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Community Association



AGM - The Community Association AGM was held on Monday 10th 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 £787 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 £581 for Cancer Research UK.

Thanks were expressed to all those who have helped and supported the Community Association during the year. Jacqui Rabbett was re-elected as Chairperson for 2018/19. The role of Secretary is temporarily being covered by Pam Clack, but a replacement volunteer is required as soon as possible. If you feel you may be able to assist please contact Jacqui Rabbett on 01223 860993.

Community Magazine Awards - Earlier in the year Beach News was entered into the 19th annual Cambridge Building Society Community Magazine Awards. The awards are held to celebrate the hard work carried out by groups, charities and colleges to provide their local community with interesting and relevant news and information.

Representatives from the publications attended the awards ceremony held at Cambridge United Football Club which gave them a chance to share ideas and get feedback from the judges. This year 32 magazines entered with a combined circulation of almost 190,000.

The judges had the tough task of assessing magazines published in a 30-mile radius of Cambridge throughout 2017. They considered editorial quality, community content, use of imagery and overall presentation, as well as the publication's usefulness to those it serves.

The Cambridge's Chief Operating Officer, Andy Lucas, acted as compere for the evening alongside Chief Risk Officer, Victoria Stubbs.

Andy said: "It was great to see so many entries this year, including quite a

few new magazines. There was yet again a huge variety of magazine styles and clearly there's still a strong demand for good quality, printed communications in our communities.

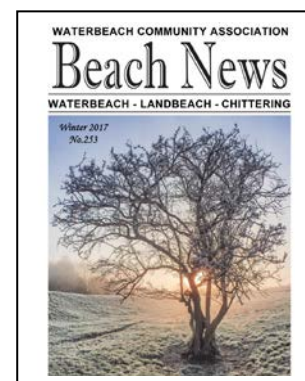
"It's wonderful to see there are so many people who are passionate about this and running the Community Magazine Awards each year is our way of showing our appreciation to them and for the hard work they put into creating the magazines."

The judges comments on Beach News were "Very clear design and attractive covers, packed with strong content. Lots of info about local events- lovely

little magazine!"

This year we were delighted to receive the award for 'Best Photo'. The credit for the photo goes to Richard Youell who kindly provided us with the picture for the front cover of our Winter edition 2017.

The judges said "Lovely winter picture - very



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

opportunistic. Sums up the season well." Thank you Richard, we are very grateful to you for sharing this and some of your other stunning photographs of the Waterbeach area.

Beach News - As mentioned in the last edition, Beach News has been published since 1972. Mark and Pam Clack took on the production task in 2002 and have done so ever since. Unfortunately, due to ill health they are no longer able to continue and we therefore need to find volunteers to take over the production of Beach News if it is to remain part of our community life. A good working knowledge of word processing and/or desk top publishing software is required and plenty of spare time!

If anyone feels they are able to help in any way please contact Jacqui Rabbett on 01223 860993 or wcachair@waterbeach.org to discuss further.

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 and we will forward the necessary form for completion. Closing date for inclusion on next list is 1st October 2018.

Waterbeach WI Centenary



What a year we are having! It is our '100th Birthday' in November but we are holding events throughout our centenary year. In June we had a lovely cream tea in the Garden of Sue Smyth to which past and present members were invited. It was glorious weather and we shared a happy afternoon together.

In July we held a joint celebration with Lode and Bottisham WI's who, with us, are the oldest WI's in Cambridgeshire. Anglesey Abbey were kind enough to have a special evening of songs and anecdotes from our hundred year history. The food, drink and company were all excellent.

In August we had a barbecue for our current members, past members and presidents and other special guests. Again, food figured largely along with plenty of conversation, quizzes and a display of extracts from the early days of Waterbeach WI.

We have had a number of successes in local WI competitions this year. We won the Cambridgeshire WI darts tournament, beating Milton in the final and our craft entry "A Day at the Seaside" was the winner at the Fenland Fair held at Quy.

As a group, we are doing a 100 mile sponsored walk in aid of Arthur Rank Hospice. Please visit JustGiving.com/Waterbeachwomenwalkers if you would like to support us. We are also creating 100 bird boxes for distribution within the village. Please let us know if you would like one of them.

Our monthly meetings continue every second Thursday of the month at 7.30pm in St. John's Church Room. Look out for posters advertising these events and do come to visit us to see if you would like to become a member. Currently, we have over 40 members with ages ranging from mid-20s to late 80s. At our October meeting we will learn about 'Medical Detection Dogs' when we will be visited by Geoff Lambert and his dog, Buddy. In November Jane Kennedy's talk is entitled 'British Sign Language'

Line Dancing in Landbeach



Starting on September 11th we will be Line Dancing in Landbeach!

We meet weekly on Tuesdays at 6.30-8pm at the Baptist Chapel, High Street, Landbeach.

Just come along or for further information please telephone 01223 861332.

WASPS



At the end of the summer term we sadly said farewell to some of the children. We wish the year 6 leavers the best of luck for their secondary school adventure! Some of the year 6 children and their families have been using the club for a number of years. We also said farewell to some children who are changing schools and we wish them all the best too. We would like to give a warm welcome to the new children and families starting with us this term, by the time you read this article hopefully they will be starting to settle in to new routines and enjoying exploring the play opportunities on offer at WASPS.

AGM - We will be holding our Annual General Meeting (AGM) on the evening of Thursday 4th October at the Playhouse. We welcome WASPS families and members of the community who are interested in supporting the club. Look out for more details coming soon, or contact us for more information.

Working party - Along with the Community Playgroup (with whom we share premises) we have planned in another outdoor working party on Sat 6th October 9:30 a.m.-12:00 noon. The last outdoor working party was a great success and well supported by families from both groups. It will be great to have another productive morning, sweeping, tidying and gardening ahead of the colder weather so we can keep our outside space looking good for the children to enjoy!

Holiday Club News - After a busy term... the children enjoyed a REALLY busy Holiday Club!

We had lots of fun engaging in the planned activities! We started our Holiday Club practising to join a circus, making juggling balls and learning how to juggle and also practising the art of plate spinning!

We turned into great face painters and tattoo designers. It was really nice to practise between us and discover that we were great at it.

We participated in the biggest water fight ever at WASPS, it was amazing to get soaking wet on such a hot day, even the Playworkers joined in!

We experimented making slime and kinetic sand and as our children taught us "we are experimenting, if it doesn't



work we can always come back to it again, we have lots of days!"

We teleported to China, Africa, Spain and Poland! We played the most traditional games... gumma, snake, stop. We cooked some special desserts



for each country... yummy Chin Chin from Africa, sweet Torrijas from Spain, delicious Faworki from Poland and incredible fortune cookies from China. We also got artistic trying to copy different crafts such as Chinese lanterns and dragons, Spanish fan decoration, African mask decoration and Polish egg traditional decoration.

We also had the opportunity to go to the Cinema and watch Sherlock Gnomes, go to the Museum of Earth Science in Cambridge

and gaze at the biggest spider ever, explore the nature in the Botanic Garden and have fun in Milton Country park playing outdoor games.

The staff team of Playworkers helped to make the children's time at Holiday Club really fun, here's how...

Cally prepared lots of games that taught us to act as a team and help each other when needed! We learnt that when we have fun playing, we all win!

Katrina helped us baking amazing cupcakes and decorating them as if we were professional bakers! She also mastered the headbands game, guessing what she was before anyone else!

Alicia guided us on our outings and helped us understand the importance of taking care and being respectful with animals and insects. We made some ladybird friends that we will remember forever!

Alicja showed us how to be patience with loom bands and how to create amazing designs. It took some of us hours and even days of hard work to make amazing bracelets that we feel really proud of!

Flor showed us how to headstand outside, the real lyrics for the song Macarena and how to cook different desserts for each country!

Teresa was really helpful filling balloons for the water fight, which disappeared in seconds! She was always happy and positive and it was really good sharing time with her!

Charlotte played with us in Milton Country Park despite the hot weather! She reminded us to drink lots of water and put sun cream on, without her, we will all look like crabs!

Sharon was always active and enjoyed being outside with us. She always joins any activity no matter what, from getting sticky making slime to making one hundred loom bands!

This Holiday Club has been REALLY busy but most important REALLY fun! When asked, "What did you most enjoyed doing at Holiday Club?" the children responded with the following...

"The face paint"
"Milton Country Park"
"Loom bands"
"Playing with my friends"
"Clay modelling"
"Going to the trips"
"Painting African Masks and playing African games"

Our next Holiday Club will run in October Half Term, Mon 22nd to Fri 26th October 2018. Look out for more details and planned activities coming soon! The 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 please. Bookings must be made in advance and families must be registered with WASPS.

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 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.

Waterbeach Turbary Charity (Reg No 201529)

Applications for Heating Grants

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

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

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

Please send details to:

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

Closing date for applications is 30 November 2018

WAY Project



Opening hours - Our Youth Club is open on three nights every week – Monday,

Wednesday & Thursday from 7 – 9 p.m. Age range is 11 – 18, and we meet at the Tillage Hall on the recreation ground next to the Sports Pavilion. We close on school and bank holidays. We re-open on Monday 10 September.

Fees - After careful consideration, our Trustees and staff decided to make some changes in how we operate. Since the middle of last term, we have dropped the need for members to pay a subscription of 50p per evening. We did this to bring WAY in line with other similar organisations. We will still be asking those young people who attend to sign in.

Making this change means that we will be losing around £750 per year. Not a King's Ransom but nonetheless an amount that we will be losing. Our finances are provided by several local organisations, including the Parish Council, and a lot of hard work from our Administrator who spends a lot of her time sourcing grants from a wide range of charities and other appropriate organisations. During our last financial year (July – June 2017-18) our out-turn figures showed a shortfall of around £4,000 of spend over income and whilst we have reserves, this shortfall cannot continue into the future without financial consequences.

We have never asked parents of our young members to contribute financially. However, we would very much welcome financial support from those families who feel able to make a regular contribution so that the club can continue into the future. During September we will be sending a letter explaining the need for this to all parents whose children attend the club.

Keeping our young people safe - The configuration of the Tillage Hall makes it impossible for us to stop our young people from leaving the confines of the club to go onto the recreation ground. For those of you are not familiar with the Tillage Hall – the doors to the recreation ground are the fire exit and, therefore, cannot be locked while the Hall is in use. Whilst in summer this is not a major problem because, of course, we can see where our youngsters are, winter is a different matter. During club evenings, our staff take on parental duties to ensure that members are kept safe. However, many of our older members prefer to leave the club confines and entertain themselves outside. Having discussed the issue of our responsibility for our members with other local youth clubs, we have concluded that we cannot ensure the safety of those who prefer to be outside. Nonetheless, we will be keeping an eye on activities on the recreation ground and ensuring that a member of staff patrols the area at regular intervals. If you are the parent of a club

member, please let us know if you do not want your child to leave the club and, of course, make that clear to your son or daughter.

A Plea - We have a small group of paid staff and would welcome volunteers. If you are interested, please contact me (shelagh@richard-blake.com) for a 'no commitment' discussion.

Lastly - Our heartfelt thanks to those individuals and local organisations who continue to support us – we couldn't do this without you.

Shelagh Robertson Chair of Trustees, WAY

Creative Movements



Calling all Creative Little People...

Creative Movements run friendly and dynamic classes that give children the opportunity to become social, confident and creative little people, ready to progress happily and successfully through their early years. We encourage creativity through movement, storytelling, role play, drama and music.

Our new term starts on 10th September for ages 15 months to 7 years but you can join us at any point! We are also launching a New Mum and Baby class soon after three wonderful taster sessions at Tillage Hall in the Summer.

"Creative movements is so much fun for little ones. My daughter has loved the toddler classes where she has been introduced to lots of wonderful books, loved dancing and acting out stories and made some lovely friendships. I enjoyed every moment!"

As well as weekly classes we run nursery sessions, themed workshops and bespoke parties. You can find out more and book classes online via our website <https://creativemovements.co.uk/book/Cambridge/5>

We have enjoyed running some wonderful parties here in Waterbeach including a Star Wars, Gruffalo, Frozen, Strictly Come Dancing and even a Build-a-Bear themed party! We'd like to offer Beach News readers a special 20% discount when booking a Creative Movements Adventure (Quote **Beach News** when booking). Parties can be at home or in a venue of your choice and you can choose from our catalogue of themes or come up with your own based on your child's interests and ideas.



Contact michelle@creativemovments.co.uk to find out more.

District Councillor Update

I have very much enjoyed my first few months as a district councillor for the newly formed 'Milton and Waterbeach' ward and I am working closely with Anna Bradnam and Hazel Smith, my co-councillors. I am on a steep learning curve. To date, I have attended training, briefings and committee meetings, have read many lengthy documents, and have been busy with casework and with answering residents' queries and concerns. I am finding the role varied and interesting, and I am learning to expect the unexpected!

Waterbeach New Town: The new SPD (Supplementary Planning Document) will be out for public consultation in September for a period of six weeks for the community to comment on. The document provides an overview of the proposals from Urban and Civic and Royal London Waterbeach and how the two schemes create one new town. Please feel free to comment and make suggestions. Look out for it on the South Cambs website.

Five year land supply: Since 21st May 2018, SCDC published a new assessment where we stated that we believed we could provide enough land to meet Government requirements for the provision of new housing land. This means that as a planning authority we can take a much tougher line against unplanned and speculative development. Unfortunately, this has come too late for Waterbeach, but going forward most development can only take place within the village 'framework' as laid out in neighbourhood plans.

Buses: With the cancelling of the Whippet 196 bus service in late July and at short notice, the new service has experienced some reliability issues and caused some confusion as a number of different services (19, 9 and Citi 3) are now covering the old 196 route at varying times of day. Landbeach is now back on the timetable on weekdays and Stagecoach is once again picking up/dropping off at Capper Road. Anna Bradnam has met with Stagecoach and they have promised the following:

- To produce a combined timetable so the user can see which service number is coming next.
 - A map to be displayed at all bus-stops.
 - The stand number to be included for the return journey on all the timetables.
- Stagecoach have the contract until March 2019. I will update when I have news of services going forward from that date.

And further afield... Should you need to make a journey into Cambourne to the council offices, and happen to be a breastfeeding mother, there is now a room set aside with nursing chairs and a water fountain if you prefer to feed your baby in a more private space. Any mother is, of course, also at liberty to feed her baby anywhere on the premises including the council chamber.

If you want to get in touch, please contact me at Cllr.Rippeth@scambs.gov.uk or on 07956 528223.

Cllr Judith Rippeth

Community Warden

Hello, I am Mary, the new Community Warden for Waterbeach, Landbeach and Chittering.

I have been in post since mid-April and have started to work with a small group of people within the villages. The Community Warden Scheme is provided through Age UK Cambridgeshire and Peterborough and helps people over 60 years to remain living at home as independent and safely as possible. As a Warden I will make daily contact, Mon to Fri either by a phone call or a visit. Some of the things I can help you with are shopping, prescription collection, making phone calls on your behalf, help to complete forms, liaise with other services, arrange home safety checks etc. I can help with finding a home support, handyperson or gardener, or how to order meals on wheels. Most of my time has been spent talking through daily topics, old memories, good and bad and providing a listening ear. There is a small weekly charge for this service.



I would like to thank the Parish Councils Group who researched all the working models possible and obtained funding for the scheme to be in place. If you would like more information or to refer a neighbour or friend, please do give me a call on **07977219403**. If I do not answer, please leave your number and I will return your call promptly.



Waterbeach Surgery Flu Vaccination Clinics

It's time to think about your flu jab!

You qualify for a *free* jab if you fall into one of these categories:

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

**Regular Clinics will be run at the surgery as of
17th September 2018 onwards**

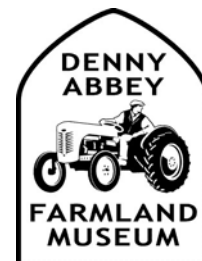
Ask for details at Reception

Tel: 01223 860387

See you at the surgery!



Farmland Museum



The 2018 season at Denny Abbey and the Farmland Museum will be almost over by the time you read this but if you have never visited there will still be a little time to do so. It will close until next year after the annual Pumpkins and Spooks event on Sunday 28th October. The site is beautiful and peaceful on a golden autumn day and walking through the Abbey building there is a strong sense of the past as one reflects on the monks, Knights Templars, nuns and farmers who, for eight hundred years, lived there. Trying to understand how the building changed from the evidence left when it was carefully deconstructed is a fascinating experience. Even after quite a few years I am still noticing new details.



The Farmland Museum is heavily dependent on its loyal team of volunteers who come in throughout the year and we are always looking for more help. Is there a gardener out there who would like to help with the cottage garden and some of the other beds around the site? Is there anyone out there who could help meet and greet visitors and tell them about the museum and Abbey (after a bit of training!). Could you help with the children's activities during school holiday or on Event days? Could you help with publicity or in the office? Do you have other skills which you think might be useful? If you think you have no relevant skills but want to feel involved we can almost certainly find something for you to do. Many volunteers working on site maintenance, gardening, machinery restoration, and collections care come in every Wednesday morning. Besides making a very useful contribution to the conservation of our heritage they are very sociable events, with good company and chocolate biscuits thrown in.

So, if you have a little time to spare and would like to feel that you can play a part in the history of the unique site which Waterbeach is so fortunate to have on its doorstep, do get in touch. There is information on the website www.farmlandmuseum.org.uk. I would also be happy to answer any questions you might have (e-mail me on jane275@btinternet.com or ring 01223 440751)

We'd love to hear from you!

Jane Williamson

Beach Bowls Club

The bowls season has been and gone in a flash it seems. At the beginning the weather was cold and wet which soon changed to hot and dry. That meant that the bowls ran very fast on the greens. Our run of winning various leagues has unfortunately come to an end after 3 amazing years. Nonetheless we have done well finishing third in division one of the Cambridge and District Triples League and the B team finished fourth in the Men's section of the Cambridge Business House Pairs League. The A team also played creditably.

As usual a number of members have played in competitions. Several enjoyed wins before eventually losing with the exception of Tony Reuben and Bill Clough who have won their way to the final of the Cambridge and District League Men's Pairs. We wish them all the best for the game which is being played at Great Chesterford on 8th September.

At our pre-season meeting members agreed that we should hold a singles competition for the first time in many years. This took place during the heatwave in early August. 12 members took part in what proved to be an enjoyable afternoon's play. After group stages and semi-finals Bob Doughty prevailed over Trevor Lowe in the final.

Meanwhile the Pairs competition has been held as usual. The group stages having been completed the final was won by Viv and Bob Doughty who beat David Black and Bill Clough.

Anyone wanting any information about the club please contact Terry Pauley on 01223 860600 or Chris Rushmer on 01223 861354. New members will be most welcome.

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

The Waterbeach Charities Secretary is retiring after 14 years and if anyone is interested in the post could they please contact the current Secretary, Susan Wilkin on 01223 860295 or The Chairman, Pamela Gooding on 01223 861003 for further information.

Waterbeach Past

We are always looking for interesting articles for inclusion in Beach News and in the Summer edition of Beach News we published the first part of an item forwarded by one of our readers, recalling some of the shops, local businesses and other buildings in Waterbeach from years ago. This is Part two and we will continue to publish more over the next few editions.

"I was born in a property called Vine Cottage which stood in the High Street on the northern corner of Cattells Lane. This building was demolished to make way for two modern houses. I've been thinking about the village when I was young and where the different landmarks were, so below is a walk through the village giving as much information as I can recall. I hope it will revive memories for older villagers and be of interest to our newer residents."

Robert Wilson

3 High Street Mr. Bill Jones sold fruit and vegetables from his market garden.

9 High Street Mr. Fred Hemmins' watch repair shop



*Original sign from
Fred Hemmins' shop*

11 High Street Post Office, prior to its move to the Village Stores

13 High Street Bull's butchers' shop



Post Office - 2011



Bull's Butchers - 2011

15 High Street Mrs. Nichols' wool shop and she also sold Sunday papers

17 High Street Mr. Patten's general stores and home. Now Boswell's and Hair at 17.



High Street - Early 1900s



High Street - 2018

Site of 19b & 19c High Street A shed where eggs were tested.

Entrance to Waddelow's Road A playing field for sports activities including boxing matches.

Entrance to the 'new' school The RAF had a gymnasium.

14 High Street Home of Mr. Charlie Camps, the village carrier. Mr. Camps would take and collect parcels for villagers mostly to and from Cambridge originally in his pony and trap.

Site near to the entrance to Barker Close

Mr. "Snap" Gilbert's blacksmith's. Later run by Mr. Don Frohock.

Site of 18 Greenside Sweetshop run by Mrs. Biggs

Site of 16 Greenside H. Cooke and Son carpenters and funeral directors



Greenside - Early 1900s



Greenside - 2018

14 Greenside Batten butchers, then a newsagent's, now One Stop

The White Horse Run by Mr. Ted Phipps who also had a shop at the end of the pub selling wellingtons and dungarees for farm workers. He was the Fire Officer during the war.

6 Greenside

Flack's butchers. Later Farrow's butchers and now Chinese Takeaway.



View from the Green to the Gault
Early 1900s and 2011

Small hut to the right of 6 Greenside at the entrance to 4 Greenside

Housed fire pump during the war

4 Greenside

Gas station. Later occupied by Mr. George Gifford who sold fruit and vegetables.

Site of 1a Rosemary Rd Harold Emmerson's carpentry business



1985



2018

3 Rosemary Road

Ken Shipp's Dairy. Now Rosemary Newsagents.



1995



2018

Rosemary Hill

Fish and chip shop run by Mr. Willie and Mrs. Jane White. Both were Salvationists.

To be continued in a future edition of Beach News. We have tried to gather some photos/pictures but if you have any from earlier times that we could use please let us know. We would scan any photos and then of course return them. If you are able to help please Tel: 01223 476601, email: beachnews@waterbeach.org or send to Beach News, 5 Spurgeons Avenue, Waterbeach, Cambridge CB25 9NU.

Community Playgroup



Our 2017-18 academic year came to a busy, exciting and rather warm close in July. With temperatures in the 30s we were very thankful for our air-conditioned main room and the children enjoyed lots of water-play and paddling pools keeping cool in the shady part of the garden.

As always, we ended the year with our Leavers' Celebration Day – where we celebrate the unique contribution to life at Playgroup of each of the children who were leaving to go to school. Children and their families joined us for some fantastically fun sports in the morning followed by lunch and a presentation of certificates. Our staff team have worked hard preparing the children for this transition and working with local schools to make sure that their teachers have a full picture of each child's learning and development to ensure as easy and natural transition as possible. We are all looking forward to hearing all about their experiences at school – we will be looking out for the Waterbeach children in their uniforms as they walk past Playgroup on their way to school in September – so don't forget to give us a wave!

We are looking forward to the new Autumn Term: welcoming back our current families and welcoming all the children who are joining us for the first time this term. Our staff have been planning lots of fantastic activities during the summer – a lot of the children think we live at the Playhouse (we don't!) but we do stay in touch during the holidays, exchanging ideas and plans to get the new term off to a flying start. Without giving too much away there may be pool noodles, pom poms, sticks, straw, Peppa Pig, tweezers, Julia Donaldson, discovery bottles, house bricks, mud (of course), story sacks, story boxes, more pom poms, bubbles, chop sticks, gloop, squishy stuff and minibests.....phew! As one of the village's Community groups, we



are also excited about submitting some of the children's creations to the Annual Village Show on Saturday 8th September which is being organised by the Waterbeach and District Gardening Club and the WI.

We are open from 9am to 3pm daily during term time and are rated "Good" by Ofsted. 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

also offer 30 funded hours to qualifying families. 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 January 2019 (we do have some limited availability for September 2018 too and are happy to put you on a waiting 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 for a Prospectus and application form.

Beach Balls

Waterbeach Juggling Club, Beach Balls, meets every two weeks in Waterbeach for juggling and circus skills fun. Run by Felix, Howie and Liam, the club welcomes all ages and abilities to come and practise, learn and show off skills. We've got juggling balls, clubs, rings and scarves, diabolos, devil sticks, poi, unicycles and lots more.

From September through to spring, sessions take place in the squash courts on the Barracks site every other Wednesday from 7.30pm to 9pm. Autumn dates are: 19th September; 3rd, 17th and 31st October (with something special planned for Halloween); 14th, 28th November; 12th December.

All are welcome. Children aged less than 12 must be accompanied by supervising adults. To

cover costs, there is a small fee per session of £3 per adult, £2 per under 18 and £5 per family group. To find out more, search 'Waterbeach Balls' on Facebook or go to <http://www.tinyurl.com/waterbeachballs>

So what are you waiting for? Come along and learn something new, or show us what you can do!



Gardening Club



We have taken a break from our evening meetings during the summer but we have remained active in other ways. Club members have enjoyed two outings, the first being an evening visit to Impington Mill. Hosts Pippa and Steve Temple were able to give us a tour of the garden and explain the process of re-designing the layout and restoring the historic mill. We have also visited Bridge End Gardens in Saffron Walden and the Fry Gallery. The gardens have undergone extensive renovation and are well-worth a visit.

Our other social event has been the ever-popular Summer Barbecue which was held in the Chairman's garden. Good food and good company were enjoyed by all.

We were also very busy, along with our co-hosts the Waterbeach WI, making preparations for our new-look Village Show. We have tried a new location at the Church and would welcome feedback about how you think the event compared with previous shows to help us to plan for future events

Our programme of evening talks has resumed in September and we will continue to meet on the third Thursday of the month (except December) in St. John's Church Room. Visitors are very welcome at all the talks (£3 on the door) and we would be pleased to see more members joining us this year.

Fire and Rescue Service



Throughout the year and particularly as the winter months draw in, we begin using our fires, burners and chimneys once again to warm our homes. Follow our 'top tips' below to ensure your home is kept safe and warm all year round.

Chimneys and Fires

- Have your chimney swept once a year or more frequently if you burn wood
- Avoid burning resinous woods that quickly build up soot
- Only burn fuels suitable for your burner (e.g. never burn anything other than wood in a wood burner)
- Do not overload the grate/appliance
- Do not bank fires too high and remember to let them burn out well before you go to bed
- Check the hearth, floor and furnishings near the fire for hot sparks/embers
- Do not place objects on or over the mantelpiece which cause you to stand too close to the fire in order to reach them

- Use a fire/spark guard to prevent accidental fires and make sure it has the kite mark or conforms to British/ European standards
- Inspect your chimney breast, particularly the roof space. Make sure it is sound and sparks/fumes cannot escape through cracks or broken bricks.

Wood/Multi-Fuel Burners

- A qualified and competent engineer should install all wood/multi-fuel burners and boilers – regular maintenance should be undertaken to prolong the working life of the appliance. Specialist servicing and maintenance will usually be provided by the company you purchase the appliance from but you can also refer to www.solidfuel.co.uk for advice and information
- Ensure correct ventilation is in place when the appliance is in use
- Wood burning appliances should only use the right quality wood recommended by the supplier
- Regularly inspect the chimney and flues
- Generally wood should be well-seasoned (usually wood kept dry and stored for around 2 years)
- Avoid wet or newly felled wood as this will cause tars/creosote deposits forming in the burning appliance and chimney
- Using laminated chip boards will leave binding glue deposits
- For each slow burning period there should follow a quick burn to dry out unwanted tar/creosote deposits and to warm up the chimney again
- At the end of each burning season and at least once during the season the entire system should be cooled and thoroughly cleaned to maintain top performance.

Most importantly

- Fit a smoke alarm that carries the kite mark or British Standard Number 5446 and test your alarm weekly by pressing the test button and know the life of your battery.
- Always also install a CO alarm in the room where the burner is installed. Chimney Fires continue to be a common occurrence in home fires in the winter months.

We experience an average of 81 chimney fires a year in Cambridgeshire alone.

Whatever fire you have, or fuel you burn, it is vitally important you have your chimney swept to avoid a build-up of ash and soot.

For more information log on to www.cambsfire.gov.uk, follow us on social media or call 01480 444500.

Home Start



Can you spare a little time to make a huge difference to a family who needs support?

Home-Start offers a valuable and unique service for families by training volunteers to support parents with young children at home.

- We support families who are in need of practical and emotional support to help them gain confidence and move forwards.
- We are currently seeking volunteers in all areas of Cambridgeshire who can offer support to families in their local area.
- Do you have parenting experience and a spare 2-3 hours a week?
- This fulfilling role requires energy, commitment and reliability

We have three Preparation Courses for new volunteers starting in the autumn. They take place on one day each week for six weeks and are within school hours.

Papworth on 19th September

Arbury Community Centre Cambridge 2nd October

Mepal Village Hall 9th November

In exchange for your time we can offer you training and support and an opportunity to meet like-minded people. To talk about joining a course or for more information on volunteering please contact us:



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PRIOR FEN CHAPEL

"The Little Chapel in the Fen"



All welcome to our

Harvest Festival Service

Sunday 7th October at 3pm

Traditional harvest service and hymns

Produce welcome

Prior Fen Chapel is opened once a year for the annual Harvest Service through the dedication of a small group of Trustees with long family connections to the chapel.

Everybody is welcome.

Toilet facilities available.

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

Be early to guarantee a seat.

For more information contact Trish: 07979 868676

Waste Incinerator

Update on The Proposed Enormous Waterbeach Rubbish Burning Factory

3000 people including doctors, nurses, scientists, teachers, local business owners and tax payers have signed a petition to object- have you signed yet?

Historic England (Denny Abbey) have strongly objected.

South Cambs District Council have strongly objected.

Anglia Ruskin University Global Sustainability Institute object.

Campaign for Rural England have strongly objected.

The National Trust urge serious caution.

Full cross political party support for the council to object (including formal objections from Heidi Allan MP, Lucy Frazer MP)

Cambridge Friends of the Earth strongly object.

All parish councils surrounding the proposed site have all strongly objected.

But it might not be enough to make Cambridgeshire County Council wake up to the many serious impacts that the proposed giant industrial waste incinerator will have on rural Fen Edge communities. There is a large incentive for the county council to wave this application through because they are already a major client of the applicant Amey Cespa and they need to save money on their 25 year £700M PFI contract. Overlooking the many impacts that the giant incinerator could help balance the county council books somewhat but will lock us into further decades of tax payer debt. The county council will be taking calculated risks with our health, our environment, where we live and our role as an innovative city on climate change if they are minded to approve.

Overlooking things like the unknown health and environmental impacts (there is no evidence that says emissions are 'safe'), undeniable significant impact on iconic fenland landscape and ancient historic asset Denny Abbey, wide scale importing of waste from far beyond our county (12 counties to be exact), fast changing innovative, cheaper and more sustainable waste management solutions that haven't been properly or fairly considered, ignorance of the EU waste management hierarchy that positions waste incineration as the least efficient way of generating energy from waste and only one level up from landfill, poor stagnant local recycling rates (46%), the location across the road from a planned new town and junior schools, weak environment agency permit conditions, significant A10 traffic impact, no initiatives to promote business waste recycling, only 30 permanent jobs will be created, operator appalling track history of safety compromises leading to prosecutions and ongoing unresolved environment agency permit breaches at their other incinerators and waste management sites. These things really matter and the resident's group 'CBWin' are fighting to ensure that they are

not overlooked by the county council who will vote on the incinerator on 17th September.

CBWin need more signatures and more voices sending comments to the county council to keep up the pressure and ensure we win for our village community and neighbouring communities and our city of 'innovation'. Local young resident Jasmine Seamarks is crowd funding to help CBWin raise funds to commission an independent landscape review (the expert landscape consultancy CBWin have engaged has said that the reports by Amey and the county council have omitted important information). www.crowdfunder.co.uk/waterbeach

We can stop putting rubbish in the ground/sea if we create less waste, but if an extremely costly massive incinerator is built here it will need feeding for 40years. It will undermine local initiatives to promote zero waste. Bury your rubbish in the ground and pollute the ground, burn your rubbish and pollute the air we breathe, take your rubbish out to sea and pollute the oceans.....or challenge the council to educate and change habits and work towards truly innovative waste solutions that support the circular economy and zero waste. We need your vote. We need you to comment to the planners. For the next generation who deserve your effort.

Visit www.cbwin.co.uk (what you can do section) to make a difference in quick and easy ways- even if you just do one thing it will help enormously. If you are not on the internet you can help by signing the petition in the pharmacy.

Fellow concerned residents of CBWin

Happy Folks Club

We have had a very good summer, it started with our stall on the Green on Feast Day. We exceeded last year's total mainly thanks to our members generous tombola prizes and their help on the day. Thanks to Carole Holdsworth and Rose Lawrence, also Paul Munnery and not forgetting my wife Barbara Atkins.

The outings went off very well, Trips to Moreton in the Marsh and Bourton-on-the-Water in June, followed by Gt Yarmouth in July, then Southend in August. Everyone had a great time, the weather treated us very well!

Our membership has grown to 66, although one of our senior members, Iris Waldock, is unable to attend any more. Iris was a club member when I joined in 2003, we will miss her very much and hope she continues in good health. On a happier note, the club has lined up more trips to places of interest and to some shows. However, we may have to cap our membership. The Beach Club has been renovated to a very high standard, but we are running out of room! Also we only have a 57 seat coach for our outings, therefore we won't be able to take many more members on. Autumn approaches so we look forward to more trips and club activities.

Military Heritage Museum

So far 2018 has been another great year for visitors coming to see us from far and near. Up to now we have had visitors from Australia, Canada, France and New Zealand, as well as from around the UK and Cambridgeshire of course.

514 Squadron Reunion on the village Feast Day, 8th June 2018, saw the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight, Hurricane, Lancaster and Spitfire fly over not only the air field where 6 veterans watched with about another 100 friends and relatives, but also flew over the Feast on the Green. July the Open Studios three weekends saw many people visit us.

Sunday September 2nd, we had the Biker Veterans Ride of Remembrance visit. They had for the week been visiting ten museums and laying wreaths and making an act of remembrance at various war memorials or cemeteries throughout Cambridgeshire, Norfolk and Suffolk. Several wreaths were laid at the memorial garden on the barracks here in Waterbeach from The Royal



British Legion, the Bikers and U&C, plus one other in the cemetery to a serving Sapper biker who died in an accident. It was all very moving. Photos of the event were taken by Urban&Civic's photographer, Tim George. The Bikers have raised over two thousand pounds in the week for veterans'



charities and The Royal British Legion. On Saturday 8th September the Royal Engineers Association met at the museum for a brunch and museum visit. Brunch provided by Waterbeach Scouts. About 30 people turned up, some who had not met for 41 years, ahh the memories flowed!! It was great to meet all these men and women who had served over

the years in 39 Engineer Regiment. We have some 39 Engineer Regiment badges for sale to help the museum.

Our next openings are Wednesday 3rd October and Sunday 7th October 10am to 4pm. Also, we will be opening on Remembrance Sunday 11th

November 1pm to 4pm but see our Facebook page and posters for exact times in case of change.

Museum opening days are the first Wednesday and Sunday between March and October 10am to 4pm. Entrance is free but donations gratefully received. We are at The Barracks, Denny End Road, Waterbeach CB25 9PA.

We look forward to you visiting us.

For more information contact Adrian Wright on Tel: 01223 861846 or email waterbeachmilitarymuseum@waterbeach.org. Follow us on Facebook.

Waterbeach Scout Group



Bingo - We are back into our bingo season, starting on Friday 12th October. It's a fun evening for all the family. Eyes down is at 19.30. Half way through the evening we stop for refreshments and a raffle before finishing the Bingo at 21.00.

The next bingo session will be on Friday 9th November and our Christmas Bingo will be on Friday 14th December.

Christmas Sale - Santa will be visiting at our Christmas Sale on Saturday 24th November. Come along to have a look around the stalls and enjoy a 'Big Breakfast' from 10.00 till 14.00.

Santa will be coming to your street - Keep an eye on the village notice boards for the dates he will be visiting your street!

Waterbeach Village Society

Waterbeach Village Society meet in St John's Church Room behind the church on the fourth Wednesday of each month (Sept. to May) at 7.30 pm for 7.45pm. We try to have a varied and interesting series of talks and this is our programme up to December. If you are new to the village you will be very welcome.

26th September - Moles feet – Black Dogs and Gary Goose Feathers: More from the mysterious Fens. Maureen James

24th October - Cambridge Bonfires: Topical for the upcoming 5th November festivities. Dr. Sean Lang of Cambridge University

28th November - A.V Roe and the Avro Lancaster: The man who designed the famous Lancaster and Vulcan aircraft. David Taylor

12th December - The History of Gilbert and Sullivan their live music: Includes musical excerpts by the speaker who is a singer and actress - an entertaining evening. Anne Datson

Members are free and visitors £3.00 which includes tea, coffee and biscuits