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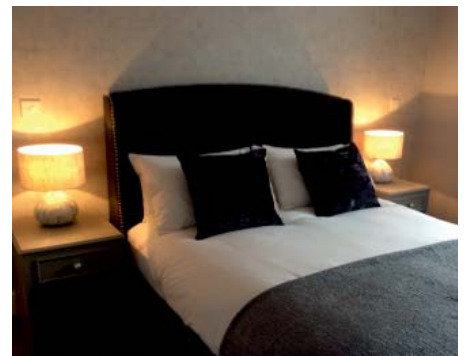
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*Front cover – Waterbeach Recreation Ground, October 2016*

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# Community Association



**AGM** - The Community Association AGM was held on Monday 4<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 £688 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 £449. 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. Applications for donations are welcomed from both existing and new groups in the community area, 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.

The officers for 2017/18 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.

**Groups, Clubs and Regular Activities** - We are currently in the process of updating the list displayed on the Community Association noticeboards of



groups, clubs and regular activities held in Waterbeach, Landbeach and Chittering. The list shows the name of the group, club or regular activity, the day it takes place and contact details for more information.

If you, or someone you know organises a group, club or regular activity and would like to be included on the list please email [beachnews@waterbeach.org](mailto:beachnews@waterbeach.org) and we will forward the necessary form for completion. Closing date for inclusion on next list is 1<sup>st</sup> October 2017.

**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 18 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



*Andy Lucas from Cambridge Building Society presenting awards to Pam & Mark Clack*

place in the summer to announce and celebrate the winners. This year we were delighted to receive two awards, Bronze in the 'Low Frequency' category (for magazines with nine or less issues a year) and also 'Best Photograph'. The judges commented that Beach News is a 'Very traditional but effective publication'. The credit for the photo goes to Richard Youell who kindly provided us with the picture for the front cover of our Winter edition 2016. The judges thought this was 'A clear crisp photo evoking the season'. 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 2017

After a week of weather forecasts advising light rain and heavy showers, Feast Day turned out to be, once again, a beautiful sunny hot day (perhaps too hot for some!).

The theme this year was 'Something beginning with K...' The parade, which seemed to go on forever, was full of laughing children, dressed as Kit-Kats, knights, kites and kitchen equipment - there were even a few horses too!

The winners of the parade competition were as follows: Infant: Waterbeach Toddler Playgroup and Little Stars Day Nursery, Juniors: Waterbeach Scout Group, 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 kangaroo!



The winners of the best decorated stalls were: Junior: Waterbeach Brownies and Guides and Adult: Waterbeach Wives Group.

The bucket collection during the parade raised £449.55 which will be used to support WCA and local clubs and groups.

We were entertained in the arena by Waterbeach Brass, who I would like to thank for their continued support of Waterbeach Feast Day. Also in the arena, the children of Waterbeach

Primary School sang to the village. Well done everyone you were great. A big thank you to the dancers from The Rosewood Dance Academy, The Shire of Flintheath SCA for their re-enactments and sword fights, and the children's entertainer on the Gault.



Feast Day relies on volunteers helping by setting up, clearing away,

constructing the arena, organising the PA equipment, organising skips and



bins and litter picking. We would like to thank Amey for donating the skip and bins, Cambridge City Moves for giving their time in transporting all the equipment and Fen Edge Community Association for the loan of the traffic cones. Plus, an extra huge thank you to all the people who helped by acting as marshals ensuring the

safe passage of the parade through the village. And finally, to all of you for your continued support and enjoyment of Feast Day.

*Jacqui Rabbett, WCA Chair*

# Waterbeach Community Players

**A Very Big Announcement** - So as this is published we are embarking on rehearsals for our next production, The Maintenance Man to be performed in November. But that is not our big news. We are also planning some pretty major anniversary celebrations as the society is 40 years old next year. But that is also not our big news. Something more momentous and amazing than either of those things has happened. I can't hold back any longer... we have bought new cushions for the chairs at the school!!!!!!

I know, it's only taken 40 years but finally we have 100 beautifully comfortable padded expensive black cushions for all of you to sit on. So now there is not only no excuse not to come and watch us perform, but also if you notice, there is incentive to book early as there are only 100 cushions and there are 200 seats for the pantomime!

Anyway, back to business, we are now coming into the busy part of the year for the group and in addition to current rehearsals, pantomime auditions for this year's production of Aladdin are on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October at the school (7.30pm start). If you are thinking about wanting to do some drama, the pantomime is a great way to start and huge fun and we are looking for people of all ages to come and join us.

Also, a final plug for **The Maintenance Man** which is by Richard Harris and directed by me, Wendy Croft. Here is a bit of the blurb about it to whet your appetite. This astute comedy by the author of Stepping Out and Outside Edge is a bitter sweet love triangle. Bob and Chris's marriage is already in trouble when Bob meets Diana and it is not long before he transfers his affections (and his box of tools) to her house. For Bob (James Dowson) is a DIY enthusiast, a compulsive handyman with a longing to be needed. Even after he is divorced from Chris (Christine Easterfield), he constantly returns to his former home, until Diana (Cath Landridge [nee Perkins]) begins to resent having to face competition for his time from both his children and his Black and Decker. This witty and ingenious comedy by one of our best loved authors takes a new look at an actual triangle and will both touch and entertain you. See The Maintenance Man 8-11 November 2017 at 7.30pm. Tickets £8/£7 available from 01223 880023, [www.wcp.ticketsource.co.uk](http://www.wcp.ticketsource.co.uk) and The Sun Inn, Waterbeach. And remember we have cushions and a particularly nice bar selling wine and then to top it all, ice creams in the interval! Enjoy and hope to see you there.

*Milo and Jane Gibb are off to pastures new – the seaside!! They would like to say thank you and goodbye to all their 4 and 2 legged friends and neighbours in and around Waterbeach for the last 20 years. Thank you for the walks, the chats, the setting the world to rights, the fun and laughter and the consoling cuddles.  
Many, many thanks, goodbye and we will miss you!*



# District Councillor's Report

I have been in discussion with one of our Landscape Design Officers recently regarding the SCDC Wildflower Enhancement Scheme. Do you know of a patch of ground in Waterbeach or Landbeach that you think might be suitable for seeding with wildflowers? Size doesn't really matter: it can be as small as a few metres square! To qualify for this scheme, a low level of community-based involvement is required to maintain the area, but SCDC will come and seed it for free. If this is something you are interested in, or want more information, please drop Carol Newell a line on [carol.newell@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:carol.newell@scambs.gov.uk)

South Cambs Magazine has started producing a 'Community Calendar' to help promote the rich variety of local community events and activities on offer in our area. If you have a not-for-profit local community event that you would like to publicise, why not apply to have it included on the next calendar? Visit [www.scambs.gov.uk](http://www.scambs.gov.uk) and click on the 'apply for it' button where there is a short form to fill in. The more information you can provide, the more likely it is to be listed.

I am pleased to be able to report that the village warden scheme is now fully funded and has been approved by both Landbeach and Waterbeach Parish Councils. Particular thanks to Parish Councillor Jane Williamson and Parish Clerk Shelley Mason who have both been indispensable in getting the project this far. We hope to be able to instruct Age UK to begin advertising for the Warden post over the next few weeks. Thank you to those of you who have already registered an interest in using this scheme. If you have not yet done so, but would like to, you are welcome to contact me.

My usual days for Councillor work are Thursdays and Fridays.

Email: [cllr.tregoin@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.tregoin@scambs.gov.uk) Tel: 07715 908694

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*Ingrid Tregoin*



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# Community Playgroup



Our 2016 - 17 academic year came to a busy and exciting close in July and we are currently looking forward to welcoming our new starters and all our families who are coming back to us for 2017 - 18.

In June, we held our first Parents' Week. We invited parents to join us for Forest School, our weekly visit to the gym and special sessions dedicated to early numeracy and early literacy. Families had a chance to see their children in the setting and to experience for themselves how we encourage early learning in the key areas through play and exploration and to pick up some ideas to support learning at home. The most popular session was a drop in messy activities session where families could join their children getting thoroughly messy with shaving foam, corn flour, sand, water and all sorts of other gloopy stuff of various colours and textures.



July saw us say goodbye to this year's rising 5s with our Leavers' Celebration day. Families joined us for some fantastically fun sports followed by lunch and a presentation of certificates at the Playhouse. We celebrated each child's unique contribution to Playgroup life with a certificate saying just why they were fantastic. This year we had children transitioning to several Primary Schools locally and our staff had worked hard to make sure that each of those schools had a full picture of each child's learning and development to ensure as smooth a transition as possible.

We are open from 9am to 3pm daily during term time and are rated "Good" by Ofsted. 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 also offer 30 funded hours to qualifying families from September 2017. We are situated in the primary school grounds in the centre of Waterbeach. Supporting our play-based learning, we offer weekly Forest School sessions, regular visits to Waterbeach Library and the school gym and optional French lessons. Please look at our website and diary at [www.waterbeachplaygroup.org.uk](http://www.waterbeachplaygroup.org.uk) to find out more.

We are now taking bookings for January 2018 (we do have some limited availability for September 2017 too and are happy to wait list if we are not able to give you the sessions that you are looking for straight away). 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 WI



Our recent meetings have included an hilarious evening with author Susan Harrison, whose books include the best-seller 'Flowers of the Field', telling us about her life story and how she started to write novels.

Nikki Sly gave a fascinating talk about her herd of alpacas at Bramble Lodge and our Summer Supper with delicious eats, Pimms, quizzes and games was a relaxing evening with our 39 members enjoying each other's company. At the September meeting we shall have the chance to try our hand at 'Painting on Glass', after a demonstration by Anne Datson.

As you can see, we have a varied programme of meetings which you are most welcome to attend as a visitor; you can then join the WI if you like the group. We have members of all ages and are a friendly, inclusive and fun group of women, meeting on the second Thursday of each month in St. John's Church Room at 7.30pm.

Come and find out more about Waterbeach WI at our Autumn Open Evening on Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup> in St John's Church Room when you will be warmly welcomed by our members. Drop in any time between 7.30pm and 9pm to meet us and enjoy refreshments (wine, cheese – and cake, of course!) and learn about the opportunities offered to WI members. Apart from our regular meetings with interesting speakers we take part in community activities and have a Darts team, Book group, Craft and lunch groups. Many of our members also enjoy activities run by the Cambridge Federation of WIs which include day trips, craft skill days and Celebrity evenings.

We look forward to meeting you on Thursday Oct 5<sup>th</sup>.

For more details, email: [waterbeachwi@gmail.com](mailto:waterbeachwi@gmail.com)

## Salvation Army



The Salvation Army at 7 Station Road, Waterbeach invites you to bring your babies and toddlers to our *TODDLER GROUP*, which we hold on Tuesdays and Thursdays 10a.m. till noon (term time only). £1.50 per family which includes hot drinks for adults, juice and biscuits for children. We have lots of toys! Come and share with other families and make new friends, join in music time and story time. We have been running this group for 28 years, so are well established. You will always find a listening ear if you need one, we like to try and help if and where we can too. We are equipped for various activities, besides the usual under 5's toys. You will be made very welcome, so do come along. We hope to see you soon!

21<sup>st</sup> October is our annual *CRAFT FAIR* from 10am. until 4pm. Maybe start your Christmas Shopping early! For more information call 01223 571477



# Tithe Barn

## ***Tithe Barn celebrates Fen Edge Festival***

As part of the Fen Edge Festival the Tithe Barn Trust opened the Tithe Barn, in Landbeach, for free to Fen Edge Festival goers on the 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> June. There was even a 1969 classic coach to transport visitors from the festival in Cottenham to the barn.

The Fen Edge Festival is organised by the Fen Edge Community Association, a charity promoting and supporting clubs, groups and societies in Cottenham, Landbeach, Rampton, Waterbeach and Willingham.

Gemma O'Shea, Tithe Barn Trust Chair, says "We were delighted to welcome over 100 visitors to the Tithe Barn over the weekend and we were proud to be part of the Fen Edge Festival this year. Our thanks go to the Fen Edge Community Association for organising another successful festival, and the Tithe Barn Trust is excited to be one of the festival's nominated good causes for 2017. We have to say a huge thank you to Charles too for volunteering to take visitors to the Tithe Barn on his superb classic coach."



Once at the Tithe Barn visitors enjoyed face painting, storytelling, traditional games and introductory talks about the history of the Tithe Barn.

## ***Bringing in the Barn's harvest***

In August the Beach Babies' pre-schoolers returned to the Tithe Barn, in Landbeach, and harvested the wheat they sowed earlier in the year.



The pre-schoolers followed in the footsteps of Farmers and Farm Labourers from hundreds of years ago and harvested their wheat and threshed it in the Medieval Tithe Barn. They separated the wheat from the chaff using flails (or shortened

broom handles in this case!) and beat it on the historic brick threshing floor. They then used a quern stone to grind the grain into flour.

Gemma O'Shea, Tithe Barn Trust Chair, says "It was just wonderful seeing the pre-schoolers get hands-on with history and seeing the Tithe Barn being used as it would have been over five hundred years ago."

The Tithe Barn reflects the agricultural heritage of the Fen edge villages and is an important part of our local community history. Tithe Barns hint at a different side of history, not just the story of the wealthy. The Tithe Barn would have been used to store taxes, a tenth of all crops to the church, the contributions being stacked in the barn for winter threshing and storage.

The Tithe Barn Trust is a small charity and volunteer not-for profit group aiming to save and sympathetically restore Grade II Listed Tithe Barn, in Landbeach, for community use.

We've been working hard; however, we still need your help to save this gem at the heart of Landbeach. The barn is in a poor condition and deteriorating. We believe the Tithe barn, with thatched roof, brick threshing floor and timber granary, to be unique to Cambridgeshire and even of national significance. Over 90% of Tithe Barns have been converted in the UK.

3 other 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/)
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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.

## Gardening Club

Although we take a break from our programme of talks during the summer months we have continued to be active as a group. The weather was remarkably kind to us for our ever-popular Summer Barbecue. The food and company were equally good and a great time was had by all. Our outing this year was to the Henry Moore Studio and Gardens at Much Hadham. An excellent guide showed us around Henry Moore's home and helped us to build up a picture of his life, personality and inspirations. After a pleasant picnic lunch, a second, equally knowledgeable guide took us on a walk through the gardens to view the many amazing sculptures on display calling in on his studio and an interesting exhibition.



We meet in the Church Room at 7.45pm on the third Thursday of each month and the talks resume on September 21<sup>st</sup> with a talk by local plantsman Joe Sharman of Monksilver Nursery whose subject is Grasses. He is certain to give ideas about how to use them in our garden designs. New members and visitors are welcome at all our meetings



# Library News



This year we are very pleased to advise 161 children entered the Summer Reading Challenge at the beginning of the summer vacation. The children and parents were delighted with the selection of new books from which to choose and, from various comments, seem to have enjoyed them immensely. To complete the Challenge the children need to read six books throughout the summer break, on finishing each book the child receives a small goodie. On finishing the Challenge of six books they are awarded a diploma and medal, either at school, or delivered to their home. One child has already received her medal/diploma as she was moving to France this week. The whole aim of the Challenge is to keep children reading to avoid a drop in literacy over the summer break. We are looking forward to the Waterbeach Community School stage overflowing with successful children, later in the year, when they receive their medals and diplomas, in front of their peers.

The new bookshelves are now installed in the Children's Non-Fiction section, suitably labelled, and are proving beneficial to children and parents to obtain the information they require. These bookshelves were supplied via S106 money intended to enhance community facilities, paid to parish councils by developers of building sites in community areas. We would like to thank Parish Councillor David Smart, Les Moss - one of our volunteers, and Will Crane - husband of one of our volunteers, for their work in erecting the shelves. Their addition has certainly enhanced both the access to books, and the pleasure gained from them.

We are considering running a book club in the library for children, if your children would be interested in this could you please advise the library. Also a new Adult Book Club may be commencing soon, again if you are interested in this please advise the library staff next time you visit.

At the present time we have two young people undertaking the voluntary aspect of their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award, and who will very shortly join the other young people who have also undertaken this work and served their community within the library.

Waterbeach Independent Library has been very pleased to welcome many new members as a result of the homes on the old Barracks site being utilised, and other building taking place throughout the community. We look on our library members as friends and if we can help in any way with locating a book from another library, assisting with IT, providing any information or assistance, we will do so. If you wish to reserve a book online have it delivered to Waterbeach and there will be no reservation fee required. We are in the process of distributing a leaflet to all residents in order to ensure

we offer a service to all the community. We are located on the school grounds, on left hand side down the school drive, large black building, suitably marked with large notice indicating Library. We have a Facebook page also where various information items are posted. We hope to see you soon.

# Waterbeach Scout Group



At the time of the last Beach News going to print we were heading off with



27 Cub Scouts for a pack holiday at Hallowtree camp site, Ipswich. As you may have guessed it was a rather noisy

weekend. The Cubs enjoyed quite a lot of craft and they all managed to achieve gaining their Athletes badge.

The following weekend the Scouts along with Cottenham Guides, headed off to Kelvedon Hatch Secret Bunker. "Although the bunker was underground it felt as if it was above ground. It had films scattered across the bunker about WWII and the use of the bunker. I was never bored as there was so much to do. It was amazing to get to sleep in a real nuclear bunker." Written by *Tom Wells*

The Scouts have also just come back from their summer camp. The Scout Leaders organised an amazing camp at Phasels Wood campsite in Hemel Hempstead. "We did fun activities and everyday got better and better. My favourite was the G3 gyroscope where you sit in a chair and go in all different directions. Every night we had a campfire and almost every day we did a trial game". Written by *Tom Ward*.

The Cubs also enjoyed their summer camp at the end of August.

Bingo season will be getting underway again starting on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October. Our sessions are fun for all the family. We begin at 7-30pm and finish about 9pm. After three games, we have a refreshment break and a raffle before continuing with another three games. We have another session on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November and our Christmas Bingo will be on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November Santa will be visiting our Christmas Sale. We will also be doing the Big Breakfast, cakes etc.

Santa will be coming to your street Monday 27<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November and Monday 4<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December. Watch out for the details closer the time.



# Waterbeach Wives Group

Once more the sun shone for Feast Day, adding to the relaxed friendly atmosphere which permeated the village, and created a lovely day for all involved. It was so good to see so many children and their parents taking part and having fun, long may it continue.

We were lucky to persuade Robert Dryden JP to come and chat to us about his time as Mayor of Cambridge, which he did in his own inimitable way, telling us of the characters he has met, some famous, some royal, and how he had to deal with them. A thoroughly enjoyable evening.

It was good to meet up with the very entertaining Paula Dolan once again and hear her poetic take on life, it's ups and downs, with a humorous twist. By this time we were getting used to the hot weather, and the fans and iced drinks needed to keep our speakers and members cool!

We also had a visit from Peter Crussell, local Author who came to talk about his book "Tales from the Enchanted Forest", which is doing nicely. Peter donates part of his sales via Amazon to Great Ormond Street Hospital.

Also in July, the Salvation Army kindly allowed us to serve refreshments and sell maps for Jan's Yard Sale from their premises. This is always a popular event, and is good for the charities which benefit, albeit a lot of work for Jan. All too soon it was our "End of Term" party, drinks, food, games etc. and then we break up for August.

We come back on 6<sup>th</sup> September to meet Amanda MacPhail, and her funky painted china, and then the talented Anna Osborne who will demonstrate Free Machining on 20<sup>th</sup> September.

October 4<sup>th</sup> brings back Geoff Evans and his amazing photos, this time he is bringing his wife – news of the cakes have obviously spread!

Also in October, we will be holding our Autumn Sale in the Church Room, Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> at 10am, this year our charity is MS, in memory of dear Melody, a much missed Mum and friend.

We meet in St. John's Church Room every first and third Wednesday. For further information please contact Sheila Gill, our Chairperson on 01223 861999.



## ***Waterbeach Yard Sales***



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

**We raised £400 which has been donated to  
Waterbeach Toddler Playgroup and Waterbeach Community Playgroup.**

**Thanks everyone for supporting us.**

*Jan Gilzean*

# News from Cllr. Peter Johnson

**Bannold Road** - The new footpath on the north side of Bannold Road is taking shape. I appreciate it is causing an element of inconvenience to residents parking on Bannold Road while this work is ongoing, but hopefully once it is completed all will be back to as near normal as we can get these days.

**Hedges** - We do have some properties where the hedges have been allowed to grow and partially obstruct the footpath; they just need trimming a bit more regularly. When a hedge encroaches on the footpath it can make it awkward for pedestrians who use mobility aids to get by without walking on the road. Also people pushing children in buggies sometimes have to go on the road to get by, so if you have a hedge that is growing over the path, think of these people and give it a trim please.

**Denny End Road Development** - The houses are going up quite rapidly now after the initial problems. There was an issue when the speed limit sign was removed but this has now been replaced and work is going on with not too much inconvenience. This is a development that was refused but granted on appeal; the good thing about this is that these houses are intended for Waterbeach people, or people with an extremely strong Waterbeach connection.

**Gibson Close Development** - This was refused by the Parish Council but as the case officer at South Cambs was recommending approval it went to full planning committee with a site visit first. I did demonstrate the problems this would cause if approved and residents also made the case for refusal but to no avail. The planning committee approved this application and so 20 houses will be built on this site.

**SPD Workshop** - I did attend this workshop with several Parish Councillors as this is going to be an important document regarding the development of the former Barracks site. This is a Supplementary Planning Document which helps us to have a bit more say in the style of the development. These include height of buildings, style of buildings, general layouts of open and green spaces, our concerns and means of addressing those concerns. This is obviously early days yet but we have to be on the ball all the time to ensure we do not get something that spoils our village.

**Skate Park** - Graffiti all cleaned up and business as usual here. It is good to see so many people using it and the spread of age groups using it show how much it was needed and an excellent example of money being well spent.

**Chemist shop** - Good to see our new chemist shop up and running and how well this blends in with surrounding properties. Good luck to Geeta and her team and a continuation of a good service to our residents needing medical supplies and general medicinal purchases.



**Railway Station** - It is still on track to have the platforms lengthened by May next year in preparation for the longer trains. This should make it easier to get a seat on the train, making using the train a more pleasant experience. It has been brought to my attention that there are no facilities for parking motorcycles or mopeds and this has resulted in a moped user getting a fine for parking it in the wrong place. I will be contacting the relevant parties to get this rectified.

It is a privilege to represent the residents of Waterbeach, Landbeach, and Chittering, and I will always do my best for you all, if you have any issues or concerns that you think I should know about please contact me by whatever method you prefer, phone call, e-mail, or knock on the door.

Tel. 01223 560918 Mob. 07947 475549

## Farmland Museum



Thousands of visitors visit us at the Farmland Museum and Denny Abbey each year between April and October to find out about rural life, take part in fun, family-friendly events, and explore the remains of Denny Abbey. But they might not be aware of the small team of fantastic volunteers who help the museum.

Our maintenance volunteers, keep everything freshly painted and generally ship-shape. At our volunteer-run bookstore you can get quality second-hand



books at bargain prices. Volunteers help on many collections projects, guided by the Assistant Curator, Emma, making sure that everything is stored and catalogued properly.

Those satiating their thirst in the Tea Room are served with a friendly smile by volunteers,

helping alongside Tea Room staff. Anyone visiting one of the fantastic event days will see many other volunteers, all led by Ann, the Museum Manager.

In March 2017, thanks to our staff, volunteers, visitors and supporters, we celebrated our first 20 years of being located at Denny. Why not join our friendly team of volunteers and help us last another 20 years?

The museum and Abbey is open daily to visitors until the end of the season on 29 October.

# Beach Social Club

By the time you read this we will have enjoyed: Family Night with 'blue bam boo' disco: 'Mean Eyed Cats' Rock 'n' Roll power duo, Easter Bonnet Parade with disco Dave, Comedy Night and Disco with Jonny Dee, plus quiz nights. In addition to that we had Country Music nights organised by Steve and Pam Gothard.

Our stall on Feast Day raised funds for the two charitable causes decided by the members at the AGM - Motor Neurone Disease and BSC for the little extras. Our committee pulled together and donated most of the prizes, but thanks to Maureen and John Neville and Alan & Terri from the Monday Bingo for their donations, which helped us to raise £571.

## *Future entertainment:*

Sept 16<sup>th</sup> - Harvest Festival Charity Auction, to raise funds for our good causes. Donations of anything sellable please, and come along on the night and join in the bidding.

Sept 30<sup>th</sup> Legionnaires Rock Band 9 -12

Oct 14<sup>th</sup> Charity Presentation with Coast 50s, 60s, & 70s rock 'n' roll music

Oct 28<sup>th</sup> Halloween with Disco Dave 7.30-11pm, children welcome. Fancy dress if you wish.

Nov??? Quiz, (date to be confirmed)

Dec 9<sup>th</sup> Draw Night Singer Amanda Russell

Dec 10<sup>th</sup> Kids Xmas Party with Disco Dean 3 - 5pm

Dec 24<sup>th</sup> Xmas Eve Disco with Dean. Children welcome until 9.30pm

Dec 31<sup>st</sup> New Year's Eve - The Spree

The club function room is available for hire to members of 12 months or more, for parties/meetings etc. at very reasonable rates. We may also be able to accommodate local groups and organisations on an occasional or regular basis, daytime or evenings. The Surgery PPG uses the club for open meetings to give information covering various aspects of social care.

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+

New members are always welcome. Call in to collect an application form and have a look at our facilities, which include Pool table and Snooker/Darts/Crib teams. Large screen TV with Sky and BT Sport. There is a Beer Garden at the rear where you can take the kids and enjoy the lowest cost drinks in the area (probably).

We are seeking a Steward/Bar Manager who has bar and cellar experience and bar 'bank staff' to work on an occasional basis helping out for functions and covering staff holidays. If you are interested, then give us your address/email and we will send you details. Tel: 01223 860033.

*Geoff Donovan* Chairman



# Great Granny Jumps!

A thank you to the people of Waterbeach - and beyond.

Last April there was an article about human trafficking in the Salvation Army's publication 'The Salvationist' and suggesting fund raising opportunities to help with the fight against this evil. I decided to make one of the suggested options, a sky-dive. I hoped to raise £1000. People doubted my sanity, especially at my age!

A 'Just Giving' page was set up on the web, posters were put up appealing for donations. We had an open house with scones, strawberry jam, tea and coffee. Hairdresser Janice asked for a collection box. And there were other fund raising efforts.

The people of Waterbeach, and beyond, have been exceedingly generous over the months from April to Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August when I made the jump, by which time the amount raised was just over £3000.

Thank you all for your generosity. The money will make a great difference in the Salvation Army's work in combatting human trafficking. This work is in the rehabilitation of those who have suffered in this way, both emotional and physical. It was a wonderful experience and I can recommend it. And just to show that I really did make the jump, here's a photo just after landing.

*Miriam Day*



## 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

# Keep Waterbeach Rural



I love the summer months and the chance to get out of the old routine and enjoy the longer daylight hours and get out into the countryside which we are so fortunate to have on our doorstep in Waterbeach. Although an apparently quieter time in the village there is much going on in the background.

The Local Plan Inquiry has now concluded and we await the Inspector's report. South Cambridgeshire District Council have been requested to do more work by the Inspector to enable the plan to be made sound. This may mean that there are further public consultations which includes SCDC's modification that the building of Waterbeach New Town could commence with no restriction on building numbers or time constraints. The implications of such a plan may place further pressure on the A10 and other vital infrastructure and essential services. The original plan was for 1400 dwellings to be built by 2031 followed by phased development.

There is currently an A10 corridor study underway which includes the Cambridge Science Park to Ely. This is due to conclude during the Autumn. It is unclear from questions asked whether this will go to public consultation or stakeholders (those with a vested interest.)

In the meantime the outline planning application for 6,500 dwellings on the barracks land by the MOD and Urban & Civic continues to be processed by South Cambridgeshire District Council. It is expected in the Autumn that RLW Estates (other developer of Waterbeach New Town) will apply for outline planning for 4,500 dwellings on greenfield land and to move our railway station from the village to the north of Bannold Road crossing to serve the proposed settlement.

Look out for the public consultations to have your say.

Under a freedom of information request from South Cambridgeshire District Council the Local Plan has cost the taxpayer approximately £1,000,000 so far. One might ask the question should the outcome of the Local Plan and A10 corridor study be considered before any decisions are made on the proposed development of a New Town of at least 11,000 dwellings?

Other planning news the planning application S/2177/16/FL for 20 dwellings to land off Gibson Close has been approved by SCDC planning committee. The application has been recommended for refusal on several occasions by Waterbeach Parish Council. Many objections were also submitted by residents.

If you feel that you would like to have your say as to how the parish is developed in the future please consider supporting the Waterbeach Neighbourhood Plan which is currently being developed. A Neighbourhood Plan is a legal planning document and in conjunction with the Local Plan will always be considered when planning applications are submitted by developers.

Together we can shape our future. For further information please email: [NPAAdmin@Waterbeach.org.uk](mailto:NPAAdmin@Waterbeach.org.uk) or Facebook. Follow Keep Waterbeach Rural on Facebook and Twitter.

*Jane Williams*



# Beach Bowls Club

This year's season is just about to end, but it seems no time since we were looking forward to playing our first match. In that intervening period we have encountered the usual mix of weather from cold at the outset when it was necessary for some of us to put on several layers of clothing to keep warm and even resort to hand warmers, to the hot evenings when sun cream was necessary. There were even a couple of nights when it had rained so heavily that it was necessary to postpone the games. But the overriding theme of the season for the members of Beach Bowls Club has happily been one of success. After two years of winning trophies we expected at the best to consolidate our position. But we have moved forwards in many ways.

At our open afternoon at the beginning of the season we were pleased to welcome a number of new members and three of them have regularly played in league matches. We were able to hold regular roll ups on Thursday afternoons and this resulted in residents who had never played outdoors bowls taking part.

In the Cambridge Business Houses Mens Pairs League our A team have had more wins than for some seasons and the B team achieved their aim of bettering the 4<sup>th</sup> position of last year. In fact, we won the league after a close battle with the two teams who have been most consistent over recent years. This is despite having a small pool of players to pick from and Brian Honey who is a regular member of the squad being unable to play at all due to a hip operation. Hopefully he will take a full part next year. As we have topped the league we shall be playing the winners of the Mixed Pairs league for the title of Champion of Champions.

As usual members have taken part in a number of competitions. Bill Clough narrowly lost his quarter final in the over 60s singles and John Bayley lost the semi-final of the triples by one shot to an old rival from Milton. However, Bob and Viv Doughty have reached the final of the mixed pairs of the Business House Pairs and we wish them the best of luck.

But the highlight has again been the Cambridge and District League. After gaining successive promotions from the third division to the first, the main aim was to keep in the highest division. However, having won our first game convincingly we have more than continued to hold our own. We have been in the top 3 for virtually the whole season enjoying the number 1 spot for a while. With two games to play we



thought we might be third or second, but we won our last two games convincingly and our main rival lost both of theirs heavily. So, we are the champions of division one. It is the first time since 1982 that the club has managed to do that. That means for the third year running we shall be in the competition for the Champion of Champions. We are, of course delighted with what we have achieved. We are also grateful for support we are given by people who live in the village and for the work put in by the groundsman. Anyone wanting any information about the club please contact Terry Pauley on 01223 860600 or Chris Rushmer on 01223 861354. New members will be welcome for future seasons.

# Toddler Playgroup



The summer term continued to be full of fun and creative ways of learning for the children at WTP. It culminated in an emotional graduation ceremony for the Rising 5s - excitement for the children, tears for the parents and staff!

Feast Day, was a great success coming joint first place along with Little

Stars. WTP's theme was King's College and I am sure you will all agree that the children and staff looked amazing.

The energetic WTP

Committee have had a good year of



fundraising. In particular the Running Festival was again a huge success, we thank all involved and those who took part, this event raised a substantial amount for WTP. We would also like to thank everyone who has supported the various WTP's 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 [wayne@waterbeachtoddlerplaygroup.org.uk](mailto:wayne@waterbeachtoddlerplaygroup.org.uk) and 07808 357729.



# Landbeach Society

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.)

*Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Sept:* A Presentation by Urban and Civic on the Waterbeach Development. (TBC)

*Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Oct:* The Muse of Newmarket – Theatre and Charles II (with dramatic finale, hopefully!) John Sutton.

*Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Nov:* A Visit to Welney Wildfowl Trust. (Please meet in the car park of the village hall at 2.30pm)

*Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Dec:* Christmas Celebration.

*Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Jan 2018:* 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

We have had an exciting time this summer. Firstly, we had a trip to Hastings, the weather wasn't great, but we had a real good time. We also had a stall on the Green at the Feast Day. I was a bit sceptical about this, however with the enthusiasm shown by my colleagues, namely, Carole Holdsworth and Rose Lawrence we made it a very worthwhile event. Our thanks go to Rose's son-in-law Ian Mackreill, for his help and providing a gazebo for our use. My thanks to Cynthia Hodson, for providing tables. We had lots of help from members who did one hour stints on the stall, thank you all. The money we raised will help with our Christmas party at the Beach Club in December. We next go to Lowestoft and Peterborough greyhounds, Southend and Southwold are also booked. Membership remains steady in the sixties so all in all things are looking up. Our coach driver Elaine Rose has provided us with our own Happy Folks Club banner, this was at her own expense, she is a credit to MilKen Travel, our coach providers for many years now, long may it remain so. Look out for the coach in the village!

# Waterbeach Cycling Campaign

In the last Beach News you may have read our introduction to the Waterbeach Cycling Campaign. We set up a few months ago to advocate cycling and other forms of non-motorised transport as the village undergoes significant development over the next few years. We're now asking people to support us by registering on our website [www.waterbeachcc.com](http://www.waterbeachcc.com). As the numbers of supporters grow that'll help to add credibility to our campaign.

Our mission is to make Waterbeach connected, safe and enjoyable for all types of cyclists, pedestrians, mobility scooter users and anyone who wants an alternative to the car. We have developed 5 visions for the village and its connections. There's one each for travel north, south, east and west and also one for the village itself. Details of these visions can be found on our website. To the north we'd like to see a route for cyclists and pedestrians to the Research Park. It's currently only accessible by car. Chittering, as part of Waterbeach Parish, should also be accessible on foot or by bike.

To the south the narrow pavement right beside the A10 is high risk and intimidating. Slipping off the pavement onto a stream of traffic including lorries moving at 50mph is a real prospect. The recent Greenway drop-in events held in Waterbeach were well attended. The prospect of a Greenway linking Waterbeach and Cambridge has enthusiastic support.

East of Waterbeach is the beautiful countryside and villages to the east of the river. We'd like to see a route for cyclists to these and Wicken Fen. We also support Horningsea residents' campaign to have a cycle path between Horningsea and Waterbeach.

Cottenham is a regular destination for many Waterbeach villagers due to the secondary school that the majority of children attend. Many of the schoolchildren have told us that they would like to cycle to school. This would require a safe crossing over the A10 and a cycle path both of which we'll be campaigning for.

Waterbeach suffers greatly from rat running during rush hour to avoid the A10 congestion. This impacts the primary school with ongoing concerns about safety. We'd like to see safe routes for children to walk and cycle to school.

It's an ambitious set of goals. However, with support from local decision makers and funds from government and developers we're hoping our visions for making Waterbeach Parish and the surrounding area connected, safe and enjoyable will become reality.

There's further information about our campaign on our website [www.waterbeachcc.com](http://www.waterbeachcc.com). We can be contacted by email [waterbeachcc@gmail.com](mailto:waterbeachcc@gmail.com). We have a Facebook page and are on Twitter.



# Fen Edge Twinning Association

## *Join Our Twentieth Anniversary Twinning Celebration*

The Fen Edge Twinning Association is a local group which is open to all residents in Waterbeach, Landbeach, Cottenham, Rampton and Willingham. We are heading to Avrillé (near Angers in the Loire Valley) in 2018 to celebrate both our 20 year anniversary and the 40 year anniversary of the twinning between the French and Schwalbach am Tanus, Germany. The weekend promises to be a real celebration bringing together lots of different groups with a particular reference to youth involvement.

The trip will take place over the May Day Bank Holiday weekend 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> May 2018 with group travel on the Friday and Monday. Our French hosts are hoping that we will be able to come in force in 2018. We are working with the local primary schools to see how we can involve a broad community of young people without a large number of school absences for the day of travel. We would also welcome involvement from other local societies so if you are interested in taking part as a singleton, a couple, a family or as part of a local group, please contact Julia Gwilt ([juliagwilt@gmail.com](mailto:juliagwilt@gmail.com)) or Kit Kilgour ([kitkilgour@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:kitkilgour@yahoo.co.uk)).

The idea of twinning took root after the Second World War, with its primary values being friendship, co-operation and mutual awareness between the peoples of Europe. In May this year, a group of about 40 from the Fen Edge villages travelled to Avrillé. As you can see from the photo, there is a wide mix of participants from all ages with both families and singletons taking part: A group dinner is typically the main focus for the weekend and this year we

were treated to a spectacular three course meal in a local chateau.

We were entertained with a thoroughly



amusing music quiz where teams had to identify the French and English names of famous films/TV series from their theme tunes. We learnt that "Avengers" had the snappy French title "The man in the bowler hat and the lady in the leather boots" in French and "Jaws" became "teeth of the sea". We also picnicked together as a group and my hosts raised the level of picnic

food to another dimension with filet mignon en croute! No scotch eggs and sandwiches for us. The rest of the weekend was left fairly free and my hosts managed to fit in a boat ride on the Loire, a wine tasting and a guided tour of a nearby chateau. Other families took part in visits to Terra Botanica (a local botanical gardens), a service conducted in part by our very own Brian Macdonald-Milne and an organised run or walk.

We will also be holding a quiz on 24 November which is a great way to meet the people involved in the twinning. Even if you're not sure whether or not you can make it to France in 2018, we can add you to our mailing list so that you're kept informed of the activities of the group. Please get in touch if you have any questions.

*Julia Gwilt*

## Pop Up Café

The Pop Up Café is back on 30<sup>th</sup> September and there will be the usual temptations on the menu including all our homemade food, hot lunches, soups, salads, drinks and of course all of the cakes. As previously, we have invited local artists along and this time we are getting 'crafty', with guests demonstrating crochet, knitting and stitching.



For those that have not been to us yet, the Pop Up Café has been running for 3 years and was formed by a group of 5 friends living in the village who liked to bake as well as the idea of creating a café. We 'pop up' every couple of months trying out new recipes, and also bringing back old favourites. We use the Baptist Chapel and create an environment where the village can come together, share a table and enjoy some good food. Sometimes we share the space with local artists, authors (and even gramophone DJs!) to show off Waterbeach's many hidden talents.

(We are always open to new people to come along and show their work – if you would like to please email Karen on [info@designsbykarenlewis.com](mailto:info@designsbykarenlewis.com))

The beautiful Baptist Chapel has excellent disabled facilities and toilets, along with plenty of space for pushchairs and prams. We decorate the Chapel each time, usually with a theme to make it a fun place to meet.

There will also be plenty of vegetarian and gluten free dishes on the menu as we try our best to cater for everyone.

You can find out more about us and see photos on our Facebook page at: <https://en-gb.facebook.com/popupcafewaterbeach/> or search 'Waterbeach Pop Up Café'.

We are open from 11am to 4pm on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September, and we look forward to welcoming you!

# Royal British Legion



The poppy appeal total for the village 2016/17 collection totalled £3809.63

Our thanks go to all those who donated and to The Motor Boat Club at Clayhithe who donated £305 on a special event.

Poppy collectors are needed again this year to assist with the door to door collection for the Poppy Appeal in Waterbeach and Landbeach. The collection helps the Legion in looking after the welfare of people who have served in the armed forces and their dependents. Contact Norman Foster on 01223 474622 or email [waterbeachlandbeachrbl@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:waterbeachlandbeachrbl@yahoo.co.uk)

Remembrance Day services will be held on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November  
Landbeach 9.15am

Waterbeach assemble at St. John's Church at 10.45am

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 details. If you have access to a computer you can find details of all the RBL activities on [www.britishlegion.org.uk](http://www.britishlegion.org.uk)

Please look out for notices about socials and meetings on the RBL notice board outside the Beach Social Club.

The branch Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday October 18<sup>th</sup> at 7.45pm in The Beach Social Club.

Meeting to discuss RBL business and resolutions, pass the accounts for the year, discuss activities to celebrate the end of the 1914-1918 war and elect the committee for the coming year 2017/2018.

## Denson Close Community Centre

**Coffee Morning Club** - Tuesday mornings 10am to 11ish we gather at the Community Centre to have tea or coffee, and chat. We try to put the 'world to rights', plan events, (such as outings, having an autumn sale etc.) We have the sales to raise money for future events. We are always looking for new people to join. You are under no obligation to attend every Tuesday - it's just a gathering of people, (many of whom live alone - like myself), to make new friends and get involved in this lovely village of Waterbeach. Please feel free to 'wander in', sit down, talk, and we would welcome new ideas and fresh minds to bring to this amazing Community Centre. If we don't 'use it', then we could very well 'lose it'. That would be so devastating to the Monday and Wednesday lunch club where Cook prepares gorgeous lunches for local residents, all for a very reasonable cost. Go on, give it a try. You will be most welcome. Only £1 for Coffee Mornings.



# Waterbeach School 50 years ago

This photograph of Class 8 at Waterbeach Primary School has been sent to us by two of the class members, Alison (née Kirkbride) and Dennis Thomas. It was taken 50 years ago in the summer of 1967, just before they all moved on to secondary school. Alison and Dennis have named as many members of their class as possible (and apologise for any mistakes!), but perhaps you can fill in the gaps? Do you recognise yourself or maybe someone you know? Hopefully it will get you reminiscing and talking about days gone by. If anyone can assist with the names or has any stories to tell of times past in Waterbeach we would love to hear from you. Details of how to contact us are on the first page of the magazine.



## ***Waterbeach Primary School - Class 8 - Summer 1967***

Head teacher: Miss HM Hatley

Class teacher: Mr Studley

*Top Row (L-R)* - Malcolm Nelson, ?, ?, Paul Cupitt, John Wyatt, Carol Camps, ?, Carol High.

*Middle Row (L-R)* - Miss Hatley, Susan Edwards, Johnathan?, ?, Dennis Thomas, Peter Doyle, Colin Hayhoe, Susan Townsend, Rachel Hayhoe, ?, Mr Studley

*Seated Row (L-R)* - Valerie Impey, Rosemary Branch, Pauline Molloy, Lorraine Gilzean, ?, Janet Bloomfield, Martin Howlett, Robert Shipp, Ann Bavester, Alison Kirkbride, ?

*Seated on ground (L-R)* - Keith Falconer, Lorraine Smith, Jane Richardson, Steven Kidman

# Busytots

Busytots is a not for profit baby and toddler group, based in Landbeach Village Hall, entirely run by volunteers.

Every Wednesday kids can get hands-on with a craft activity or messy play, toys and a sing along at most sessions. Snacks are included for kids, but perhaps more importantly cake and tea for grown-ups.



We've enjoyed some brilliant sessions so far this year. Cornflakes and dinosaurs sensory play went down especially well with the toddlers and of course we all enjoyed the mini Easter egg hunt!

Busytots is currently looking for a volunteer to join our small, but friendly team. Can you spare a few hours on a Wednesday morning, once a month?

What sort of things does volunteering at Busytots involve? As a Snack Volunteer, you help prepare

simple snacks for the children and tea & coffee for their parents & carers. 10.30-11.45am roughly once a month on a Wednesday.

If you'd like to find out more contact Gemma on 07986 717958 or email [busytots1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:busytots1@hotmail.co.uk)

Busytots is open every Wednesday from 10am till 12 noon and everyone is welcome. It's a great way for parents and carers to meet new people, and relax with a cuppa, in a place with lots to keep their little ones entertained. We're even open during the school holidays.

Find us at [facebook.com/LandbeachBusytots](https://facebook.com/LandbeachBusytots) or visit [www.busytots.weebly.com](http://www.busytots.weebly.com)

We're an inclusive group and welcome everyone.

We're a not for profit group, but ask for a small entry fee to help cover our hall rent and cost of snacks etc. £1.50 single child families, plus 50p per additional child.

## Line Dancing in Landbeach



Starting on September 19<sup>th</sup> we will be Line Dancing in Landbeach!

We meet weekly on Tuesdays at 6.30-7.30pm at the Baptist Chapel, High Street, Landbeach.

Line Dancing is both physical and mental exercise. Come and enjoy a friendly relaxed hour with the content picked to match the dancers' experience and ability.

Just come along on the evening or for further information contact John on 01638 601253 or Nancy on 01223 861332.



# Military Heritage Museum

WMHM were proud to officially open the museum on the day of 514 Squadron's annual reunion Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2017. One of the hottest days of the year!

514 Sqn. flew Lancaster bombers from 1943 to 1945 from Waterbeach, their only base. RAF Waterbeach was built in 1940 and was RAF until pulling out in 1966 when it became the Barracks of 39 Royal Engineer Regiment (Airfield Repair) until they were relocated to Kinross in 2013 and shortly to again be relocated to Catterick a bit nearer to most of the Regiments wider families.

Whilst the veterans of WWII become less each year (five managed to attend this year and about 120 people altogether) the families attending the reunion grow proud in the fact that their relative did and sacrificed so much for others. 'Lest we forget' is often said during the reunion day. The reunion starts off with tea and coffee followed by a service of remembrance in St John's Waterbeach Parish Church, where this year a wreath was by Air Vice Marshal Richard Knighton CB in memory of the 437 lives lost from the squadron.

Then it is a dash up to Waterbeach Barracks main runway for the Battle of Britain Flight fly over at about 1230hrs. The Lancaster was not quite flying at this time but never-the-less BBMF sent two Hurricanes and a Spitfire instead, flying over three times in a tight skilful formation, magnificent! The party then retired to the Studio building on the Barracks for a buffet meal. It is good to have developers Urban & Civic who are sensitive to the feelings of the reunion in allowing use of the Studio and the old airfield. There is a garden of remembrance by the lake which was open enabling people to go and pay their respects.



Following the buffet, those that wanted to, joined us at WMHM for the official Museum opening, jointly and ably performed by Air Vice Marshal Richard Knighton CB and Colonel David Adamson RE Retd. a former Commander of 39 Royal Engineer Regiment at Waterbeach Station.

During the proceedings Chairman of WMHM, Adrian Wright, received on

behalf of the Museum a framed display from Belgium Plane Hunters Chairman Benny Ceulaers of shot down 514 Sqn. Lancaster NN775 over Belgium. This incorporates photographs of the crew who all lost their lives



in the crashed aircraft when it was shot down. This could be a article another time for our award winning Beach News.

We are always looking for items from the RAF and RE days for the displays if you have anything to donate please contact us. Particularly we are short of 39 Engineer material and artefacts as most of the museum collection went with them to Kinloss. We are also looking for mannequins (male variety pref.) to display our uniforms on.

The Trustees of WMHM and volunteers look forward to you visiting the museum in the next twelve months. The museum is open on the first Sunday and Wednesday of the month, March to October. We welcome groups to visit outside normal opening times, please contact us. Admission is free but we are pleased to receive donations. There is a history of the Airfield and Barracks for £10 at the museum or from Rosemary Newsagents. Also, we have 4 books about 514 Sqn. together with a selection of second-hand books for your delight, plus a series of artists notelets featuring aircraft that flew from Waterbeach.

Follow us on Facebook or contact us by email:

[waterbeachmilitarymuseum@waterbeach.org](mailto:waterbeachmilitarymuseum@waterbeach.org)

*Adrian Wright WMHM Chairman*

## Yoga for kids!



YogaKidsClub is a new venture born in Waterbeach teaching yoga to primary school aged children, aged 4-11. Our classes combine breathing exercises, stretches, and mindfulness exercises to help children become aware of their minds and bodies, but using games, songs and props we can make sure they have fun from start to finish!

Yoga is suitable for all children, regardless of ability and is a healthy, non-competitive way to look after themselves. Over the course of a few lessons, the children can see their flexibility and strength improve, increasing their self-confidence.

Mindfulness is somewhat of a hot topic at the moment, and teaching children these techniques from a young age can help to prevent problems in later life. We use guided meditation and mindfulness exercises help to wind them down, and we have heard many tales of improved sleeping patterns and increased concentration when these are used regularly!

We have classes in Waterbeach on Mondays (3.20pm and 4.30pm) and Milton on Tuesdays (4pm and 4.45pm) starting in September, and running weekly through the full term. These sessions can be booked now on our website: [www.yogakidsclub.com/book-classes](http://www.yogakidsclub.com/book-classes). Other sessions are also available.

For more information, contact us on 01223 976676 or [info@yogakidsclub.com](mailto:info@yogakidsclub.com)

# Shire of Flintheath

Attendees at the Waterbeach Feast on 10<sup>th</sup> June may have noticed the large painted pavilion set up in one corner of the Green. This belonged to the Shire of Flintheath, the local branch of the Society for Creative Anachronism, a group probably best known locally for holding noisy sword-fighting practices on the Green every Saturday the weather allows.



That side of our group is the most visibly obvious and easily demonstrated at events such as the Feast, but it is by no means the only thing we do. Overall, the Society for Creative Anachronism, or SCA, is a living history group; we combine research into various parts of historical life from many different periods with light-hearted medieval re-enactment to create a mixture of education, creation and fun.

As well as training in the martial arts of fencing and armoured combat, members of the SCA also practice various arts and sciences such as brewing, cooking, costume-making, and art from illuminating manuscripts to music and dance to metalworking. Depending on his or her taste, a member can participate in any or all of the activities offered, and may enter into re-enactment as much or as little as he or she may choose, including attending events both locally and internationally to take part in contests, feasts, and celebration.

We're always looking for new members to join us in what we have sometimes termed the Modern Middle Ages. If you're interested in a fun, low-pressure hobby with a historical emphasis, or you just want to find out more about who we are and what we do, check out our website at <http://www.flintheath.org.uk/> get in touch at [chatelaine@flintheath.org.uk](mailto:chatelaine@flintheath.org.uk), or just come and talk to us at one of our practices!

**Keith & Doris Taylor would like to thank everyone who supported their**

**Plant Stall at 1 Way Lane, Waterbeach**

**£2500 was raised for Papworth Hospital Charity**



*"You have raised fantastic amount of money from holding a plant sale and we would like to thank you for choosing Papworth Hospital Charity as the beneficiary. The money you have raised will really help make a difference to our patients, their families and our staff at the hospital."*

**Stephen Posey, Chief Executive Papworth Hospital Charity**

# Fire and Rescue Service



The school summer holidays are coming to a close and we hope you have enjoyed the time with family, going on holiday or even creating your own adventures at home.

As the children head off back to school, take the opportunity to teach your children about fire safety and design your very own fire escape plan for them to share with teachers and other students back in the classroom.

We recommend every household has a fire escape plan and regularly runs through it with the family – especially when guests are coming to stay.

Here are a few things to consider when writing yours:

- Everyone should know where the window and door keys are.
- Your normal way out of the house is your best escape route so always keep it clear of clutter - think of the difficulties you'll have using this route in pitch darkness or smoke.
- Walk your escape route with the rest of your family or housemates and make sure everyone can open windows and doors easily.

If you, your neighbour or family member might be vulnerable or have trouble escaping from their house in a fire, get in touch with us to see if we can help by calling 0800 917 9994.

For the latest news, incidents and safety advice, or to contact us, log on to [www.cambsfire.gov.uk](http://www.cambsfire.gov.uk). Sign up to email alerts and find us on Twitter, Instagram, YouTube and Facebook.

## A Cambridgeshire Scrapbook

I'm Mike Petty, the Cambridgeshire local historian, formerly of the Cambridgeshire Collection. For more than 20 years I have been compiling *A Cambridgeshire Scrapbook*. It comprises over 3,000 pages and more than 20,000 fascinating facts, features and (occasional) fallacies reported in Cambridge newspapers between 1897 and 1990. It is arranged week by week – so you can check to see what was hitting the headlines when you were born. It is free to read, free to download, free to use. Just search 'Cambridgeshire Scrapbook' on your computer or tablet.

I have also put together scores of mini-scrapbooks including Cambridgeshire villages such as your own. These Village Scrapbooks reveal some of the events that have helped shape the community of today and put the present in its context. They are not comprehensive but are worth a look.

They are free to read, free to download, free to use. Just search '[your village name] Scrapbook'. To see the full range of Scrapbooks and discover other resources to help you discover our area just click '[bit.ly/CambsCollection](http://bit.ly/CambsCollection)'. It's my way of saying 'thank you' for all the help folk have given me over more than 50 years of trying to discover something of this fascinating county.

Mike Petty

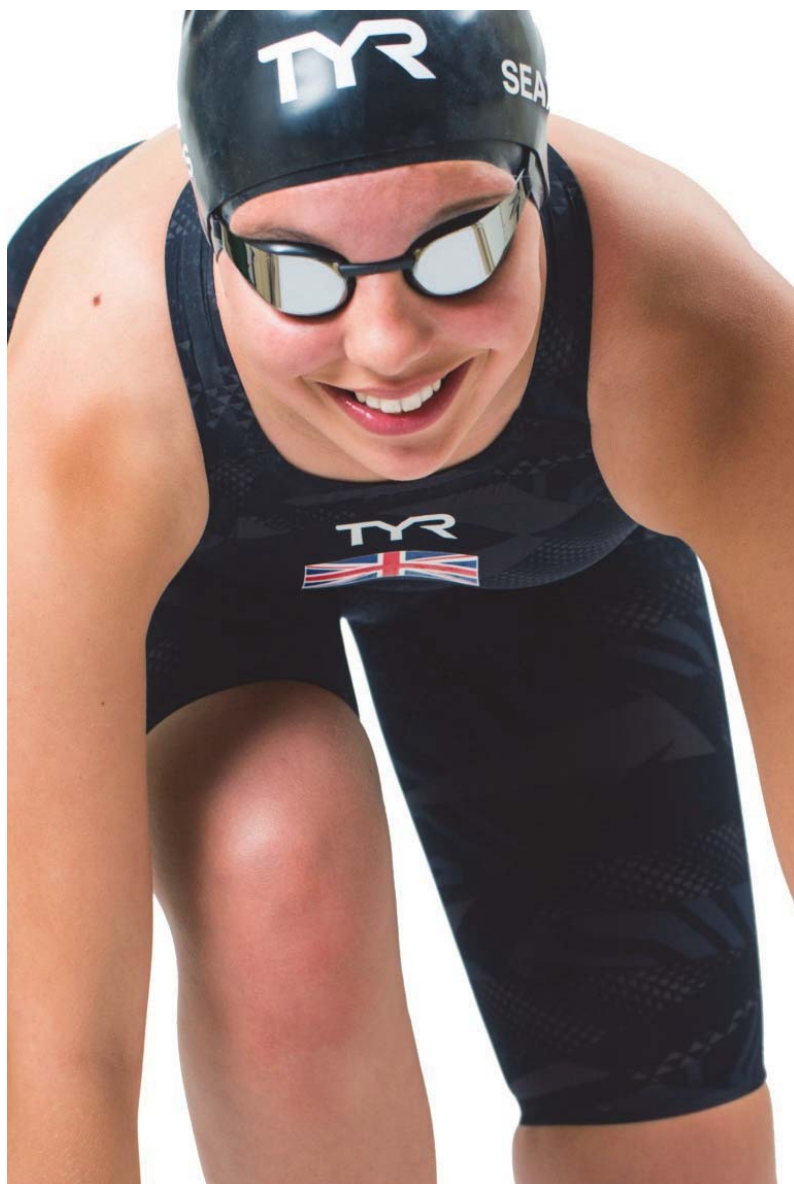


# Deaflympics 2017

## ***Waterbeach to Samsun***

Like most children, I started swimming at an early age down at the local pools. Waterbeach when I was growing up was great, we had the school pool (with Ali Fish) and the barracks pool. I never imagined then that I would swim for DeaflympicsGB live on Turkish TV. The Deaflympics is the second oldest IOC multi-sport recognised games, much older than the Paralympics. Lots of people ask me why the Deaf don't go to the Paralympics, it's simply numbers, both games have 4,000 to 5,000 athletes and it was agreed back in 2000 to keep them separate.

Representing DeaflympicsGB was the greatest honour, it was an amazing experience. I had to undertake IOC courses on being an Olympian, understanding which medicines were legal in sport, how to talk to the media, and of course swimming 20,000 meters a week. It was great to have the village behind me. To come home with a bronze medal was amazing. I will never forget the total experience meeting Olympians, the British Ambassador to Turkey and the local school children. I have been so lucky representing GB three times (USA, Russia and Turkey), I now have so many friends around the world. Just before the Deaflympics I qualified as a swim teacher thanks to the National Deaf Children Society, and I am now enjoying teaching swimming at Parkside and the Abbey. It's a full circle!!



I would like to thank all my school friends, Ali Fish, Alan Shipp, Cressi Downing, actually everyone for being so supportive over the last 12 years. I would encourage all young people to take up sport for fun or beyond....

*Jasmine Seamark*

# Cambridgeshire Constabulary

Recently there has been a rise in Shed Breaks, therefore here is some advice on shed security.

Consider painting your house number and postcode onto your valuable gardening equipment (e.g. lawnmower, strimmer and tools). This makes them much less attractive to potential thieves as it makes them more difficult to sell on, and also increases the chances of the property being recovered and returned to its rightful owner if it is stolen.

Avoid storing valuable items such as power tools, fishing tackle or golf clubs in a shed. These items should be stored inside your home or a secure garage.

If you have been working in your garden ensure that you lock away tools such as spades or forks when you're finished. Tools left out overnight could be used by an intruder to gain access to your property.

If you don't intend to use the windows in your shed you can make them secure by screwing them shut or fitting window locks. Hanging old curtain or netting up against the window will prevent any prying eyes from seeing what is stored in your shed.

**Locks and Bolts** - The most effective way to secure shed doors is to fit a strong hasp and staple (also called a 'padbar'). Secure this with coach bolts (long bolts with a smooth head that cannot be undone with a screwdriver or spanner) and lock the hasp over the staple with a closed shackled padlock. You can further protect your shed with items such as 'shed bars' and larger items such as cycles can be secured to shed shackles. These and other approved products can be found at [www.soldsecure.com](http://www.soldsecure.com) or [www.securedbydesign.com](http://www.securedbydesign.com).

Secure the shed door hinges with 'clutch head' or 'coffin' screws. These are a special type of screw that once fitted can only be unscrewed with a special tool. They can be purchased from DIY outlets and on the internet.



## PRIOR FEN CHAPEL

*"The Little Chapel in the Fen"*

All welcome to our

**Harvest Festival Service**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 3pm**

Traditional harvest service and hymns

Produce welcome

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

Be early to guarantee a seat.

For more information contact Trish: 07979 868676

# Mentoring Programme

## *Could you spare an hour a month to change someone's life for the better?*

Form the Future's successful mentoring programme for young people (aged 14 to 17) is expanding and they need more mentors to help students fulfil their potential. This year nearly 100 students from eight Cambridge and Ely schools, and local village colleges were supported by a volunteer mentor from the business community. In the next academic year, the number of students is doubling and they need 100 new mentors from different professions to meet all the areas of interest.

Anyone can be a mentor as training is provided. No previous experience is necessary, just a desire to make a difference and willingness to give up to one hour a month.

Alan Robinson who works at the MRC Mitochondrial Biology Unit found the time to mentor and cannot recommend the scheme highly enough: "I will definitely be a mentor again (next year). To see the positive impact it can have for a relatively minor input is absolutely fantastic. I've seen my mentee develop in ways that I had not expected"

Describing his experience as a mentee, a student from Sawston Village College said, "I've got someone I can rely on now. To be able to meet someone like this at an early age is such a good feeling.... she has helped me improve my grades and to think about my behaviour."

## **How does it work?**

Mentors and Mentees are matched based on shared interests and job aspirations. Many of the students are eligible for free school meals, most are at risk of disengaging from education and not achieving their full potential, while some simply lack direction or have a career goal, but no plan for reaching it. Mentors can provide the vital one-to-one support that helps students find a new sense of purpose, motivation and direction.

At the new Bishop Laney sixth form in Ely all students will be provided with a business mentor to help them prepare for their future careers.

Anyone can be a mentor. Mentors receive 5 hours of training from a professional development agency, and Form the Future arrange the matching, the safeguarding issues and the logistics of the meetings (which always happen in school). You will be required to listen a great deal and empathise- providing words of challenge and support once you have built up a relationship of trust.

Form the Future CIC is a social enterprise that is changing the way students learn about, and prepare for, the world of work. In addition to the mentoring, they deliver two major programmes in the Cambridge area: the skills service for the Greater Cambridge Partnership, and Cambridge LaunchPad: a technology outreach programme led by leading STEM employers. Other services for schools and businesses are listed on the websites:

[www.formthefuture.org.uk](http://www.formthefuture.org.uk) and [www.timetostepup.co.uk](http://www.timetostepup.co.uk)

To enquire about mentoring, please email [mentoring@formthefuture.org.uk](mailto:mentoring@formthefuture.org.uk) or call Sean on 01223 781296.



# What's On

## September

- Sat 16<sup>th</sup> Harvest Festival Charity Auction (*Beach Social Club*), 8.30pm  
Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Free Machining by Anna Osborne (*Waterbeach Wives Group*) - St. John's Church Room, 7.30pm  
Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Presentation by Urban&Civic on the Waterbeach Development (TBC) (*Landbeach Society*)  
Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> 'Grasses' by Joe Sharman (*Gardening Club*) - St. John's Church Room, 7.45pm  
Sat 30<sup>th</sup> Legionnaires Rock Band (*Beach Social Club*) - Beach Social Club, 9 -12pm

## October

- Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Geoff Evans' Amazing Photos (*Waterbeach Wives Group*) - St. John's Church Room, 7.30pm  
Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Autumn Open Evening (*WI*) St. John's Church Room, drop in anytime between 7.30-9.00pm  
Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Autumn Sale (*Waterbeach Wives Group*) - St. John's Church Room, 10am  
Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Pantomime Auditions (*Community Players*) - Waterbeach School, 7.30pm  
Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Bingo (*Scouts*) - Scout Hut, 7.30pm  
Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Charity Presentation with Coast 50s,60s,70s rock & roll music (*Beach Social Club*) - Beach Social Club  
Wed 18<sup>th</sup> The Muse of Newmarket – Theatre and Charles II (*Landbeach Society*) – Landbeach Village Hall, 7.30pm  
Wed 18<sup>th</sup> AGM (*The Royal British Legion*) - Beach Social Club, 7.45pm  
Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Craft Fair (*Salvation Army*) - Waterbeach Salvation Army Hall, 10am - 4pm  
Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Halloween - Disco Dave (*Beach Social Club*) - Beach Social Club, 7.30-11pm

## November

- Wed 8<sup>th</sup> - The Maintenance Man (*Waterbeach Community Players*) -  
Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Waterbeach School, 7.30pm  
Sun 12<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Day Services – Landbeach, 9.15am and Waterbeach - St. John's Church, 10.45am  
Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Copy deadline for Winter edition of Beach News  
Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Bingo (*Scouts*) - Scout Hut, 7.30pm  
Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Christmas Sale (*Waterbeach Day Centre for the Elderly*) – Denson Close Day Centre, 2 - 4pm  
Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Sale (*Scouts*) Scout Hut, 10am - 2pm  
Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Visit to Welney Wildfowl Trust (*Landbeach Society*) – meet in Landbeach Village Hall car park, 2.30pm  
Mon 27<sup>th</sup> & Santa's coming to your street! (*Scouts & Guides*) look out  
Tues 28<sup>th</sup> for posters with details of route nearer the time, 6-8pm

## December

- Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Beach News Winter edition published  
Mon 4<sup>th</sup> & Santa's coming to your street! (*Scouts & Guides*) look out  
Tues 5<sup>th</sup> for posters with details of route nearer the time, 6-8pm  
Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Bingo (*Scouts*) - Scout Hut, 7.30pm

Send your events in December 2017 and January and February 2018 for inclusion in the Winter edition of Beach News to [beachnews@waterbeach.org](mailto:beachnews@waterbeach.org) by 10<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

*Waterbeach Community Association reserves the right to omit events at its discretion and without notice. To the best of our knowledge, the information contained herein is accurate and reliable as of the date of publication; however, we do not assume any liability whatsoever for the accuracy and completeness of the above information.*

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### Other useful numbers:

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# Waterbeach Barracks and Airfield

52.2656° N, 0.12910° E

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

- Sports Hall
- Studio area
- Tennis Courts
- Squash courts
- Community rooms

## Military Heritage Museum

Open from 11am to 4pm on the first Wednesday and Sunday of each month, March to October, 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)



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We love all the effort our children, their families and our staff put into the Feast every year. Thank you!



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