hard at work again rehearsing our next productions. The first play on the horizon is our entry into the Sawston and Cambridge Drama Festivals (21 – 23 March for Sawston and 26 April for Cambridge). Our entry is called 'The Statement' written by one of our own David Morris. It is a serious piece about mother-daughter relationships and covers some quite tricky and emotional subjects. This play will not be performed at Waterbeach so if you like good drama please do come along and support us at one of the festivals. The next play in Waterbeach (performances are always at the school) is Look Who's Talking by Derek Benfield which is on 15 – 18 May 2013. This is not the stage version of the film with John Travolta, rather it is a 'verbal farce', no one takes their trousers off but it is very funny and definitely worth seeing! Finally looking ahead we have already agreed next year's pantomime which will be Puss in Boots and will be performed next January 2014 so remember to put the dates in your diaries. For more details on who we are and everything we do and to order tickets, please have a look at our website <http://www.wcponline.org.uk> or contact Julie Petrucci on 01223 880023.

# Royal British Legion



The Poppy Appeal collection for Waterbeach and Landbeach in November 2012 came to £2601.04. Although the barracks have closed this was still a magnificent collection throughout the villages. Many thanks to all who assisted and to all who donated.

The Legion spends £1.7 million pounds each week on its welfare work throughout the country.

The Legion is run by trustees on behalf of its members who pay a membership fee each year to the cost of running the Royal British Legion. We are looking for new members to support us, if you are ex-service or not we give full membership to all.

Our next social is on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April in the Beach Social Club when we have an organist "Sam's Sound" and a buffet. Cost to members is £3, non-members £5. Why not come for an enjoyable evening of entertainment and dancing. Phone Norman on 01223 474622 for tickets.

## Fen Edge Twinning Association

The next Twinning Association quiz night will be on Friday 15 March 2013 at Cottenham Village College. This will again be hosted by our excellent quiz master –Andrew Snelson.

This quiz night is for everyone – it is not just a sports quiz – it is not just pop music quiz – everyone can excel during the evening as there is always a real mixture of questions.

Supper will be included in your ticket cost and there will be the usual pay bar available. Teams can be up to 6 people and the ticket cost is £7.50 per person. Doors open at 7.30pm and the quiz starts at 8.00pm. Payment will be taken on the night. If you would like to attend please reserve your table by contacting Anna on 01954 252432 or [panda@vining.co.uk](mailto:panda@vining.co.uk).

### *Twining Association*

The Fen Edge Twinning Association is a voluntary group for everyone who lives in Cottenham, Rampton, Willingham, Landbeach and Waterbeach. We are always delighted for new people and 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. The next twinning visit will be at the end of May 2013 when we will be visiting our friends in Avrillé – so if you would like to join us in France or if you would just like to find out more about the group, please contact Anna, details above.

We look forward to seeing you at the quiz night in March!



# What are Green Burials?

Green Burials are known as Eco Burials or Woodland Burials. Green Burials are an ideal way of saying goodbye in an environment where you are not rushed. There are many options when choosing a Green Burial and there are many different locations available ranging from open fields to well managed grounds.

There are 3 in Woodland Burial sites in Cambridgeshire; Brinkley Wood on the Cambridgeshire/Suffolk border, the Arbory Trust in Barton and there is Muchwood burial ground in Ramsey.

Some Eco Burial sites are a bit out of the way. The best thing to do is to go there and see how easy it is to find, you will also be able to see what each of the sites looks like as they are all quite different.

Green Burial Sites have their own rules regarding the use of coffins; however a good rule of thumb is, if the Coffin is made from natural fibres like Bamboo or Pine then you should be ok. If you are unsure then just contact the site or an Undertaker for advice.

Most sites manage the grounds and the graves themselves; however it is worth noting that some sites just look after the grounds and the state of the Grave is down to you. There are many rules which aim to keep the Burials grounds as natural as possible. However, there is a voluntary code of practice that some sites sign up to and some do not. A list of these sites can be found on the Natural Death Centre website including a list of Funeral Directors who abide by their codes of conducts.

[www.naturaldeath.org](http://www.naturaldeath.org) [www.waterbeachfuneralservices.co.uk](http://www.waterbeachfuneralservices.co.uk)

# Beaches Community Car Scheme

The Beaches Community car scheme URGENTLY requires one or two more people to act as coordinators for a month at a time no more than twice a year. The scheme provides an invaluable service for people who have no other means of getting to things such as surgery and hospital appointments and shopping trips. It is run entirely by volunteers with some financial support from Cambridgeshire County Council.

The coordinator takes bookings and finds drivers from the volunteer team. All telephone expenses are refunded. The coordinators are not expected to do any driving but it helps if they have access to a computer and can use a simple spreadsheet.

If you think you could help with this very important service please ring 07807 875878

# Custard Comedy Club

Comedy lovers are in for a real treat in 2013 as we welcome some fantastic acts from the circuit to perform in Cottenham. The Atrium at Cottenham Sixth Form Centre hosts a monthly club by Custard Comedy (who have been nominated for a comedy award by TV Channel Dave). The night which launched in September is growing in popularity and if you haven't been yet it's well worth a visit. We run a strictly over 18s policy and a licensed bar stocking wines, ales and some specialty beers. Each night you can expect a fantastic headliner, two support acts and a compere to keep you on track. Custard Comedy dates for the Spring Season are Friday 22 February, Friday 22 March, Friday 26 April and Friday 24 May. We have some side-splittingly funny acts including Mark Rough with his massive gags per minute ratio which has gained him a cult following. We also welcome the roguish and bearlike Nick Page who offers a host of barely believable stories about life, love and brushes with the law. Described by Rhod Gilbert as "the very best story teller on the comedy circuit" Nick Page is not to be missed. Next on the bill is a favourite at London's renowned Comedy Store, the irreverent, brilliant and smooth like fine jazz Pete Johansson. Also gracing our stage is one of Canada's most outspoken and hilarious women who is currently taking the UK by storm - Dana Alexander.

For more information about dates and line up visit [www.custardcomedy.co.uk](http://www.custardcomedy.co.uk) or contact 07889 176050.

Tickets £10 in advance or £12 on the door. Doors open 7.45pm. Tickets available from CVC reception during school hours or online by searching "Cottenham" on [www.wegottickets.com](http://www.wegottickets.com)

## Hedgehogs

Last autumn I acquired a three legged hedgehog who gave birth to six babies. I already had two other sick hedgehogs so now have nine.

This spring I will be looking for place to release them into the wild. It needs to be a large garden with bushes and cover, not too tidy and with access to similar gardens. Ponds must have a slope to climb out of and there must be no badgers and not near a busy road.

The hedgehog will need to be 'soft' released, that is for food to be left out for two weeks (I will supply this) and for water to be always available.

If you think you have a suitable location please contact Sue on 01223 862608.



# Community Navigators



Local charity Care Network Cambridgeshire is looking for local people to help older people find their way to activities and services which they would enjoy or find useful.

There are lots of good groups, services, and support available in Cambridgeshire but not everyone knows what is out there or how to access it. We want all older people in Cambridgeshire to have someone in their community who they can turn to for information.

The type of information being given could be pointing people in the direction of a club or activity group, helping them access local transport like a community car scheme, or they may need information on benefits, modifications to their home, or help at home with the things they find difficult. Whatever the query we want all older people to have a 'Community Navigator' local to them who can help them find what they want.

By helping people find what they want, at the time when they need it, you can help older people avoid isolation and loneliness and remain active and independent for longer.

We will provide free training and on-going support to help you build up the skills, knowledge, and confidence to carry out the role. Plus your local co-ordinator will always be on hand to answer any questions you may have.

Being a Community Navigator only takes a few hours a month, and compliments any involvement you may already have in your community. It's an opportunity to be part of something that can make a real difference to people's lives, and it should be interesting and fun too!

Whether you are already active in your community, or you would be willing to learn, we want to hear from you. Contact your local co-ordinator Rob Wallace for more information.

Call: 01954 211919 or Email: [Rob.W@care-network.org.uk](mailto:Rob.W@care-network.org.uk)



*'There's no way I'd keep up if I still smoked'*

**CAMQUIT** can help you quit smoking for good.

Camquit is our local stop smoking support service who are a team of professional advisors who understand that quitting smoking is different for everyone. They can arrange Nicotine Replacement therapies at prescription only cost and for those who don't pay prescriptions these are free. Camquit is open extended hours, including weekends and have clinics available right across the county!

**Call 0800 018 4304 or visit [www.camquit.nhs.uk](http://www.camquit.nhs.uk)**

# Advice from Trading Standards

## *What can you do when retailers face financial difficulty?*

With recent news of well-known high street retailers facing financial difficulty, you may be wondering what to do if goods you have paid for are not delivered or they are faulty and the company goes into administration.

Trading Standards have put together the following advice to help you to protect your money:

- *Credit card purchases*

When buying goods or services with a cash price of more than £100 but less than £30,000, it is advisable to pay for at least part of them with a credit card. That way, if the retailer is unable to deliver the goods or there is a fault with them, the card provider will be liable for the goods too.

- *Debit card purchases*

If you pay by debit card, the provider (bank) or Visa/Mastercard terms may help with any claims you may have. However, unlike a credit card, this differs between providers so you should be clear about what assistance you will get for non-delivery or faulty goods. The card agreement will state any terms you need to meet for claims - such as timescales for reporting a breach of contract by the retailer and any evidence you must provide. If you meet the terms for making a claim but are unhappy with the card provider's response you should follow their own complaints procedure.

For both credit and debit card purchases, if you remain dissatisfied with the card provider's response you can raise the matter with the Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS) [www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk](http://www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk) who will decide if the complaint was valid and award damages if applicable.

- *Buying by PayPal*

The same procedure for claims for debit card payments also applies to PayPal payments as, although PayPal aren't a bank, they are signed up to the FOS. Other money transfer services have similar terms to PayPal but may not be signed up to the FOS for dispute resolution. You are therefore advised to check their terms.

- *Cash or cheque*

If buying goods by cash or cheque then unfortunately this is a case of 'buyer beware'.

Another common concern for consumers is the validity of gift cards or vouchers for a company that has entered administration. Unfortunately these are accepted only at the discretion of the administrators. There is no express right to use them - even though they are effectively cash. If you require any further advice or information about any of the matters in this article please contact our partner, Citizens Advice Consumer Service, on 08454 040506. For business advice and support contact 0345 0455206.



# Waterbeach Feast Parade Entry 2013

The theme for this year's Feast is 'Something beginning with G....' If you would like to join in the parade please complete and return the form below by 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2013 to register your entry. The parade is open to floats, walking groups and individuals and there is **no** entry fee. There are 4 categories and the best in each category will be awarded with a trophy.

Infant

Junior

Adult

Friends and Family

## Please note

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

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



Please complete and return to 5 Spurgeons Avenue, Waterbeach, Cambridge CB25 9NU by 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2013 to register your entry.

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

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

Organisation/Group Name.....

Name of entry.....

Contact name.....

Address.....

Phone .....Email.....

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

Number of people taking part.....

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

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

# Waterbeach Charities (Reg Nos:201528 & 201529)

## APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEE

We are looking to fill a vacancy for a Trustee and outline below some information about the charities and the personal specification of the type of applicant we are seeking.

### About the charities:

**Waterbeach United Charities** - In October 1914 the Henry Smith Charity and the Waterbeach Non-Ecclesiastical Charity were put together under a scheme called the Waterbeach United Charities. In March 1998 a new scheme was approved by the Charity Commissioner, the income of which is distributed in the form of grants to those in need or distress in the parish. The new scheme also allows the Trustees to also make grants to groups subject to certain conditions. Income now comes from the Waterbeach Charity which a wholly separate charity formed under a scheme dated July 1983 and the Henry Smith Charity.

**Waterbeach Turbary Charity** - The object of this charity was the provision of fuel to poor inhabitants in the form of peat. This was later taken over by the giving of coal and now monetary grants are made each year to assist with heating bills.

### **Personal Specification**

Interested persons should be aged over 18 years and have been a resident of the Parish of Waterbeach for at least 2 years. Knowledge of the villages of Chittering and Waterbeach and the people of these villages would be advantageous.

You will need to be available to attend at least six formal meetings per year, usually on a Monday evening (or other evening if required). You must satisfy the Trustees that you will be able to commit sufficient time to your duties as we are a small committee and if you regularly absent yourself from the meetings this could be very detrimental to the working of the charity.

You should be interested in people of all ages and their welfare and if appointed you may be called upon to visit potential beneficiaries in their own home.

The position of trustee is voluntary and unpaid – but the work is important. You can help those in your community when they need it most.

If you are interested, but have further questions; contact the Chairman, Mrs Pam Gooding, on 01223 861003 who will be pleased to answer your questions. If you wish to be considered as Trustee, please write in including any supporting information to:

The Chairman, Waterbeach United and Waterbeach Turbary Charity  
36 Way Lane, Waterbeach

Closing date for applications: 31 March 2013

# COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

1 <sup>ST</sup> WATERBEACH BROWNIES	Rowena Small - 01223 570850
1 <sup>ST</sup> WATERBEACH GUIDES	Holli Bielby 01223 528383
1 <sup>ST</sup> WATERBEACH RAINBOWS	Caroline Rutherford - 01223 575409
32 <sup>ND</sup> CAMBRIDGE (WATERBEACH) SCOUT GROUP	William Moon - 01223 440259
BEACH BOWLS CLUB	Tony Reuben - 01223 861001
BURGESS DROVE ALLOTTMENT ASSOCIATION	Raith Overhill - 01223 863383
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION CHAIRPERSON	Jacqui Rabbett - 01223 860993
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION SECRETARY	Pam Clack - 01223 476601
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION TREASURER	01223 860993
HAPPY FOLKS CLUB	Mrs A Coxall - 07767 072169
ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - WATERBEACH & LANDBEACH	Norman Foster - 01223 474622
THE WAY PROJECT	Julie Wentworth - 01223 861668
WASPS (WATERBEACH AFTER SCHOOL PLAY SCHEME)	Zoe Palmer/Wayne Badcock - 01223 861140
WATERBEACH & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB	Peter Dixon - 01223 860280
WATERBEACH ANGLING CLUB	Colin Brett – 01954 200956
WATERBEACH BAPTIST CHAPEL	Martin Ensell - 01223 862494
WATERBEACH BRASS	David Pell - 01223 860396
WATERBEACH COLTS F.C.	Bernadette Sowden-Fletcher - 01223 566687
WATERBEACH COMMUNITY PLAYERS	Julie Petrucci - 01223 880023
WATERBEACH COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP	Jacqui Woods - 07902 291424
WATERBEACH DAY CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY	William Bullivant - 01223 862506
WATERBEACH FORWARD	Grahame Nix - 01223 510862
WATERBEACH INDEPENDENT LENDING LIBRARY (WILL)	Maggie Crane - 01223 440560
WATERBEACH PARISH COUNCIL	Jane Horsnell - 01223 441338

WATERBEACH SALVATION ARMY	Wendy Brown - 01223 506217
WATERBEACH SCHOOL P.T.A	Elly Ruston – 01223 502509
WATERBEACH TODDLER PLAYGROUP	Wayne Badcock - 07808 357729
WATERBEACH VILLAGE SOCIETY	Ray Rice - 01223 860663
WATERBEACH WI	Sheila Lynn - 01223 860948
WATERBEACH WIVES GROUP	Sheila Gill - 01223 861999

**Other useful numbers:**

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