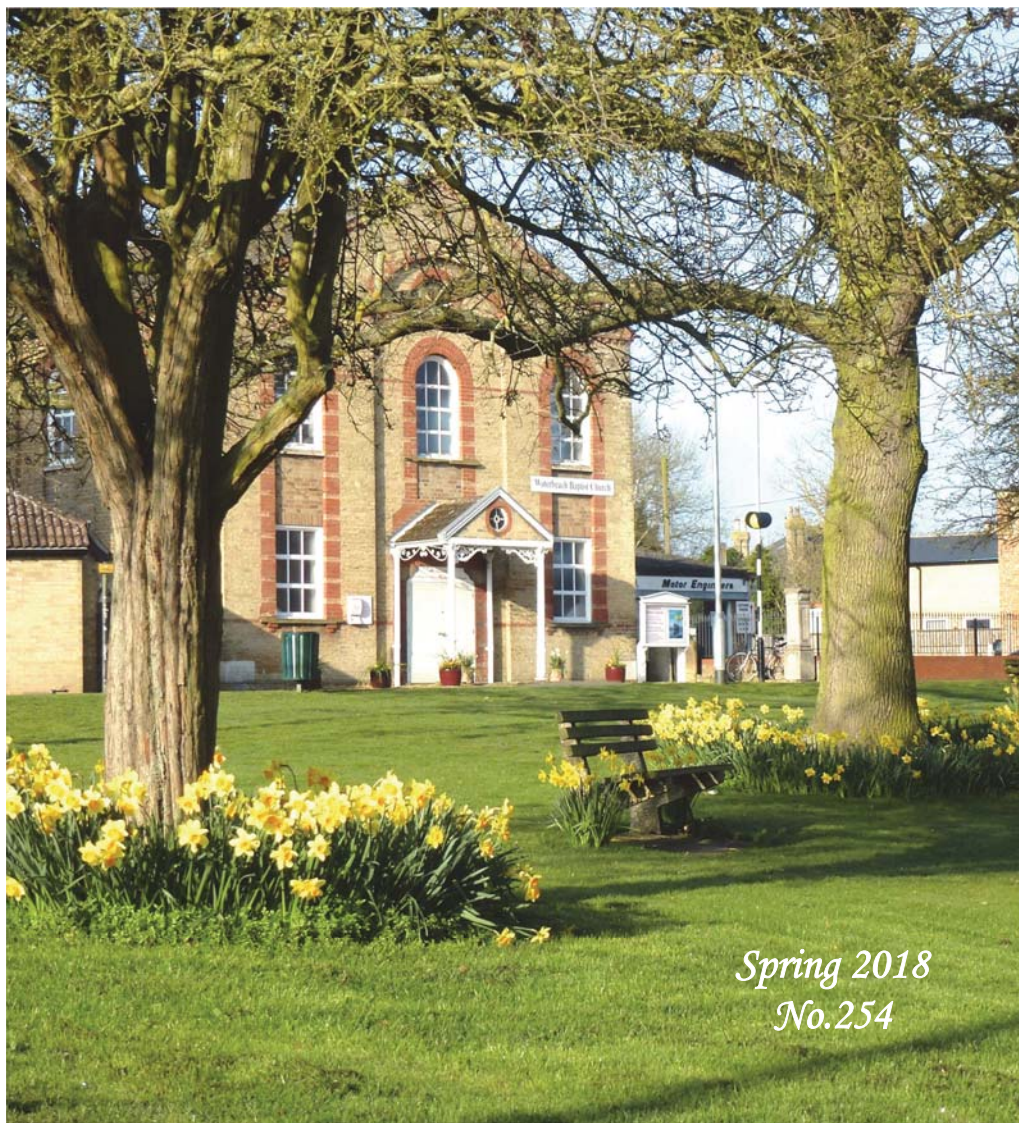


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Community Association



Christmas - Although Christmas is long gone and all the tinsel and lights have been put away, we must say thank you to all those who contributed to making Waterbeach Green look so festive. Firstly, a huge thank you must go to Gary Langley and team for providing and maintaining the lights around the Green. Each year they appear as if by magic, but we know and recognise how much hard work and commitment is involved in keeping our village so festive, so thank you again. To Mark & Pam Clack for organising the Christmas tree on the Green and ensuring it is decorated, maintained and removed in the new year. The tree was kindly donated by Urban&Civic and delivered and removed by Bannold.

'Carols on the Green' on Christmas Eve is always a popular way to start the Christmas festivities and this was proved once again by the large number of people that attended. From tiny babies, toddlers and some very excited children with their families, to those not quite so young, they all came to join in with the singing. 500 carol sheets were printed to hand out on the evening and this proved to be insufficient as many more were requested after the printed copies had all been distributed. This just goes to show how well the event was attended!

Thank you to all those who helped make the event possible, before, during and after. The charity collection on the night raised £787 for local clubs and groups. Thank you for your support.

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

Beach News - We are always looking for interesting articles for inclusion in Beach News and we have recently been sent an item recalling some of the shops, local businesses and other buildings in Waterbeach from years ago. We are hoping to publish this in a future edition of Beach News and we would like to add some photos to the article of some of the buildings 'then and now'. We can obviously take photos of them as they stand today (well those that are still left!) but we were wondering if anyone has any photos/pictures from earlier times that we could use? We're not necessarily looking at 100 years ago as many don't go back that far, but anything you have may be useful. 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.

Feast 2018, Saturday 9th June - Once again it's time to put on those thinking caps and come up with ideas to decorate your stalls and floats for Feast Day. This year's theme will be 'Something beginning with L.....' The parade will leave the school as usual at 2pm and make its procession around the village. We're hoping to see many floats, walking groups and individuals to make a spectacular and colourful parade. The parade is free to



enter and is open to

groups, clubs, families and individuals, just dress up and join in the fun. You can find all the forms needed to join in the activities on our website www.waterbeach.org

To ensure the success of Feast Day we need your help. We need assistance in the

organisation of the day and to help set up in the morning and clear away at the end of the day. We also need people to volunteer to be marshals and walk alongside the parade as it makes its procession around the village. If you think you can help please contact Jacqui Rabbett on 01223 860993.



Photos from Feast 2017

Waterbeach Colts FC



It is that time of year when we are busy planning – ready for the 15th Annual Waterbeach Colts Football Tournament and Beer Festival, which will take place this year on 25th, 26th and 27th May.

Everyone – all ages – are very welcome to this community event where we hope there is something for everyone: football, games, bouncy castles, refreshments, music, or just a chance to catch up with friends in a relaxed setting.

The Football Tournament will take place all day on Saturday 26th May:

- Matches for Under 6s through to Under 10s will run from 9am until 12 noon.
- Matches for Under 11s through to Under 16s will run 2pm – 5pm.

If you are not already involved in playing, coaching, setting up, you are welcome to come along and support the boys and girls – they all appreciate a bit of cheering from the pitch side - many hundreds of children from Waterbeach and across the county and neighbouring counties who come to enjoy football and team spirit.

Beer Festival:

- Friday 25th May, 6pm – 11pm. This year the festival will get off to an extra special start with The Juliets plus Special Guests performing – following the enormous success of The Juliets Collective last May – led again by Mark Boon – watch out for some familiar faces from the village!
- Saturday 26th May, 1pm – 11pm – Disco during the evening.
- Sunday 27th May, 12 noon – 9pm. Sunday is family day and during the afternoon you can take part in a range of activities, including games and bouncy castles. This year we are happy to announce that Nicola Ostler of BuggyBootcamp and Family Fun Fitness will be running a session for all ages - children, parents, grandparents, friends and all the family. During Sunday afternoon there will also be local bands performing live music for you to enjoy.

Refreshments will be available throughout the weekend, and a huge thank you to the Scouts for once again volunteering their time to provide a BBQ from Friday evening all the way through to Sunday evening! Other food will also be available.

There will be a good range of delicious beers to sample and enjoy. We have many other alcoholic and non-alcoholic soft drinks to cater for all tastes. Throughout Saturday, hot drinks will be available, and Waterbeach Toddler Playgroup will be serving delicious home-made cakes.

Proceeds from the weekend go to the Football Club so that we can pay for

coaches' qualifications and ongoing training, purchase equipment and keep annual subs at a modest level, in order to ensure we can keep to our ethos "football for all". If we do particularly well, we like to support other local community groups each year with donations. Last year we were very pleased to be able to support Waterbeach Youth Club – WAY, Waterbeach Toddler Playgroup, Waterbeach Community Playgroup, the Scouts and Waterbeach School PTA, all of them very important in the community.

So please come along and support, and pass on the word to friends and family – we look forward to seeing you there!

If you would like to enter a team into the tournament, please contact Gary Fletcher on fletchergary@hotmail.co.uk If you have any questions, would like to provide sponsorship or be involved in any other way, please contact Elly Ruston, 07986 340 869 / elly@ruston.eu

Waterbeach WI



We have enjoyed our Christmas celebrations with a song in our hearts and delicious food and drink. January's meeting was a fascinating talk by Carol Pook about the life and work of Edith Cavell as a nurse. The story of her courage during WWI in Belgium, nursing wounded soldiers and her tragic execution by the German authorities for aiding British soldiers return home was very moving. January also saw us taking part in the excellent Waterbeach Thread[ed] event in St. John's Church which demonstrated the embroidery, quilting and knitting skills, new and old, of Waterbeach residents raising money for Macmillan.

We begin a new year with our Annual Meeting in February and have a very mixed programme of talks and activities to celebrate the centenary of our WI branch. It was November 1917 when Waterbeach ladies first got together to begin Waterbeach WI. We are one of the three Cambridgeshire WIs (Waterbeach, Lode and Bottisham) who have met continuously for 100 years. We shall be having a joint celebration with them at Anglesey Abbey on July 2nd.

We have been reading through our archives and we hope to put together photos and anecdotes of the women who have been part of Waterbeach WI. If you have connections to WI as a former member or a relative who was, it would be lovely to hear from you.

Our next meeting on Thursday 8th March is 'Making a Stand for Chelsea' (flower show) by Dr. Tim Wregitt followed by Elaine McGregor on Thursday 12th April, who will talk about the great value of 'Music Therapy'.

You will receive a warm welcome if you would like to join us on the second Thursday of each month in St. John's Church Room at 7.30pm.

District Councillor's Report

Housing on Denny End Rd: Remember to register your interest for these new houses. There are nine shared ownership houses to be advertised in March (www.helptobuyese.org.uk). Twenty-one affordable rented houses look likely to be advertised in June: make sure you are registered in advance on 'Homelink' (www.home-link.org.uk/HouseholdRegistrationForm).

Community Warden: By the time you read this, interviews will have taken place for the new Community Warden for Waterbeach, Landbeach and Chittering. Look out for information on this service around the village. You will be able to self-refer, and the GPs, district nurses and day centres will also be briefed. You are welcome to contact me by phone or email for more information. I'm really looking forward to the project launch and seeing the benefits to some of our older residents.

Local Plan Consultation: The ongoing saga of the South Cambs Local Plan is limping to its conclusion. The consultation on the Planning Inspector's proposed modifications to the Plan has now closed. The Inspector looks set to accept a joint housing supply strategy between SCDC and Cambridge City which should reinstate a five-year housing land supply. It looks highly unlikely that the Inspector will report before the local elections, so even assuming there are no more modifications after the consultation, we will not have a Local Plan in place until the middle of the year. We are currently trying to find out how much the Local Plan has cost to date.

Does your home leak money? New easier-to-use compact thermal imaging cameras are available now from South Cambs, to borrow free of charge for the purpose of locating where heat is leaking out of your home. Ideal for taking action on insulation issues and draught proofing. To book, call 03450 450 063 or email reception@scambs.gov.uk. The cameras have an operating manual accessible online and brief training sessions are available provided free of charge.

And finally.... I have very much enjoyed my time on South Cambs District Council but have made the decision to step down at the end of my term in May. I have particularly enjoyed meeting so many people in the villages, and all the case work this entails. Thank you for your warm and genuine support, it has been a privilege to serve the communities here.

email: Cllr.Tregoin@scambs.gov.uk Tel: 0771 5908694

Cllr Ingrid Tregoin

Drama Group News



Aladdin and Princess Jasmine are now happily married, the Genie of the Ring and the Genie of the Lamp are enjoying new found freedom, and Evil



Abanazar is bottled up in the lamp for all eternity (or is he...?), so the panto ends having seen excellent houses and lots of cheering and booing (or yes it did!). We would like to thank everyone who came along to support us and bought a raffle ticket which has enabled us to donate £300 to Arthritis UK.

2018 sees the 40th Anniversary of the formation of Waterbeach Community Players and we have an exciting year of internal and public celebration planned. Our new enterprise of an Information Evening in January was well attended and we welcomed several new people who came along to find out more about the society.

For the 2018 one-act drama festivals we plan to enter two new plays both written by members of the society and we will let you know how we get on next time. By the time you read this we will be well into rehearsal for these and about to begin rehearsals for our May production.

This is a farcical murder mystery by Ian Hornby *HELLO, IS THERE ANY BODY THERE?*.

Lady Amelia searches for new ideas for her latest mystery novel and husband Sir Malcolm and family friend Freddy are persuaded to try and think of new ideas.

Meanwhile the hapless Vic Tim arrives and is promptly dispatched by an unknown assailant. Everyone tries hard to discover the murderer before he or she can strike again. Smalls, the butler, and Mabel, the maid, try to assist the inept police (and Sir Malcolm attempts to give the delicious WPC Eve Nunnall a hand too) but not in time to prevent the Producer being murdered. There is even a suspicion that someone may have poisoned the audience. Eventually Miss Marbles arrives to reveal, Agatha Christie-style, the culprit. This is a murder mystery - but not as we know it - which steadfastly refuses to take itself (or anything else) seriously.

Come along to Waterbeach School and help Lady Amelia and Miss Marbles solve the mystery between 16 and 19 May at 7.30pm.

Tickets £8 (£7 concessions) available in advance from 01223 880023 or choose your own seats by booking on line at www.wcp.ticketsource.co.uk (online booking fee applies). It will also be possible to book at The Sun Inn, Waterbeach nearer the time.

We very much look forward to entertaining you during our 40th year.

If you are interested in becoming a member you can be sure of a warm welcome. You may not wish to be on stage but there happens to be 1001 other jobs which need to happen to get a show up and running, so if you can wield a paintbrush or hammer in a nail, wash out brushes or make a cup of tea there is a place for you. Contact our secretary Julie on julie.petrucchi@btinternet.com

Toddler Playgroup



The children had a fun packed half term, busy with various Christmas crafts as well as learning Christmas songs. The Rising Fives sang beautifully at Hatley Court and parents and carers very much enjoyed "Our First Nativity" during the last week of term. The children also enjoyed their Christmas disco and a visit from Father Christmas, very exciting events!

The Committee and parents have been busy with various fundraising events. Recently these have included the Nearly New Sale and a stall at the school Winter Fair, both of which were a huge success. Thank you for your support in these, it is always very much appreciated. Upcoming events for 2018 include:

Auction of Promises - Thursday 1st March, 8pm at The White Horse. David Palmer from Flog It and Bargain Hunt will again be leading the auction for us and it promises to be a fun evening so come along and see what's on offer!



Waterbeach Running Festival - Saturday 12th May at Waterbeach Barracks. 100m toddle for under 5s, 2k, 5k and 10k races. Entries now open at www.waterbeachrunningfestival.co.uk

During the last week of term we also had a visit from Ofsted and are delighted to have received a very positive report and a grading of "Good".

If you wish to find out more about WTP then please visit our website www.waterbeachtoddlerplaygroup.org.uk or contact our Play Leader Wayne Badcock, email: waterbeachtoddlerplaygroup@outlook.com or phone 07808 357729.

Library News



Waterbeach Independent Library hosted the Brownie Booklovers Award, for the Waterbeach Brownie Pack, on two Wednesday evenings in January. Twenty four eager young Brownies visited the Library to learn how a Library works, and complete tasks in order to gain their award. The Brownies had many questions which were answered by the Library Volunteers and before leaving on the first evening they chose two books to read. On the following Wednesday they discussed their choice of books with the Library Volunteers, and showed a high degree of comprehension, and insight, into the various subjects raised. Some of the Brownies chose to make posters for the Library, which we later placed in the window. It was an enjoyable visit for all.

Waterbeach Library some time ago agreed to offer the opportunity for candidates of the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award Scheme, to undertake their Voluntary Service Section at the Library. To date six young people have completed their DoE Bronze Voluntary Section with the Library, and we recently welcomed two more young men embarking on this journey. We always find these young people a great asset to the Library as they learn all aspects of the Library Service, spending approximately four months with us. Their confidence grows, they blossom into young adults able to respond to any question asked, and relate to other children who may need some guidance. The strengths they build are of enormously helpful to them in the wider world they are about to enter.

The next event at the Library will be World Book Night on the 23rd April. This is the night where worldwide people join together to share the joys of books, and collect a free book from the Library/Group they belong to. We usually offer coffee, tea, cake and wine, so put the date in your diary for future note, and it is all free!

Waterbeach Independent Library is run by the Community, funded by the Community, with all the Library Assistants being volunteers. If you have just moved here, or perhaps just retired, one of the best ways to get to know people in the community is to volunteer at Waterbeach Library. It does not matter if you only have a two hour slot once a month, fortnightly or weekly, you will be welcome as a Volunteer at the Library. Everyone is very friendly, the computer is relatively easy to operate but if you are not happy with computers there are many other things you can engage in as a Volunteer. So pop down to see us, have a chat and see if being a Library Volunteer is for you.

We are open Monday 2.45-5pm, Wednesday 2.45-5pm, Wednesday 6-8pm, Friday 2.00-5.30pm, Saturday 10-12pm. We are located on the School Site,

down the drive and to the left - there is a large sign on the side of the building. We stock over 10,000 books - Adult, Children, Fiction, Non-Fiction, and pride ourselves on having an up to date stock. We are not a "Shush" Library, as we welcome mums, babies, children, grandparents, everyone is welcomed. We have no problem with babies who cry, or need feeding, or changed in the Library. It is pretty laid-back Library!

You can keep in touch with us via our Facebook page.

Hope to see you there to borrow a book, become a volunteer, or just to say Hello!

Waterbeach Village Society

We have a programme of talks throughout the year on a variety of subjects as well as attending the village Feast in June. Many talks are about the area we live in and some from further afield such as Antarctica!

East Anglia and the Fens, (we being a Fen Edge village), in particular have their own peculiarities, stories and history. Many villages and buildings have a tale of their own to tell of time, people and places. We try to find interesting speakers to further inform us about our area, world and environment. There is an amazing breath of knowledge to be found. Recently talks have been about 'Fen Edge Archaeology', 'Diaries of the 17th century', 'David Parr House in Cambridge', and being a guide in Cambridge or Ely. At the December meeting we were enthralled with stories of the characters and behind the scenes of 'Dads Army'.

Can we invite you to join us at least for a free taster in the next few months? We meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month September to May at St. John's Church Hall, behind the church on Station Road, car park at the rear. Tea and biscuits provided!

February 28th - 'Anglesey to Fairhaven (New York) and back again' with local David Craig, a volunteer at nearby Anglesey Abbey.

March 28th - 'History of the Pathfinder Force': Sqn. Leader Kevin Dalley RAF (Retd.) harking back to events during WWII.

April 25th - 'Gaff Rigg sailing and owning an old boat': with local Alastair Randall who is National President of the OGA.

May 23rd - 'Snettisham Treasure': Dr Jody Joy Senior Curator (Archaeology) Cambridge Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology. East Anglia has a wealth of finds this being one of them.

Membership of the Village Society is only £12.50 a year or £3 per meeting for guests. First meeting free to take a look at us, you will be very welcome. For further information email Adrian Wright 10223 861846 or email: adrianj.wright@ntlworld.com

Waterbeach Angling Club

Waterbeach Angling Club begins their new year with a winter to spring tidy up at their Landbeach complex. Volunteers are busy working on Magpie Lake with bank and swim restoration and installations. Hopefully all will be ready before the end of March, although the lake will be open to limited angling before then. Atkins water remains open throughout all the work going on.

Following the disaster of the KHV infection in July 2013 the club has now been given the all clear from CEFAS. Our biosecurity measures will however stay in place for the foreseeable future to try to make sure KHV doesn't reoccur.

The best way of preventing KHV spreading is to make sure all nets and unhooking mats are thoroughly dried after each fishing session. Sun drying is by far the best method as the ultra violet rays kill off this disease.

Last year saw some excellent catches on all our waters with both Magpie and Atkins producing some great fishing. The Atkins match record was broken with a catch of 69lbs of mainly carp. Bream have featured heavily in Atkins catches and seem to be growing not just in size but numbers also. Quality roach are also a prominent species but it's the carp that are the main attraction with fish to over 15lbs being caught on a regular basis throughout the year.

Our main lake, Leland Water, has produced monsters with a new record fish a common of 35-08, in fact 6 fish over the 30lb mark have been caught with plenty of fish over 20lb.

The River Cam has suffered badly with the invasive Pennywort covering the river for several months; finally the Environment Agency did something about it and cleared it from the river only to clog up the banks with it. The club have now cleared swims below Bottisham Lock with the help of the Community Pay Back scheme, so the river is fishable again.

The Cam produces most species of fish with vast shoals of bream being the predominate species, however it also produces many specimen rudd and attracts anglers from many parts of the country in search of that elusive 3lb plus fish.

All our waters are fishable on the purchase of a club book or day ticket with the exception of Leland Water where pre booking is the only way to obtain



Spring at the Landbeach Lakes

one. Certain parameters need to be followed before tickets for Leland are issued, checkout our website for contact details.

We ran a very successful family fun day last year and hope to do something similar again later this year, possibly the Spring Bank Holiday. Keep an eye on the Facebook page

You can find out more about the club on www.waterbeachac.co.uk or on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/waterbeachac/>

Local anglers can of course get the club cards from either Willow Grange at Chittering or Rosemary's Stores.

The club is always on the lookout for more people [especially young ones] to get involved in running the club, if you fancy joining in drop me an email secretary@waterbeachac.co.uk

Salvation Army



***The Waterbeach Salvation Army Mammoth Charity Sale
Tuesday 24th April - Saturday 28th April 2018***

Wow! People of Waterbeach, Landbeach and Chittering you are amazing! With your donations and of course your spending, our Mammoth Charity Sale 2017 raised £6770 – Amazing!! We at the Salvation Army want to say 'A Mammoth Thank You' for your kindness and generosity, this also includes all you lovely people who so kindly give of your time and your energy to help sort, set out and price the goods, we couldn't do it without you.

Mammoth Charity Sale dates for this year: - We will have a van on Saturday 21st April to collect your donations, especially large items such as furniture (upholstered furniture must have the kite mark unless it is pre-1960). We cannot accept electrical items, as they have to be checked, tested and certified by a qualified electrician. The Salvation Army Hall at 7 Station Road will also be open to receive your donations from 10am until 3pm. and again on Monday 23rd April 10am until 3pm. All help greatly received!! It would help enormously if toys could be bagged or boxed in their sets (e.g. Lego and bricks), they take hours to sort.

Opening times: -

Tuesday 24th April, Thursday 26th April and Friday 27th April - 9am to 4pm

Wednesday 25th April - Late Night Shopping - 9am to 8pm

Saturday 28th April - Closing Down Sale - 9am to 12 noon

Refreshments all day, every day, so come and have breakfast, morning coffee, lunch and afternoon tea!

Tel 01223 571477 for information.

www.waterbeachsalvationarmy.org.uk

WASPS



The children and staff enjoyed the festive period at WASPS. An advent calendar display board was created and the children took turns in opening the doors each day and being rewarded with chocolate coins. We celebrated the end of term with a 'Big Breakfast' and afternoon 'Party Session' on the last day of term which were lots of fun! The children enjoyed Christmas crafts, making crispy cakes and reindeer food at the Holiday Club. They also enjoyed a Christmas film and popcorn too! The staff team were very grateful for the good wishes, cards and gifts received from the children at the end of term – thank you!

So far this term... the children have been enjoying the outside area at WASPS, arts and crafts including knitting, junk modelling, Top Trumps cards, small world play and construction... to name just a few things! WASPS is a play based setting and the children choose how they spend their time at the club, under the supervision of the Playworkers.

Half Term Holiday Club We are currently planning our February half term Holiday Club, by the time you are reading this the children would have enjoyed activities including, Hama bead creations, making masks and pine cone animals, decorating wind chimes, making jewellery and playing games on the Wii. All alongside the usual play opportunities on offer at the club.

Thank you! We have recently received lots of donations of toys, games and craft resources from past and present users of the club and members of the public. Thank you for thinking of us when having a clear out, the children enjoy exploring new (to them) play items! We are always in need of good quality puzzles, games, toys and craft resources that your children may have out grown or no longer need, they 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.

Do you have a Level 3 (or above) qualification in Childcare/Playwork? Are you looking for part time work? We are currently advertising some exciting job opportunities – for more information please contact us, look out for posters displayed locally. We also now have a Facebook page for sharing information regarding events and opportunities.

Holiday Club 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. 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 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.

St. John's Waterbeach Wives

Happy New Year, how fast the time goes when you are having fun! Some thanks are due:

Never quite knowing when the tree and lights are going up on the Village Green, it is a delightful surprise to turn the corner on a dark December night – and there they are! Even better this year. Many thanks to all who made this happen, and to everyone involved with the Christmas Eve Carol Service on the Green, now a lovely tradition for the village.

Our thanks also go to Chris and his merry gang at Waterbeach Players for another hilarious evening of clever nonsense, the annual Pantomime, Aladdin this year. Another bright light during a grey Winter.

We would also like to thank Sue Carpenter and Beverley Hutt for their time and tolerance. Both of these ladies are talented crafters, Sue came to demonstrate and help us create some stylish Christmas cards, and Bev came to show us the skill of italic writing – just in time for all those Thank You notes! Many of our members are skilled themselves and are interested in all crafts old and new, consequently we are always on the look-out for new speakers. If you know of someone locally with such a talent, I would be pleased to hear from you on 01223 860936 or mrsmkilby@gmail.com. We must keep these precious skills alive for the next generation.

Future events:

March 7th - Anna Osborne is coming to demonstrate Free Machining with her portable machine - this is like drawing with stitches, has really to be seen. Anna should have been with us in September, but was sadly ill, so we are looking forward to her visit.

April 18th - will be a cookery themed evening.

May 2nd - brings Andy Jones, a Fire Risks expert to talk to us. Andy will tell us about the ins and outs of his work in hotels in London, he is a great storyteller, and will have many tales to tell.

We meet in the Church Room every first and third Wednesday at 7.30pm, and guests are always welcome. For further information on what we get up to please contact Sheila Gill our chairperson on 01223 861999

Community Land Trust

A Plan for Waterbeach Affordable Housing and Self-Building

With house prices being so high in the Cambridge area, owning a home is a challenge for young people in the village. Even with a good job and saving hard it can take a long time to build up a deposit. It is even more difficult if you are renting, indeed market rents themselves can be difficult to afford. I have lived in Waterbeach for my whole life, but can't afford to buy here. I know other young people in the same position. There isn't currently any help available for local people or those with a connection to the village to make a home here.

There is a way to help.

I want to set up a Community Land Trust (CLT) for Waterbeach. This is a form of community-led development which would allow the us to build affordable housing and community facilities for local people. A CLT is a group owned by the community, run by the community, for the benefit of the community. Everyone in the village can be a member, and everyone has a say in what the CLT tries to do. The group would also be able to set its own allocation policy to prioritise those living or working the village or with a local connection.

With all the potential development taking place around Waterbeach, having our own CLT, along with the Neighbourhood Plan, would give us the opportunity to steer how the village develops. It would give us the chance to develop in a way sympathetic to the style of the village, with good quality houses for families and interesting design and architecture. A CLT can help with affordable rent, shared ownership, shared equity, plots for self-build, group self-build, purchase at cost and many other options we could look at, as well as developing community facilities too.

Other villages in the local area have been using Community Land Trusts to successfully develop their areas. Stretham and Wilburton are delivering 75 homes of which 30% will be for affordable rent at Manor Farm. Haddenham are preparing to build 54 homes at West End through their CLT. Cottenham have recently become the first village in South Cambs to form a CLT. There is also grant funding available from the council and support from CLT East for groups wanting to look at setting up a CLT. They will help explain what the benefits of community led development are and help guide through the process of forming one as well as providing access to technical advisers.

What we are looking for is people who are interested in steering the path of the CLT, setting it up, proposing ideas for what we want to do with it, how we can best help local people. If you are looking to get a home but cannot afford it. If you have children who still live at home or have moved away because

they cannot afford the local area. If you have an interest in building your own home but have never thought you would be able to. If you want to help those who cannot afford market rent and want to develop houses which will support the community in perpetuity, then this is the opportunity for you. If you are interested in any of these things, or just want to find out more, we would love to hear from you.

You can find more details on our new website www.waterbeachclt.co.uk. Here you will find more information about what a CLT is and what we would like to do with it. I want to hold a local get-together in the village for anyone who is interested in finding out more, email info@waterbeachclt.co.uk if you are interested, or watch out for more publicity.

Ian Bracey - Waterbeach CLT

Military Heritage Museum

Our first full opening 12 months, 2017, saw 622 people through our doors. Many were former RAF or RE's who served at Waterbeach and it is good to hear the tales told.

People have come from near and far - Canada, Belgium, Australia, America and Ireland to name a few. There have been generous gifts of artefacts to further enhance the museum and tell the tale with promises of more to come in 2018.

We are short on Royal Engineer material since the RE's took most of their part of the museum to Kinloss with them. So, anyone out there who can help with items from that period would be very welcome. Over the winter we are enlarging the RE display area anyway in the hope of more artefacts to come.

The museum has a folder of information on each of those who lost their lives in the 1914 - 18 War who are recorded on the village war memorial and in St John's Church. The war memorial has recently been graded 2* by Historic England as have many throughout the country.

Open on the first Wednesday and Sunday from March to October 10am- 4pm

March - Wednesday 1st & Sunday 4th

April - Sunday 1st & Wednesday 4th (as the 1st April is Easter Sunday we may change to 8th April see notices and Facebook)

May - Wednesday 2nd & Sunday 6th

June - Sunday 3rd & Wednesday 6th

We are to be found at Waterbeach Barracks Denny End Road, CB25 9PA.

The Museum is dedicated to those who served in the RAF at Waterbeach from 1940 to 1966 and the Royal Engineers from 1966 to 2013.

Contact the Curator on email: waterbeachmilitarymuseum@waterbeach.org

Facebook: Waterbeach Military Heritage Museum

Chairman Adrian Wright, Tel: 01223 861846

Waterbeach Thread[ed]

Adventures with Textiles!

Waterbeach Thread[ed] popped up at our parish church of St John the Evangelist on January 27th, provided a day of fun and interest – and raised nearly £1000 for various charities, principally Macmillan Cancer Support. Thank you to everyone who participated in creating the project or who came on the day!



Visitors to the heritage gem which is the Grade II* Listed Building were greeted by – fish. The ‘Waterbeach Fishes’ which garlanded both entrances had been created, with immense imagination, by individual, fireside knitters. As well as hinting at Waterbeach’s watery past and ancient symbols, the plastic sewn into some fish mouths were a hint that all is not well with our environment, and that we need to think how we are using plastics and then disposing of them.

On display in the church were other prompts to think about environment, notably our waste and pollution with textiles: five T-shirts were curated to show how we can use those garments constructively, as with David Taylor’s London Marathon top, or less usefully like the unworn one salvaged, still with its retail tag, from a local charity’s rag resource.

There were show-stoppers in the aisles, though: Miriam Day’s Wedding Dresses; Marine Biologist Frances Dipper’s wetsuit; Dr Quentin Harmer’s lab coat when designing cancer-detecting electronic equipment and recently featured on BBC 2 ‘Trust Me, I’m a Doctor’. When Cambridge Harmony popped up ‘centre stage’ and wowed visitors with some life-affirming *a capella* numbers – well, it fitted the acoustic perfectly, adding sound to the pictures!

Waterbeach’s voluntary organisations were widely-represented, with colourful and even dazzling quilts by Pam Gooding and Sheila Lynn, and stitchery from the WI; WAY’s ‘Intelligent Textiles; Girl Guiding’s International Bears and the Brownies’ cross-stiches. Rainbows made an arc



over to the Day Centre: youngest and oldest both showing how much one can achieve by using textiles thoughtfully.

Ede & Ravenscroft provided elegant and educative displays of Academic and Legal robes, signalling the importance of University and the Legal system which have both proved essential to Waterbeach's more recent history. They shared an aisle with Little Stars, beginners on the learning journey – but also local work of Graduate Exhibition standard from Claire Smith, Penny Lynch, Bel Flack.

Showing how Textiles can help turn lives around were voluntary organisations Emmaus Cambridge, and Sreepur, a project helping disadvantaged women and children in Bangladesh. Nearer to home were exhibits from MU and Craft and Chat which are then donated to Addenbrooke's Dementia Care and Neo-Natal departments.

Essentially a co-operative venture between every group and individual involved, all remain grateful to the parish church of St John's for their hospitality and help, and to encouragement from Waterbeach Churches Together. If you might be interested in being part of any similar – or different – event in the future, contact angelastoryteller@gmail.com or the Living With Integrity group (C860214). Creation and Creativity are worth celebrating...

Angela Brown

Happy Folks Club

After a successful winter of shows and parties, we can now look forward to spring. The Christmas party was a big hit with members and the entertainer was very good. Thank you once again to Waterbeach Community Association for the donation. Our club dinner was held at the Five Miles From Anywhere pub in Upware, this was a great success.

We were hit by the flu bug, as some of our members missed the club for a few weeks, however, hopefully the onset of spring will help get them back to normal!! We had two members involved in a car accident on the A10 at Denny End after leaving the club. They were hit by another car which misread the lights. Thankfully both were able to return home after hospital treatment and we hope to see them back soon at the club. We also went to visit one of our long serving members who had a fall at home and broke her ankle. At ninety years old that's not advisable! She is getting on fine and just wants to come home. As well as all this we had two members getting new knees!! Both are on the mend.

We have full programme of outings for our members and a few regular guests. We now look forward to the greyhounds at Peterborough in February then a show in Milton Keynes in March. Our membership remains steady at 60 and we hope to see new members anytime soon.

Beach Social Club

Our Christmas draw went very well; I even won 2 prizes which was a welcome change. Amanda Russel provided the entertainment. The kids Xmas party with 'Disco Dean' was thoroughly enjoyed by them all and Santa came along to give each a gift (thanks to Clive Webb's role play). The Xmas Eve disco was bouncing, kids were allowed in until 9-30 and the adults became kids. New Year's Eve with 'The Spree' went well and the over 60's party was well attended and enjoyed by all. Quiz night on the 26th January had a very good turnout and all monies went into the 'pot' for our good causes this year: Waterbeach School and Alzheimer's.

At the end of the quiz a number of people applied for membership and were very impressed at the low prices of our beers etc.

Future Entertainment

3rd March: 'Del Boy' - (UB40 - Reggae - Ska)

17th March: 'Legionnaires' with guest crooner for St Patrick's Night

28th April: 'Space Hoppers' 5 piece band

19th May: Cup Final & Royal Wedding on the big screen in the lounge

2nd June: Hawaiian Party with 'Disco Dave' 3 - 7pm

9th June: Feast Day - donations for our charities stall greatly appreciated

30th June: Comedy Night with Radio Cambridgeshire's own - 'Johnny Dee'

Keep up to date with our Facebook page and notices around the village and in the Club.

Ballroom Dancing lessons with Iris Smith are going well and you are welcome to attend at any time regardless of experience. Every Wednesday 7.15 – 8.15, Iris is also able to give private lessons in the Club.

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

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

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

Apart from our usual well stocked bar, we always have two Real Ales that we change weekly for other brands.

Geoff Donovan Chairman

News from Cllr. Peter Johnson

Bannold Road - While the building work is still disrupting many people the problem of large potholes is becoming a bigger problem. I am reporting these as they occur and I plan to have meetings with our County Council Highway Engineer to ensure she is fully aware of the severity of these problems and to get an action plan so that pot holes are dealt with quicker.

Cody Road - I have received many reports of the problems created in this area by building contractors and these have been passed on to South Cambs Planning Enforcement Officers which has resulted in an enforcement notice being raised (ENF/0046/18). This effectively tells the contractor they have to clean up their act and work according to the Planning Permission conditions. I do appreciate people letting me know when problems such as this happen in your area.

Denny End Road Development - This development is taking shape rapidly and I just want to remind people who think they are eligible to make sure they have registered their interest with South Cambs Housing Department.

Stagecoach Buses - It was very disappointing to hear that Stagecoach would no longer use the Cody Road, Capper Road, and Kirby Road route, citing parked vehicles were making it very difficult for the bus to get round in the normal time. This was extending the travel time to Ely and beyond and many passengers were said to be complaining about it so this was the reaction of Stagecoach. I do find it strange that Whippet manage to traverse that route with no problems!!! I have arranged a meeting with a director of Stagecoach where I hope to be able to find a way of getting the service back, but I must emphasise that Stagecoach is a purely for profit company and no passengers means no service. Not everyone wants the bus on a regular basis, but those that do please contact me with the times and frequency you have used the service in that area as it will help me build a picture of the most important times to get a bus service.

Railway Station - Well the expected platform work did not take place as was originally planned due to several issues from Network Rail. The discovery that the land is mainly peat in that area means that the platform extensions have to be made on a floating module so it can be raised and lowered as the ground sinks and swells. No surprise to us here in Waterbeach about the peat, but it means that planned work will not take place until possibly September. I will be attending a FLUA meeting on 20th February and any updates I will give to the Parish Council.

Amey Incinerator Planning Application - It was good to see so many people at the public meeting in the Baptist Church. I would have liked to see more of the younger generation but I guess work and family issues make it

difficult to attend evening meetings. Anyway I will be taking your views to South Cambs Planning committee meeting which showed the majority are against this proposed planning application with most concerns being safety related regarding possible emissions from the 80mt high stack, followed by extra traffic being generated on the A10.

Banworth Lane - This lane has been a cause for concern for a long time now and although pot hole filling has been done this is only a temporary measure. I have asked South Cambs District Council to do a better job because this would be cheaper in the long run than every year have a patching up operation.

South Cambs Magazine - There has been an ongoing problem with delivery of the magazine, but the firm doing the deliveries have at last recognised the Long Drove properties were not on their list, which I find quite strange but this has now been rectified. Also Waterbeach Road, Landbeach was not checked properly, but this too will be corrected. Please let me know if you do not receive your copy in the future.

For the past twelve years it has been a privilege to represent the residents of Waterbeach, Landbeach, and Chittering, and I have always done 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, 25, Jubilee Close, Waterbeach, CB25 9NY.

Tel: 01223 560918 Mob: 07947475549 Email: cllr.johnson@scambs.gov.uk

Cllr Peter Johnson

Royal British Legion

The Poppy Appeal to date for the village collection 2017/18 is £3,519.15. Thanks to all the collectors and to the people who donated.



We have our meetings in the Beach Social Club and membership is open to all who wish to support the work of the Legion. You can find details of all the work of the RBL and membership at www.britishlegion.org.uk

To celebrate 100 years since the end of the 1914-18 war we are having a Social on 19th May with a buffet and entertainment. This is for members and their guest, we also welcome relatives of former members and others who wish to join us for this special occasion. Please phone Norman on (01223-474622, answer phone available please leave name and contact number) to make reservation.

We shall be in the Beach Social Club on Tuesday evening 13th March and invite all villagers, newcomers and older residents, to come along and meet other organisations within the village and discover what different activities they have to offer in the area.

Tithe Barn

Have you visited the beautiful timber frame Tithe Barn, in Landbeach, yet? Well now's your chance. We have a full programme of free events planned at the Tithe Barn for 2018, so come along and support your local charity and not-for profit volunteer group committed to saving the Tithe Barn for everyone to enjoy. Events range from Shakespeare to storytelling, so there really is something for everyone.

On Sunday 8th April from 2pm - 5pm at our 'I-Spy the barn's wildlife & Grow your own' event, families can spot the barn's wildlife and claim a prize. Then sow seeds to take home and grow your own veg for our July competition.

Later on Thursday 3rd May at our Annual General Meeting from 7pm – 8.30pm, you can meet the Tithe Barn Trust volunteer team. Plus eminent guest speaker, David Grech, gives his illustrated talk 'Head to Head – a walk across England to explore its vernacular architecture'.

You can follow the Tithe Barn Trust on Twitter @TBarnT, or Instagram @tithebarntrust and like us on Facebook FriendsOfLandbeachTitheBarn or visit www.tithebarntrust.org.uk to find out more about the Tithe Barn Trust and our events.

The Tithe Barn Trust believes the medieval Tithe barn, with thatched roof, brick threshing floor and timber granary, to be unique to Cambridgeshire and even of national significance. It is one of the few Tithe Barns in the country still standing next to its



medieval rectory. Over 90% of Tithe Barns in the UK have been converted and their historic features are being lost forever. Sadly, the Landbeach Tithe Barn is in a poor condition and deteriorating.

You can help our restoration quest by sponsoring a sheaf for as little as £5 at <https://www.totalgiving.co.uk/mypage/TitheBarnTrust>

Treasurer Vacancy - Looking to volunteer? If you have experience of financial control and budgeting, an eye for detail and lots of enthusiasm then get in touch. You will have the chance to make a real difference to a friendly and supportive charity at a time of significant development.

To find out more contact Gemma O'Shea on 07986 717958 or email tithebarntrust@gmail.com

How to find the Tithe Barn - Gate entrance is opposite No 2 Waterbeach Road, Landbeach, Cambridge, CB25 9FA. Walk along the grassed track by the hedge. Free road parking or no.9 stagecoach bus stops near Cockfen Lane.

Waterbeach Cycling Campaign

A10 Cycle/Pedestrian Pathway

As commuting cyclists from Waterbeach will know, the quickest and most direct route into Cambridge is via the A10 Cycle Path. It's pretty unpleasant and lacking any segregation from the very busy road. Concern from members of the Waterbeach Cycling Campaign group and other cyclists, over the current state of the path have lead us to report our concerns to Cambridgeshire County Council Highways division, in the hope that the path could be renovated.

I moved to Waterbeach in 1982, and have been using the cycle path as my daily commuter route to and from Cambridge. In the last 18 months I have noticed a significant increase in the numbers of cyclists using the path. 12 - 15 years ago, the path was refurbished and widened allowing two cycles to overtake or pass comfortably (in most parts), making it a better route to cycle along. Since then no maintenance work along the path has been carried out, and the grass verge has encroached onto the pathway. As a result there is now a serious problem that oncoming cyclists cannot pass safely. Some cyclists slow down or stop to allow the oncoming cyclist to pass. However, there are others who still maintain their speed. This is an extremely dangerous situation for the cyclist on the left-hand side of the path cycling from Milton towards Waterbeach. This person faces the terrifying prospect of handlebars colliding and being knocked off their cycle into an oncoming vehicle travelling down the A10 from the north at 50mph or more! This terrifying scenario is worse during the winter months when it is often impossible to see the edge of the kerb due to oncoming headlights.

The good news is that, at the time of writing this article, we believe our concerns are at last being listened to, and it appears that the Highways division of the County Council will now obtain quotations from their contractors for the maintenance work. We are told that this work will be one of the first jobs undertaken in the new financial year.

Cycle campaigners have also been reporting other issues to the council such as potholes and other issues. If you are aware of an issue you can report it at: <https://highwaysreporting.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/>

If you are a cyclist and would like to know more about our campaigns then please visit our website.

<http://www.waterbeachcc.com/p/welcome.html>

David Page-Croft, WCC Treasurer

Gardening Club



After our December break we got 2018 off to a good start with the ever-popular New Year Social. Members tucked into a delicious meal prepared by volunteers and enjoyed some gentle quizzing. It was agreed that a good time was had by all. We have been looking forward to the new growing season and have benefitted from a significant discount on our group seeds order from Kings Seeds administered by Ann Brown. The orders have arrived and we are dreaming of a bumper crop later in the year.

The first talk of the year was given by well-known broadcaster and writer Geoff Hodge whose subject was 'Scented Plants and the Scented Garden'. On March 15th we will be joined by Andrew Harper-Scott from Scotsdales Nursery who will be giving practical advice on pruning and on April 19th Simon White, the manager at Peter Beales' Roses will be talking about 'The A-Z of Roses'. We meet on the third Thursday of the month at 7.45pm in the Church Room and non-members are welcome at all meetings (£3 on the door).

Those of you who missed our Annual Show in 2017 will be pleased to learn that the event will be returning in September in a new venue. We will be moving to the church this year and we look forward to welcoming many villagers. Why not try entering some of the classes? Look for more details later in the year.

Fire and Rescue Service



Safe and Well Visits - Helping you to stay independent in your own home

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service is committed to supporting the safety and wellbeing of residents in all of the communities that we serve. The Safe and Well visit will provide us with sufficient information to support you and, with your permission, refer you to selected partner agencies, who will be able to support you further. We will not share your data with marketing companies or for other purposes.

Our visit will last no longer than 60 minutes and is completely **FREE** of charge. Our visit will assess six key elements:

1. *Fire safety in the home* - including cooking, general safety and escape plans.
2. *Falls prevention* - including simple remedial action such as replacing lightbulbs or taping down loose carpet.
3. *Alcohol use* - Alcohol related hospital admissions are steadily increasing. We can provide you with helpful information.
4. *Stay well and warm* - Can you afford to heat your home? Do you have access to a hot meal? Do you access all the services available to you?
5. *Crime reduction* - We can provide advice on making your home more secure in addition to advice to make you less vulnerable to scams or fraud.

6. *Smoking* – need a helping hand to quit? Our partners can offer you the help and advice you need to stop smoking.

You are under no 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.

To find out if you are eligible for a visit, call us on 01480 444500 or email us at firefire@cambsfire.gov.uk

Keep Waterbeach Rural

Here we are heading towards Spring. 2018 could turn out to be a pivotal year for the parish and community. The Local Plan is yet to be completed and the Inspector's report received. This will include recommendations for the proposed strategic Waterbeach New Town for 8,000 -9,000 dwellings on the barracks land and adjoining greenfield land (policy SS/5.)



Before the outcome of the Local Plan, Urban & Civic applied for outline planning for 6,500 dwellings on the barracks land which has yet to be approved. RLW Estates have plans to develop adjoining farmland and relocate the station to the north about a mile from the existing one. They are shortly expected to submit an outline planning application to move the station then submit a separate planning application for approx. 5,000 dwellings. It would appear the relocation of the station will be required to enable development on RLW Estates land. With both developers making separate planning applications outside the Local Plan, unless properly managed there could be the potential of two separate developments for the proposed New Town. A Supplementary Planning Document is being prepared by South Cambridgeshire District Council which they anticipate will address this issue.

As you may be aware Amey, Ely Road, Waterbeach have submitted a full planning application to build an incinerator at their existing site planning ref S/3372/17/CW (Cambridgeshire County Council website.) If the application gains approval it will then pass to the Environment Agency to issue permits to allow the plant to operate. There will be further public consultations regarding the permits. A website giving the lowdown on the Incinerator has been set up by concerned residents called CBWIN (Cambridge without incineration.) Follow this link for information and how you might be able to help: www.cbwin.co.uk

If you are interested in local politics or wish to stand there will be Parish and District Council elections in May. All details of how to apply are on South Cambs District Council's website.

Keep Waterbeach Rural is on Facebook and Twitter

Jane Williams

Beach Bowls Club

Now we are in the New Year we naturally look forward to the forthcoming season and being able to play bowls on our green from the end of April. However, we still look back to the season past which for us was one of the best ever. A number of members will be attending the annual prize giving dinner of the Cambridge and District Bowls League when we shall collect the trophies and shields for winning the first division and being the champion of champions.

We also held our annual informal dinner when a record number of members and supporters attended. This was held at the White Horse. It was good for everyone to meet up during the dark days of winter and to have an enjoyable time.

In March we shall hold our usual meeting to discuss arrangements for the forthcoming season. This will include an Open Afternoon when current players and any other interested residents will be welcome. Details will be put up on notice boards in the village in due course. We welcome potential players who have not played before or only have limited experience. We hold afternoon roll-ups to give people the opportunity to learn the game and to enjoy themselves. We shall also be arranging the delayed final of our pairs competition.

We shall then start the serious business of trying to gain further successes. We know we have already won leagues and competitions over the past 3 years and we want to continue to do so. It would be great if experienced players from other clubs in our area or beyond would like to join us in our quest.

Anyone wanting any information about the club please contact Terry Pauley on 01223 860600 or Chris Rushmer on 01223 861354

Waterbeach Surgery

It is with sadness that we announce that Dr Burrell will be retiring from the Practice in early April. She is sorry to be leaving after 24 years working in the village and wishes her patients best wishes for the future. This means that Dr Al Ghazzi will be looking for a new Partner as well as another GP to help meet the ever-expanding health needs of Waterbeach and the surrounding area. We will hopefully be able to update you in the next Beach News.

On a more upbeat note we would like report that we have vaccinated over 1000 patients against the flu this season. However, if you haven't had one and you are eligible, it is not too late, so do get in touch, on 01223 860387.

Cottenham Yesteryear Road Run

Due to circumstances beyond our control we have been compelled, very reluctantly, to cancel the next Yesteryear Road Run, planned for 22nd April 2018. We are sure you will share our disappointment, and this is to explain the reasons behind our decision.



The traditional circular route uses the so-called Airfield Road between Longstanton and Oakington. This will be closed and dug up as part of the ongoing Northstowe development. We have been trying since June to get a firm assurance from the Northstowe developers on whether the road will still be open next April, but without success. The route has to be finalised several months in advance, so we have no alternative but to cancel. We have looked at several other options, but none are suitable:

- Using the A14 between the Bar Hill and Oakington junctions. Both these junctions are closed as part of the A14 works from time to time, particularly at weekends, and again we have been unable to secure a commitment from the Highways Agency that these junctions will be available.
- Abandoning our well-tried circular route and trying an “out and back” route. This would mean that at times both sides of the road would be filled with slow moving vehicles. Apart from the traffic chaos this would cause, it would create an unsafe environment for members of the public and emergency services. We would have to miss out several villages as well.
- A static show at Cottenham. We believe that one reason the Run is so popular with owners is that they can give their vehicles a proper airing instead of sitting in one location all day. It would also greatly reduce the money we raise for our charity, but the costs would be much the same.

We very much regret this decision, but hope you will understand.

While everyone involved will be disappointed, the real losers will be the Arthur Rank Hospice Charity, for whom last year's Run raised over £9,000 to support the wonderful work they do. They are very kindly helping us with this mailing to participants, and there are of course costs involved. To make sure the Charity doesn't lose out completely, we have set up a just-giving page:

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/vivien-lampard

Alternatively, donations can be sent to Mrs Vivien Lampard, 319 High Street, Cottenham, Cambridge CB24 8TX. Thanks in advance for your generosity – all receipts will go to the Charity.

For the future, we understand that a new link road that will effectively replace the Airfield Road is included in the A14 project and should open in Summer 2018. This will be too late for this year's Run, but we are hopeful that the Yesteryear Road Run 2019 is secure!

Thank you all for your support in the past and in the future.

Vivien Lampard – On behalf of the Cottenham Yesteryear Road Run Committee

‘My New Address’

In the last edition Beach News (No. 253) we reprinted a poem, first published in Beach News in 1982. ‘My New Address’ was written by a former well-known local resident, Jack Harding, who had recently moved from his bungalow in Landbeach to Chapel Close, Waterbeach. We have been reminded that a response to Jack’s poem (see below) was published in a later edition.

On the coming of Jack to Waterbeach (from Landbeach)

*Now Jack has come to Waterbeach,
We'll have to mend our ways
For he will soon observe us all
And long to have his say.*

*His bicycle will take him far,
His ears will miss no sound
He need not even leave his home
To watch the Recreation Ground!*

*Now he will wander far and wide,
P'haps down 'The Fen' he'll dare
And then at last we villagers
Will know what happens there!*

*But best of all we'll have a friend
Now well within our reach
To keep our future Beach News filled
With news of Waterbeach!*

Rosemary Whiterod

Landbeach Society

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

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

The cost of membership is £3.00 per annum and entrance to the talks in the Village Hall is £3.50. (You do not need to be a member to attend the talks.)

Wed 21st Mar: Being a Blue Badge Guide in Cambridge - Steve Robertson

Wed 18th April: Worts Meadow and Local Nature Reserves. A joint meeting with the Friends of Worts Meadow - Phil Clark, Community Green Spaces Manager, Cambs County Council.

Wed 16th May: Cambridge Civic Ceremonial - Susan Edwards.

Sat 23rd June: Landbeach Lunch at 4, High Street

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>

Neighbourhood Plan



The Neighbourhood Plan 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. New development should not be overbearing or overwhelming and compliment the rural vistas and Fen Edge landscape."

The Neighbourhood Plan steering group would like to welcome new residents to the village. We hope that you will settle in and feel at home here.

You will have probably discovered that the village is experiencing major change and growth. The Neighbourhood Plan once complete is a legally binding planning document which the District Council will always have to consult when making decisions on planning applications in the parish.

To help us to shape the plan for our communities in Waterbeach and Chittering we would appreciate you completing the survey enclosed in this magazine and drop it off at the Post Office, Bakery or Pharmacy in the village. If you prefer you can complete the survey online. Details on the leaflet. You can see from the questions on the survey the areas that community have identified as important for the development of the plan and how the parish may be developed in the future.

The steering group meets every second Tuesday of the month in the Parish Office and at other times to get into the nitty gritty of the plan. You are most welcome to come to the meetings and become involved with the plan. It will become very interesting when we get into the detail of writing the policies.

We look forward to hearing from you and meeting with you at some of the community events we will be holding at various times through the year.

Our new website address is <https://sites.google.com/view/waterbeach-neighbourhood-plan>

We can also be found on Facebook and Twitter

The National Hyacinth Collection Open Days

Sat 24th and Sun 25th March 2018

11am - 5pm

Admission £3 ~ Children Free

Burgess Drove, Waterbeach (Off Bannold Road)

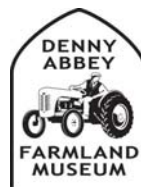
The world's largest collection of hyacinth varieties (240)

Ample free parking ~ Toilets

Refreshments ~ Plant Stalls



Farmland Museum



If you haven't already visited Denny Abbey and The Farmland Museum then make this the year that you do. Better still, buy a



Local Resident Season Ticket or (Local Resident Family Season ticket) and visit lots of times. If you have been before then do come again. Come for one of our special events or come on a quiet week day when you can enjoy the peace and serenity of a site which has the unique Denny Abbey, home to three monastic orders and generations of farming families and landowners over

a period of 800 years. The Farmland Museum itself tells the more recent story of how people lived and worked in rural Cambridgeshire until the middle of the 20th century when the changes caused by WWII and increased mechanisation began to change things for ever.

The Abbey and Museum open to the public on Easter Sunday April 1st. On Easter Monday there will be a Family Easter egg trail, willow weaving, and tours of the Abbey. The Docky Box tea room will be open for sandwiches, cakes and drinks. In general, the opening hours are Tuesday to Sunday 11.00 am to 5.00pm and Bank holiday Mondays until October 28th.

Find out more about who we are and what we do and our programme of events for 2018 by visiting our web site www.dennyfarmlandmuseum.org.uk We look forward to seeing you. Well behaved dogs on leads are 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



Waste Incinerator

250,000 tonne Waste Incinerator Proposed For Waterbeach

“Consultation by Stealth is not acceptable” was the ‘AHA’ moment and general consensus of the public meeting on 29th January about the Amey Cespa Energy from Waste Incinerator, proposed for Waterbeach. 150 people packed out the Baptist church and the large majority of hands at the end of the meeting voted ‘against’ the proposal.

Comments made by members of the audience included “This is a major complex proposal and most people still know nothing about it”. “Our community is being denied the opportunity to effectively participate in a meaningful consultation. Starting it during the Christmas holiday period looks like a deliberate ploy for circumventing proper public scrutiny”. “Local people deserve better than this, we deserve an appropriate amount of time and proper display of information to understand the proposal and ask detailed questions”.

Did you know about it? Did you know, Oxides of Nitrogen will be measured continually but other pollutants including (Arsenic, Cadmium, Mercury, Chromium, Dioxin) will only be checked for up to 8 hours twice per year? Did you know it would be the company's own contractor doing the emission checking, then submitting their test results to the Environment Agency? The applicant Amey Cespa has recently been in the news for pollution at their existing Waterbeach facility. Did you know the Environment Agency accepts 'Modern Incinerators' can produce Dioxins many times over the permitted limit for months at a time, while operating as "Normal"? This large industrial building with an 80 meter high chimney stack will dominate our beautiful, rural countryside and will dwarf Ely Cathedral.

If this doesn't sit right with you and you want to find out more information from independent non-waste industry sponsored sources visit Cambridge Without Incineration: a new website created to bring people together who are concerned about the waste incinerator plan submitted by Amey Cespa for the Cambridge area. We want all locals affected by this plan to be able to make an informed choice, and to ensure that decision makers act on what the public want. Please keep visiting the site over coming days and weeks while we continue to add further facts and useful information. www.cbwin.co.uk

Please also submit questions, concerns or objections to the Cambridgeshire County Planning Department as soon as possible. For speed, visit the above website for a quick link direct to the county planning application itself.

You can also contact planning in the following ways, using the planning application ref: S/3372/17/CW

- planningdc@cambridgeshire.gov.uk
- County Planning, Minerals and Waste Team, Box SH1315, Shire Hall, Cambridge, CB3 0AP

Yoga Kids Club



We've had some great afterschool sessions during the Autumn term going on safari, to the beach and the forest as well as celebrating Divali, Halloween, Bonfire night and Thanksgiving and not forgetting of course Christmas, through a variety of poses and stories! The children have learnt fun breathing techniques, explored how to direct their energy and how to focus through trying different balances.

We've also practised different types of relaxations from soothing body scans to vivid visualisations. The children have also explored sensory awareness and mindfulness using different props including pom-poms, feathers and glow sticks.

We spend time during each session doing some colouring or a simple craft activity before warming up and moving on to a sequence of poses before winding down and finishing with relaxation, which has sometimes been by (LED!) candlelight.

We have classes at Waterbeach school on Mondays and Milton Community Centre on Tuesdays. Register for classes or our waiting list via our website www.yogakidsclub.com or get in touch info@yogakidsclub.com or call 01223 976676.

We also have T-shirts of the popular poses in a variety of sizes and our popular hand-made lavender eye pillows available to buy on our website.

Jazzercise

Jazzercise is a pulse-pounding, beat-pumping fitness program that gets you results...fast. It's a calorie-torching, hip swivelling dance party with a hot playlist to distract you from the burn.

Check our advert out for times and classes at Waterbeach School

We have been in Waterbeach School Hall and Gym for 20 years with this #worldwidefitnessprogram

Our Tues 8pm class is a Strength 45 (tums/bums/legs) no jumping. Pure muscle/strength/core/body sculpting.

(You get around ¼ hour of strength at a Dancemixx class)

A walk-in is £6 anytime for now and again classes. (Other options and class passes available in class)

Jazzercise Waterbeach will be introducing Jazzercise Lo/Lite on a Monday morning at the new Gym Studio 9.30am. You work it hard without the hop. Contact: bevjazz55@gmail.com

Some of us will be at the annual Jazzercise Conference at Wembley in March. Worldwide Instructors will be presenting along with Waterbeach in a showcase set.

Bev Tumber – Class Owner/Instructor

What's On

March 2018

Thurs 1 st	Auction of Promises (<i>Toddler Playgroup</i>) The White Horse, 8pm
Sat 3 rd	Coffee Morning (<i>Salvation Army</i>) Salvation Army Hall, 10am - 12 noon
Sun 4 th	Messy Church (<i>Salvation Army</i>) Salvation Army Hall, 3pm
Wed 7 th	Free Machining (<i>St. John's Waterbeach Wives</i>) St. John's Church Room, 7.30pm
Thurs 8 th	Making a Stand for Chelsea (<i>Waterbeach WI</i>) St. John's Church Room, 7.30pm
Fri 9 th	Family Bingo (<i>Scouts</i>) - Scout Hut, 7.30pm
Tues 13 th	Meet local clubs, groups & organisations (<i>Royal British Legion</i>) Beach Social Club, 4-10pm
Thurs 15 th	Pruning (<i>Waterbeach Gardening Club</i>) St. John's Church Room, 7.45pm
Wed 21 st	AGM (<i>St. John's Waterbeach Wives</i>) St. John's Church Room, 7.30pm
Wed 21 st	Being a Blue Badge Guide in Cambridge (<i>Landbeach Society</i>) Landbeach Village Hall, 7.30pm
Wed 28 th	History of the Pathfinder Force (<i>Waterbeach Village Society</i>) St. John's Church Room, 7.30pm
Fri 30 th	Good Friday United Church Service (<i>Waterbeach Churches</i>) Waterbeach Green, 10.30am
Fri 30 th	Easter Family Bingo (<i>Scouts</i>) Scout Hut, 7.30pm

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Sun 1 st	Easter Sunday Service (<i>Salvation Army</i>) Salvation Army Hall, 10am
Sun 1 st	Messy Church (<i>Salvation Army</i>) Salvation Army Hall, 3pm
Wed 4 th	Easter Bingo (<i>St. John's Waterbeach Wives</i>) St. John's Church Room, 7.30pm
Sat 7 th	Coffee Morning (<i>Salvation Army</i>) Salvation Army Hall, 10am - 12 noon
Thurs 12 th	Music Threapy (<i>Waterbeach WI</i>) St. John's Church Room, 7.30pm
Fri 13 th	Family Bingo (<i>Scouts</i>) -cout Hut, 7.30pm
Wed 18 th	Cookery themed evening (<i>St. John's Waterbeach Wives</i>) St. John's Church Room, 7.30pm
Wed 18 th	Worts Meadow and Local Nature Reserves (<i>Landbeach Society</i>) Landbeach Village Hall, 7.30pm
Thurs 19 th	A-Z of Roses (<i>Waterbeach Gardening Club</i>) St. John's Church Room, 7.45pm
21 st & 23 rd	Donations accepted for Mammoth Charity Sale (<i>Salvation Army</i>) Salvation Army Hall, 10am - 3pm
24 th - 28 th	Mammoth Charity Sale (<i>Salvation Army</i>) Salvation Army Hall, details of opening times can be found on page 11
Wed 25 th	Gaff Rigg sailing and owning a boat (<i>Waterbeach Village Society</i>) St. John's Church Room, 7.30pm
Fri 27 th	Copy deadline for Summer edition of Beach News

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Wed 2 nd	Talk from a Fire Risks expert (<i>St. John's Waterbeach Wives</i>) St. John's Church Room, 7.30pm
Sat 5 th	Coffee Morning (<i>Salvation Army</i>) Salvation Army Hall, 10am - 12 noon
Sun 6 th	Messy Church (<i>Salvation Army</i>) Salvation Army Hall, 3pm
Sun 12 th	Waterbeach Running Festival (<i>Toddler Playgroup</i>) Waterbeach Barracks, 10am
Wed 16 th	Talk from chosen charity representative (<i>St. John's Waterbeach Wives</i>) St. John's Church Room, 7.30pm
Wed 16 th	Cambridge Civic Ceremonial (<i>Landbeach Society</i>) Landbeach Village Hall, 7.30pm
16 th - 19 th	Hello, is anybody there? (<i>Waterbeach Theatre Company</i>) Waterbeach School, 7.30pm
Sat 19 th	Beach News Summer edition published
Wed 23 rd	Snettisham Treasure (<i>Waterbeach Village Society</i>) St. John's Church Room, 7.30pm
25 th - 27 th	Football Tournament and Beer Festival (<i>Waterbeach Colts FC</i>) Waterbeach Recreation Ground, see page 3 for details

Send your events in June, July, August & September 2018 for inclusion in the Summer edition of Beach News to beachnews@waterbeach.org by 27th April 2018.

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.

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

1 ST WATERBEACH BROWNIES	Tiffany Langton - 01223 862548
1 ST WATERBEACH GUIDES	Holli Bielby - 07779 408588
1 ST WATERBEACH RAINBOWS	June Stephen - 07956 949964
32 ND CAMBRIDGE (WATERBEACH) SCOUT GROUP	William Moon - 01223 440259
BEACH BOWLS CLUB	Bill Clough - 01223 861386
BEACH SOCIAL CLUB	Geoffrey Donovan - 01223 571329
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION CHAIRPERSON	Jacqui Rabbett - 01223 860993
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION SECRETARY	Pam Clack - 01223 476601
FRIENDS OF WORTS MEADOW LANDBEACH	Robert Humphrey - 01223 863454
HAPPY FOLKS CLUB	Stuart Atkins - 01223 862674
LANDBEACH BELL RINGERS	Barbara Le Gallez - 01223 860283
ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - WATERBEACH & LANDBEACH	Norman Foster - 01223 474622
ST. JOHN'S CHURCH	Rev. Paul Butler - 01223 860353
ST. JOHN'S WATERBEACH WIVES	Sheila Gill - 01223 861999
WASPS (WATERBEACH AFTER SCHOOL PLAY SCHEME)	Wayne Badcock - 01223 861140
WATERBEACH & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB	Jerry Cooper - 01223 574050
WATERBEACH ANGLING CLUB	Colin Brett - 01954 200956
WATERBEACH BADMINTON CLUB	Norman Setchell - 07565 298834
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WATERBEACH BRASS	David Pell - 01223 860396
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WATERBEACH COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP	Jacqui Woods - 01223 440705
WATERBEACH DAY CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY	Mary Longstaff - 01223 564666
WATERBEACH INDEPENDENT LENDING LIBRARY (WILL)	Maggie Crane - 01223 440560
WATERBEACH MILITARY HERITAGE MUSEUM	Adrian Wright - 01223 861846
WATERBEACH MOTHERS' UNION	Ingrid Tregoing - 07715 908694
WATERBEACH SALVATION ARMY	Colin Harrod - 01223 506217
WATERBEACH SCHOOL P.T.A	01223 718988
WATERBEACH THEATRE COMPANY	Julie Petrucci - 01223 880023
WATERBEACH TODDLER PLAYGROUP	Wayne Badcock - 07808 357729
WATERBEACH VILLAGE SOCIETY	Adrian Wright - 01223 861846
WATERBEACH WI	Sheila Lynn - 01223 860948
WAY PROJECT (WATERBEACH & LANDBEACH ACTION FOR YOUTH)	Shelagh Robertson - 01223 860445
WOODLAND TRUST - COW HOLLOW WOOD	Adrian Wright - 01223 861846

Other useful numbers:

BEACHES COMMUNITY CAR SERVICE	07807 875878
DISTRICT COUNCILLOR	Ingrid Tregoing - 07715 908694
DISTRICT COUNCILLOR	Peter Johnson - 01223 560918 or 07947 475549
DOCTORS SURGERY – WATERBEACH	01223 860387
FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE - Non Emergency Calls	0800 9179994
LANDBEACH VILLAGE HALL	Anne Bullman - 01223 860692
PARISH PATHS GROUP	D. Armstrong - 01223 861586
POLICE - Non Emergency Calls	101
ST LAWRENCES CATHOLIC CHURCH	01223 704640
VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT	Maggie Crane - 01223 440560
WATERBEACH PARISH COUNCIL	Parish Clerk - 01223 441338
WATERBEACH SCHOOL	01223 718988
WATERBEACH TURBARY CHARITY	Pam Gooding - 01223 861003
WATERBEACH UNITED CHARITIES	Pam Gooding - 01223 861003

Waterbeach Barracks and Airfield

52.2656° N, 0.12910° E

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

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

Military Heritage Museum

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

Find out more

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



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