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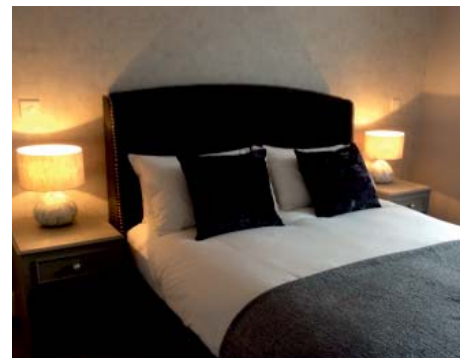
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Community Association



Memorial Benches - As mentioned in a previous Beach News, Waterbeach Community Association planned to arrange fitting memorials to two longstanding members of WCA, Sid High and Dave Halsey, who passed away in recent years.

Sid was an avid member of the community and worked tirelessly for the village for over 25 years. He was part of the Beach News team when the magazine was originally formed in the early 1970's and continued to assist with its production for many years thereafter. Sid was also part of the group that brought Waterbeach Feast back to life in 1971 after a long break and continued to organise the event for many years to follow.

Dave was always very active within Waterbeach since he moved here in 1975. When Dave became caretaker at the school he volunteered his expertise in printing to assist in the production of Beach News. He continued to set and print the magazine for over twenty years. As part of Waterbeach Community Association Dave was also very involved in the organisation of Waterbeach Feast too.

Two benches have now been placed on the Recreation Ground, one near the skate park and the other near the football pitches. As much of their time was spent organising the Feast a plaque to commemorate their work within the community has also been placed on one of the existing benches on the Green.



Feast Day 10th June 2017

Feast day is fast approaching and this year we have reached the letter K in our alphabet theme so expect to see Knights, Kings, and Kangaroos, wandering around the village on Feast Day.



The parade of floats will leave Waterbeach Primary School at 2pm. The Parade Collection this year will go to local clubs and groups. Please give generously to our bucket collectors as they pass by with the parade.

Waterbeach Brass Band will entertain you in the arena whilst the parade travels around the village. The presentation of the trophies will take place in the arena at the end of the parade.

Your HELP is still needed on Feast Day morning and after the conclusion of the event. Just an hour of your time will make a huge difference to our very small team. If you can help please contact me Jacqui on 01223 860993 - Thank You.

Please be aware that the roads in the village will be congested and we would ask you to please be careful and be aware that there will be lots of adults and children walking around the village.

PLEASE TRY AND AVOID DRIVING THROUGH THE VILLAGE BETWEEN 2PM AND 3PM ON SATURDAY JUNE 10TH. Thank you for your support.



We have booked a variety of arena events to entertain you including Gymnasts, Dancers, the Children of Waterbeach Primary School and more. There will be fairground rides, food stalls, games, jewellery, ice creams, plants and the Community Association Raffle tickets will be

on sale in the Community Association tent on the day. We have lots of prizes for you to win.

We look forward to seeing you all on June 10th and hope you enjoy the day!

Photos from Feast 2016

WASPS



The children at WASPS are making the most of the lighter evenings and warmer weather, they have been enjoying spending their time outside in the play area, den building has been very popular over the past couple of weeks! The children are looking forward to some baking activities this week at the after school club ahead of our bake sale fundraiser at the end of the week (this would have already taken place by the time this article is published). At our recent Easter Holiday Club, the children enjoyed fun activities, including an egg hunt and a train ride into Cambridge to the cinema! This proved to be very popular and we are hoping to plan another trip again soon.

We say thank you and farewell to Victoria, who recently left our staff team. We wish Charlotte (Playworker) good luck in her new employment, she will sadly no longer be working regular hours at the After School Club, although we do hope to still see her at the Holiday Club from time to time. We welcome Thomas, who joined the team as Playworker recently.

WASPS 20th Birthday Celebration! - In September, WASPS will be 20 years old. To celebrate, we are hosting an anniversary party for past and present families and staff. The party will take place on Saturday 9th September at the Tillage Hall, between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Bring a picnic rug, a plate of food, play some games and share memories. If you would like to be a part of our celebrations or can help on the day, please email playhouse@waterbeach-wasps.org.uk. We would love to hear from you and look forward to seeing everyone in September.

Are you having a spring clean? - If you are having a spring clean and clear out at home, please remember us! Good quality puzzles, games, toys and craft resources that your children may have out grown or no longer need, will be very welcome at WASPS! We are also in need of more 'U' rated children's DVDs and outdoor equipment suitable for 4-11 year olds...please help us spread the word.

Free time on your hands? - Do you have some free time during the afternoons? Maybe you are recently retired or work part time? Do you have an interest or experience in working with children? Would you consider joining our Bank Staff? Bank Staff work ad-hoc hours as and when needed to help support busy sessions and cover staff absences. This is a paid role, to find out more please contact us – details overleaf.

Holiday Club is open to 4-11 year olds, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. for a full day. We also offer flexible booking with half day sessions and bookings for a minimum of 2 hours. Half day sessions can also 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 from home.

Holiday Club will run during Half Term, Tues 30th May to Fri 2nd June and training day Mon 5th June 8:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m. Summer Holiday Club will run for 3 weeks, Mon 24th to Fri 28th July, Mon 31st July to Fri 4th Aug and Mon 7th Aug to Fri 11th Aug 8:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m.

Breakfast Club runs from 7:45 a.m. – 8:50 a.m. and After School Club runs until 6 p.m. on all school days. Our term time clubs are currently quite busy with limited availability. Please inquire with a Co-ordinator to book a place.

Contact us: For more information, please visit our website: 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 a booking, let us know.

Library News



Waterbeach Library is an independent Library, run solely by volunteers. We are situated down the school drive, just to the left - with a rather large sign on the side of the building.

We recently received up to date figures regarding our performance and suffice to say we are very highly placed, catering for over 500 Library members on a regular basis - not bad for a relatively small community library. We have approximately 10,000 books covering all ages and interests so we are sure you will not be disappointed. Whilst Independent we are connected to Cambridgeshire County Libraries so we can return books borrowed from other Cambridgeshire libraries for you, also if you request a book online there will be no reservation fee if you collect the book from Waterbeach Library. We can offer WiFi and printing facilities in the Library, there is a study area, children have their own area and are very welcome - we are not a "Shush" Library. Many babies have learned to walk using our book boxes as supports. All in all we are a friendly group trying very hard to offer as near professional service to our fellow community members.

The Library is now gearing up for the 2017 Summer Reading Challenge, which this year it is called "Animal Agents" and looks rather interesting. The Animal Agents are - Bart the Bloodhound, Daisy the Rabbit, Slip and Slide twin snakes and Bernice the Brown Bear who will take the children through the various stages of reading. For anyone not aware of the Summer Reading Challenge let me explain a little about it.

The Summer Reading Challenge is designed for children from 3yrs to 12yrs to keep them reading through the summer months. In the past it was noted

children did not necessarily read enough during their holidays, which resulted in a decrease in reading skills when they returned to school after the summer break. To counteract this the Summer Reading Challenge was commenced, operated by the government operated Reading Agency. All it requires is for children to sign up to the Challenge by coming into the Library to fill in a form to register they wish to take the Challenge. Registering will be available from Friday 30th June, with the actual Challenge launched on Friday 14th July when all the books will be available. Once the children commence the Challenge they will be provided with a progress chart and a number of other delights which they love.

To complete the Challenge the children need to read six books during the summer break, every time they finish a book they come into the Library to have their chart stamped and receive a gift, along with stickers. There are always new books to choose from, set out in the Library on launch day, but obviously they can choose any book from the Library if they wish. All children who complete the Challenge, by reading their six books, will be presented with a Medal and Diploma-usually at a school assembly, in the Autumn term. Any child not attending the local school, and we have quite a few, can have their medal/diploma delivered to their school, or directly to their home. The children enjoy the Challenge enormously and cannot wait to pick up their next little gift as they finish their books. Reading is one of the most important abilities, allowing children to explore and learn from so many sources. There is concern the readings abilities of our children is falling, we are now much lower in the world ranking, but the Reading Challenge is one way for this to change as it backs up the excellent work teachers carry out in a daily basis. So we ask you to bring your child into the Library so they can enjoy the books and open up an enormous window on the world. If you or your children are not members of the Library we can arrange your Library cards within a short time, just bring in some identification containing your address. If your children will be away for a large part of the summer they can take six books (three new ones, three out of the Library) and collect their goodies when they return if this helps.

Remember from 30th June you can register your child for the Reading Challenge, it saves you waiting on Launch Day, as your child will be registered and can choose books straight away.

On Friday 14th July, the Reading Challenge will be launched with all the books available.

We know there are a number of children who wanted to do the Reading Challenge last year but could not, if we can help in any way in facilitating your child being able to take part please just let us know.

Pop down to meet us and enjoy your Community Library.

Day Centre for the Elderly

Denson Close Community Centre: Monday and Wednesday 11am to 3.30pm

What we've been doing - The Day Centre opened again in April after a short break for Easter and, just before the Centre closed for the holidays we held a very successful Easter Sale, raising over £400 to help with the day-to-day running costs. Thank you to everyone who came along to help us! Our next big event will be....

Summer Sale - on Saturday, 8 July from 2.00pm. Please come along...enjoy a cream tea and find lots of bargains, raffle, tombola, bric-a-brac, homemade cakes... and lots more!

What else do we do - The Day Centre provides a sociable and safe meeting place for the senior citizens of Waterbeach, Landbeach and Chittering. We meet at the Denson Close Community Room twice a week, on Mondays and Wednesdays, from 11.00 in the morning to around 3.30pm. A home-cooked two-course hot lunch is provided every day for our members - as well as morning coffee and biscuits and afternoon tea and cakes. There are organised activities to join in with, as well as catching up with old friends and neighbours - or making new ones! The great value cost of all this is only £4.50 per day per member. Costs are kept low through grants from the Waterbeach United Charity, Waterbeach Parish Council, and Cambridgeshire Community Foundation (CCF). The Day Centre is extremely grateful for the support of these bodies.

We have a membership list so that we know how many lunches to provide each day; members of the group can attend on one or both days each week. Where needed, transport to and from the Denson Close Community Room can be arranged. We are a Day Centre aiming to provide a social environment - and members are asked to attend for the whole period, not for lunch only.

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

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

If you would like to know more about the Waterbeach Day Centre please contact Mary on 01223 564666. Or come along to the Denson Close Community Room - we'd love to meet you.

Waterbeach Wives Group

What a lovely Spring – not enough rain for gardeners of course, but how stunning the daffodils were, the village looked a picture!

Suitably, on daffodil day, (March 1st) our own Guin Glasfurd-Brown came to talk to us about the making of her book “The Words in My Hand”. We were amazed to learn just how much research and general hard work is needed to get a book into production. A very talented lady.

We also had our AGM in March, and were very pleased to hand over a large cheque to our last charity, Riding for the Disabled, which we are told will go towards a new horse, thus keeping up their marvellous work.

This year's charity will be MS, in memory of dear Melody, a much-missed Mum and friend, known to many in the village. NB There will be a Sale for MS in the Church Room on Saturday 7th October starting at 10.0 am.

Thankfully, we can't have discouraged the ever-patient Sue Carpenter too much with our production of motley Easter chicks (we'd never qualify as Brownies) as she has promised to come again in November to make Christmas cards with us. I have promised to lock the door, so we'll have no unwelcome visitors next time!

Time now to be thinking Feast, which will be here before we know it, everything “K”, and the decorating for the stall, and the heap of cakes to be cooked by our talented members. Then on June 21st the gifted poet Paula Dolan is paying us a return visit to entertain us with her imaginative verse.

On July 5th Peter Crussell will be coming to talk to us about “Tales from the Enchanted Forest”. Peter first made up stories for his own children based on a picture he had painted, and went on to have his illustrated fairy stories published. For every copy sold via Amazon, he donates 20p to Great Ormond Street Hospital.

Also in July will be Jan's Yard Sale, Saturday 8th, 10.0am, maps and refreshments from the Salvation Army Hall.

We will also have our “end of term” party in July, and a break for August, meeting up again on 6th September. For the future we have Anna Osborne coming on September 20th to demonstrate her amazing Free Machining work.

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.

Community Playgroup



Our Spring Term finished this year with the exciting Living Eggs project. The children watched as our eggs hatched into fluffy yellow chicks and had a chance to learn about what the chicks need to thrive and grow into chickens. The children also enjoyed holding the chicks at circle time. After a couple of weeks, we said goodbye to the by now quite large chicks as they went off to their new home at Heron Farm in Waterbeach

The children learning French enjoyed some fishy mischief: decorating paper fish and secretly sticking them onto the staff and other children when they weren't looking for Poisson d'Avril – the French version of April Fools.

As the weather is getting warmer there is lots to see and do in the garden.

The children have been enjoying playing with bubbles, painting outside and some fabulous imaginative play exploring the sounds and sensations that come with the changing seasons.

We are also starting to prepare for next year, working closely with the local Primary schools to support our children who are going up to school in September and we are



looking forward to some exciting activities for the Autumn Term with those children who are staying with us and those who will be joining us.

We are open from 9am to 3pm daily during term time. We take children from their 2nd 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 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 to find out more.

We are now taking bookings for Autumn 2017. 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 for a Prospectus and application form.

Beach Social Club

I hope you all enjoyed the Easter Break and we now look forward to summer and of course Feast Day. Our entertainment team have continued to be busy, offering us a variety of entertainment ranging from Ratpack style through 60's-80's rock 'n' roll and for Valentines we had 50's to present day music. We had a number of Quiz Nights and of course the Christmas Draw with 30 lovely prizes. In addition to that we had Country Music nights on certain Fridays organised by Steve and Pam Gothard. The kids Christmas party was a great success as was the over 60's in January. The Christmas Eve disco and New Year's party were well attended as usual and the Easter Bonnet Parade was very well attended and enjoyed by all.

By the time you read this we will have enjoyed: Tanya Honey on St George's Night with £2 Tetley. A Quiz Night and a Family Night with Disco Dean, for you and the kids. Our stall on Feast Day will be raising funds for the two charitable causes decided by the members at the AGM - Motor Neurone Disease and little extras for the club teams.

Future entertainment:

June 3 - Comedy Night and Disco with Jonny Dee (as heard on Radio Cambridgeshire)

July 7 - Quiz

Sept 16 - Harvest Festival Charity Auction.

There are other things in the pipeline. See us on www.facebook.com/beachsocialclub

Starting Sunday 7th May we have LINE DANCING. With beginner lessons at 7-7.45pm. And improver lessons at 8-8.45pm. £5 per person. Everyone is welcome to attend and if you wish, stay all evening. Proposed dates: May: 7 - 14 - 28, June: 11 - 18 - 25, July: 9 - 16 - 30, Aug: 6 - 13 - 27, Sept: 7 - 24.

The club function room is available for hire 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/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).

Contact me, or Secretary, Carol Monteith at the Club for information. Call into the club, ring 01223 860033 or find us on Facebook.

Geoff Donovan Chairman

Nature - Reserved for You



Next time you drive or cycle through Landbeach on a sunny day, pause for a moment, park in the Village Hall car park and take time to explore the adjacent Worts Meadow and Bourne Wood. Designated as a Local Nature Reserve (LNR), the site is also a Scheduled Monument where the hidden remains of a mediaeval settlement can be seen. A moat surrounds and protects all that is left of Brays Manor, now a dense patch of spindly trees and brambles. The birds love it and if you walk quietly around the edge, you might hear or see a water vole plop into the water, interrupted in its vegetarian munching. The moat and the main field pond are home to Great Crested Newts, toads and frogs, best seen on an early spring torchlight walk with Friends of Worts Meadow (FOWM) or join our late summer pond dipping sessions. Half Moon pond, lying hidden between the meadow and the wood, has the clearest water where water beetles can be seen diving for the bottom, though currently the level is very low through lack of rain.

A circuit of Bourne Wood is refreshing any time of the year but in spring there are patches of bluebells, primroses, native daffodils and even a few orchids. It won't take you long as the wood is small, but if you emerge as evening approaches, you might see a local Barn Owl quartering the meadow. Nest boxes in the wood, erected by FOWM, are



regularly used by blue tits and many other birds can be heard and seen here. If you like an exciting night life, then join one of our bat walks or moth trapping evenings. Next year (2018) we plan to run a 'Bioblitz' event, where, with your help, we will try to record every species of bird, beetle, butterfly, moth, mammal, pond creature, and flower in 24 hours! Find our events here in Beach News, and in Fen Edge News, What's On in Landbeach, Facebook and on village noticeboards.

Friends of Worts Meadow

FOWM are a constituted group of volunteers that help with the practical management of the nature reserve. It is free to join. Our open events provide the chance to learn about, and enjoy the wildlife of the site and help with recording. Our AGM and slide show will be held on 24th May 2017 in Landbeach Village Hall. For more information Contact Frances Dipper on 01223 861836, frances.dipper@sustenergy.co.uk or see our Facebook page Friends of Worts Meadow.

Waterbeach Colts FC



We look forward to welcoming you to the 14th Annual Waterbeach Colts Football Tournament and Beer Festival, at the recreation ground throughout the weekend 26th, 27th and 28th May.

Adults and children very welcome.

Football Tournament will take place all day on Saturday 27th May:

- Younger children's matches will take place 9am until 12 noon
- Older children's matches will run 2pm – 5pm.

Beer Festival:

- Friday 26th May, 6pm – 11pm
- Saturday 27th May, 1pm – 11pm – featuring an evening disco followed by a 16-piece band, *The Juliets Collective*. We recommend you come along because it is going to be pretty special!
- Sunday 28th May, 1pm – 9pm – and you can enjoy a range of different bands playing in the afternoon.

Refreshments served throughout the weekend, and thank you to the Scouts for providing the BBQ. Alongside beer, other food and drink served. Children are welcome throughout, and we will have a speed goal competition, bouncy castle, and why not try zorb football on Sunday afternoon – all ages from 5 to 105 can have a go!

A thank you to parents, guardians and relatives of the children, who help to keep things running smoothly, whether helping with administration of the Club or teams, running the line during matches, assisting on the tea bar, helping to prepare the pitches prior to the matches and most importantly supporting the children during their games. Behind the scenes there are a number of Committee members who volunteer their time to keep the Club running at an energetic level – this work continues outside of the season and is often not recognised.

At the end of the season we will be very sad to say “good-bye” to Bernadette Sowden-Fletcher and Gary Fletcher who, between them have given a combined 40+ years for the Colts, if you add up the years they have served as football Coaches and Committee members! They are respectively stepping down as Secretary and Chairman and we thank them for running the Club between them for so many years. Their commitment to nurturing children's football is absolutely amazing, and we will be keen to ensure the Club, in which they have invested endless time and energy, continues their work and aspirations. A BIG THANK YOU from all the children and parents they have supported and provided footballing opportunities to over the years!

Waterbeach WI



Waterbeach WI meets every second Thursday of the month at 7.30pm at St. John's Church Room in Station Road.

Everyone is welcome to come as a visitor at first and then become a member if you would like. We often have a speaker and the evenings are very sociable occasions.

In March Chantelle Bradley from Dementia Friends gave an interactive talk on living with dementia, particularly as a carer. She asked us to give words we associate with dementia and they were mostly negative.

Dementia Friends has 5 key messages about dementia:

- 1) It is not a natural part of ageing
- 2) It is caused by diseases of brain
- 3) It is not just about memory loss
- 4) It is possible to live well with dementia
- 5) There's more to a person than dementia

It gave us food for thought and helped us to think differently about dementia.

Our speaker in April was Ian Cumming, one of the finalists from the 2015 Great British Bake Off. Ian spoke first about his life before Bake Off. He is a travel photographer and showed us several of his beautiful photographs and recounted stories of his journeys around the world, from Jamaica to the Himalayas. Next he told us how he had come to apply for the show (a lot of effort to get his wife tickets to a tea party!). Ian talked us through some of his bakes, from the less successful ("wallpaper paste" cake), to the controversial ("Roadkill pie"), to the incredible ("chocolate well"). He described how he used his engineering background to create molds to enhance his designs. Finally he shared with us a truly delicious carrot cake, using the recipe which gained him high praise from Paul Hollywood.

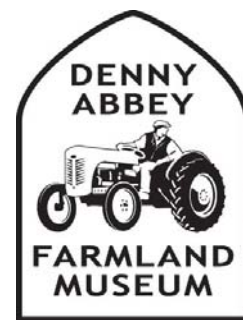
On May 11th we have a 'Puddings and resolutions' evening when we shall share puddings brought by members after an informal debate on WI National Resolutions for 2017 on Combatting Loneliness, Pollution of the Marine Environment and Reducing Food Waste.

Mrs. Nicki Sly will give a talk called 'All about Alpacas' on June 8th and Author Sarah Harrison, who wrote 'The Flowers of the Field' will be the speaker on July 13th.

Other activities you can participate in are a Knit and Natter group, Book Group and Darts Team.

If you would like more information about meetings and all the other opportunities that our Cambridgeshire Federation (CFWI) can offer please contact Sheila Lynn on 01223 860948 or mobile 07713148643.

Farmland Museum



By the time you read this the new season for the Farmland Museum at Denny Abbey will be well under way. May Day will have been celebrated and the museum will be preparing for its now regular celebration of the 1940's over the late May Bank Holiday weekend.

To celebrate twenty years since the opening of the Farmland Museum at Denny Abbey there is a new exhibition telling the story of its history showing what the persistence of one small boy with very supportive parents can achieve, helped substantially by many other benefactors, Friends, South Cambridgeshire District Council and English Heritage along the way.

The Farmland Museum is the only independent museum in South Cambridgeshire which is regularly open to the public and Denny Abbey and its Refectory are amazing historical survivals. If you have never visited do come and see this unique resource which is (almost) on your doorstep. If you have been before do come back. Buy a local resident's season ticket and return as



many times as you like to a peaceful retreat just seconds from the A10. English Heritage members can visit the Abbey for free and pay a reduced entry to the Farmland Museum.

If you are looking for a volunteering opportunity do explore what the Farmland Museum might offer, there are loads of different ways in which people can help and it's a lovely site to escape to.

Full details of the season's programme and volunteering opportunities can be found on the website www.farmlandmuseum.org.uk . The Museum and Abbey are open daily now until October 29th from 12.00 – 5.00pm on weekdays and from 10.30am until 5.00pm at weekends and on Bank Holidays. Well behaved dogs on leads are welcome too.

Beach Churches Together



HOLIDAY CLUB 2017

Calling All Aspiring Astronauts!

Would you like to voyage where no one has gone before? We are looking for new recruits to join in our adventure to outer space on the Star Ship Waterbeach.

What is Holiday Club? Each year 20-25 volunteers from the local churches join together to run a week of activities for primary-age children in the village; all our volunteers are DBS checked and have received training.

What happens each day? The children are based in small, age-related groups and take part in a programme of games, craft, stories, drama and of course, the children's favourite, action songs. Fruit, biscuits and drinks are also provided.

What is this year's theme? We will be following the Bible story of Daniel, a young man who lived boldly for God in an alien society. It is an amazing adventure full of challenge, danger and courage.

When does it take place? We run 10.00am to 12.30pm each day; this year from Monday 31st July to Friday 4th August.

Where can you find us? As usual the holiday club will be taking place in the three Waterbeach Churches, assembling every day at the Baptist Chapel.

How much does it cost? It's free!

For more information: Please look out for the registration forms distributed in school at the beginning of June or contact Angela on 01223 862494 or angela.ensell@hotmail.co.uk

Happy Folks Club

The summer is almost upon us once again. The club has just returned from seeing the show Motown in London, where we were caught in very heavy traffic, due to the incident on Westminster Bridge. However, our lady coach driver Elaine from Milken Travel got us there and back safely, what a star she is! Our summer outing programme is once again well supported, we have 60 members at the club and so there will be fewer guest places available. However, we will try our best to accommodate as many old friends as possible. We are hoping to have a stall on Feast Day, with a tombola. Prizes will be there to be won!! So, in conclusion keep a lookout for the Happy Folks Club banner on our coach (courtesy of Elaine the driver) and we hope to get some good days out this year.

Toddler Playgroup



A Session in brief: I was fortunate to help out at one of the playgroup sessions recently; here is a brief overview.

The morning starts with the children marking their own attendance; they then quickly find an activity to do from the many already set out for them. I go from the writing/drawing table to making puzzles, followed by making a train with connecting pieces. Then it is on to a tea party in the kitchen area where I was offered an array of fruit and vegetables and of course a cup of tea! Moving to the outside area which was now set up, we begin by planting sunflower seeds. Then it is on to playing in the sand pit, the house and chalking on board - all of this before snack time! And finally snack time arrives! Time for them to recharge their energy and then onto more activities both inside and out, I had to be a patient in the doctor / nurses area, being bandaged up and having my temperature taken. There was lots of play outside, on bikes, more sand, playing hide and seek and taking their turns down the slide. Back inside for some singing before lunch. I can see now why they come home so tired (and me too!)

The annual Auction of Promises. A fantastic evening was had by all, with entertaining TV auctioneer David Palmer, and lots of money raised for WTP, thank you to all who came along.

The Mother's Day Cake & Flower Stall. We had lots of delicious homemade cakes and pretty flowers. Many dads were amazed and grateful as it saved a trip into town! The support and generosity of this village is amazing.

Waterbeach Running Festival, Saturday 13th May. By this time we will all be saying thank goodness it's over ... As I write there are approaching 250 entries. What a great opportunity it was for so many people to get to run around the Barracks.

So BIG thanks to all who took part, well done mums and dads, and all those siblings you brought along, you must be so pleased and so you should be for taking part. Well done everyone.

Dates for the Diary...

10th June, which I know you all know is Feast Day, we have such an interesting theme this time, make sure you watch out for us in the parade and also visit our stall and see all of our exciting things we have to offer.

1st July, Nearly New Table Top Sale, we are trying something new.... So get in touch if you would like a sellers pack. You get to sell your own items and barter with the customer more scope for selling more goods. Email: nearlynew@waterbeachtoddlerplaygroup.org.uk

WTP still has some places available for 2017, so if you know someone who is looking for a local, friendly and OFSTED 'nearly outstanding' preschool they should contact Wayne Badcock waterbeachtoddlerplaygroup@outlook.com 07808 357729 or visit the website www.waterbeachtoddlerplaygroup.org.uk for more information.

Neighbourhood Plan



It has been a very busy year so far regarding the development of the Neighbourhood Plan.

We held consultations with residents and businesses in the parish. The following issues have been identified to be addressed by the plan in priority order: Transport and infrastructure, local services and community, development of the former barracks land, flooding and drainage, environment, rural nature, housing, conservation and heritage.

The proposed Neighbourhood Vision:

“Our neighbourhood area will continue to be a great place to live and work by ensuring that the identity and character of the existing communities within the Parish are respected and protected. The plan will ensure that any new development in the neighbourhood area will provide sustainable infrastructure. It will ensure the improvement of the overall quality of life of every resident. It will not be overbearing or overwhelming and should complement the rural vistas and existing fen edge landscape.”

What is the aim? We would like the plan to contain policies that are in the best interest of Waterbeach and Chittering, including how to support local employment, local services, schools and shops whilst maintaining the character of the area. It is likely to set out a list of sites where development is supported and areas where it is not.

Why give your views? This will help to make sure our communities get the right type of development that reflect the priorities of the area. Who is better to shape planning policy than the people who live here and love the area? Villagers will be able to vote to adopt the plan when it is complete. The Neighbourhood Plan will give our communities a stronger voice in development matters.

Tell us what you think, comment on the proposed vision, sign up to our e-newsletter by emailing: NPAdmin@Waterbeach.org.uk. In writing to: Waterbeach Neighbourhood Plan Team, The Old Pavilion, Cambridge Road, Waterbeach, CB25 9NJ.

Follow us on Facebook Waterbeach Neighbourhood Plan

Follow us on Twitter: [NPlanWaterbeach](https://twitter.com/NPlanWaterbeach)

News from Cllr. Peter Johnson

Bannold Road - Bannold Road is still causing great concern, but we are having regular meetings with the developers and South Cambs Planning Officers to keep them in line and it is slowly working. The footpath is now almost non-existent, but this will be re-instated when the building work is finished. There will also be a footpath on the opposite side of the road up to Cody Road so that should make life a bit easier for pedestrians.

Drains - The drain near the junction of Chapel Street and Greenside still floods and needs investigating again and I have been in touch with the County Council Highways Department to act on this. The collapsed drain in the High Street near Waddelow Road was repaired, but we still have the dip in the road which is proving hard to get anyone to deal with this, but I do continue to ask for action on this.

Denny End Road Development - This has been stopped as the developers did jump the gun and started before certain conditions were met. These conditions are under review and I fully expect that work will start again in the near future. There were mixed feelings about this development as most people wanted to keep the green space between the village and the Industrial Estate, but the other side of the coin is that these houses are meant to be for Waterbeach people or people with a strong village connection.

Speedwatch - My kit has been returned so I will be looking to start some sessions in the near future. In Landbeach there are still sites to be agreed by the Police, but as soon as is completed then I will be there with the kit and volunteers.

Skate Park - Unfortunately the Skate Park has been targeted by graffiti artists, but hopefully the person or persons involved will have been captured on the CCTV in that area. Many thanks to all the residents and users of the skate park for their offers of cleaning this up.

Railway Station - The initial surveys are underway to lengthen the platforms at the station in preparation for the new 8 car formation being introduced next year, approx. date is May 2018. The County Council have agreed to revisit the idea of creating more car parking, but there will always be the problem that some people will not pay and will park anywhere else regardless. I do pester the police to have a look occasionally at the car parking in Clayhithe Road and issue tickets, but they are reluctant to do this on a more frequent basis.

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 or Mob. 07947 475549

History of Waterbeach Feast

There are records of a village Feast in Waterbeach going back over 200 years.

The Feast was held on the second Monday in July until 1779, when, to prevent it interfering with the harvest, it was moved to the last Monday in May. This change of date was recorded in the Cambridge Chronicle and Journal on 13th April 1779.

Notice is hereby given that by a unanimous consent the Churchwardens, Overseers and principal inhabitants of both the Parishes of Waterbeach and Landbeach, have agreed that the Feast of the aforesaid Parishes which usually was kept on 2nd Monday in July, will in future be kept on the last Monday in May.

(Comment by Rev. William Cole, curate from 1767-70, "It was on account of the interference with the hay harvest the Waterbeachians being much given to Joviality would not leave the Ale House, tho' their cattle suffered for it.")

Until the 1880s it lasted three days, starting with Feast Sunday and then continued with stalls, swings, and shows on the village Green and a large fair for everyone to enjoy.

Each year on the last Sunday in May the Friendly Societies that held courts



in Waterbeach organised a procession from the Green to the Baptist Chapel where a united service was held. In 1893 an appeal went out from Addenbrookes Hospital for financial help to maintain and improve their services to the

people of Cambridgeshire. The three Friendly Societies in Waterbeach held a meeting and it was decided to hold a parade the last Sunday in May when they would march through the village in full regalia and carry banners, pausing at the Church one year and the Baptist Chapel the next year, for a service to be held. A collection would be made during the parade and at the service, for the benefit of Addenbrooke's Hospital. The first 'Waterbeach Feast Sunday Hospital Parade' took place on Sunday 28th May 1893 and was led by the Cambridge University Volunteers band. The collection raised £4. 10s. which was sent to Addenbrooke's Hospital.

During the years that followed the parade grew in size and in 1908 over 300 members of the local Friendly Societies marched through the village to the church for the service. The collection also increased in size to £8.10s.

(Photograph provided by Waterbeach Village Society)

In 1912 the three friendly societies in the parade were supported by representatives of five public house sickness and share-out clubs: The Star, Sun, Dolphin, Brewery Tap and Hopbine. There were now two bands and the first float was also introduced.



This was an Ambulance Car (a horse drawn trolley) decorated as a hospital scene, nurses attending a little girl in a cot and behind was a lad on a stretcher with a broken leg. The new look parade was a great success and £22.15s.7d was sent

to Addenbrooke's. Throughout the Great War the parade continued with a decidedly military look about it. The 1914 parade expanded further and included the Empire Car with Britannia attended by peoples of the British Empire in their national costumes. The Waterbeach Fire Brigade also joined the parade along with three bands. The horses pulling the floats would be groomed to perfection, their manes and tails braided with coloured ribbons, harnesses polished and adorned with gleaming brasses.

Waterbeach Feast Hospital Parade was certainly a very important date in the village calendar with more and more people taking part, sometimes there were as many as twelve to fourteen floats and three bands. In 1933 a very colourful parade saw six floats and three bands and although the Friendly Societies still arranged the parade they no longer took part in the procession.

About this time (1933) the County Council would decide to tar the roads in Waterbeach, usually a week before the parade. The tar was flooded on the road by brushes from a portable boiler and granite chippings were spread on top. On a hot day the tar would still be very tacky and many a pair of shoes, socks and even



dresses would bear marks to testify this. Boys went home with tar on their legs which would be removed by the application of some butter!

21st May 1939 saw the 47th and last parade for the benefit of Addenbrookes Hospital as the Feast lapsed during the Second World War and the years that followed.

(Photographs provided by Waterbeach Village Society)

In 1971 the new headmaster, Roger Kilsby, of Waterbeach School inspired the revival of the Feast. Local groups and clubs entered floats in a parade around the village and there were stalls and entertainment on the Green. In 1972, Waterbeach Community Association was formed and thereafter took over the organisation of the Feast and



have continued to do so ever since. In the 1980s the date was moved to June and processions of 20 plus floats and three bands became a principal feature of Feast Day.

There have been a few changes along the way, but over forty years on and Waterbeach Feast is still a major village occasion. The annual event starts with a grand parade of floats and walking groups travelling around the village, mostly entered by local clubs and organisations. The afternoon entertainment then continues with a variety of stalls and side shows on the village Green and some exciting events and displays in the arena. Feast Day is still always a wonderful village event with everyone turning out to make it enjoyable for both villagers and visitors.

Many people will have stories and tales to tell of Waterbeach Feast in years gone by and we would love to hear them. Please forward you memories to beachnews@waterbeach.org or post to 5 Spurgeons Avenue, Waterbeach, Cambridge CB25 9NU. We would also like to see any old photos you may have. (We will scan and return any photos etc.) Please share your memories with us and maybe we can print some of your stories in futures editions of Beach News.



Waterbeach Yard Sales

Saturday 8th July 2017
from 10am to 4pm



Maps and refreshments available at
Salvation Army Hall, Station Road, Waterbeach
£5.00 a pitch

For more information contact Jan on 01223 512903

Tithe Barn

Beach Babies' pre-schoolers visited the Tithe Barn, in Landbeach, in March and helped Alan Shipp, Tithe Barn Trust Trustee and retired Farmer, sow some wheat seed. They plan to return to the barn in the summer and help harvest and thresh the crop.



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.

Gemma O'Shea, Tithe Barn Trust Chair, says "We've just submitted a major grant application for almost £400k. We're keeping our fingers crossed, but

the more pledges and donations we receive from the community, the more likely our grant applications will be successful and the dream of restoring the Tithe Barn will be realised. Through our project we plan to not only save and sensitively restore the unique and rare Tithe Barn, but bring new life to this disused historic building. We aim to open the



barn to a wider audience and tell its story. If successful with our fundraising quest we will improve the access track so that the barn is accessible for all, including those with disabilities. The project also incorporates plans to provide basic facilities to the barn (such as toilets, power and water supply) sensitively integrated without detracting from its special character, so that its use increases and it generates an income for ongoing repair and maintenance, thus creating a sustainable future."

We'll be holding further public consultation to finalise the end use of the barn. However, we envisage the future of the barn may include schools and education visits, public open days, functions such as wedding ceremonies, film and photoshoot location hire and community events such as Farmers Markets. We welcome your ideas and comments on this topic, so get in touch via tithebarntrust@gmail.com.

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 and historic brick and timber floor, to be unique to Cambridgeshire and even of national significance. Experts suggest that it may well date from the medieval period. Over 90% of Tithe Barns have been converted in the UK.

As part of the Fen Edge Festival we'll be opening the Tithe Barn for visitors on the 24th & 25th June from 2pm-5pm. There will even be a 1969 classic coach to transport you to and from the festival in Cottenham to the barn in Landbeach. Come along and chat with the Tithe Barn Trust team.

Three other Ways YOU can get involved;

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

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

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.

Waterbeach United Charities (Reg No 201528)

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

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

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

All personal applications are confidential.

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

Waterbeach Cycling Campaign

Over the next few years there will be a lot of changes around our village but this presents some opportunities. One of those is that funding is likely to be available to create new, high quality routes for cycling and walking.

Waterbeach Cycling Campaign has been formed to campaign for better provision for those who want to get around safely without getting in a car. Our activities focus on five key areas:

- Improving routes to Cambridge: This includes a safer river route, a segregated A10 route, and the realization of the proposed Greenways projects.
- Improving routes around the village: This includes safer access to the school and train station from all areas of our community.
- Improving routes to adjacent villages: This includes safer and continuous access to villages such as Landbeach, Cottenham and Chittering. We also support the efforts of Horningsea residents to improve cycle infrastructure between their village and ours.
- Enabling the continuity of route 11: This includes working towards extending route 11 from its current termination at Clayhithe bridge, towards Lode and northwards to Wicken Fen.
- Encouraging cycling to, from and within the proposed "new town": This includes working with the planning authorities to ensure that the new town is well equipped for cycling and builds upon Cambridge's reputation as the cycling capital of the UK.

Our first event in the Baptist Chapel on 17 March was very well attended. Robin Heydon of Camcycle spoke about the proposals for the new town and how they could be greatly improved by learning from the design of some new towns in Holland.

We're hoping to have a cycling fun day on the barracks/airfield in July as our next event. In the meantime, we've been meeting with council officials, councillors & developers to make the case for Waterbeach being first in line for funding.

If you'd like to get involved visit our website www.waterbeachcc.com and use the contact form.

The family of the late Malvena Backshall would like to thank everyone who attended her funeral service and it was lovely to see some of them at the Beach Social Club afterwards.

Malv was a cleaner at Waterbeach School for 47 years and a cup in her memory is to be donated to the school for "Achievement in Swimming".

It was thought this would be a fitting tribute as Malv saw the construction of the school pool back in 1960, her daughter learned to swim there and her granddaughter up until recently taught swimming lessons.

District Councillor's Report

Exhibitions/New Town - Officers from SCDC have reported back that their 3 New Town exhibitions were well attended and that they have taken receipt of many representations. I was pleased to see that the head of New Communities was present on 2 of the 3 days. Some of the comments made during the consultation period have been published on line here <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/waterbeach> It appears that not *all* comments are recorded here: something I am chasing up.

I know that my colleague Anna Bradnam has been working with other Parish Councils in the area to facilitate the sharing of ideas and concerns over the issue of the New Town in preparation for their responses. SCDCs next task is to organise a Supplementary Planning Document. This will consider the whole site (not just U&C) and will add further details to the policies in the Local Plan.

Grants - South Cambs has started this year's round of Community Chest fund grants. There is only £52,000 available so it will go quickly. The money is for community groups so do get your applications in fast. It is easy to do on-line: www.scambs.gov.uk/communitychest If you are involved in a community project give it a go – you may be pleasantly surprised!

Bin Collections - On the whole the move to the new bin collection rounds has gone reasonably smoothly. However, one or two people have been missed out and a few people who should have had assisted collection have not had. You can apply for assisted collection or report a 'missed bin' here: www.scambs.gov.uk/bins

As always, I am available on cllr.tregoin@scambs.gov.uk

My usual Councillor days are Thursday and Friday

Jazzercise

We are now well into fitness for Summer. Please come and take a free class if new to Jazzercise and be part of one amazing fitness program in our community.

20 years Jazzercise has been in our village and I have just celebrated 15 years as an Instructor.

We had great social media coverage in March. I attended the Cambs local radio station and 'Jazzed' on air with Dotty on her Breakfast Show.

We also done a fundraiser in the Grande Arcade for Comic Relief with lots of media coverage and proud to be representing Waterbeach through Jazzercise in our community.

Checkout our Facebook page, Jazzercise Waterbeach. Please contact myself with any questions you have 07531505806 or bevjazz55@gmail.com

Bev Tumber - Jazzercise Waterbeach

Wag Your Tails!!!

The village fun dog show is back again for its third summer. Set to be a cracking day of paw-tastic family fun, oodles of silverware and rosettes to be won, and all in aid of some great local charities.

When: Sunday
6th August on the Rec'.

Classes:

11.00am - 16.00.

This year there will be two rings



to keep things moving quickly and give everyone even more chances of ribbons and prizes. So, whether you have a pooch that can do one trick or a bundle, a jumpy-uppy crazy puppy or a laid back know it all old faithful four legged friend, a matching pair of handsome hounds or the oddest pair in the village, they are all welcome to come and enjoy a day dedicated to woofs.

Plenty of refreshments, fun activities, raffles, and prizes and rosettes galore. All in the aid of raising money for the Waterbeach Day Centre, Retired Greyhound Trust and Poplar Farm Rescue Kennels.

For more information visit our face book page (Waterbeach Fun Dog Show) or contact Wendy on 01223 526438 or Jude on 01223 441599

Waterbeach United Charities (Reg No 201528)

Student and Apprenticeship Grants

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

Students Grants are only awarded once a year, in September and applications need to be made by *1 September 2017*. No applications will be considered after this date. The trustees will consider all applications at a meeting in early September. If you think we may be able to help please complete an application form, obtainable by writing to the address below. We will acknowledge your letter and send you an application form.

All personal applications are confidential.

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Keep Waterbeach Rural



Where to begin?

Unless you have been living on the moon for the last few months you will be aware that the village is under siege from the current building work in Bannold Road and other areas of the village.

In Bannold Road planning permission has been approved for nearly 300 dwellings with the possibility of one other application in the pipeline. This will complete an infill of land from the West of Cody Road to the West of Bannold Drove.

As at 28th April '17 the development on greenbelt land in Denny End Road has had a stop notice served for not meeting conditions set by South Cambridgeshire District Council.

As at 28th April planning application S/2177/16/FL for 20 dwellings to the rear of Gibson Close is still open for comment see SCDC's website.

The Waterbeach Hearing at the Local Inquiry was held in March. Cllrs Williamson, Johnson, Grant, Williams and myself were invited to speak by the Inspector (through previous representations) on the proposed Waterbeach New Town of 8,000-9,000 dwellings. The New Town is likely to be 11,000 dwellings+. The Inspector conducting the Local Plan Inquiry will decide if the plan is sound.

There are two promoters of the proposed New Town MOD/Urban & Civic and RLW Estates. MOD/ Urban & Civic are responsible for the development of the barracks land. They have submitted an outline planning application before the Inspector has reached her decision for up to 6,500 dwellings (many of the buildings 24 -30 metres high) and two access points to the A10.

RLW Estates held their first public consultation on Saturday 22nd April regarding development of prime green field land adjoining the barracks land. They also propose to move the Rail Station to the north of the village. RLW expect to apply for outline planning permission in late 2017.

Because the Secretary of State for Defence and Urban & Civic have applied for outline planning permission independent of the Local Plan some village residents have come together to form a petition requesting that South Cambridgeshire District Council do not consider the outline planning application until the outcome of the Local Plan Inquiry is known.

Please consider signing the petition online:

<http://scambs.moderngov.co.uk/mgEPetitionDisplay.aspx>

Headline facts for petition can be found here:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/6rkffepyikze878/Headline%20Facts%20March%202017.pdf?dl=0>

Paper copies are available to sign in Waterbeach at the post office, pharmacy Boswells Bakery & One Stop. Many thanks in anticipation for supporting our village. Petition open until 31st May 2017.

Keep Waterbeach Rural can be found Facebook and Twitter. *Jane Williams*

Fen Edge Festival



This year's Fen Edge Festival is nearly here and there's a great programme for everyone to enjoy in Cottenham from 22nd to 25th of June. The Fen Edge Festival represents all that is good about village life. It offers opportunities for people of all ages to participate, relax, enjoy the music and entertainment and enjoy the spirit of community. At the same time, participants are also supporting charities and good causes in the Fen Edge community.

The Festival brings out the best in people. The Festival committee who have worked for



nearly a year to pull the event together. The volunteer stewards who give their time to ensure that others can enjoy the event safely. The organisations and businesses that donate generously in recognition of their role in the community. The best way to show your support for their contributions and hard work is to get involved yourself as a volunteer (please contact Will Stockford – willstockford@googlemail.com). Failing that, if you can't volunteer then please make sure you come along and support the event.

There are a few events to be aware of where tickets are limited and demand will be high. The Festival begins on Thursday 22 June with a Comedy Evening from Custard Comedy featuring a triple bill that will put a smile on your face to last the whole weekend. Tickets are available online. Cottenham Primary School PTCA Summer Dance takes place on Friday with popular local band Swagger, who always give a fantastic performance. Check the Festival Facebook page for details of when and where tickets go on sale.

At the weekend on the Village Green there will be a wide choice of food on offer, a bar in the main marquee plus a wonderful mix of 50+ market stalls, activities and live performances and demonstrations by local village groups.

On Saturday evening, party with Big 10 the ultimate Ska and 2 Tone band and on Sunday evening Keith Pearson Trio provide the music. There's also a fantastic programme of live music on Saturday and Sunday at The Venue with local bands and musical performances to entertain you.

There's lots of fun things for the kids to enjoy including rides, bouncy castles, games, entertainers, a fantastic Disco plus some great surprises.

The full programme will be issued with the next issue of the Fen Edge News – so look out for that and we look forward to seeing you there.

Gardening Club



The Gardening Club has now completed its programme of talks and will start a new and equally varied series of events in September. We heard from Andrew Sankey, a frequent and popular visitor to the club, who spoke on his specialist subject of companion planting. His interesting ideas will soon be put into practice by members. In April our speaker was John Parrish from the local Elysian Fields vineyard. After offering us samples of the wines he has produced he told us about the work that goes into their creation and the ways in which he has encouraged wildlife at the vineyard and the rest of his farm. Our final talk was given by Julie Dore, a local medical herbalist who told us about the surprisingly large range of plants that she uses.

During our summer break we will be focusing on our Feast Day stall, our annual outing and the ever-popular Summer Barbecue. Please visit us on Feast Day to buy plants for your garden, seek advice and enquire about the benefits of becoming a member of our friendly club. We look forward to meeting you.

Waterbeach Lodge

Waterbeach Lodge Care Hotel is holding its annual Summer Fete and Dog Show. This will be held on Saturday June 24th, with a 12pm start.

It's a chance for the community to come and meet the residents and to join us in a fun afternoon. The afternoon will kick off with a dog show. There will be music, a BBQ, ice cream van, children stalls and more throughout the afternoon. A raffle will be run and all proceeds will go into the resident's activities fund.

If you are entering your dog in the show please be here by 11.45am to register. Please come and join us in the fun. All are welcome.

Waterbeach Lodge is a purpose built care hotel in a beautiful setting. It has strong links with the local community with regular activities involving the Waterbeach Primary School. It has recently opened its new Dementia wing. This has made them more equipped than ever to assist to the needs of a wide variety of residents. There is a welcoming community atmosphere between the residents and all the staff at Waterbeach Lodge. A weekly activity programme is run by their full-time activities coordinator. The programme is there to entertain and stimulate all residents with different needs. All staff assist with the activity programme, activities include flower arranging and crafts.

If you need any details please contact Bev Murray on 01223 862576.

Cambridge City Foodbank

Waterbeach - Volunteer wanted

The Waterbeach Distribution Centre of Cambridge City Foodbank has been operating from the Baptist Chapel every Thursday morning for nearly 18 months, providing food and fuel to those in need. We have a great team of volunteers but currently have one space on our volunteer team. If you're interested and are available on alternate Thursday mornings please get in touch with Susan O'Brien on volunteers@ccfb.org.uk. Full training will be provided. Qualities needed include: an empathetic approach to other people and the capacity to lift boxes of food. It would help if you can also manage some basic IT experience.

If you know someone in crisis and in need of food then vouchers for Cambridge City Foodbank can be obtained at more than 80 professional agencies e.g. children's centres, housing officers, social workers, Citizen's Advice Bureau etc. Thank you to all the local residents who have donated food.

Summer at the Beach

Summer at the Beach 2017 will be an exhibition showcasing the talents and skills of Waterbeach's many diverse artists, makers and performers. Held in conjunction with Cambridge Open Studios in the historically rich and evocative surroundings of Waterbeach Barracks, this year's event will be spread over three weekends and include an art and craft exhibition, a Repair Café, a music day [organised by the Beach Sessions], a model railway, an authors' discussion between Penny Hancock and Guinevere Glasfurd-Brown, the 'Great Nepal Book Swap', a Cycling Campaign fun ride and much much more.

To mark the exhibition opening we are planning a special events day on the 1st of July. This will have drop in talks, presentations and displays for all ages. There will also be a special appearance by the village's famous 'Pop Up Café'. So come along and enjoy the fun in the July sun.

Details and timings of specific events will be posted on the 'A Day at the Beach' Facebook page and website nearer the time

www.facebook.com/DayAtTheBeach2014/

<http://www.summeratthebeach.co.uk/>

Information about the participating artists can be found on the Cambridge Open Studio's website <http://www.camopenstudios.co.uk/open-studios/964>

The exhibition will be open on the weekends of July 1st, 2nd, 8th, 9th, 15th, 16th from 11am-6pm and will be signposted from the Barracks main entrance.

Cambridge Open Studios



Cambridge Open Studios has announced the 2017 dates for its month-long summer art event, which will feature an exciting range of exhibitions by 350 artists at 221 locations in the city and surrounding areas. Artists of many different kinds will open their doors to the public over the first four weekends in July. Among the huge range of specialisms will be: fine art, photography, pottery, glass making, sculpture, illustration, textiles, jewellery and furniture making, and more besides.

The weekends are: July 1/2, 8/9, 15/16 and 22/23. However, as not all artists will exhibit every weekend it is important to check the website, or refer to the famous yellow guide. These guides will be widely available in local outlets including libraries, tourist information sites, galleries and selected shops.

Artists exhibiting in Waterbeach include potter Helen Humphreys, printmaker Susan Barnes co-exhibiting with ceramic artist Sheena Grummitt, abstract artist Stuart Cox and a group exhibition 'Summer at the Beach' from eleven artists at Waterbeach Barracks.

New for 2017 is an app that will make visit planning even easier. The app will be available to download at the end of June for Apple and Android.



Sonia Villiers, board member of Cambridge Open Studios, said: "This is a wonderful opportunity for members of the public to see artists at work, discuss their inspirations and techniques, and to browse, purchase or even commission their work. As always, visitors are guaranteed a warm and friendly welcome - and no pressure whatsoever to buy anything. All Cambridge Open Studios are completely free to visitors of all ages.

Many of the artists share studios or work in a collective so in some locations visitors may be able to see work from several artists and craftspeople.

The participating studios are spread throughout the whole region, not just in the city centre, and there will be a wonderful variety of talent on show, with some artists collaborating to share their exhibition space on their chosen dates. As usual, the distinctive yellow COS flags will be out to identify participating studios.

In the months leading up to the open studio event, many artists will be running workshops, courses and exhibitions. Members of the public can keep up to date on their activities via the COS website (www.camopenstudios.co.uk) or by following them on Facebook, Twitter (@CamOpenStudios) & Instagram, where they can also follow specific artists.

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.)

Sat 24th June: Landbeach Lunch at 47, High Street.

(Please note: There are no events in July and August)

Wed 20th Sept: A Presentation by Urban and Civic on the Waterbeach Development. (TBC)

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

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

Wed 20th Dec: Christmas Celebration.

Wed 17th 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>

Beach Café at Spurgeon's Chapel

The Beach Café run by Flora and Paul is now open at the Baptist Chapel in Waterbeach on Saturdays from 10am until 4pm. Our aim is to provide a place in the centre of the village for locals (and visitors!) to meet, relax and have a cup of tea or coffee and a bite to eat. There is also a Kiddies Corner where children can amuse themselves so that mums and dads can relax.

We serve light lunches including home-made soup, quiches, paninis, rolls and wraps as well as cream teas (with home-made scones, jam and clotted cream) and a selection of home-made cakes.

We are open most Saturdays except when the 'Pop Up Café' is in residence or there is a church event taking place. We hope that this venture will be an asset to the village and would love your support, so come along and join us for morning coffee, lunch or afternoon tea.

RLW Estates – New Town Update

Waterbeach New Town Exhibition: Firstly, a big thank you to everyone who took the time to attend our exhibition, held at the Waterbeach Salvation Army Hall on April 22nd. We were delighted by the turn out and for all the local residents that also took the time to fill out the survey feedback forms. The results of the feedback form questions are as follows:

1. If Infrastructure can be delivered early I would support the new town in principle?

Strongly agree 15%, Agree 40%, Neutral 22.5%, Disagree 15%, Strongly disagree 7.5%

2. It is right that the new town has a separate identity to the village of Waterbeach?

Strongly agree 36.8%, Agree 36.8%, Neutral 21%, Disagree 2.6%, Strongly disagree 2.6%

3. A new relocated Waterbeach station with facilities is needed?

Strongly agree 47.3%, Agree 26.3%, Neutral 21%, Disagree 2.6%, Strongly disagree 2.6%

4. To improve capacity on the A10, a new Park & Ride to the north of Waterbeach and improvements to the Milton junction roundabout are needed?

Strongly agree 71.8%, Agree 17.9%, Neutral 2.6%, Disagree 7.7%, Strongly disagree 0%

Our commitment to working with the community: We are committed working with the community to deliver a high quality Waterbeach New Town with early delivery of infrastructure. To achieve this, alongside Urban and Civic (the Barracks land promoters) we are supporting the South Cambridgeshire District Council SPD (Supplementary Planning Document). This will set out a clear vision for the new town, including infrastructure. SCDC will lead on the community consultation in developing the document.

Local Plan hearings: The Planning Inspector held a hearing on the Waterbeach New Town in March. It was clear that the District Council is committed to a comprehensive site solution for the New Town, covering both the former barracks land and the farmland to the east.

Who are RLW Estates?: RLW Estates is a joint venture between Turnstone Estates and Royal London Asset Management with St John's College and a local Landowners' Trust to develop land to the east of the Barracks as part of a comprehensive new town site.

Our new website: Please do look round our website, www.waterbeach.co.uk - we welcome your views and feedback – so do please use the contact form on the website. Alternatively, you can contact James Hockney, who is leading our community engagement; email jhockney@belgravecomms.com or call 07468-492708.

Fire and Rescue Service



May marks a number of significant calendar events including Dementia Awareness Week which Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service (CFRS) are proud to support again this year.

With Dementia Friends sessions going on across a number of our stations hosted by our own in-house Dementia Friends Champions, we are encouraging local communities to come along and become a friend in your lunch hour. Sessions will be held at the following stations throughout Dementia Awareness Week:

Cambridge, Parkside

Wisbech

Satnground

Huntingdon

Ely

Dogsthorpe

For more information on sessions and how to come along and become a Dementia Friend contact us at: firefire@cambsfire.gov.uk with the subject line: 'Dementia Friends Session request + your preferred station location.'

Safe and Well Visits

During Dementia Awareness Week we will also be promoting our Safe and Well Service, available FREE of charge to support vulnerable residents in our communities.

Developed with our partners locally, the Safe and Well model offers a holistic approach to support people living in their own homes by building on our traditional Home Fire Safety Check model to include other areas including: preventing falls in the home, monitoring alcohol use and consumption, staying well, warm and nourished at home and crime reduction including fraud and scams. The Safe and Well visit now provides the Service with sufficient information to support individuals and, with consent, to refer individuals to selected partner agencies, who will be able to support them further.

Paul Clarke, Community Risk Manager at CFRS, said:

“Although we target our work through partner agency data sharing to reach those most vulnerable people in our communities first, it is vitally important that people make referrals to us if they think someone they know, whether it be a loved one, a neighbour or a friend, could benefit from our completely free of charge service too. We will never share data for any commercial purposes and you are never under obligation to answer any questions that you do not want to, but the more information you provide us with, the better we will be able to support you. We can also provide advice in relation to promoting the health and safety of individuals with hoarding concerns, as well as providing valuable information to care providers.”

For more information on Safe and Well Visits, please visit our homepage at: www.cambsfire.gov.uk and click on Safe and Well visits or contact us at: firefire@cambsfire.gov.uk or call us on: 0800 9179994

You can also find us on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.

Cambridgeshire Constabulary

Village parking problems

I am aware from the many emails South Cambs officers receive and from Neighbourhood Panel meetings that parking is a constant concern for many residents in villages across South Cambridgeshire.

Many of you may know that I cannot prioritise parking patrols over investigating and preventing crime and responding to calls for service. In light of this, it means that my officers might not do as much parking enforcement as many of you would like.

I have been giving some thought on how we can meet your expectations on parking enforcement and I have decided that we are going to try something new. I have therefore set up an online web-page where you can report concerns about parking. The information that you give us will go directly to me and will help us build a picture of the exact hot-spots for parking issues. I will then use this information on targeted 'crack-down' days. There is some good evidence that crack-downs work in other areas of policing so we are going to try it for parking. For obvious reasons I will not be publicising the dates of the crackdowns in advance, but updates will be sent to you by e-cops, twitter and facebook once we have completed a crackdown day.

The web page is now live and you can find it here:

<http://tinyurl.com/SouthCambs-Parking>

I am not pretending that this will solve all parking problems, however, I do think that it strikes the right balance between dealing with parking concerns and the other important work that we do.

Recent Media Coverage about Policing in Villages

Some of you may have seen recent media reporting regarding our policing of villages. I would like to emphasise that we do prioritise policing of the villages but what I do ask is that my officers prioritise the 'hottest' areas within our villages. This does mean that certain areas in some villages get more attention than those villages with very low crime. I believe this is a sensible approach to policing which most of you would agree with. The main benefit of our local policing structure is that you have your own, dedicated local resources that are responsible for policing South Cambs rather than the City. I have sought to put as much time and effort as possible over the last three years into crime prevention events in the villages (first Op Oaklands and more recently Op Hunter). Your local officers and I work hard to give you the best, most intelligent policing service we can but if you do have any concerns please do get in touch - or come to our next round of neighbourhood panel meetings where you can join in the discussion.

Chief Inspector James Sutherland - Area Commander - South Cambs

MyHealth Cambridgeshire & Peterborough



Need to find local health services quickly?

New 'MyHealth' app for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

A new app to help Cambridgeshire and Peterborough residents find local NHS services available to them has been launched.

Quick and easy to use, the 'MyHealth Cambridgeshire & Peterborough' app will direct you to your nearest appropriate NHS service. This includes local GPs, pharmacies, minor injury units, and dentists, based on your location or postcode. Free to download and available in five other languages, including Polish, Latvian, and Lithuanian, MyHealth provides up to date information on current services including directions, opening hours, and contact details.

The app is available to download for iOS via Apple Store, Android via Google Play, and Windows phones via Microsoft Store by searching for 'MyHealth C&P CCG'.

Join the Waterbeach Whoopsie Wombles!

I consider myself a conscientious dog owner. My dog is micro-chipped, inoculated, I always keep her on the lead where appropriate. I try to *a/ways* pick up her poo and dispose of it responsibly.

I'm sure most other dog-owners act this way too, but we know there are some who simply don't; they either just don't pick up the poo, or they'll bag it and then, curiously, just leave it lying around.

So my proposal is: How about instead of just whingeing about this, why don't we take some positive action?

I recently saw a TV article about "Random Acts of Kindness" which got me thinking:

What if we dog owners were to, let's say just once a month, pick up someone else's poo or maybe even one of those mysterious ones that are left dangling from a bush or by the side of the path?

There would be no gushing direct thanks as there would be with the "random acts of kindness", you would just have a lovely warm glow inside from the knowledge that you are being instrumental in helping to keep our dog walking areas poo free. If we were to do this, I could imagine the footways would quite quickly become free of unwanted adornments and, eventually, we dog owners might not collectively get such bad press. After all, we can't really expect non-dog owners to do it.

Some might say, however, that this would just be a license for the less conscientious amongst us to deliberately not pick up but the thing is, if we carry on as we are, nothing will change.

And a final thought which could make everyone's dog walk a lot more pleasant: If you have some, why not occasionally put your secateurs in your pocket and just snip off those annoying brambles as they start to grow across the paths.

A.D. O'Gowner

What's On

May

- Wed 24th AGM & Illustrated talk on local nature reserves in Cambridgeshire (*Friends of Worts Meadow*) - Landbeach Village Hall, 7.30pm
- Fri 26th Beer Festival (*Waterbeach Colts FC*) - Recreation Ground, 6-11pm
- Sat 27th Beer Festival (*Waterbeach Colts FC*) - Recreation Ground, 1-11pm
- Sun 28th Beer Festival (*Waterbeach Colts FC*) - Recreation Ground, 1-9pm

June

- Sat 10th Waterbeach Feast (*Waterbeach Community Association*) - Parade 2pm
- Sat 17th Brass band concert and afternoon tea (*Landbeach Village Hall*) - Landbeach Village Hall, 3-5pm
- Sat 24th Landbeach Lunch (*Landbeach Society*) - 47 High St. Landbeach
- Sat 24th Summer Fete & Dog Show (*Waterbeach Lodge Care Hotel*) - Waterbeach Lodge, 12noon
- Sat 24th Tithe Barn open to visitors (*Tithe Barn Trust*) - Landbeach, 2-5pm
- Sun 25th Tithe Barn open to visitors (*Tithe Barn Trust*) - Landbeach, 2-5pm

July

- Sat 1st Nearly New Table Top Sale (*Waterbeach Toddler Playgroup*) - Tillage Hall, 10am - 12noon
- Sat 8th Waterbeach Yard Sales - 10am - 4pm
- Sat 8th Summer Sale (*Waterbeach Day Centre for the Elderly*) - Denson Close Community Centre, 2pm

August

- Sun 6th Waterbeach Fun Dog Show - Recreation Ground, 10am - 4pm
- Fri 25th Copy deadline for Autumn edition of Beach News
- Sat 26th Pond dipping and mini-beasts for all ages (*Friends of Worts Meadow*) - Worts Meadow, Landbeach, 2pm

September

- Sat 16th Beach News Autumn edition published
- Wed 20th Presentation by Urban&Civic on the Waterbeach Development (TBC) - (*Landbeach Society*)

Send your events in September, October and November 2017 for inclusion in the Autumn edition of Beach News to beachnews@waterbeach.org by 25th August 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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WATERBEACH WIVES GROUP	Sheila Gill - 01223 861999
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Other useful numbers:

BEACHES COMMUNITY CAR SERVICE	07807 875878
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Waterbeach Barracks and Airfield

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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



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