

**WATERBEACH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

# Beach News

---

**WATERBEACH - LANDBEACH - CHITTERING**

---

*Spring 2015*  
*No.242*



# BEACH NEWS

Journal of Waterbeach Community Association  
[www.waterbeach.org](http://www.waterbeach.org)

'Beach News' is edited and distributed entirely by non-professional volunteers and is delivered free to residents of Waterbeach, Landbeach and Chittering four times a year.

The Association welcomes contributions on subjects of local interest but reserves the right to edit or omit articles without notice at their discretion.

Views expressed are not necessarily those of the Association and advertisements published in 'Beach News' are subject to individual agreements between advertisers and readers and the Association cannot be held responsible for the quality of goods or services supplied.

Articles for inclusion in 'Beach News' should be emailed to  
**[beachnews@waterbeach.org](mailto:beachnews@waterbeach.org)**

Please refer any problems with advertisers to  
Jacqui Rabbett 01223 860993.

The nature of production makes publication dates uncertain but editions should appear as follows:

No.243 (Summer) 16<sup>th</sup> May 2015 – copy by 24<sup>th</sup> April 2015  
No. 244 (Autumn) 19<sup>th</sup> September 2015 – copy by 28<sup>th</sup> August 2015

*Whilst every effort will be made to adhere to this schedule unforeseen circumstances may delay or restrict publication or delivery and no responsibility can be accepted for late or non-appearance.*

## WHERE TO SEND YOUR ARTICLE

If you would like information on your group to be published in Beach News, or have some interesting news to share, write an article and send it along. Email it to **[beachnews@waterbeach.org](mailto:beachnews@waterbeach.org)** or send it to 5 Spurgeons Ave, Waterbeach, Cambridge CB25 9NU.

If you have posters detailing one off local events that you would like put up in the Associations notice boards at Waterbeach Green, Post Office and School entrances on High Street and Way Lane, please post four copies to 5 Spurgeons Avenue, Waterbeach, Cambridge CB25 9NU (Maximum size poster A4 in portrait format)



## Contents

|                                  |    |                                   |    |
|----------------------------------|----|-----------------------------------|----|
| Community Association            | 3  | Royal British Legion              | 21 |
| Library News                     | 5  | Gardening Club                    | 21 |
| Message from Cllr. James Hockney | 6  | Waterbeach Brass                  | 22 |
| Toddler Playgroup                | 9  | Healthwatch                       | 22 |
| Beach Social Club                | 10 | Waterbeach WI                     | 23 |
| Happy Folks Club                 | 11 | Waterbeach Day Centre             | 23 |
| Waterbeach Wives                 | 11 | Beaches Community Car Scheme      | 24 |
| County Councillor's Report       | 12 | Special Constables - we need you! | 25 |
| Waterbeach School PTA            | 13 | Waterbeach United Charities       | 25 |
| WASPS                            | 14 | Waterbeach Angling Club           | 26 |
| Farmland Museum & Denny Abbey    | 15 | Fen Edge Family Festival 2015     | 27 |
| Waterbeach Scouts                | 16 | Cottenham Village College         | 28 |
| Jazzercise                       | 16 | Fire and Rescue Service           | 28 |
| News from Cllr. Peter Johnson    | 17 | Charity Motorcycle Event          | 29 |
| Waterbeach Cricket Club          | 19 | Carers Support Team               | 30 |
| Yesteryear Road Run              | 20 | Choose Well                       | 30 |

# Community Association



## ***Christmas 2014***

'Carols on the Green' on Christmas Eve is always a popular way to start the Christmas festivities and this was proved by the large amount of people who



attended. From tiny babies, toddlers and some very excited children with their families, to those not quite so young, they all came to join in with the singing. Thank you to all those who helped make the event possible, before, during and after.

The charity collection on the night raised £763.50 for local clubs and groups. Thank you for your support.

Our thanks also go to Norman

Setchell who raised £96.50 from a jazz evening he organised back in October and he has kindly donated it to the funds.

Applications for donations are now welcomed from both existing and new groups in the community area, e.g. for a specific project or set up costs. All applications giving full details of exactly how the money would be used, to be sent in writing to The Chairperson, Jacqui Rabbett, 9 Providence Way, Waterbeach, Cambridge CB25 9QH.

## Feast - 6<sup>th</sup> June 2015

The Feast has been saved! The community spirit is alive and thriving, and it's thanks to you that it has been possible. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help organise and support the Feast this year!!



You can still volunteer and any offers of help would be very much appreciated, especially assistance with clearing up after the day. Please contact Jacqui Rabbett at [feast@waterbeach.org](mailto:feast@waterbeach.org) or 01223 860993.

Already the ring events are being booked including a band and

entertainers. Raffle prizes are being sourced and man power gathered together.

Following the theme of previous years, we are going to continue with the letters of the alphabet and therefore this year the theme will be 'Something beginning with I.....' It's time now to get your thinking caps on and come up with some exciting ideas to decorate your



stalls  
and  
floats.



We're hoping to see many floats, walking groups and individuals to make a spectacular and colourful parade. The parade is free to enter and is open to groups, clubs, families and individuals, just dress up and join in the fun. You can find all the forms needed to join in the activities on our website [www.waterbeach.org](http://www.waterbeach.org)

Thank you once again to everyone who has pulled together to save the Feast and make the day a success.

I am incredibly grateful. It wouldn't go ahead without you!

*Photos from Feast 2014*



# Library News



Waterbeach Independent Lending Library is continuing to grow with many new members joining over the past six months. We now have an Outreach Service for Waterbeach

Toddler Playgroup and Little Stars Nursery operating on a three weekly basis. We understand the children from the WTP will be making another visit when the weather improves as they enjoyed their last visit enormously, but in the meantime they are enjoying a selection of titles in addition to their own books. We also welcome the children from the Community Playgroup who visit, with their teachers, on a regular basis to choose their own books from a very early age. We no longer have the school class visiting on a Friday as the school is now utilising their own library.

The Library will be organising a raffle during February with the main prize being a remote control dinosaur which we hope will be popular with both boys and girls, and probably parents - having bought one for my granddaughter I can say he is rather fun, if a bit noisy! The winning ticket will be drawn by a child visiting the Library at the beginning of March, so pop into the Library to buy your tickets at 50p per ticket. The prize has been donated therefore all monies will be used to purchase new books.

Councillor Alan Shipp has very kindly agreed to allow the Library to place a book trolley for the duration of his Hyacinth Weekend, for which we thank him; we always appreciate local business support. The date for this will be advertised nearer the time as it is always dependent on the weather - as nature cannot be rushed. We will also be holding World Book Night in April where we welcome the community to the Library to collect a new free book, and partake of some wine, snacks and cake, so we hope you will join us. This year there is also the opportunity for those visiting to bring a new book they have read and swop it for one they have not if they wish. Dates for all events will be posted on the Library Facebook page by Darren our Facebook Whizz Kid.

At this time we are seeking a volunteer who could staff a session at the Library once every four weeks on a Saturday morning - 10am -12noon, also a volunteer for the Monday morning session from 10am - 12noon every four weeks, or more often if they wish. If you are interested please just pop into the Library and chat with any of the volunteers who can provide some background information. The Library is organised on a consensus model with every volunteer consulted as regards operating decisions. We are a friendly bunch, so if you enjoy books, like meeting people and have a couple of hours to spare in a month, fortnightly or even weekly, just pop in and have a chat. Thank you for your support and we hope to see you at Waterbeach Library

in the near future.

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 – 12 noon 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 9 Mar, 13 Apr, 11 May, 8 Jun. 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.

## Message from Cllr. James Hockney

### ***Protecting Our Village Identity - 'No New Town' Campaign***

We have now reached a crucial stage in the fight against the town; with the Local Plan Independent Inspector Hearings. These hearings will be our chance to put our case against the town. I am working with fellow no new town campaigners to ensure we together put forward the community view.

I have now been fighting the proposed town for most of my adult life, over the last 15 years. Whilst we are in a tough fight with many interests pushing for the town – I still do not believe anything is inevitable. Especially as we have fought of the town concept on three previous occasions.

Neither mine nor your opposition has wavered. The survey last year was categorical with over 97% of local residents opposing the town.

I have stood up for our community consistently and firmly at South Cambridgeshire District Council. This includes the main Local Plan meeting when I spoke robustly and firmly against the town concept and voted NO to the Local Plan.

Thank you to everyone that has 'liked' and visited the Facebook campaign page that I founded. We now have a record 800 'likes' on the page [www.facebook.com/waterbeachbarracksnonewtown](http://www.facebook.com/waterbeachbarracksnonewtown).

This has been a long fight for our community over the years. We must press on and ensure the town is rejected for a fourth time.

### ***Improving School Road Safety - 'Action for School Road Safety' Campaign***

The 'Action for School Road Safety' petition campaign has been launched after countless parents of primary and secondary school children contacted me to raise their serious concerns.

The aim of the petition campaign is to hold the County Council to account and get results. As your District Councillor I am taking on these County issues in addition to my District related workload for the good of the community.

The campaign has four key aims; (1) Recruit a Primary School crossing person and put in place an actual crossing. (2) Add the Primary School to a safer routes to school scheme. (3) Return the Secondary School bus route (Landbeach to Cottenham) to the priority gritting route list. (4) Ensure parents concerns about the quality/standard of County Secondary School buses are addressed.

The online petition can be found on my website [www.jameshockney.com](http://www.jameshockney.com) and the paper version in local shops.

### ***Improving Pedestrian Road Safety - Progress at last for Chapel Street safety***

It has been a long journey in campaigning for safety improvements along Chapel Street in Waterbeach. As you know I have pressed for action on this for many years due to the significant concerns of residents. This includes running the 'Pedestrian Crossing' campaign which directly compelled the Highways Department to work directly with the Parish Council and community. There were two sets of plans drawn up number of years ago but with funding challenges and differing views meant a long delay.

Thankfully the Parish Council has put aside enough money to fund a scheme and the County Council are putting in partial funding of £5,000.

Although there will be a few hurdles to clear. The scheme will need to be designed and passed by the Highways road safety experts. In addition it will need to go to public consultation.

So welcome progress, but still a few more steps before we realise the long awaited improvements. When this does happen it will be thanks to the persistent efforts of many and the people power of petitions.

### ***Preserving Our History - Fighting to save Landbeach Tithe Barn***

Tithe Barns are now very rare. In Cambridgeshire, the last remaining one is in Landbeach. This wonderful historic building dates back to the Tudor times (estimated to have been built in 1527). It is also the only one in the UK with its original floor in place.

Currently the Tithe Barn is in need of repair, with re-thatching and restoration work required. Costs are estimated to be in the region of £50-100k.

The building is owned by South Cambridgeshire District Council who requires the community to step up and meet this challenge. Otherwise they

will sell this building for conversion – and so losing the last Tithe Barn in the County.

With this in mind, I have been tasked with setting up a trust. Already we have an active working group doing a substantial amount of work and I am happy to do my bit by acting as Chairman. When we secure the lease to the building, the working group will become a trust and we can get to work on raising all the funds needed to restore this unique building.

There is now also a Friends of Landbeach Tithe Barn' Facebook page [www.facebook.com/FriendsofLandbeachTitheBarn](http://www.facebook.com/FriendsofLandbeachTitheBarn).

With the Tithe Barn approaching its 500th anniversary next decade. But we must work now to save this building for future generations. If you are interested in helping save this building then please do let me know.

### ***Supporting The Local Economy - 'Shop Local, Trade Local' campaign***

The 'Shop Local' scheme has come a long way in recent years. I launched the scheme originally in response to the barracks closure to help the local economy.

A key step was the 'Shop Local' business summit that was held in the Council Chamber at South Cambridgeshire District Council. Two key actions arose; (1) The District Council made Waterbeach a pilot for their new rural economic strategy. (2) Business group meetings started to take place in the Beach Social Club.

Recently the District Council and business group held a seminar at the Beach Social Club to look at ways to further progress the 'Shop Local' scheme. From this the business group plan to launch (and become) the Waterbeach Business Association. There is a small working group that I am part of that is working on making this happen.

Thank you to everyone who is supporting our local businesses and shops. We have a Facebook page [www.facebook.com/shoptradelocalwaterbeach](http://www.facebook.com/shoptradelocalwaterbeach). If you run a shop or local business please do feel welcome to post of the page. We have as many as a 1,000 people a week viewing the page.

If you are interested in getting involved then please let me know.

I am here to help so please feel free to contact me;

Telephone: 01223-441289 Mobile: 07958-389713 E-Mail: [j\\_hockney@btinternet.com](mailto:j_hockney@btinternet.com)

Facebook: Cllr James Hockney Web: [www.jameshockney.com](http://www.jameshockney.com) Twitter: @CllrJHockney



***Spring Sale***  
***In aid of Huntington's Disease Association***  
***Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 10am***  
***St. John's Church Room***  
***Entrance 20p***  
***Waterbeach Wives Group Tel: 01223 861999 or 01223 570727***





# Toddler Playgroup



This term has seen us following the theme of 'Healthy Eating and Growing'. The children have been busy creating a food pyramid and learning about which foods are good for us and why. We have also been creating healthy dinner plates and growing our very own cress caterpillars and grass hair people and creatures. This week has seen us learning about and having fun making our own salads and pizzas.

The Committee continue to be kept busy raising funds for the Playgroup. On Saturday 14 March between 9 and 12 we will be running a Mother's Day Stall outside the village Post Office selling flowers and homemade cakes. This will be an ideal place to buy those last minute gifts and treats for your Mothers and Grandmas.



On Thursday 5 March we have our annual Auction of Promises in The White Horse Pub with bidding starting at 8pm. This will once again feature celebrity and professional auctioneer David Palmer from Bargain Hunt and Cash in the Attic. The Auction will feature a large range of lots including meals out and money off vouchers for local restaurants and businesses, passes for various soft play venues, and the opportunity to go bird watching. All of these have been kindly donated by businesses, organisations and individuals in and around the village. All of the proceeds from the Auction will go directly towards playgroup activities, facilities and resources, so your support in joining us and maybe even bidding would be greatly appreciated. We hope to see you there.

Now might also be a good time to start having a sort out or having a think about that summer wardrobe for your children as we have our Nearly New Sale and Cake Stall taking place on Saturday 18 April in the Salvation Army Hall.

Waterbeach Toddler Playgroup has been running in the village for over 20 years and, for those that don't know, is located on Burgess Road. We are a small playgroup with an excellent adult to child ratio and we welcome children aged from 2 ½ to 4 years of age (pre-school year) through 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 (9-11.30m). On Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings we hold mixed sessions which are open to all of the age groups with an opportunity to stay for lunch.

If you wish to find out more about the playgroup then 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 more than happy to talk to you.

## Beach Social Club

I hope you all had a good festive season and have now recovered from it. We have had a good range of entertainment with the Xmas Eve and New Year's discos. Plus the kids Xmas party and the over 60's party which was a great success.

The Christmas Draw with 'Elvis' was a packed house and there were about 40 prizes.

Bingo, sessions are held every Monday evening from 7-9 and the prizes are all cash, with a Jackpot Flyer. Everyone is welcome to join us for these sessions provided they are 18+

### ***Future entertainment:***

*March 2<sup>nd</sup>* Dave Cass Sunday Sessions 2-5pm

*March 7<sup>th</sup>* March of the Mods charity fundraiser for Teenage Cancer Trust. This is a private function but tickets are on sale at the Club now and at [www.marchofthemods.com](http://www.marchofthemods.com)

*March 21<sup>st</sup>* Irish Ceilidh and dancers

*March 28<sup>th</sup>* Jacen Unplugged: Rock 'n' Roll, Country, Blues

*April 4<sup>th</sup>* Vibe FM Dance Anthems

*April 25<sup>th</sup>* The Fedz 60's Soul Band

*May 9<sup>th</sup>* ABBA Queens tribute act

'Open Mic' night continues every few months and local performers, bands, musicians and singers can come along and perform; in fact anyone who would like to come along and take part is welcome.

We had two very enjoyable evenings in the Lounge with the 'U's on the large screen TV. They gave a great performance but Man U won. Live football is on screen regularly.

Our Club charities this year, until October are Gt. Ormond St. Hospital and Arthur Rank Hospice.

New members are always welcome. Call in to collect an application form and enjoy low cost drinks in comfortable surroundings.

There is a garden at the rear of the club, which is open until 9-30.

We also have two Football teams/Snooker/Darts and Crib teams.

The lounge/dance areas are available to hire for parties/meetings etc.

Details for all events are available at the Club on 01223 860033 and at: [www.BeachSocialClub.com](http://www.BeachSocialClub.com)

*Geoff Donovan* Chairman

# Happy Folks Club

As 2014 drew to a close, the club enjoyed their annual carol singing, this was conducted by Pastor Martin Ensell, accompanied by his wife Angela and daughter Olivia. This was followed by the members enjoying their Christmas cake, made by June Meggitt's daughter, Alison. When the New Year began, the members were taken by coach to the Five Miles From Anywhere pub. They had a Christmas dinner to end all Christmas dinners!! So now we look forward to our outings in 2015, as yet we are still arranging them. Among the suggested trips are Windsor, Gt. Yarmouth, Skegness, also a canal or river cruise!! Roll on springtime and let's get out and about again. If you wish to join the club, we meet on Friday afternoons at the Beach Club between 2pm and 4pm.

## Waterbeach Wives

*March 4<sup>th</sup>* - Fun evening of glass painting with Marion Kilby. Please bring as many small fancy shape jars as possible.

*Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup>* - Spring Sale in aid of The Huntington's Disease Association at St. John's Church Room from 10.00am.

*March 18<sup>th</sup>* - AGM and social evening

*April 1<sup>st</sup>* - Easter flower arranging

*April 15<sup>th</sup>* - Claire Putterrill from Inheritance Legal Services Ltd. A talk entitled "How to protect your home from long term care home fees".

Non-members very welcome to attend. All Wednesday meetings begin at 7.30pm and are held in St John's Church Room, Waterbeach

For more information call 01223 861999 or 01223 570727

## Waterbeach Yard Sales

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2015**

**from 10am to 4pm**

**Maps and refreshments available at  
St John's Church Room, Waterbeach**

**£5.00 a pitch**

**For more information contact Jan on 01223 512903**





# County Councillor's Report

At the time of writing this article (early February) two issues of concern are the gritting of the road between Landbeach and Cottenham when it is frosty, and the smell from Amey Cespa's waste recycling and disposal site on the Ely Road.

A lot of the concern about gritting on the Cottenham road is due to the fact that this is the route to Cottenham Village College and there are concerns about the safety of the children who use the school buses.

Winter gritting is the responsibility of the county council. There has been a lot of discussion about changes to gritting routes as the county council works harder and harder to find savings in expenditure – but there has been no change to the routes this year, and none are proposed for next year.

Despite the fact that Cambridgeshire does grit a higher percentage of its roads than many other counties (about 45%), the road to Cottenham does not meet the council's criteria for Primary gritting routes – those that are gritted whenever freezing conditions are forecast. It is included in the Secondary list, so it is gritted when five or more days of frost are forecast.

There is a proposal that parish councils might contribute in future years to the cost of additional gritting to improve safety, but questions have been asked about whether they have the authority to do so. Legal experts are being consulted to clarify the answer to that question.

I imagine that by the time you read this we will all be looking forward to warmer days and that the worst of the winter will be over, but we do need to have a clear view of what changes, if any, are to be made for future years.

The other issue is the smell from Amey Cespa which has been quite apparent in Waterbeach village recently, and more regularly at Chittering. We are told that the processes that are used at the recycling plant, and at the landfill, should be virtually odourless; and it is completely unreasonable that we should have to endure these smells.

Milton village has been quite active in keeping on top of disturbing smells and have set up a "ponglog" to keep track of problems – and their log does include the Amey Cespa site so it would be well worth following the information they have at <http://www.milton.org.uk/pong.html>

The basic thing to remember is that if you are troubled with smells you should report it to the Environment Agency on 0800 80 70 60. The call is free. This enables them to monitor the situation and to take action to require the site operator to take action to reduce the offending smell.

*Maurice Leeke*

# Waterbeach School PTA



The PTA had a very busy autumn term raising money for the school's ICT fund and putting on events and fund-raisers that yielded a spectacular £5027.13. The Winter Fair alone raised £3370.09!



Special thanks to Zyme Communications for match funding the Winter Fair BBQ and to all those who donated raffle prizes and supported the fair in so many ways. We'd also like to congratulate Francine Dasseville for raising £918.50 for the computer suite through the sales of her hand-made Christmas treats. Finally, thanks to Caroline Ward for preparing grant applications for

computing resources on behalf of the PTA - here's hoping for a windfall!

The school would like to remind everyone to drive safely and slowly in the village, especially around the school. If you're interested in becoming a school crossing patrol officer (lollipop lady or man), please contact Andy Swallowe on 01223 699959. Thank you!

## ***Upcoming dates for your diary***

***Second-hand clothing collection*** - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March, 8am- 1pm. Please consider donating your unwanted second-hand clothing, bed linens, shoes, curtains and accessories to help raise money for the school. Bags may be dropped off at the school throughout the morning and up until 1pm.

***Staff Walk to Ely*** - Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April. The staff are venturing out to try to collect more funds for computing in the school. Please consider sponsoring them on their team walk to Ely. Contact the school office to find out how - ring 01223 718988, email [office@waterbeach.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@waterbeach.cambs.sch.uk) or simply drop in. There will be more details soon on our new web site!

[www.waterbeachschool.org.uk](http://www.waterbeachschool.org.uk)

## ***Other ways you can help support your local school***

***Foreign coins collection*** - Have you been abroad on holiday? The PTA can earn money for the school from your unwanted foreign coins and notes. Please leave donations in our 'Coins for Computers' jar in the school office.

***Register with EasyFundRaising.org.uk*** - Register TODAY and start shopping with [www.easypundraising.org.uk/waterbeachsch](http://www.easypundraising.org.uk/waterbeachsch). Each time you shop on-line with over 2,700 of the UK's best retailers your purchase will earn a donation for the school at no extra cost to you.

Check out our Facebook page for information about our upcoming fund raisers, events and activities. Find us on Facebook - search for Waterbeach School PTA - or email us on [waterbeachpta@gmail.com](mailto:waterbeachpta@gmail.com)

# WASPS



Everybody at WASPS (Waterbeach After School Play Scheme) are already well into the New Year and busier than ever. Our children enjoyed the Christmas activities during the Winter Holiday Club including making decorations and reindeer food, lots of baking and a party. By the time you read this article we will have opened for the February Half-Term Holiday Club with more fun activities such as pancake making, fabric painting, outdoor activities, gardening and pizza baking.

**Ofsted inspection** - At the end of October 2014 we had our Ofsted inspection and are very pleased to have maintained our "Good" rating. This reflects all the hard work that our coordinators, staff, and management committee put into maintaining our high standards of childcare. The report is available to read through the Ofsted website.

**WASPS Children's Committee** - Before Christmas some of the children enjoyed making 'vote for me' posters and putting themselves forward to be representatives on the WASPS Children's Committee. The children all voted and the Committee was formed; already the children have held a few meetings and have lots of new ideas of what they would like to achieve. This has created much excitement in the club and has really given the children a greater voice to have more of a say in their club. The children are planning some fundraising projects this year, ambitiously starting with organising a Pantomime to perform to the parents/carers during a WASPS session. We look forward to providing further news from our Children's Committee in future editions of *the Beach News*.

**Other fundraising** - We held a successful Pampered Chef fundraising event in November 2014. Thank you to everybody who attended and contributed. Other fundraising events will be organised through the year to fund resources and further improvements to our outdoors play structure.

**Holiday Club** - We are currently making plans for the Easter Holiday Club and plan to be open: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March to Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April, and Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April. As usual the Holiday Club runs from 8am – 6pm for a full day, but we are continuing to offer more flexible bookings for our half days and 2 hour slots.

Remember, you do not have to use our clubs during term time to use our Holiday Club.

**Breakfast Club** runs from 7:45am – 8:50am and **After School Club** runs until 6pm on all school days. Our breakfast and after-school clubs are quite busy with only a few places available. Please inquire with a coordinator to book a place.

For more information, please visit our website: [www.waterbeach-wasps.org.uk](http://www.waterbeach-wasps.org.uk) or telephone 01223 861140 during opening hours. Outside of opening times, please leave a message and a member of the team will return your call when convenient. The planned dates for May Half Term and Summer Holiday Clubs are also available on our website.



# Farmland Museum & Denny Abbey

The Farmland Museum and Denny Abbey are a unique local resource. The Abbey is owned by English Heritage and was home to three religious orders before becoming a farm house after the Dissolution of the monasteries. It shares a site with the Farmland Museum, a local independent museum which tells the story of agriculture and a way of life which is fast vanishing as more and more of the region is being covered by new building. If you didn't visit last year then I hope that you will go and find it this year. If you did visit then I hope that you will return. Many years ago there was a track from the village leading to the Abbey but sadly today it can only be reached via the A10. It is a lovely place to go to. Once there, it is hard to believe that the A10 is only 30 seconds drive away as it is very peaceful and open. There is a small play area which is greatly enjoyed by the children as is the model cow, the milking of which provides great fun and enjoyment and there are lots of other small interactive activities scattered round the site.

The new season opens on April 1<sup>st</sup> and there will be special Easter fun days on Easter Sunday and Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. There are children's activity afternoons on Wednesdays and Thursdays during half terms and school holidays and lots of other events throughout the season. See the Events section of the website <http://www.dennyfarmlandmuseum.org.uk/> for the draft programme for the year. The website also has lots more information about the Museum and the Abbey.

Once again the Museum is offering Local Resident Season tickets at a reduced price to residents of Waterbeach and Landbeach. Local Resident Season Ticket holders may visit the Museum and Abbey as many times as they want including on special event days and get 10% off café purchases when the Local Resident Season Ticker is shown.

Adult £8.00

Child (5-17) £5.00 Children under 5 free

Concession £7.00 \* \* [Over 60s, those receiving Jobseekers Allowance, Employment Support Allowance, Employment Support Allowance or Income Support and Registered Disabled (carer free)]

Family £17.00 \* \* 2 adults and 3 children (aged 5-17) or 1 adult and 4 children. The ticket is valid provided that at least one member of the visiting group lives at the address to which the card was issued.

Application forms for both resident and non-resident season tickets can be found on the website and will be available at the Museum from April 1<sup>st</sup>. You will need to show proof of residence such as a Council Tax Bill when you bring your application form.

# Waterbeach Scouts



Firstly we would like to give a big thank you on behalf of the



Waterbeach Scout and Guide groups to the Beach Social Club for nominating us as their Charity of the year 2014, and all those who helped raise a fantastic £1700.00 for the upkeep of our headquarters.

The next 'Thank you' is to all of you who supported us when Santa came to visit your street. We are in the process of handing over a cheque to the Friends of the Princess Wales Hospital, Ely.

Unfortunately after more than ten years we will not be holding

a May Fun Sports Day this year due to the decline in families taking part over the past couple of years.

## Jazzercise

Wow! Life is too busy for boring workouts, so we have.....Body-blasting music mixes with 60 minutes of sweating, smiling and laughing, through Pilates, Yoga and kickboxing moves. This is Jazzercise!

We are at Waterbeach School Tue/Thu 6.45pm & 8pm, Sat mornings 10am  
Jazzercise has been in the village for around 20 years!

We have option pricing to suit everyone!

We had a great year, with supporting the Milton Children's Hospice for their annual Santa Run and other charity warmups, I attended the Jazzercise convention in Italy for Sept 2014. It was awesome as it was on the beach!

We have our UK convention in March with lots of guest instructors from around the world!

We will from time to time be putting on different class types so please keep checking Waterbeach Babble, [Facebook.com/jazzercisewaterbeach](https://www.facebook.com/jazzercisewaterbeach) and please contact me with any queries.

First class free with our advert here! Fitness on your doorstep wow!

*Bev Tumber – Instructor*

# News from Cllr. Peter Johnson

***Pedestrian Crossing*** - Following on from the meeting I attended with Cambridgeshire County Council in our continuing quest to get a pedestrian crossing we have now heard that our bid was successful, we aren't going to get all the money we asked for but we are getting £5000 towards it and the Parish Council have agreed to fund the balance. This is good news indeed because as you all know this has been at the top of many peoples request for many years and to finally get there is a great start to the year. There are still formalities to go through but I would hope to see this in place mid-summer time. This will create a safer place to cross for the elderly and also families with young children, the many rec users and youth club members. I thank everyone who supported this idea and gave the encouragement to persevere until we had won.

***Former Barracks Site*** - This site is now in the hands of Urban & Civic who do seem as though they want to work with the residents of Waterbeach and the Parish Council and there have been a few meetings held. It is hoped that some of the facilities could be brought back into use for the village and talks are taking place. There will have to be feasibility studies done but things are looking hopeful, communication is going on between Urban & Civic, Waterbeach Angling Club and I, to try and get the lake back in action again. Obviously there are several hurdles to jump over on the way but I am sure that these are not unsurmountable.

***The Local Plan*** - The inspector is working through the Local Plan with the next set of hearings to start on the 10<sup>th</sup> February with the Green Belt issue, to be followed by Transport issues and then Housing land supply and delivery. Quite how this is going to go is anyone's guess at this stage but we have to remain hopeful that decisions will go our way, no quick fixes but hopefully we will find a way of this happening.

***Street Lighting*** - I have now heard from County Council and they say the costs of re-instating lampposts is too much, the Parish Council could pay but each lamppost would cost £2400 + vat. I will be taking this to the Parish Council so they are aware of it but we may be able to get some funding from somewhere. I will keep trying to get a resolve to our street lighting issues but as with most things the wheels turn very slowly.

***Station Car Park*** - This is another saga that rumbles on, not helped by the Network Rail contact that I had is on maternity leave and her replacement hasn't been in contact with anyone as far as I can make out. I know there are planning issues to be resolved but the District Council is keen to work with Network Rail to sort this out so I continue to chase this. Our last Rail users'



meeting was again not attended by Network Rail for the reasons previously stated and this is very frustrating but we have to persevere and keep pushing.

**Maple Court** - Well the street scene in Waddelow Road has certainly changed now as Maple Court nears completion, majority of the outside building is finished and now it is the inside to be worked on. Compared to the old building this is much more pleasant to look at although there are some who would disagree. This building will provide facilities which are standards expected today, whereas the old building was built to 1960's ideas which became very outdated.

**Potholes** - I have raised this issue with the Highways Department and have had a few meetings in our village to show just how bad these potholes are. There was one in Chapel Street that caused a resident to have a fall and this was filled within hours but there are others that need attention. The puddling effect outside the Chemists shop also needs attention. I have taken photos and the Highways officer has seen it and is raising an order to get it repaired.

**Gritting** - This is very much a sore point to so many people, especially those families who have children using the school bus to Cottenham. Any support I can get to try and get this route back on the primary gritting route will be most appreciated. I did sign up with Maurice Leeke the County Councillor to see how Parish Councils felt about the suggestion of them being asked to contribute to gritting costs and also to see how parishioners felt about this. My fellow District Councillor has also raised a petition which I also support as this is a time to join forces not go off on point scoring exercises. The County Council will review their gritting routes when the gritting season is over, but just now they are capturing all requests for alteration, additions, etc. which will then be reviewed. We all know that route was cut as part of a cost cutting exercise, but sometimes if you shout loud enough and long enough then results can go your way. Now while petitions are a great way of uniting a community can you imagine the effect that lots of hard copy letters arriving on a Council Officer's desk every day would have? I think it would have the desired effect so I ask all those parents that are concerned to write to the County Council and let us see what happens.

For the last 9 years I have had the honour and privilege to be your 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 and 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 you all.

Telephone: 01223 560918 Mobile: 07947 475549 Email: [Cllr.Johnson@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:Cllr.Johnson@scambs.gov.uk)  
Address: 25 Jubilee Close, Waterbeach, Cambridge CB25 9NY

# Waterbeach Cricket Club

## ***New Players Wanted - Young and Old***

At the time of writing England has just beaten India by nine wickets out in Australia and in parts of this country our winter sports programme is taking a hammering. However, it is a new year and some of us are already turning our attention to the cricket season. Waterbeach Cricket Club has had a difficult couple of seasons but the Committee is determined to re-invigorate the club and welcomes new and returning players. We also have a well-established youth cricket set-up.

From now until the 26<sup>th</sup> April the cricket club has an indoor net session every Sunday, from 12 noon 'til 1pm, at Hills Road Sixth Form College Sports Centre. There is a nominal fee of £1 for youngsters and £2 for seniors and there's plenty of parking. From May onwards nets will continue, on the Recreation Ground, at the same time on Sundays and also on Wednesday evenings from 6pm.

From May the club runs an adult Saturday XI, playing in Division 3 North of the Cambridgeshire Cricket Association's Junior League. Unfortunately, the team struggled to win many fixtures last season but is looking to bounce back. There is also a midweek XI that plays evening fixtures in Division 3 of the Cambridge Midweek League. At the end of the season, over the August Bank Holiday week-end, players and friends of the club will head off to Hampshire for a three match tour.

So, why the need to invigorate the club? Well despite a successful youth set-up the adult teams have been struggling for players in recent seasons. If you haven't played cricket recently then why not come along and join us. We

recognise that, for a lot of people who love the game, it isn't easy to commit to turning out every



week. However, given that a lot of players are in the same position "occasional" cricketers can be catered for. We already have students, shift workers and of course members of the local farming community, who are

available intermittently. The midweek team tries to strike a balance between being competitive and offering a social game of cricket. For example, a number of father and son combinations often turn out for the side.

A little bit more about the youth team, which this year will be running for Under 11s (and Under 13 for girls). This team plays midweek, usually on Thursday evenings. It also has practice sessions on Saturday mornings. At Under 14 level the side has merged with Milton CC.

If you are interested in joining us then please contact any of the following:

Chris Nelson (Chairman) 07717 222701 [chris@rossnelson.com](mailto:chris@rossnelson.com)

Justin Davies (Secretary) 07740 378600 [justin.davies1@tesco.net](mailto:justin.davies1@tesco.net)

Andrew Evans (Youth Cricket Co-ordinator) 07734 711839 [andrew@omegaclean.co.uk](mailto:andrew@omegaclean.co.uk)

## Yesteryear Road Run

The gallant band of enthusiasts have got together to organise the Annual Yesteryear Road Run again.

We have booked Sunday April 19<sup>th</sup> 2015 for the major charity event that trundles through the villages in our local district.

Cancer Research UK are once more backing our efforts in 2015 with the understanding that any monies raised will be used locally.

Last year the Road Run attracted over 300 entries, from live steam to classic sports cars, motorbikes, tractors to stationary engines, so there is something for everyone. We hope to get the same response from enthusiasts in 2015.

As usual the procession will assemble on the Cottenham Village Green, and then will head off through Rampton, Willingham, Over, Swavesey (where we will be stopping for lunch) Longstanton, Oakington and Histon, returning to Cottenham Green in the afternoon.

We are hoping that each of the villages along the route will support the Run by creating its own carnival atmosphere. Maybe BBQs or refreshment stalls can help boost not only the collection buckets but the participants too!

We, the few, are also asking for volunteer bucket shakers, Marshalls and of course entrants to the parade.

Further information will be forthcoming as soon as we can get it together.

So look out for flyers and posters and if you receive an invitation to join in with the parade, don't throw it in the bin! If you don't want to take part, give it to someone who does.

Cancer affects everyone in some form or another. Let's put our shoulders to the wheel to stop Cancer getting the better of anyone we know and love.

"Together we can beat it "

For further information contact either Alan & Vivien Lampard 01954 200811 email [vivien.lampard@ntlworld.com](mailto:vivien.lampard@ntlworld.com) or David Norman 01954 250917.

All help very much appreciated no matter how small.



# Royal British Legion

For the Poppy appeal November 2014 we donated from our funds, £2200.00 and with the village collections from Waterbeach and Landbeach of £3039.70, a total of £5239.70 was given.

We were sorry to hear of the sudden death of Margaret Patterson of Landbeach. Margaret had for nearly forty years organised the Poppy collection in Landbeach on behalf of the Legion branch and did a lot of other voluntary work within the village. She will be sadly missed and we extend our condolences to her husband Roland and her family.

Membership is open to anyone who wishes to support the work of the legion. We have our meetings in The Beach Social Club and you can contact the Secretary Norman Foster for more information Tel: 01223 474622 or email: [waterbeachlandbeachrbl@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:waterbeachlandbeachrbl@yahoo.co.uk)

You can also find details of all the Royal British Legion activities on [www.britishlegion.org.uk](http://www.britishlegion.org.uk)

Poppy collectors are wanted to assist with the door to door collection for the Poppy Appeal in Waterbeach and Landbeach. To help the Legion in looking after the welfare of people who have served in the armed forces and their dependents. Contact Norman the Secretary or visit the Royal British Legion stall at this year's Feast.

## Gardening Club

We started the year with a well-attended social event with food provided by the members and a light-hearted quiz. Our seed order from Kings Seeds has now arrived (at discounted prices – a big benefit of club membership) and we are dreaming of blooming gardens later in the year and success at the Annual Show in September! We have been given advice on being self-sufficient from our gardens from Nigel Start in February and we are anticipating an interesting series of talks in the spring.

In March we will be welcoming George Thorpe, formerly Head Gardener at Trinity College, who will be talking to us about 'Climbers'. In April Joanna Crosby from the Trumpington Community Orchard Project will be giving a talk entitled 'The Apple – its history and cultivation' and in May we will be hearing about 'The Gardens of Middle England' from Peter Walker

Visitors and new members are always welcome at our meetings and events. Talks are held on the third Thursday of the month at 7.45pm in St John's Church Room.



# Waterbeach Brass

Waterbeach Brass had a very busy build up to Christmas; we carolled at Wimpole Hall, gave a concert at Landbeach Village Hall and performed our annual Christmas concert at Waterbeach School – mince pies a plenty! We also carolled for 6 hours at Milton Tesco, with a guest appearance from a choir from All Saints Milton Church. We were very pleased to raise over £1000 for charity, donating money to the East Anglia Children's Hospice at Milton and Magpas, the air ambulance service. Coming up in March is the Regional Brass Band Contest, held in Stevenage. Rehearsals have started and we are hoping to get a good result.

If you are interested in joining the band, or booking the band for an event, please visit our website: [www.waterbeachbrass.org](http://www.waterbeachbrass.org) or call our Chairman, Richard: 01223 355987.

## Healthwatch



Our job is to make sure you have a say when important decisions are made about local health and care services. We are interested in any recent experiences you have of a local health or care services that you are happy to share with us.

The big health story in the news this New Year is about pressures on our local hospitals. We know that these are linked to other issues like getting to see a GP when you need to and getting care in place when you are coming home from hospital. We have two new projects that will look at some of these issues from a different view point.

In our *“First Steps to Health”* project we want to find out about the first thing you would do to solve different health issues. Would you work it out yourself, see a pharmacist, call NHS 111 or see your GP? We all solve things in different ways. Knowing what you do can help our local GP Practices and the people who make decisions about local health services plan better care. Please do take part in our survey either on our website or by contacting our office.

We also need you to help us develop our local *“Care Home”* project. We want to use our statutory *“Duty to Enter & View”* local care homes. This means we have a legal right to visit places that provide public health or care services, to see what kind of care they are providing.

We need to recruit volunteers to be *“Authorised Representatives”*. Your role will be to go into local care homes and talk to the people there about the care being provided. This might include talking to residents, their relatives, friends and care home staff. You will get lots of training and support.

Do you have any recent experience of a local care home, or do you know someone who has? Please tell us about it. We will use what you tell us to plan which homes we will visit and what to look at. We are also talking to the County Council and the Care Quality Commission, to help us plan where we should visit.

Get in touch to find out more or we can come and talk to your group about Healthwatch.

Call us on 01480 420628 or visit [www.healthwatchcambridgeshire.co.uk](http://www.healthwatchcambridgeshire.co.uk)

## Waterbeach WI



We are delighted that we have had many visitors to our recent meetings and that several have decided to become members.

Our December meeting was a Christmas Party with lovely food, quizzes and games. January saw Andrew Sankey give a fascinating talk entitled 'The History of the Cottage Garden' and we look forward to our AGM in February with a talk on Tajikistan.

Please look out for our posters on the noticeboards for details of future talks. We meet on the second Thursday of the month at St John's Church Room at 7.30pm. Other activities include a knitting group, book club, darts team, lunch club and other events organised by CFWI (Cambridgeshire Federation of WIs). We are thinking of starting a craft group soon. Please let us know if you would be interested in any of our activities.

## Waterbeach Day Centre

**Easter Sale** - Our Easter Sale will take place on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> March between 2 – 4pm in the Denson Close Community Room - Cake Stall, Bric a Brac, Tombola, Raffle - don't forget to come along.....

Are you a Senior Citizen in Waterbeach, Landbeach or Chittering? Do you know that there is a Day Centre in Waterbeach ready to welcome you? Contact Mary on 01223 564666 or come along to the Denson Close Community Room between 11am and 3 pm on any Monday or Wednesday- we'd love to meet you.

**We still need ... volunteers** - Can you spare a few hours on a Monday or Wednesday? We are in desperate need of helpers ....

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



# Beaches Community Car Scheme

Have you ever thought about how you would get to the surgery or the shops if you were unable to walk or drive and there is no-one at home to give you a lift?

Beaches Community Car Scheme is able to provide lifts for residents of Waterbeach, Landbeach, Chittering and Milton and is a lifeline for people who are not mobile enough to get to the surgery or the local shops or to a hospital or dental appointments. It is entirely run by volunteers.

Being a volunteer driver for the scheme is a lovely way of getting to know some of our older village residents and doing something which is really worthwhile. It is a very flexible form of volunteering, you do not have to commit to a regular amount of time each week and many local trips to places like the surgery do not take very long. The coordinator rings and asks if a volunteer driver can do a particular trip and if he or she can, they say 'yes' and if not, they say 'no'.

We are always looking for more drivers and several have recently retired. If you think you might be able to help we would love to hear from you. Even if you could only offer to be available for one day a week to do one trip to the surgery it can be very helpful for the scheme. Your insurance company would need to agree to you driving for the scheme and you will be asked to complete a DBS check. Drivers receive a mileage allowance of 45p per mile. We would also like to recruit one or two more people as coordinators who arrange the drivers for the clients. We have a team who take it in turns to do this for about a fortnight at a time. It is challenging but very rewarding and it really makes you realise just how important the Scheme is. Coordinators need to be able to use an Excel spread sheet (which isn't hard for what we use it for.)

If you would like to find out more about volunteering for either (or both) roles, either ring the car scheme number 07807875878 and leave a message with whoever is the coordinator at the time or ring Mike Dean on 01223 575698.

## Waterbeach Fun Dog Show

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2015

from 10am to 4pm

at Waterbeach Recreation Ground

Prizes and rosettes to 6<sup>th</sup> place



For further details find us on Facebook or contact 01223 526438

# Special Constables - we need you!

Special Constables are volunteer police officers who play a vital role in Cambridgeshire Constabulary.

You will get the chance to work alongside regular police officers, using skills and experiences from your day job to give something back to the community. It's demanding. After all, you'll have to give up at least 16 hours of your spare time each month. But helping to protect and support Cambridgeshire and the people who live, work and visit here is really satisfying too.

Being flexible is essential as we cover all of the cities, towns and villages. Specials wear the same uniform and carry the same powers and responsibilities as regular police officers.

They're involved in all aspects of policing Cambridgeshire, enjoying a variety of roles and duties such as:

- Foot and vehicle patrols
- Roads policing
- Assisting in the event of accidents, fights and fires
- Road safety initiatives
- Rural crime initiatives
- House-to-house enquiries
- Plain clothes enquiries
- Public safeguarding
- Helping ensure public safety and security at both local and major events
- Presenting evidence in court

As a Special, you'll make a real difference and gain unique experiences, you simply can't get anywhere else. If this sounds like something you could do then why not visit our website on: [www.cambs.police.uk/recruitment/specials](http://www.cambs.police.uk/recruitment/specials)

## Waterbeach United Charities (Reg No 201528)

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

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

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

All personal applications are confidential.

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

# Waterbeach Angling Club

As we approach the end of this fishing season and hopefully the end of the cold and frosty weather, the club considers it has a really successful season in the numbers and quality of fish that have been caught over the last 8 months.

In 2013 we suffered the loss of many fish in Magpie Lake when the fish were infected with Koi Herpes Virus [KHV]. Happily the lake has recovered well and carp that survived [and there were many] have provided excellent sport to the many anglers who visited our Waterbeach Road, Landbeach fishery.



The other lakes were unaffected by KHV and in particular, Leland Water, has had an exceptional year with several fish exceeding 30lbs and one over 35lb.

Many other 20lb fish were also caught. One feature of the lakes that often gets overlooked is the exceptional quality of the silver fish [roach, rudd]. Many heavy

catches are made by a few anglers who are in the know.

Our river fisheries on the Cam and the Old West at Stretham Ferry are also prolific waters, especially the Cam with its vast numbers of quality rudd. Check out the maps on our website [www.waterbeachac.co.uk](http://www.waterbeachac.co.uk) to see the extent of this fishery.

Like many angling clubs the committee is made up of shall we say the senior members of our community and we would really like to have some younger anglers to help with the future.

To achieve this we ask that any younger anglers interested in joining our committee contact us.

We are also looking to enhance of bailiffing staff with an additional river bailiff. Ideally a recently retired active person possibly with a bicycle is what we need.

If you think you fit the bill give us a call - Chairman: Tony Leadley 07966 487320 or Secretary & Treasurer: Colin Brett 07884 072313



# Fen Edge Family Festival 2015

It's fun-filled, it's exciting, it's exhausting, it showcases the Fen Edge villages at their finest - and... it's back! The Fen Edge Family Festival will be in Cottenham again this year from Friday 19<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June. Put it in your calendar now, invite friends and family to stay and be part of this brilliant community event.

As in previous years, the festival will be centred around Cottenham Village Green but will also encompass Cottenham Community Centre, the Village College building as well as the Sports Centre and playing fields.

Many of the wonderful activities and events from 2013's festival will be making a welcome return. These include: Cottenham Toy Library's extremely successful and popular Pre-School Fun Day on Friday 19<sup>th</sup>; The British Science Association's science activities for all ages; performances from many of the Fen Edge villages' dance and music groups; The Venue, with its eclectic mix of entertainment all set with the backdrop of a plethora of stalls selling everything and anything you might ever need to own (even if you don't know it yet!).

The countdown well and truly begins from now and new activities, attractions and events are being added to the weekend's line up all the time. The best way to keep up to date with what's happening is to check the festival website whenever you can: [www.fenedgefestival.co.uk](http://www.fenedgefestival.co.uk)

Shredded Beat and Barry Palser's Savoy Jazz Band are booked to provide the free evenings' entertainment for all on Saturday and Sunday. We are also excited to host an astronomy roadshow! The UK's Largest Mobile Planetarium will be visiting Cottenham on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June as part of the festival. Tickets for shows will be pre-bookable; watch the website for show times and ticket information as we expect to sell out!

If you are interested in having a stall at the festival, there may still be space available for you. It's a fantastic opportunity to reach thousands of people, so if you would like to attend as a stall-holder, email: [stalls@fenedgefestival.co.uk](mailto:stalls@fenedgefestival.co.uk)

If you run a group or organisation in your village and haven't yet been contacted by one of the festival committee and would like to be part of the whole event, please email: [activities@fenedgefestival.co.uk](mailto:activities@fenedgefestival.co.uk)

The Fen Edge Family Festival 2015 – 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> June.

*Are you ready?*

Visit the Festival's website: [www.fenedgefestival.co.uk](http://www.fenedgefestival.co.uk)

Like us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/fenedgefestival](http://www.facebook.com/fenedgefestival)

# Cottenham Village College

## ***Class of '82 leavers' reunion***

We are holding a reunion at Cottenham Sports and Social Club on Saturday September 12<sup>th</sup> 2015, 7.30pm for ex-pupils and their partners (if you wish) that left CVC in 1982.

We have had a terrific response so far but our aim is to trace as many 'old' friends from our year as possible. If you are a parent/friend/sibling of someone you think may have left in 1982, is approaching their 50<sup>th</sup> birthday, and was in the same year as Lynda Blunt (Nee Askew), Margaret Harold (Nee Cannon) and Karen Oakley (Nee Roberts), we would be very grateful if you could forward this article to them.

There will be a bar and disco and all profits will go to charity. Any sponsorship would be gratefully received. More details regarding tickets and chosen charities will be announced soon, look out for posters around the village.

To keep up to date there is a dedicated Facebook page and a group and event page, search 'CVC reunion 1982 leavers'

You can also contact me on 01954 261309, [lyndaeblunt@aol.com](mailto:lyndaeblunt@aol.com).

We are looking forward to catching up on the last 33 years!

## Fire and Rescue Service



How many times have you tested your smoke alarm since the start of 2015? If the answer is zero, please go and do it now! We're asking residents to test



their smoke alarms every month – mark it in your diary and make sure you press the button.

If you have young children, then why not devise a fun game to get them involved in testing the smoke alarms in the household? If you can't quite reach it, then use a broom handle to press the test button.

Don't forget to also test the smoke alarms of those you love. If you have an elderly or vulnerable relative, friend or neighbour, pop by and make sure they have a working smoke alarm. If you think someone is vulnerable and could be at a higher risk if a fire broke out in their home, then please call us on 0800 917 9994 and we can provide advice and support.

Log on to [www.cambsfire.gov.uk](http://www.cambsfire.gov.uk) for the latest incidents, news and safety advice. Find us on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.

# Charity Motorcycle Event

## ***Ashley Martin Memorial Rideout to Hunstanton, 10<sup>th</sup> May 2015***

It's time to dust the cobwebs off of those motorcycles and take part in a Magpas fundraising event. AMMR was formed in 2009 after the death of a local businessman, part owner of a motorcycle shop - Ashley Martin. Friends and colleagues wanted to do something to remember a motorcycling friend and raise money towards the charity that tried to save him roadside. Since then the event has gone from strength to strength, this year is the 6<sup>th</sup> event since 2009, it's about motorcyclists / bikers & the public coming together as a social, riding our bikes and raising much needed funds.

AMMR is meeting at our start site on the Cambridge IQ research park up the A10 just past Waterbeach, it's all hard standing with easy access. The event starts at 9am with prompt departure at 10.30am. Donations to take part are £5 for a rider & £7.50 for rider and pillion, well-wishers are very welcome with ample car parking. The group



then rides to Hunstanton where West Norfolk Council kindly let us park on 'The Green' for free. Riders then sample the delights that the seaside town has to offer, then make their way back whenever they want.



We usually have around 150+ bikes take part, so come along, meet some new faces, promote motorcycling, have a laugh raising money for a great cause - you never know when you may need Magpas's help (hope you don't).

We're on social media, facebook/Ashleymartinmemorialrideout, twitter @CambsBikers and our website is [www.ammr.org.uk](http://www.ammr.org.uk), more details are on there, pre donation can be made via the website and is strongly advised to speed up access to the start site. We hope to see you there.



# Carers Support Team



## ***'Drop-in' sessions for carers and adults with a long-term support need***

These popular drop-ins for anyone who is living with a long-term illness or disability or an age-related condition, or providing unpaid support to adult family members or friends are continuing in 2015. The spring dates and locations are:

- *Bar Hill* Community Room, Tesco Extra -16<sup>th</sup> March (10.30am to 1.30pm)
- *Sawston* Free Church - 17<sup>th</sup> March (10.30am to 1.00pm)

There will be a Carers only drop-in at *Cambourne* Library on 18<sup>th</sup> March from 1.30pm to 3.30pm.

Drop-in to any of the events for a cup of tea and a chat about the information, advice and support that may be available, to share your stories and experiences, talk in confidence to a member of the Carers Support Team or Physical Disability Services Team, or to book a carers assessment.

For more information: Tel: Gemma Whitehouse on 01480 377616 / Leigh Hornsby on 01480 373220

Email: [CarersSupportTeam@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:CarersSupportTeam@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

Visit: [www.cambridgeshire.net](http://www.cambridgeshire.net) and search "Adult Support Drop-in"

## Choose Well

Residents in Cambridgeshire are being reminded to find the right health service for their illness or injury.

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), who commission health services in the area, are asking local residents to familiarise themselves with the range of local health services and which illnesses and injuries they can treat.

- Pharmacies can help with bugs and viruses, skin conditions, allergies, pregnancy testing and help with stopping smoking.
- GPs can help with back ache, ear aches, painful coughs, mental health conditions and any illness or injury that won't go away.
- Walk-in centre or minor illness or injury unit – these can help with minor burns and scalds, bites and stings, strains and sprains and minor eye or ear problems.
- If you don't know which service you need to choose, dial NHS 111 and they will help. You can call NHS 111 free from any phone 24/7. Call 111 when it's less urgent than 999.

Remember if somebody is unwell and you are not sure as to the best course of action, it is often best to call first for advice.

For more information please visit [www.choosewellcambs.nhs.uk](http://www.choosewellcambs.nhs.uk)

## COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

|   |   |
|---|---|
| 1 <sup>ST</sup> WATERBEACH BROWNIES                 | Tiffany Langton - 01223 862548            |
| 1 <sup>ST</sup> WATERBEACH GUIDES                   | Holli Bielby - 07779 408588               |
| 1 <sup>ST</sup> WATERBEACH RAINBOWS                 | June Stephen - 01223 862260               |
| 32 <sup>ND</sup> CAMBRIDGE (WATERBEACH) SCOUT GROUP | William Moon - 01223 440259               |
| BEACH BOWLS CLUB                                    | W. Clough – 01223 861386                  |
| BEACH SOCIAL CLUB                                   | Geoffrey Donovan - 01223 860033           |
| COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION CHAIRPERSON                   | Jacqui Rabbett - 01223 860993             |
| COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION SECRETARY                     | Pam Clack - 01223 476601                  |
| HAPPY FOLKS CLUB                                    | Stuart Atkins - 01223 862674              |
| LANDBEACH BELL RINGERS                              | Barbara Le Gallez - 01223 860283          |
| ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - WATERBEACH & LANDBEACH       | Norman Foster - 01223 474622              |
| ST. JOHN'S CHURCH                                   | Rev. Paul Butler - 01223 860353           |
| THE WAY PROJECT                                     | Sarah Tennant - 07938 381592              |
| WASPS (WATERBEACH AFTER SCHOOL PLAY SCHEME)         | Zoe & Wayne Badcock - 01223 861140        |
| WATERBEACH & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB                | Jerry Cooper - 01223 574050               |
| WATERBEACH ANGLING CLUB                             | Colin Brett - 01954 200956                |
| WATERBEACH BADMINTON CLUB                           | Norman Setchell - 01223 862404            |
| WATERBEACH BAPTIST CHAPEL                           | Martin Ensell - 01223 862494              |
| WATERBEACH BRASS                                    | David Pell - 01223 860396                 |
| WATERBEACH COLTS F.C.                               | Bernadette Sowden-Fletcher - 07752 868255 |
| WATERBEACH COMMUNITY PLAYERS                        | Julie Petrucci - 01223 880023             |
| WATERBEACH COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP                      | Jacqui Woods - 01223 440769               |
| WATERBEACH DAY CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY               | William Bullivant - 01223 862506          |
| WATERBEACH INDEPENDENT LENDING LIBRARY (WILL)       | Maggie Crane - 01223 440560               |
| WATERBEACH SALVATION ARMY                           | Colin Harrod - 01223 440190               |
| WATERBEACH SCHOOL P.T.A                             | Lianne Parrett - 07476 778044             |
| 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                |
| WOODLAND TRUST – COW HOLLOW WOOD                    | Adrian Wright - 01223 861846              |

### Other useful numbers:

|   |  |
|---|--|
| BEACHES COMMUNITY CAR SERVICE               | 07807 875878                                 |
| COUNTY COUNCILLOR                           | Maurice Leeke - 01223 441562                 |
| 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                | 101  |
| ST LAWRENCES CATHOLIC CHURCH                | 01223 704640                                 |
| VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT                       | Maggie Crane - 01223 440560                  |
| WATERBEACH PARISH COUNCIL                   | Parish Clerk - 01223 441338                  |
| WATERBEACH SCHOOL                           | 01223 718988                                 |
| WATERBEACH TURBARY CHARITY                  | Pam Gooding - 01223 861003                   |
| WATERBEACH UNITED CHARITIES                 | Pam Gooding - 01223 861003                   |

# TOGETHER WE FORM A **STRONGER** UNIT.



## **PARTNERSHIP, IT'S IN OUR NATURE**

The name above our doors has changed, but the people behind them have not. Bradshaws has joined national firm Carter Jonas, and together we can promote your property beyond local networks. We have access to buyers registered with our 35 offices across the UK including 12 in London. Please contact us today for a free market appraisal.

**Cambridge North** 01223 472011

**Cambridge Central** 01223 368771

**Cambridge South** 01223 403330

**Sawston** 01223 707800

**[carterjonas.co.uk](http://carterjonas.co.uk)**

Bradshaws is now part of the Carter Jonas network

A member of  
**OnTheMarket.com**



**Carter Jonas** | **BRADSHAWS**





# *Waterbeach Funeral Services*

**Tel: 01223 861100**  
**(24 Hours)**

- *Private Chapel of Rest in Waterbeach with parking.*
- *Family owned and Independent.*
- *Funeral plans sold at today's prices.*
- *Traditional, Sea Grass and Cardboard Coffins available.*
- *Humanist and Celebrant Funerals as well as Traditional Religious Services.*
- *Arrangements carried out in the comfort of your own home.*

*What one of our families said.....*

*"It is hard to say goodbye, but it helps when everything is arranged so sensitively. Thank you so much."*

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



*9 Pembroke Avenue  
Waterbeach  
CB25 9QP*

