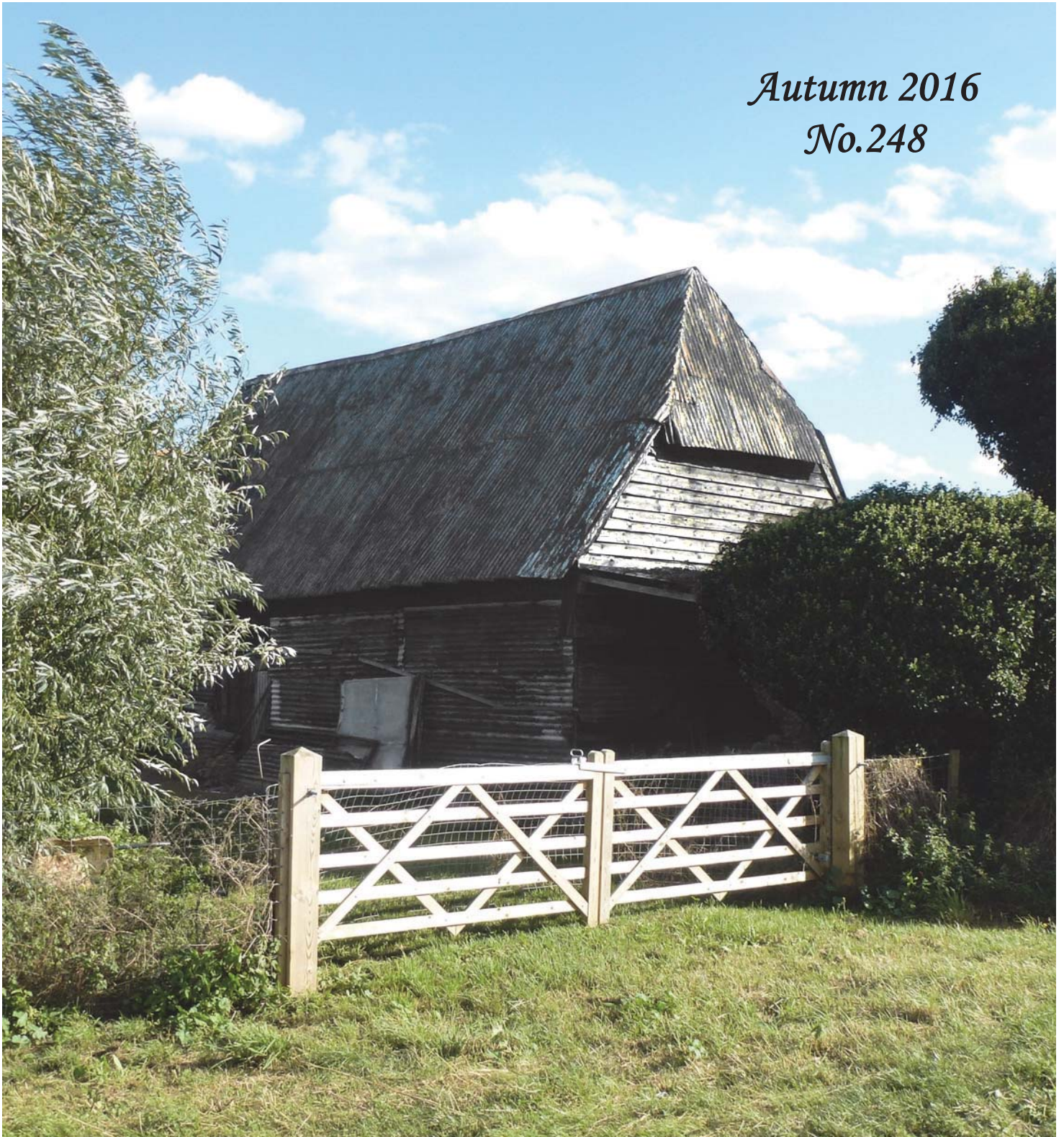


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# Community Association



**AGM** - The Community Association AGM was held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September. The Chair reported on the events organised during the year, including Carols on the Green on Christmas Eve and the Feast in June. Carols on the Green was well attended and the collection raised £549 for local clubs and groups.

Feast went very well with lots of floats, stalls and entertainment and provided a good time for all. The street collection was well supported and raised £368. Please see full Feast report on page 2.

It was decided that the collections on Christmas Eve and Feast Day were to be used to support Waterbeach Community Association and local clubs and groups. During the year donations were made to Waterbeach Community Playgroup, WASPS, Waterbeach Badminton Club, Waterbeach Toddler Playgroup and Waterbeach Military Heritage Museum.

The officers for 2016/17 were elected: Chairperson - Jacqui Rabbett, Secretary - Pam Clack and the post of Treasurer will be shared by Mark & Pam Clack until a new Treasurer can be appointed. Thanks were expressed to all those who have helped and supported the Community Association during the year.

**Community Magazine Awards** - Earlier in the year Beach News was entered into The Cambridge Community Magazine Awards organised by the Cambridge Building Society. The awards were launched 17 years ago by



the Cambridge Building Society to recognise the hard work groups, charities and colleges undertake, to provide their local communities with interesting and relevant news and information. A panel of judges review the entries submitted and an awards ceremony took place in the summer to announce and celebrate the winners. This year we were delighted to receive the award for 'Best Photo'. The credit for the photo goes to Richard Youell who kindly provided us with the picture for the front cover of our Autumn edition 2015. Thank you Richard, we are very grateful to you for sharing this and some of your other stunning photographs of the Waterbeach area.



## Feast Day 2016

It was touch and go there for a minute! However, after months of teamwork, preparation and hard work, Feast Day 2016 was a huge success. The first known record of the Feast pre dates 1779, when the fete celebrated village life.



Originally held in May the date of the Feast was changed to June as the partying and frivolity of the fete was having an impact on the quality of the hay harvest! In its modern form the Feast has been running for over 40 years and still to this day attracts substantial crowds of current and returning 'Waterbeachians', families and friends. Continuing with the alphabet the theme this year was the letter 'J'. The day was adorned with an abundance of 'J' themed costumes, floats and stalls including; jelly beans and jockeys, even the jungle was brought to the village bringing with it the world's most innovative zebra! The afternoon's festivities were kick started by the rousing sounds of The Waterbeach Brass Band, which set the tempo for an afternoon filled with groups of exceptionally talented children performing ballet, drama and gymnastics in the arena.



Alongside the ever brilliant Jazzercise, and circus skills who entertained on the Gault all afternoon. This year there was an exceptionally high standard of float and stall entries including jellyfish, Jack and the beanstalk and junk modelling.

The winners of the parade competition were as follows: Infant: Little Stars Day Nursery, Juniors: Rainbows, Adult: Shire of Flintheath SCA, Friends and Family: Hall Farm Riding Stables and of course Tony Shipp, was awarded a trophy for his fantastic entry as a Jockey! The winners of the stalls were: Junior: Brownies and Adult: Waterbeach Wives Group. The

Fancy Dress competition saw some amazing entries and the winners were: Johnny Back, Tegan Nash and Oscar Foltynie.

And last but not least, I want to thank everyone for all their help with the Feast,



it wouldn't have been possible without you. Thank you to all of those who showed up at the crack of dawn on the Saturday morning to set up and to those who stayed to clear away,

to everyone who responded to Facebook pleas and adverts. And a huge thank you to everyone for your support and kind messages. Until next year everyone!!!

*Jacqui Rabbett, WCA Chair*

## Badminton Club

This is the first report since we moved from the School to the Sports Hall at the old Barracks. We have the maximum of four courts which are fully occupied from 7.30pm to 9.30pm every Monday. Our new 'term' commences in September. The playing standard is high and very competitive! If you wish to improve your game or learn there will be a court available for an hour for coaching. We have a limit of 24 players, but do ring me in case there is a space available, and you can have a trial session. Please contact me on 0756 529 8834 or email [christian9@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:christian9@tiscali.co.uk).

*Norman Setchell, Secretary*

# Royal British Legion

It is with sadness that we report the loss of our President Peter James Gillson who died on March 25<sup>th</sup> 2016. Peter was a loyal supporter of the Legion which he joined on discharge in 1946 after war services in the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War. Peter was "Mentioned in Despatches" for bravery

Your local Royal British Legion branch is looking for new members ex-service or non-ex-service people are eligible for full membership. The Legion recognise the support given to it but it also like other voluntary organisations requires the volunteers to run it. The last National Serviceman is now over 75 and all ex-service since 1960 have been Regulars (men & women) and most of them have seen active service around the world. Some have serious medical conditions for which the Legion assist them and their families. Every person who has served for over 7 days is entitled to Legion support for which there is a dedicated telephone number 0808 802 8080 and support will be given via this confidential line.

Most of the older villagers will remember The Beach Club as The Legion Hut. The Legion Branch owns this property on a Trust account and to ensure the continuity of the club it is necessary the Legion branch continues. Should the branch close the Legion National Trustees have a duty to manage the property in the best interest of the Trust in regards the Legion and its work. We have regular meetings in the Beach Club and our next meeting will be October 12<sup>th</sup> at 8-00pm in the Concert Hall. This will be our Annual Meeting and all members are requested to attend. Any people interested in supporting the Legion will be welcome to join us for the meeting.

Remembrance Day Services - 13<sup>th</sup> November 2016

Waterbeach at St. Johns Church

10-45am assemble for service of remembrance at 11-00am.

Landbeach Church

service commences 9-15am

followed by service of remembrance outside.

We are grateful for any person who will assist with our door to door collection for the poppy appeal. 30<sup>th</sup> October to 12<sup>th</sup> November.

Please contact Norman Foster on 01223 474622

Branch Secretary, 10A Rosemary Rd, Waterbeach, Cambridge CB25 9NB

*The family of Peter James Gillson who died 25<sup>th</sup> March would like to thank everyone for their condolences.*

*The collection given in his memory totalled £ 700 and was presented to Waterbeach School funds to assist them with their garden project.*

# District Councillor's Report

It seems like a long time since the election in May! I have had an enjoyable few months learning the ropes, going to meetings and getting stuck into case work.

**Repair Café** - I'm really pleased to let you know that a Repair Café will be held at Waterbeach Salvation Army Hall on 22<sup>nd</sup> October from 10am-1pm. This is the first time 'Circular Cambridge' have arranged one for our village. You can bring along the following to be repaired: small household appliances & electrical items, computers, mobile phones, bicycles, clothes (clean!), and general bits and bobs. The repairers are experienced and can fix most things, but there are no guarantees. The work is free, but donations to cover venue hire and other costs are welcome.

You can turn up on the day, or pre-book your item in by emailing [waterbeach@repaircafe.org.uk](mailto:waterbeach@repaircafe.org.uk).

**Amey Site** - I am aware that the smell from the Amey site near Chittering is quite noticeable on some days. I attended the public liaison meeting in July, and will be making another visit for a closer look at the facilities in September. Please report odour from the site to the Environment Agency Hotline: 0800 607080. They log the calls, and will act every time the number of complaints passes a certain threshold.

**Handyperson Service** - South Cambs District Council, in partnership with Mears, are now offering a 'Handyperson Service' for tenants of the council in sheltered housing. They can undertake minor joinery, gardening, plumbing and general DIY support. All materials must be provided by the tenant. The charge is £10 per half hour. To arrange an appointment, call 0800 085 1313.

**Urban & Civic** - Peter Johnson and I have agreed to meet with U&C regularly to keep up to date with the issues arising regarding the barracks land. The next stage in the development will be another consultation with local residents. U&C will share the layout and designs for the future area, and seek feedback on the proposals before they are finalised for submission in an Outline Planning Application. Please make a note of the dates and come forward to make sure your views are heard. If you are a member of a club or society, make time to discuss what facilities or other provision could be relevant to you in the future. Consultation sessions are: 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> September 3pm-8pm and 1<sup>st</sup> October 10am-4pm.

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Ingrid Tregoin



# Military Heritage Museum

It is with great sadness the Museum Trustees and Volunteers learned of the death of the museums Honorary Curator, Oliver Merrington (64 years), three days before the museum opened. Oliver had put so much faith, time and effort getting it to a point when it could open twice a month and by appointment. We offer our deepest condolences to Oliver's partner Luca sister Judith, nephew's cousins and many friends.

Without Oliver's, and others, determination to save the museum for the community and those who flew from, served and worked at Waterbeach Station/Barracks since 1940, this local historical story could not be told so we owe him particular thanks. Oliver was keen to support 514 Squadron's reunions and welcome people visiting the museum on an ad hoc basis. His knowledge was boundless and his enthusiasm infectious.

We have a group of dedicated trustees and volunteers who will continue to open the museum, add and care for the collection. Interestingly WMHM is being offered items from both RAF and RE days of occupation quite often.

Should anyone like to make a donation in memory of Oliver's life the family have asked donations be made in favour of Waterbeach Military Heritage Museum see contact below. The trustees are indebted for this generosity and will use any gifts for something specific for the improvement of the museum displays, in his memory.

The trustees are mentioned above and we are David Adamson Col. Retd. former station commander who in 1984 organised the opening of the original museum, Peter Groves The Royal British Legion, Clive Hill 514 reunion organiser, Dave Hornby Major Retd. former officer at Waterbeach and museum curator until he handed the museum over to the trustees, Peter Johnson District and Parish Councillor, Alan Shipp Treasurer, Robert Stripe from Landbeach and Adrian Wright Chairman.

The trustees would like to thank Waterbeach Community Association for the donation of a £200 start-up grant, this has proved very helpful.

Also thanks to Urban&Civic for allowing the museum back in to its old Building No. 3 and the generosity in preparing the museum and community rooms for community use.

Museum opening days are the first Wednesday and Sunday between March and October 11am to 4pm. Entrance is free but donations gratefully received.



We look forward to you visiting us.

Contact Adrian Wright on  
Tel: 01223 861846 or email:  
[waterbeachmilitarymuseum@waterbeach.org](mailto:waterbeachmilitarymuseum@waterbeach.org)



# Gardening Club



During the summer months the Gardening Club takes a break from its programme of talks to focus on other activities. Our June meeting took the form of an evening visit to the private garden of Margaret Nimmo-Smith in Cambridge. Earlier in the year Margaret had given an interesting talk entitled 'Making the Most of a Small Garden' and it was an opportunity to see the results of her work and to discuss the best plants to use in particular positions in our own gardens. In July members had the opportunity to visit Marks Hall Gardens and Arboretum near Coggeshall and take advantage of the near-perfect weather for the trip. Some fitted in the optional additional visit to Paycocke's House and Garden (a National Trust property in the town).

Our annual Summer Barbecue was, as usual, held at the Church Rooms early in August and was as popular as ever. Again, we were blessed with wonderful weather for the occasion. Following that, attention turned to preparations for our main event of the year – the Annual Show. This year we have combined forces with the WI to try to extend the appeal of the event and to encourage more entries than in recent times. A full report and list of winners will appear in the next issue of Beach News.

Our talks/demonstrations resume on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September when Andy Riley will be giving us ideas for potting up winter containers. New members and visitors are always very welcome at our meetings which continue on the third Thursday of each month at 7.45pm in the Church Room.

## Waterbeach Brass

This summer the band has been busy with our outdoors engagements and has been very lucky with the weather! We especially enjoyed playing at Ely Riverside band stand and at Hunstanton in the sunshine after enjoying our annual feast of fish and chips. If you haven't had the chance to hear us play yet this year, fear not – we still have more concerts to come! The band has worked hard to prepare a varied programme for you to enjoy, including Crown Imperial, Bohemian Rhapsody and a James Bond Collection; please do come and listen.

If you are interested in joining the band, we are a friendly bunch who enjoy making music and compete in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Section. Please see our website for more information, [www.waterbeachbrass.org](http://www.waterbeachbrass.org).

Future engagements:

**24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> Sept** Wimpole at War, Wimpole Estate 1.30pm

**19<sup>th</sup> Nov** Joint concert with CUBB-Wesley Methodist Church 7.30pm

**16<sup>th</sup> Dec** Waterbeach School Carol Concert 7.30pm

**21<sup>st</sup> Dec** Carol Concert at Landbeach Hall 7.30pm



# Waterbeach Wives Group

It seems only yesterday when we were enjoying our “end of term” party, and here we are preparing to start back on September 7<sup>th</sup> with “Life on the Ocean Wave” by David, a retired crew member of the Britannia.

Earlier on it was a delight to see Geoff Evans again with his amazing photographs, and the wet felting demo. was so impressive, many of our members are signing up for a lesson!

We had a lovely day at the Feast once more, so good to be part of our village’s special day, and to see so many of our children joining in with such enthusiasm. Congratulations to them all, they were all winners!

Unusually for us, we ventured out in August, providing teas and cakes, (plus Janis’ huge raffle) in the Tillage Hall at the now famous and successful village Dog Show. This was to raise funds for Riding for the Disabled, a marvellous organisation bringing joy into the lives of some special children. We will also be holding an Autumn Sale in the Church Room on October 8<sup>th</sup> in aid of the same Charity. Apart from our ladies’ cakes, known for their excellence, there will be books and gifts, and much more!

We have Andrew from Scotsdales coming back to see us on 19<sup>th</sup> October, (brave man) and on 16<sup>th</sup> November the talented Louise is demonstrating silver clay jewellery – just in time for some early Christmas shopping!

We meet 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays in St. Johns Church Room, new members/visitors always welcome. For further information please contact Sheila Gill, Chairperson on 01223 861999.

## Jazzercise

Jazzercise has been in the community at the school for so many years now and is still very strong. We are a worldwide fitness program, checkout the corporate Jazzercise website for more information and Jazzercise Waterbeach for your local classes.

Jazzercise Waterbeach has been busy with demos, classes and fundraising events during the summer. We attended the children's open day at the centre at the school, the children had fun dancing Junior Jazzercise. I visited Italy Jazzercise to present and take classes with our Italian friends.

We hope to have Junior Jazzercise workshops soon and morning workshops in the future. Keep watching FB!

Checkout the advert in the Beach News and come take your first free class limited to the times/days stated on the advert.

Hope to see you all in class soon, no need to book!

*Bev Tumber – Class Instructor/Owner for Waterbeach*

# Waterbeach Scouts



At the time of writing this the Cubs are on summer camp at Belchamps Activity Centre in Hockley near Southend-on-Sea.

“This year on Scout Camp we went to Blackwell Adventure Campsite in Birmingham. We did many activities including a 3-G motorised swing, which is basically a huge swing that one Scout described as terrifying & thrilling. Another Scout said the food was good.



One day we went on a trip to Cadbury World which was chocolaty! Then in a flash Scout Camp ended.” Written by *Samuel Wentworth*

On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October our Family Prize Bingo nights will resume. These nights are open for anyone to come along and enjoy. We start at 19-30hrs until 21-00 and we have a refreshment break & raffle half way through the evening. There will be another on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November and our Christmas Bingo will be on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

Our Christmas Fayre & Big Breakfast will be on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November from 10-00 till 14-00.

Remember to keep an eye out for the posters to see when Santa is coming to visit your street. We will be out and about Monday 5<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>, Monday 12<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

## News from Cllr. Peter Johnson

Firstly I would like to say congratulations to Ingrid Tregoeing on being elected as South Cambs District Councillor and I am sure we will be able to work together for the good of our community.

**Back Stile Footpath** - There have been several complaints about this footpath as it is quite overgrown. The problem is that it falls to volunteers to clear it, but volunteers are thin on the ground. The last time it was cleared it was David Armstrong, my wife Brenda and myself, but we are all getting older



so need younger helpers coming forward. I have been able to enlist the help of AmeyCespa this time as they have a Community Working day for their staff where they come into the Community to do jobs such as this. It is planned that we get this work done week commencing 26<sup>th</sup> September and this will make the footpath a much more pleasant walk for all. We will need some volunteers to also help with this as there will be quite a lot of clearing up to be done so if you are willing and able please contact me. I will be able to confirm the exact date nearer the time.

**Planning Issues** - The Cody Road Morris Homes development has been rife with problems, but hopefully everything has been rectified now and bearing in mind we have three more developments going to take place on Bannold Road I hope that South Cambs Planning and Enforcement teams have learned from previous issues. Along with several others I attended the Planning Appeal hearing for the proposed development along Denny End Road which has been fiercely opposed, but to date I have not had the result of the appeal hearing.

**Station Car Park** - This issue continues to rumble on but headway is being made. Network Rail have said they would lease out the land with a rental of £12000 as it is or £25000 after it has been resurfaced and white lined. The County Council have shown an interest plus a private individual has also shown an interest so it would appear that we are getting closer to an extended car park. The next issue will be to encourage people to use it rather than park on the verge.

**Street Lights** - As most people are aware, the street lights get dimmed at 10pm and then at 2am go off apart from main roads. I have been asked by several elderly people if some lights could be left on. It is not because they want to go out during the night but to wake up and find everywhere dark they find it quite unnerving. It is possible to have some street lights kept on but the Parish Council will have to pay for this service and for the financial year 2016/2017 it is £7.70 per light, plus a one off admin charge of £65. Now in Waterbeach we have 358 street lights so obviously no-one can afford to keep all the lights on. I will be looking at areas where elderly and vulnerable people live and get the feelings of those residents and then get a list of possible lights for the Parish Council to consider. Anyone with suggestions please contact me.

**Primrose Lane** - The High Street to Denson Close stretch has been trimmed along with all the overgrown areas of Denson Close; this was a follow on action after I had an inspection with South Cambs officers. The top end of the lane is due to be trimmed on 9<sup>th</sup> September as this is quite badly overgrown. I have received some complaints about this and the trimming was not due to take place until the end of September but I have persuaded the council to do this earlier so the 9<sup>th</sup> it is.

**Speed Watch** - I did get a team together and we had a session but as it was a shared kit and other villages needed it and then it had to go away for calibration so our chance of more sessions have been extremely limited. But now we have another kit and once we get the holiday season out of the way I would like to arrange another session so I will be contacting previous volunteers and if anyone else is interested please give me a call.

**Post Box** - Well we did get the Post Box installed in the Denson Close/Waddelow Road area, it is not our original box and is quite tatty but I have asked the Post Office to give it a lick of paint which they have agreed to do. I am not sure when this will happen but I will remind them regularly until it is done.

**Maple Court** - The Silver Birch trees planted in the grounds of Maple Court have died and had to be removed but as part of their planning conditions these will have to be replaced. I have spoken to Sanctuary and they have agreed to do this when the time is right to plant new trees, which will again be Silver Birch but of a better quality.

I always consider it an honour to be your representative at South Cambs District Council and I am always ready to hear from you whether it be by telephone, e-mail, or knock on my door, my contact details are 01223 560918 or 07947475549 [cllr.johnson@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.johnson@scambs.gov.uk), 25, Jubilee Close, Waterbeach.

## Repair Café

Broken item? Don't throw it away - bring it to Waterbeach's first Repair Café! Repair Cafés are meeting places where neighbours can repair their broken items, supported by experienced repairers, in a relaxed, sociable atmosphere with a cup of tea. The first Repair Café was held in Amsterdam in 2009. Cambridge and Cottenham have had several over the last couple of years, and now there will be a repair café held in Waterbeach for the first time.

This will be held in the Salvation Army Hall, Station Road from 10 am to 1pm on Saturday 22 October.

Volunteer engineers and fixers will be on hand to help fix small household appliances, gadgets, electronics, bicycles, clothes and general bits and bobs. Broken items can be booked in by emailing [waterbeach@repaircafe.org.uk](mailto:waterbeach@repaircafe.org.uk) with a short description of the item and the fault. You can also turn up with an item on the day, up to 12.30p.m. but bookings are strongly encouraged so that sufficient repairers are on hand. The event is free. Donations are welcome to help cover costs.

For more information about repair cafés see [www.repaircafe.org](http://www.repaircafe.org)



# Beach Bowls Club

Before the season started most members of Beach Bowls Club felt that the aim should be to achieve a respectable position in Division 2 of the Cambridge and District Bowls League, following promotion from Division 3 last year. However, one or two believed that provided members could play with the same spirit as last year something better could be achieved. We are delighted to report that some excellent results have been achieved and Beach Bowls Club have topped Division 2 and gained promotion. Next year we shall be playing in the top league after a gap of 4 years. We look forward to that. Everyone in the club have played their part despite long term injury and the sad passing of Bob Bell, who was a keen member for a number of years. A place has been secured in the Champion of Champions competition at the end of the season. As yet we do not know who we shall have to play as games remain to be played in the other leagues.

Members have also taken part in the Business Houses Pairs League. One team finished 4<sup>th</sup> and the other in 16<sup>th</sup> position.

There will be a fixture list outside the bowls green and also on notice boards around the village in 2017. We shall welcome any new players to help us not only keep our place in Division 1, but also to enjoy playing bowls. It matters not whether you have played before or if you would like to give it a try. An Open Day will be held at the beginning of next season when newcomers will be welcome. So do give Terry Pauley on 01223 860600 or Chris Rushmer on 01223 861354 a call.

# Waterbeach Turbary Charity (Reg No 201529)

## ***Applications for Heating Grants***

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

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

Applications must be on a need basis, and may not be accepted. In order that funds of the Charity can be targeted at those most in need, candidates with savings over £10,000 should not apply.

Please send details to:

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

***Closing date for applications is 1 December 2016***

# Community Playgroup



We had a fantastic end to the Summer Term, thanks in no small



part to the lovely July weather. The children enjoyed being outside in the garden and were particularly interested in looking for mini beasts: from digging for worms to making ladybird homes. They also had a hands-on experience with caterpillars as we watched a jar full of little caterpillars turn to chrysalises and hatch into beautiful painted lady butterflies. The children and staff watched the butterflies feeding on fruit and stretching their new wings before flying off into the elder blossoms in the garden.

Summer Term brings other exciting transitions too as our staff supported our older children in getting ready to move up to Key Stage 1 at Primary School. Our close work with local schools and focus on listening, concentration and active learning is aimed at ensuring that our children have the confidence and skills to thrive in the reception environment.

Term closed with our Leavers' Celebration: a morning of Sports on the School field followed by lunch and special memories of each child's time at Playgroup shared with families, carers and staff.

Looking forward to September, everyone at Playgroup is very excited to welcome those children and families who are coming back for another year along with all of our new starters and we are planning for a term packed with fun activities.

We are open from 9am to 3pm daily during term time. We take children from their 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday. 15 hours government funding is available to all 3 and 4 year olds and to qualifying 2 year olds. We are situated in the school grounds in the centre of Waterbeach village. We offer weekly Forest School sessions, regular trips to the library and school gym and optional French lessons.

Please take a look at our website and blog at

[www.waterbeachplaygroup.org.uk](http://www.waterbeachplaygroup.org.uk) to find out more.

We currently have a few spaces available for the Autumn Term this year and are taking bookings for 2017. Places are going quickly, so if you would like to come and see what we do, please call Jacqui Woods on 01223 440769 (term time) or email us at [info@waterbeachplaygroup.org.uk](mailto:info@waterbeachplaygroup.org.uk) for a Prospectus and application form.



# Waterbeach School PTA



Firstly a big THANK YOU from the PTA committee to everyone who supported us last year. Extra special thanks go to the school's staff, our parent helpers and the following people: Francine Dasseville for her crafty fundraising efforts at Easter; Caroline Ward for preparing yet another successful grant application; and the ever-supportive scout leaders who are truly awesome.

We have several events lined up for the Autumn term, we shall be taking part in the Christmas Card Art Project, which gives parents a chance to buy cards of their children's professionally printed artwork. There is a disco planned for the children in the 2nd half of the Autumn term and our Winter Fair is planned for Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November. As always the Fair will include a selection of craft stalls, local fundraising stalls, a BBQ and lots of Christmas frivolity for both young and old. On Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September we have this year's AGM, all are welcome and we would love to have more volunteers. As always the meeting will be held in the Community Library, this year at 7:30pm. It's also a great opportunity to find out about the work that the PTA has done in the last year and how it hopes to support the school in the forthcoming one.

## ***Would you like to have a Stall at this year's Winter Fair?***

We have stalls available for craft businesses, local community groups or people who would like to fundraise for a special cause. If you are interested please contact the PTA for further information on

[waterbeachpta@gmail.com](mailto:waterbeachpta@gmail.com)

## ***Did you know ...***

...that you can help raise money for Waterbeach Primary School every time you shop online?

It's very simple, just sign up for our cause at:

**[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/waterbeachsch/](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/waterbeachsch/)**

Then when you shop:

1. Log in at [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk)
2. Click through to the shop of your choice.
3. The retailer gives a % of your payment to our school.

It's easy! And it works for Amazon, John Lewis, Marks and Spencer, Tesco, and lots, lots more.

... that the PTA always accepts donations of good quality, clean uniform, winter coats and PE kits. If you have anything you would like to donate please drop these items in at school.

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

**PTA AGM - Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September, 7:30pm** in the community library. Come along early to enjoy a nibble, a glass of wine and meet our existing committee members.

**PTA Winter Fair - Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November, 11am-3pm** at the school. Please support our Winter Fair, it is our biggest fundraiser of the year and provides invaluable funds to the school.

You can also find us on Facebook - search for Waterbeach School PTA - or email us on [waterbeachpta@gmail.com](mailto:waterbeachpta@gmail.com)



## **Waterbeach School Governors**

***Would you make a good school governor?*** Waterbeach Community Primary School currently has vacancies for governors.

***What do we do?*** The school Governing body is a group of volunteers who are involved in decisions about all aspects of managing the school – such as running buildings and budgets, supporting staff and setting standards. We also help to make big decisions about the school's long-term goals. We support Miss Green, but also ask questions and make sure that she, along with the Senior Leadership Team, takes the school in the right direction.

***Who can be a school governor?*** Anyone over 18 can be a school governor – you don't have to be a parent with a child at the school. However, we do have a proportion of parent governors, and it can be a rewarding way to be involved in your child's school.

The most important qualities for being a governor are enthusiasm, commitment and an interest in education. You don't need teaching experience, but it's useful to bring skills from other areas of your life. You need to have time to dedicate to the role, be able to make good decisions and make sure that your decisions are followed up. As a governor you'll probably need to work eight to ten hours a month. At Waterbeach, you'll need to attend a governors' meeting each half term. You'll also be expected to join a sub-committee – these cover different areas like the curriculum, finance or performance management. You'll need to be able to work well in a team, as you'll be making joint decisions on policy.

***How do I become a school governor?*** In the first instance, please contact the office ([office@waterbeach.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@waterbeach.cambs.sch.uk) or 01223 718988) and a current governor will contact you for an informal chat. Before you put yourself forward, talk to your employer. Many employers recognise the role of school governor as useful work experience and may offer paid leave for governor duties. It may even count towards your CPD.

Governing is a fantastic way of supporting our thriving school; come and join the largest volunteer force in the country! Looking forward to hearing from you.

# Waterbeach Surgery

**Support your surgery – have your NHS flu jab with us!** - It will soon be time for your flu jabs, so if you are eligible e.g. over 65, asthmatic, have COPD, are pregnant, have heart disease, liable to strokes or are diabetic then please await your invite to one of our October clinics and come to the surgery. We appreciate and rely on your continued support as the service we provide during 'flu season' is a major income stream for us as we are paid for each person we vaccinate – so please come to us for your jab!

**New Phlebotomist and Receptionist** - We are delighted to tell you that Natasha and Maria have joined the team. Natasha is our new phlebotomist, who has taken over from Sandra who unfortunately had to leave to support her mum full time. Maria is our new Receptionist who you will meet both on the reception desk and on the phones – a big welcome to you both!

**On-line access to medical information/appointments/medication requests**  
Did you know....that you can apply to have on-line access to our clinical system which will allow you to view a summary of your medical records, book routine appointments and order repeat medication. To do this, complete a registration form, either pick one up from reception or download it from our website [www.waterbeachsurgery.co.uk](http://www.waterbeachsurgery.co.uk) and return it to Reception – you will need to bring ID with you so we can verify who you are for confidentiality reasons.

Waterbeach Surgery  
Flu Vaccination Clinics

**It's time to think about your flu jab!**



**Support us – have your jab at the surgery**

To qualify for a **FREE** jab you must fall into one of these categories:

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

**We are running 2 Saturday clinics during October**  
**Watch out for your personal invite!**

**Should you be unable to come to the session you have been invited to, we will happily book you into one of our regular clinics – please ask.**

**PROTECT YOUR CHILD FROM FLU TOO!**

Registered children aged 2 ,3 & 4 by 31<sup>st</sup> August also qualify so please contact us for an appointment (administered as a nasal spray)

**Tel: 01223 860387**



# Waterbeach WI



We have had some unusual and enjoyable meetings in the last few months. Jason Middleton's talk on an 'Introduction to Gemstones' was both fascinating and informative. Sue Baker's demonstration and interactive opportunity on 'Belly Dancing' was challenging and hilarious. We could certainly see the health benefits of taking up the art, both mentally and physically. In August we enjoyed a social evening with a buffet supper and fund-raising for Breast Cancer Care. We meet every second Thursday of each month at St. John's Church Room at 7.30 pm.

Our numbers continue to grow and we have a range of age groups, so we would invite you to come along on your own or with friends to try us out.

Our next few meetings are 'How to shop and create a capsule wardrobe' with Mrs. Luanne Hill in September, 'It shouldn't Happen to a Home Economist' with Mrs. Sian Fox in October and 'Pilates for All' with Amanda Mansfield in November.

In addition to our own meetings we belong to the Cambridge Federation which organises lots of day and evening events, which you can join in with. Recently some of our members have joined in craft days, like learning to knit and crochet and visiting the exhibition of the Queen's Outfits during her reign, at Buckingham Palace.

We are working with The Gardening Club to put on the Annual Show at the school on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. We hope to involve as many children and adults in our community as possible to enter the flower, vegetable, domestic and art, craft and photography classes.

If you would like any more information please contact Mrs. Sheila Lynn on 07713148643.

## 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

# WASPS



We've had a great summer this year at WASPS. The children



enjoyed planning and taking part in the Feast with our 'Jungle Explorers' theme. Thank you to everybody who contributed towards the day by helping with preparations or visiting our stall.

New activities were also planned for our Summer Holiday Club and lots of excited children headed off on three trips to Milton Country

Park, a visit to Ely on the train and a game of Footgolf at Milton. The children had lots of fun and the Holiday Club Co-ordinators are now looking to develop this type of activity further with plans for trips to the zoo, cinema and bowling in the upcoming holiday clubs. WASPS offers a safe, fun and welcoming setting where free play is encouraged both indoors and outdoors. Our dedicated, experienced staff also provide a variety of activities (depending on the session) to keep children occupied and engaged including sports, baking, Wii, Playstation, water play, junk modelling, arts, crafts, Forest School, movies, tablets and lots more.

As we move towards the new school year we will be planning our WASPS AGM to elect our new Management Committee. Without our parent volunteers WASPS would not be able to continue. If there are any members of the local community who have any spare time to assist with some of the committee tasks on a voluntary basis we would be very pleased to hear from you. We also plan to advertise a part-time Financial Administrator to assist the Committee from September onwards.

**October Half Term Holiday Club** – this is not open for bookings yet, but the planned dates are Mon 24 October to Fri 28 October 2016.

**Christmas/Winter Holiday Club** – the current planned dates (to be confirmed) will be Weds 21 & Thurs 22 December 2016, then Tues 3 & Weds 4 January 2017.

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

**Holiday Club** is open to 4-11 year olds, Monday - Friday 8am-6pm for a full day. We also offer flexible booking with half day sessions starting at any time

between 8am and 1pm, bookings for a minimum of 2 hours at any time during our opening hours, or a half day can be extended on an hourly basis and a sibling discount is available. Snacks and drinks are provided throughout the day, but a packed lunch is required.

**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.

Contact us: 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. If you would like to book a time to call in and meet the team prior to making bookings, let us know.

# WAY Project



## **WAY needs volunteers**

You may well know that funding and professional support for youth work has been cut drastically over the last few years. This means that recruiting appropriately experienced staff is becoming more and more difficult. Our current staff group is doing well, but WAY really needs more adult support.

If you or anyone you know might consider joining us as a volunteer, please do get in touch. We are very flexible and volunteers choose how they work with us. Some volunteers prefer to work on a time-limited project basis sharing a skill and others are prepared to make a commitment to 'muck in' on a regular basis – weekly, fortnightly or monthly – and simply join in on whatever is planned for evening session.

The first step is to contact us on a 'no commitment' basis when we will have a chat with you to determine how you would like to support us, what skills and/or enthusiasms you have. We will then invite you to visit the Youth Club and only when you are convinced that you'd like to join us will we sign you up. The choice is entirely yours.

Please help us to keep the youth club going and giving our young people the space to make new friends, learn new skills and have fun in a safe environment.

To get in touch, please contact either Shelagh Robertson on 860554 or email [shelagh@richard-blake.com](mailto:shelagh@richard-blake.com) or Caroline Ward on 07749 738 870 or email [caroline.waterbeachway@gmail.com](mailto:caroline.waterbeachway@gmail.com)

Thank you, we look forward to hearing from you.



# Neighbourhood Plan



The Waterbeach Neighbourhood Plan Group has successfully applied to South Cambridgeshire District Council to create a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish of Waterbeach. Once the document is written, accepted by the local community by referendum and adopted by the District Council it will always be taken into consideration and given due weight when planning applications relevant to the parish are considered for approval.

The Neighbourhood Plan Group is made up of members of the community and Parish Council.

We have recently received government funding to enable us to develop the Neighbourhood Plan.

We have appointed a consultant and an admin assistant to ensure the Plan evolves in a timely and transparent manner.

So far we have held exhibitions at the Annual Parish Meeting and Waterbeach Feast. There will be many more chances to express your views in the future.

We have set up a Waterbeach Neighbourhood Plan Facebook page.

Our logo which we are very proud of was very kindly and brilliantly designed by a village resident. Thank you again.

We are launching an online newsletter and survey asking which issues are important to you and your family members. This will be used to shape our policies and include engagement with community and local businesses.

We wish to set up a web-site so if there is anyone out there who would like to take this on we look forward to hearing from you. You would only be required for the set up and design the site using our logo. Admin will keep the pages updated.

As we go along we will asking if there are people out there with various skills to help us progress our policies.

In the meantime should you wish to contact us for further information or to receive our online newsletter or a paper copy of the survey please get in touch with Jen Mailley our NP administrator:- [npadmin@waterbeach.org.uk](mailto:npadmin@waterbeach.org.uk). Telephone 01223 441338.

Follow us on Facebook: – Waterbeach Neighbourhood Plan.



# The Landbeach Society

## *Programme for September 2016 - January 2017*

A Society for anyone interested in the history of the village, its place within the region and in protecting the environment of the village.

We hold a series of monthly meetings between January – June and September – December to which all are welcome.

The cost of membership is £3.00 per annum and entrance to the talks in the Village Hall is £3.50.

(You do not need to be a member to attend the talks.)

21<sup>st</sup> September: Landbeach Tithe Barn - Gemma O'Shea & Ray Gambell

19<sup>th</sup> October: Britain's Hidden Marine Life - Frances Dipper.

16<sup>th</sup> November: The History of Chivers - David Oates

21<sup>st</sup> December: Christmas Celebration.

18<sup>th</sup> January 2017: AGM with wine and cheese.

Meetings are held in Landbeach Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm, unless otherwise stated. All Welcome!

The Landbeach Society website is at:

<http://www.landbeach.org.uk/history/99-landbeach-society>

## Happy Folks Club

The summer is coming to an end and we at Happy Folks Club have had a truly great time. The response to our outings has been amazing, we have filled a 57 seat luxury coach on each occasion. We have been to Margate, and on the hottest day of the year a trip to Southend proved very popular!

We are just back from a trip to Peterborough Greyhounds, a good night was had with a few people winning varying sums of money! Our next outing to Gt. Yarmouth is almost upon us then it's off to Kings Lynn, Norwich and another trip to the dogs! Christmas show at Wicksteed Park then Christmas dinner at Upware. Come and give us a try at the Beach Club on Fridays at 2pm.

One sad note though, our long serving ex secretary Mrs June Meggitt has finally given up coming to the club. She has been a loyal servant to the club for over 30 years. We presented her with a bouquet of flowers and a thank you card. Best wishes June. On the plus side we have 5 new members.

The Happy Folks Club were very pleased to receive £300 from Wendy Johnson, and the Fun Dog Show. This was so much more than we could ever expect. Our thanks to Wendy, and all those involved in this super project. Please support it in the future. Thank you Wendy, great job.



# Library News



Waterbeach Library continues to increase membership weekly, and certainly the Reading Challenge has been very successful so far with many children signing up. The number to date is approximately 120 with more signing up after returning from summer holidays. The children we have in this community are very eager to read, research and generally achieve high academic levels, assisted by the local community school. The Library assists wherever possible so to see such numbers signing up to the Reading Challenge is quite gratifying. The Challenge will continue until the children have returned for their new school year whereupon a date will be decided with the school as to when those who have completed the Reading Challenge will receive their medals and diplomas in morning assembly. Those children attending other schools will have their medals and diplomas delivered to their homes.

Waterbeach Library offers study areas, public computers, and assistance with using the computers. A small charge is made for printing facilities, and general advice is always available if required. We can order any book you may require from other libraries in the Cambridgeshire area, plus any books you obtain from other Cambridgeshire libraries can be dropped off at Waterbeach to be returned to same libraries, saving you a trip into town or back to original library. There is no charge for requesting books or returning same.

We are situated down the school drive, to the left - we have a large sign on the end of the building, access is suitable for pushchairs and wheelchairs, we also have toilet facilities. Children and babies are always welcome, we are not a quiet Library - as one young man said "Waterbeach is not a shushie Library" - as in truth the Volunteers are probably noisier than any children!

We always need Volunteers so if you have two hours a week, fortnight or month to offer us we would love to meet you as anyone who loves books and likes people enjoys working at the Library. The computer is not hard to operate and we offer training to everyone.

Below is a down to earth piece about what it is like to be a Volunteer, written by a volunteer.

"A few hours from my week that is a mix of routine and perhaps a surprise in the company of usually at least one other volunteer.

So what might I do in those few hours of volunteering? After opening the building and window blinds there are three computers to turn on and the library system to log into. Then there is the letterbox to empty in which there



might be notices to display and books that have been returned when the library is closed to check in. There is the library phone to charge up and check for messages and a diary to look in for any special tasks that I might be able to do. Behind the counter there is a 'Holds' section to check for items requested that are past their collection date to be sent on. Aside from books coming back to shelve and going out someone might ask whether we have a particular book or something available for them by a particular writer, ask if there are any books new to the library, ask if they can request a book or ask the library to buy a book to add to the stock. Some people give books to the library which can be added to the library stock or offered for sale depending on the circumstances or simply use the computers.

Who pops into the Library? It could be absolutely anyone, from the site caretaker to check for any problems, adults with or without children, the postman, cyclists, people who have moved into the area, retired people with fascinating memories, children from playgroup or in school, career advisors and students.

No volunteer has to have any special knowledge, though we all find little things that we choose to do be it repairing books, adding new stock, weeding out tired copies, labelling, tidying shelves, and registering new users. Some of us never use the computer at all. The only thing needed from anyone is to welcome those that come into the library. We are very grateful to the youngsters who give us their time as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award and have helped us throughout the busy Summer Reading Challenge."

So we hope you pop into the Library to check us out - we are a happy bunch, always welcoming, never dull and always pleased to see you.

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. Please see our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/WaterbeachLibrary> which provides information about various happenings.

The Library is open Monday 10 – 12noon and 3 – 5pm, Wednesday 6 – 8pm, Friday 2 – 5.30pm and Saturday 10 – 12noon.

**Mobile library visits** - The mobile library calls once a month, on the second Monday, so forthcoming dates are 10 October, 14 November and 12 December. 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 [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library), or ask at any library.

# Tithe Barn

## ***Tithe Barn Trust celebrate Charity Status***

The Tithe Barn Trust is a not-for profit volunteer group aiming to save and sympathetically restore the 16th Century Grade II listed Tithe Barn, in Landbeach, for community use.

We were delighted to announce at our public Drinks Reception on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June that we have received Charity status. Registered Charity Number 1167108.

James Hockney, Chair of the Tithe Barn Trust, says "Gaining charitable status for the Tithe Barn Trust was a major milestone,



which we just had to celebrate with our volunteers, supporters and the community." The event was a great success with Tudor style recipes, including Henry VIII's 'Maids of Honour' tarts and rosemary and oat nibbles to taste.

The event also kick-started a phased public consultation on what community use you would like to see for this Listed Tithe Barn, once it has been restored. Whilst we have raised over £64k, our major fundraising quest continues, as over £250k needs to be raised to fully restore this unique building.

We've been working hard; however, we still need your help to save this gem at the heart of Landbeach. We believe the Tudor Tithe barn, with thatched roof and 18<sup>th</sup> century brick floor, to be unique to Cambridgeshire and even of national significance. Over 90% of Tithe Barns have been developed. Tithe Barns hint at a different side of history, not just the story of the wealthy. It's a beautiful, untouched building, which deserves saving.

### ***Three Ways you can get involved:***

1. Make a pledge today at [www.tithebarntrust.org.uk/make-a-pledge/](http://www.tithebarntrust.org.uk/make-a-pledge/)
2. Become a Friend. Visit [www.tithebarntrust.org.uk/become-a-member/](http://www.tithebarntrust.org.uk/become-a-member/)
3. Volunteer or become a trustee. Email [tithebarntrust@gmail.com](mailto:tithebarntrust@gmail.com) to find out more.

Find us at [www.tithebarntrust.org.uk](http://www.tithebarntrust.org.uk), follow us on Twitter @TBarnT and like us on [facebook.com/FriendsofLandbeachTitheBarn](https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofLandbeachTitheBarn)

### ***How to find the Tithe Barn***

Kissing gate entrance is opposite No 2 Waterbeach Road, Landbeach, Cambridge, CB25 9FA. Walk along the grassed track along the hedge. Free parking or no. 9 stagecoach bus stops near Cockfen Lane.

# County Councillor's Report

Devolution, Mayors and "Who Is Responsible For ...? "

The consultation has just closed on the proposals for Devolution for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough – but what is it all about?

In an apparent reversal of the policies of all governments over the last three decades, George Osborne as Chancellor of the Exchequer decided that devolution would be a good idea. Devolution should mean that decisions about services are taken closer to the people they affect. It could mean councils being given back some of the powers and responsibilities that they used to have, but under the proposals being considered at present new, additional bodies are being set up instead.

Many local people have told me that they think the old system is confusing. Having Parish Councils, District Councils and the County Council leaves ordinary residents unsure who is responsible for what, and who they should contact if something needs doing. All of your local councillors try hard to be helpful when we receive an enquiry – but even we are sometimes unsure who to go to!

That system has evolved over recent years – by getting more complicated. The Police Committee was abolished on the creation of Police and Crime Commissioners, with a separate election for them. Schools were given the option of leaving Local Education Authority control by becoming Academies, and are now overseen by the Regional Schools Commissioner (though s/he is not elected). Councils used to have control of their budgets but now (apart from Parish Councils so far) their budgets are capped by Whitehall.

A fundamental change locally has been the creation of the Greater Cambridge City Deal. Although this does have three councillors on the Board of five members, and a further nine (three from each council, and I am one of the County Council representatives) on the advisory Assembly of 15 members, none of us are directly elected or directly accountable. As the City Deal has taken over responsibility for most of the big transport schemes in the Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire area this is a big deal – particularly for Waterbeach.

Whilst the South Cambridgeshire Local Plan (which is still being considered by the Planning Inspector at the moment) will say in broad terms what transport infrastructure projects are required as part of new developments in the village, it is the City Deal who are expected to draw up the schemes – including plans for improvements to the A10 to deal with the already increasing volume of traffic. This is a concern not least because of the dissatisfaction with the plans and consultation about Milton Road in Cambridge where the City Deal Board seem to be in a hurry to spend the



money allowed them by the government on measures both to reduce the capacity and increase the capacity of roads in Cambridge at the same time! The biggest concern of all about the devolution proposals is that in addition to the Parish, District and County Councils; and the Police and Crime, and Regional Schools Commissioners; and the City Deal Board and City Deal Assembly; a new Combined Authority and an elected Mayor, who will have to paid for, are now being proposed . It is hard to see how this is going to make things easier for local people to know who to hold accountable for decisions that affect them.

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Maurice Leeke

# The Old Forge

## ***Use it or lose it***

The Old Forge is your community Sports & Social Club, next to Landbeach Village Hall. However, the committee fear that it may have to close this autumn if more locals don't use it.

Chair Bill Dixon says "The Old Forge, Sports & Social Club, is the only totally inclusive place in the village where all the members of the community can come together." Open since 1983, it is one of the longest running organisations in Landbeach.

The Old Forge is a place for a quiet drink or a social meeting place Friday to Sunday. Offering real ale as well as a range of soft drinks, sport on TV and regular weekday evening dart matches and event nights. As a not-for profit organisation there are attractive prices too, less expensive than local pubs.

## ***Opening times***

Mon-Thurs if darts night

Friday 5:30pm - 11:30pm

Saturday Noon - 3:00pm & 7:30pm - 11:30pm

Sunday Noon - 3:00pm

## ***Admission***

We're an inclusive Sports & Social Club and welcome everyone.

New members are welcome.

Membership costs £5.00/Membership renewal £3.00.

Non-members can try before you buy, as 3 visits are allowed before becoming a member.

See [www.oldforgelandbeach.weebly.com](http://www.oldforgelandbeach.weebly.com) for further information or come and visit us.



# Urban&Civic

Hopefully most residents will have received our newsletter, with a full update on the facilities on site which are now in regular use by community groups, and our progress in moving the development of the Barracks and former airfield forward. If you did not then please do get in touch and we will happily drop a copy off to you. You can also see an electronic version on our website at [www.waterbeachbarracks.co.uk](http://www.waterbeachbarracks.co.uk).

We will be holding our next round of consultation and engagement on the future of the site in the Autumn, and opening it up for people to see the current facilities as well as to feed back on the latest evolution of the plans. These have drawn on the workshops and discussions held so far with the local community, local partners and authorities, as well as our forensic surveying and research of the site and local area. We want your feedback on the thinking so far, to ensure you have a chance to shape the development that comes forward, and so that we make sure it maximises the benefits to local people and businesses and minimises negative impacts.

The event will include information on the planned transport investment and solutions; the extensive community facilities coming forward, such as schools and health centre; and will seek views on the green space and park areas planned, including around the former runway and lakes; as well as housing design and styles. We have heard loud and clear the connection many residents feel to the site, and want to explore how we can ensure villagers can access the facilities and celebrate the cultural and heritage connections, while ensuring we enhance and protect the things that make Waterbeach a special place to live.

The events will be held on:

- Thursday 29 September, 3-8pm
- Friday 30 September, 3-8pm
- Saturday 1 October, 10am-4pm

They will be in the Sports Hall and Studio, with further information and maps circulated in advance of the events, and transport laid on from the village to ensure everyone has the chance to come along. Further details will be posted through doors and available on the website in September.

Alongside the broader development, Urban&Civic have also been in discussion with the Parish Council about extending the current Village Cemetery, with the provision of an acre of land from the Barracks providing more space and the creation of new and refurbishment of existing footpaths to make them easier to use for wheelchairs and pushchairs. A planning application is being prepared to take this forward with the aspiration to submit

it during September.

If you would like further details about the cemetery plans, the wider development of the Barracks, or the opportunity to sit down with us for a chat or tour of the site, then please do get in touch with me on:

Email: [rbritton@urbanandcivic.com](mailto:rbritton@urbanandcivic.com) Telephone: 07739 339 889

Rebecca Britton, Communities and Partnerships, Urban&Civic.

# Toddler Playgroup



The summer term continued to be full of fun and creative ways of learning for the children at WTP, including making their own outfits for the Jack and the Beanstalk Feast Day entry. It culminated in an emotional graduation ceremony for the Rising 5s - excitement for the children, tears for the parents and staff!

To celebrate another fantastic year, the WTP Committee organised a day out for all the children and parents/ carers at Denny Abbey. The children engaged in a variety of activities including modelling caterpillars and butterflies out of clay and guessing which feathers came from which bird.

The energetic WTP Committee ensured 2016 was a record breaking year for fundraising. The last event of the year was the successful Yard Sale on 9<sup>th</sup> July, organised together with Waterbeach Community Playgroup. Thank you to everyone who has supported the WTP events this year, raising essential funds to enable local preschool children to start their education in this caring environment.

If you are interested in learning more about what WTP can offer your children visit our website <http://waterbeachtoddlerplaygroup.org.uk> or contact Wayne Badcock on [waterbeachtoddlerplaygroup@outlook.com](mailto:waterbeachtoddlerplaygroup@outlook.com) or 07808 357729.

Don't forget to check the website for the dates of the upcoming fundraisers including the biannual Nearly New Sale (November), another Family Portrait Photo Day and WTP stall at the Waterbeach School Winter Fair (27<sup>th</sup> November).



## PRIOR FEN CHAPEL

*"The Little Chapel in the Fen"*

All welcome to our

**Harvest Festival Service**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 3pm**

Traditional harvest service and hymns

Find us at CB7 5YJ, between Upware and Swaffham Prior

Be early to guarantee a seat

**For more information contact Trish: 07979 868676**



# Beach Social Club

Things continue to go well here. I missed the last issue so to update you: we had a good time at our St Patricks night event, with Guinness at £2 per pint. That was followed by our first Easter Bonnet Parade, which was free to all and those wearing bonnets (about 40) and each received an Easter egg. Entertainment was from Disco Dave who thoroughly entertained the kids (and the adults). Over the next few weeks we had music groups of different styles and a Treasure Hunt followed by a BBQ and Quiz Nights, all of which were well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

East Anglian Air Ambulance & Diabetes UK are this year's chosen charities and we had a stall on Feast Day which raised £380. Thank you to all who gave their time to run the stall and to all supported us.

## *Future entertainment:*

- Sept 24<sup>th</sup> Harvest Festival charity auction
- Oct 15<sup>th</sup> Charity presentation night with 'Around Midnight' playing 60's/70's
- Oct 29<sup>th</sup> Halloween Disco with Moses. (Fancy dress optional)
- Nov 12<sup>th</sup> Paul James Vocalist Rat Pack style
- Dec 17<sup>th</sup> Jinx Brothers. Classic 60's – 80's covers
- Dec 18<sup>th</sup> Members children's Christmas party with Disco Dave
- Dec 24<sup>th</sup> Disco( Dean)

Our Harvest Festival charity auction on Sept 24<sup>th</sup> depends on donations of goods for us to sell. Fruit/Veg/Wine/Spirits/Bric- a-Brac etc. Please try to help up by donating and by attending the auction.

The club function room is available for hire for parties/meeting etc, at very reasonable rates. We may also be able to accommodate local groups and organisations on a regular basis, daytime or evenings. Contact me or Sec. Carol Monteith at the Club for info. or call into the club.

Bingo, sessions continue to be popular every Monday evening from 7-9 with cash prizes and a Jackpot flyer. Everyone is welcome to join us for these sessions provided they are 18+

Our Juniors Karate class continues each Thursday afternoon with a female instructor. There are two classes for different age groups 4pm-5pm and 5-6pm. More info is available from Gabriella on 07923 636790.

New members are always welcome. Call in to collect an application form and have a look at our facilities. Then you can enjoy the lowest cost drinks in the area (probably) relaxing in comfortable surroundings. There is a garden at the rear of the club, which is open until 9-30. We also have Football teams/Snooker/Darts and Crib teams. Large screen TV with Sky and BT Sport and a pool table.

Details for all events are available at the Club on: 01223 86003

*Geoff Donovan.* Chairman

# Mothers' Union

The Waterbeach Mothers' Union branch is flourishing! Here's what we've been up to during our first year.....

Our monthly meetings have included local, national and international focus, including discussions on Fairtrade – complete with chocolate tasting session! We continue to support Maple Court hostel by providing emergency packs (containing personal hygiene and cleaning essentials) for those arriving with nothing. If you feel you could support them further with donations, they will accept crockery, cutlery, tin openers, pots and pans, duvets, bedding and pillows (clean and in good condition please).

We enjoyed providing the MU oasis at the village feast – a quiet place for baby changing, feeding or chillaxing with your little ones, which was well-used and greatly appreciated.

We have also hosted the inaugural Saturdads – a Saturday morning stay & play session, run by Dads, for Dads. Look out for future dates, sessions are open to all male carers & their children, from babies up to 10 years of age – sessions cost £1 and includes sausage butties!

Twiddle Muffs have been a great success and have seen the mighty knitters of Waterbeach coming together from different groups to produce amazing things. The ward sister for elderly care at Addenbrookes has told us how useful they are. If you are a keen knitter (or finish-offer) do join us for our next Twiddle Muff session on October 11th. The pattern is available on the St Johns MU page.



The vision of MU is of a world where God's love is shown through loving, respectful and flourishing relationships. We aim to show our Christian faith by the transformation of communities worldwide.

We can do this through the promotion of stable marriage, family life and the protection of children.

Why not come along to a meeting? They are usually on a Tues once a month, please check our Facebook page for venue and further details. Information will also be posted on St John's noticeboard. Who can come? Everyone is welcome to our meetings, there is no obligation to join and you don't have to be a 'mother'!

For further information: Facebook: Waterbeach Mothers' Union  
Web: [mothersunion.org](http://mothersunion.org) Email: [muwaterbeach@gmail.com](mailto:muwaterbeach@gmail.com) Tel: [07715908694](tel:07715908694)

# Keep Waterbeach Rural



I hope that you have managed to have had some sort of a break through the summer months? I must admit that it has been refreshing to have some time off but time now to get back to some sort of normality.

As you are probably aware there is much new build happening especially in the Cody Road/ Bannold Road area of the village. I do feel it for those living in the area. Especially

so for the new residents in the ex MOD houses in Haling Place with the disruption that they are having to endure. Sadly this is only the tip of the iceberg as Bovis Homes have started to build in the Bannold Road/Bannold Drove area. Persimmon Homes are going to yet another Inquiry. They have permission to build up to 90 dwellings in Bannold Road. Not satisfied they put in a new planning application for up it to 144 homes. South Cambridgeshire District Council refused it so hence off to the Inspector again. Will keep you posted.

Residents of Clare Close and Denny End Road are awaiting the outcome of a recent Inquiry regarding building 30 homes on Green Belt land between their houses and the Industrial Estate.

Urban & Civic continue to progress their planning application to build on the airfield outside the Local Plan and seemingly independent of RLW Estates who are the other developer in the Waterbeach New Town proposal in the Local Plan. Looks like Urban & Civic are initially proposing to build to the North of the fishing lake and runway according to their Environmental Scoping Document that has recently been out for consultation (South Cambs planning pages Waterbeach, Denny End Road ref S/1476/16/E2.) This throws up many issues regarding how sustainable this will be and how it will affect the village. Wouldn't it make more sense to build/develop the existing buildings closer to the village on brownfield land? Local services such as school, doctors, waste water management, drainage and increased traffic will all have to be managed with the utmost care whatever they do.

The Local Plan Inquiry is progressing slowly. The promised Waterbeach Hearing will probably be held in the New Year. Some residents have asked to speak at the Hearing. Follow the link to page 39. This give details of those invited to speak by the Inspector. So pleased residents have been included.

[https://www.scams.gov.uk/sites/default/files/hearings\\_programme\\_v11\\_14\\_july\\_2016.pdf](https://www.scams.gov.uk/sites/default/files/hearings_programme_v11_14_july_2016.pdf).

All of the above sounds like doom and gloom. Change will happen and it is trying to positively effect that change so that our village, community and businesses are protected. There is so much good stuff to celebrate that goes



on here. I think that it is worth the effort to try to get the best that we can for our families, friends and future residents. Look out for the Neighbourhood Plan Group Facebook page, logo and events that will be happening to enable us to have our say as to how our village is shaped and evolves in the future. This is where we live.....

Follow Keep Waterbeach Rural on Facebook

*JaneWilliams*

## Fire and Rescue Service



Winter is coming and Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service is encouraging all residents to get their chimney professionally swept before the cold sets in.

Top tips to enjoy an open fire safely:

- Sweep your chimney at least once a year and get brickwork inspected, especially the chimney breast and roof space.
- Do not bank fires too high or overload the grate, and remember to let them burn down well and check the hearth before going to bed.
- Use a fire or spark guard to prevent accidental fires.
- Do not place objects on or over the mantle-piece which may cause you to stand too close to the fire to reach or use them.
- Burn only suitable fuels and avoid burning resinous woods as soot builds up quickly.

Above all, ensure you have a working smoke alarm fitted on each floor or your home and a carbon monoxide alarm installed.

For more information on fire safety log on to [www.cambsfire.gov.uk](http://www.cambsfire.gov.uk), follow us on social media or call 01480 444500.

## Drum Tuition

If there are those of you who want to improve your technique on congas, or full kit especially jazz, Bossa or jazz rock drumming I am setting up an early evening session at St. John's Church Hall from 4 -6 on a weekday still to be specified; probably Wednesday or Thursday, depending on interest shown. These are not grade lessons but improving jazz formats and time signatures and taking solos or 'four bar breaks.' The cost will be £15 per half hour. Please contact me on 01223 862404 and we can see what works best. You only need your sticks and brushes.

*Norman Setchell*

## COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

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### Other useful numbers:

BEACHES COMMUNITY CAR SERVICE	07807 875878
COUNTY COUNCILLOR	Maurice Leeke - 01223 441562
DISTRICT COUNCILLOR	Ingrid Tregoin - 07715 908694
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
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POLICE - Non Emergency Calls	101
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# Waterbeach Barracks and Airfield

Urban&Civic

The former barracks and airfield at Waterbeach offer a range of community facilities for local groups including:

- Sports Hall
- Studio area
- Squash courts
- Community rooms.

## Military Heritage Museum

Now open from 11am to 4pm on the first Wednesday and Sunday of each month and by appointment with Adrian Wright (01223 861846).

## Find out more

Urban&Civic hold regular events to keep you informed and give you the opportunity to shape the future development of this special place. If you or your local group would like to find out more, meet us for a coffee and have a tour of the site, contact Rebecca Britton on 07739 339 889 or email us: [rbritton@urbanandcivic.com](mailto:rbritton@urbanandcivic.com)



[waterbeachbarracks.co.uk](http://waterbeachbarracks.co.uk)





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