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Community Association



We're back! We reluctantly decided not to print the summer edition of Beach New due to the Covid-19 pandemic, but we have gone ahead with the autumn edition, albeit a little later than originally planned. Normally the autumn edition of Beach News would have reports from our member groups on their summer activities and details of up and coming events, but due to the coronavirus restrictions, this year is very different. However, we have been sent updates on how groups have adapted to these difficult times and also some interesting articles detailing some history about Waterbeach.

The last few months during lockdown have been very strange for us all and we hope that everyone has stayed safe, made good use of the time and managed without too many difficulties. Local shops and some businesses have adapted to the ever-changing conditions and remained open to provide us with supplies and services, the Waterbeach Food Hub has been held on a regular basis at St. John's Church and we are fortunate to have had the Waterbeach Mutual Aid Group and other volunteers willing to deliver food and provisions to us at home. We are also very fortunate to live in rural surroundings and to be able to get out into the fresh air to exercise and catch up on the gardening!

Many events and activities have had to be cancelled this year, including our own Waterbeach Feast in June. And as the situation with Covid-19 is too uncertain to allow us to plan ahead too far, we have also decided it will not be possible to hold the annual 'Carols on the Green' on Christmas Eve. These decisions are not taken lightly as both events are very much part of

our village life, but of course safety comes first and we would not wish to put anyone at risk. We hope that next year these events will return and be even bigger and better!

Although it looks like we may have to get used to this 'new' way of life for possibly a long time to come, we hope that we may be able to look forward to returning to all the varied activities and social events our villages have to offer in 2021.

Please note that as rules are constantly being reviewed and amended some details contained within Beach News articles may be out of date by the time it is published.

Farmland Museum



The Farmland Museum and Denny Abbey has now reopened, thanks to support from The National Lottery's Heritage Emergency Fund. The emergency fund was put together to support the heritage sector as an immediate response to Covid-19. Its purpose is to ensure that community heritage assets, like the Farmland Museum, are protected through this unprecedented period.



The funding has helped the museum to put in place Covid-19 compliant safety and hygiene measures for all visitors, staff and volunteers. As a result, the museum will look a little different for now. Some indoor exhibits will remain closed and a one way system is in place. Denny Abbey and the Nuns' Refectory, all outdoor spaces and collection of farming machinery are now open to be enjoyed by everyone.

Entry is FREE to all visitors this season, so it's a perfect time to pop in if you've always wondered what is here. Visitors must book in advance to limit numbers and comply with the government's

Covid-19 guidelines and NHS Test and Trace rules.

To see what's open and to book a visit, go to <https://www.dennyfarmlandmuseum.org.uk/content/about/book-your-visit>

The museum is open every Thursday – Sunday from 11am until 5pm, with last admission at 3:30pm. We are open until the end of half term and have already welcomed lots of Waterbeach families. We look forward to seeing lots more of you!

Waterbeach Youth Club (WAY)

In normal times, Waterbeach and Landbeach Action for Youth (WAY) is an Open Access youth facility operating 2 nights a week, Wednesday and Thursdays at the Tillage Hall. The youth club is free of charge to any secondary school aged child.



WAY Staff

Since the Covid 19 pandemic forced the UK into lockdown, staff and Trustees worked hard to ensure that we could continue to provide a much needed, safe haven for our members. Throughout lockdown, our Youth Workers provided an outreach service, engaging with vulnerable young people and providing help and guidance where required. Since July, we have been running pre-booked socially distanced sessions for up to 15 members on a Wednesday evening. The sessions have included sports, arts and crafts, cooking, board games, playstation, boxing, gardening, water fights and spray painting. As well as providing a fun environment, the WAY staff team also play a vital role, allowing young people to talk about their fears, concerns and offering support and advice.

The staff team and Trustees of WAY have been incredibly impressed by how well the members adapted to the Covid pandemic in general and how they have abided by the new protective



Spray painting

procedures at youth club which have included regular hand sanitising, wearing face coverings where required and socially distancing throughout the sessions.

We gained local recognition when BBC Radio Cambridge saw what we were achieving on our Facebook posts and were so impressed they featured WAY in their programme about organisations continuing much needed services for young people.

As the sessions were so popular, we began to get more members turning up than we were allowed to take. Therefore the Trustees made the decision to open up the club twice a week on Wednesday's for Yr 7's and Thursday's for Yrs 8 and above 6.30pm – 8.30pm. Booking is no longer required but access to the Tillage Hall will be limited to 20 members at a time.

We are still able to provide these sessions free of charge to all members to ensure that finance is not a barrier to young people accessing this service.

All this work would not be possible without the support of a number of local people and our local Parish Council. We raise 80% of our expenditure from external funding sources but are incredibly grateful to a small group of personal donors from the village who give monthly donations ranging from £10 - £50.

As Covid continues to have an impact on the global economy, the sources of funding we have been reliant upon will get harder to access so local support is even more essential. If you feel you could make a monthly donation, however small, please contact

caroline.waterbeachway@gmail.com for more details.

The Royal British Legion

We would, like to thank everyone for their donations for the Poppy Appeal in 2019, we have yet to receive the figures for the total amount donated, but will put up notices when we have them.

Like every organisation we have not been having meetings during the virus epidemic but the Legion has still been active in its welfare work. Should any ex-service person or dependants require assistance the quickest point of contact is on the website www.royalbritishlegion.org

There will be a Poppy Appeal collection for 2020 which is still being organised full details will be publicised in October on buying your Poppy. There will be no house to house collection this year.

There will be a form of Remembrance Service at the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday, notices will be put up and information put on the Waterbeach website. There will not be a service inside the church due to restrictions on numbers.

Beach Churches Together



Holiday Club 2020 - Mighty Warriors - The Virtual Edition!

In past years you might have noticed the churches in Waterbeach being transformed inside and out for a week at the end of July. Since 2013, volunteers from our village churches have joined together with the aim of providing local primary school aged children with a week of fun and learning! Every year, in the first week of the summer holidays, we run five mornings of activities, songs, and stories with an overarching theme; whether it's in space or ancient Egypt or on a pirate ship, we are fully immersed for a week! We always end with a Sunday service celebrating everything the children have done through the week.

When we set out to organise Holiday Club 2020 in January, we had no idea what was in store for us. No sooner had we started on our plans for our usual action-packed week, than we had to rethink everything. Our only answer, so that we could keep soldiering on, was to move online, just like everyone else has had to do - with none of us being very technical, this was easier said than done.

It is said that in times of crisis you learn what your true strengths are, and a lot of us discovered this to be true. Usually we have pre-written material to build on and make into our own, however this year a handful of people had to write and film a six day programme, including stories and dramas. This was done over the space of a couple of months, with some working into the early hours of the morning.

Before we could even consider running an online Holiday Club, we first had to find an engaging theme – step up *Mighty Warriors!* What could be better than learning about ancient Roman soldiers alongside exciting Bible stories? In the Bible, a pretty cool guy named Paul wrote that we need to put on the armour of God because God does not want us to go through life's battles without His help (Ephesians 6:10-18). So we decided to use each piece of armour for each day's theme.

The next step: our theme song. Every year our theme song plays a very important part each day and volunteers, parents and children go around singing it on repeat - in fact we can still remember the songs from years ago! So it gladdened our hearts to hear our children (and even parents) singing these words from this year's song: "Buckle your Belt of Truth: God chose you. Tie your boots: always ready to tell the Good News. Shield of Faith: trust God's Word and don't believe those lies. Breastplate of Righteousness: you're perfect in God's eyes. The Helmet of Salvation: a gift of God's Grace. Sword of the Spirit: God's Word - what does it say? Put on the Armour of God!"

If you or your child has participated in Holiday Club in the past, then you will know that each day runs as follows: stage/story, craft, games, snack, an episode of our drama, and of course lots of songs! This year, although we could not physically interact with the children, we tried to emulate this structure as much as possible, whilst remembering to remain 2 metres apart at all times! We learnt to use green screens and hopefully transported everyone watching into drama and adventures along with us.

Each day, our viewers were able to join us in soldier school and learn about the pieces of armour we can put on; they played a messy game (always very popular!) such as finding sweets inside whipped cream; watched a Bible story; made a piece of Roman armour; joined in a sports game with our very own "Joe Wicks"; watched an episode of the Watt Family Drama; and of course sung our theme song. It was fantastic to see the photos and videos that everybody sent in from home.



Although we hope we shall be meeting physically together next year, we had an absolute blast running Holiday Club virtually this year – even at 2am when videos would not upload! Whereas we normally have to limit numbers, this year we were able to reach 250 families! Thank you to everyone who was a part of *Mighty Warriors*. If you haven't seen it yet, check it out!

www.bctholidayclub.com

Bring on the Bees!

Some passers-by at Denson Close will know that I have been working on a guerrilla garden with spare plants and veg. I was pleased when someone helped themselves to a Spring Cabbage, as this is what it is all about, unlike my allotments which are private!

The point being that the last months of the pandemic has seen a burst of colour and imagination around Waterbeach as residents have spent time on their gardens, and front of house pots and plants. This must have helped the birds, butterflies and bees. My two Buddleia, in Vicarage Close, have had masses of varieties of bees and butterflies.

May I use the Beach News to ask everyone to create planted areas through the autumn, with bulbs a plenty during October for Spring? Not having the Gardening Club stall with the Feast cancelled this year has been a real loss, but I know that all members and friends have been hard at it planting and enjoying the benefits.

Good Gardening.



Norman Setchell

Waterbeach Theatre Company

Waterbeach Theatre Company 1978 and beyond

Currently the Covid-19 pandemic has curtailed our activities but we thought you might like to know a bit about the history of your local award-winning drama group.



Waterbeach Theatre Company (initially Waterbeach Players then Waterbeach Community Players) was formed in 1978 so the late seventies and eighties were also the group's formative years. Colonel David Adamson was our "headmaster" who formed the group as a link between the army and the local population with the first meeting at his home on the 15th March following an advert in the Beach News. He directed the first two productions. In the cast of the second production were "Deputy Head" Michael Williamson (now WTC's Vice President), who went on to direct nine productions during this period, and our longest serving member Jane Randall who was still treading the boards in *Cinderella* in 2016.

1979 saw technical superstar Mark Easterfield joining us who has since been involved with over 150 of our plays and pantomimes either directing, lighting, set designing, acting or just generally sounding off. Stephen Smith joined us for *Wait Until Dark* in 1980 and directed his first production *The Winslow Boy* in 1984. In 1985 he launched his writing career here with *The Last Resort* and went on to premiere another twenty plays with us, several of which have been published.

Our current chairman and secretary Chris Shinn and Julie Petrucci joined for *Gaslight* in 1987 with Julie directing. Both have either directed, stage managed or appeared in the vast majority of productions since, and from 1990 have been responsible for our celebrated pantos, many of which have been published.

Sadly some of those from this early era are no longer with us. Penri Jones who played our Dame throughout the eighties and until his death in 1995; Bernardine Orrock who joined for *Sweeney Todd* in 1982 and gave acclaimed performances in numerous plays and pantos and Sarge Stevens who was a veteran supporting actress in most plays throughout the eighties including directing *The Hollow* in 1983. Other people from the seventies and eighties class that helped to shape WTC are Ray Olds who directed many of the early plays. Betty and Catherine Jones who wrote and directed many of the early pantos. Former School Secretary Celia Tuck who directed two plays as well as being one of our leading actresses along with Lorraine Webb and later Lynne Baker who joined for one of our most successful productions

Abigail's Party in 1985. At the end of the eighties one of our current crop of leading actresses Jane Boden (nee Butcher) joined us for *Rumplestiltskin* (1989). Jane has been WTC's long-term Treasurer. Shirley Randall became our Musical Director for the pantomimes around this time and remained as such until 2016.

The 1990s and 2000s saw WTC go from strength to strength with audience numbers rising and good strong hard working Committees keeping things moving. New writers such as David Morris, Tim Boden and Michael Husband joined Stephen Smith in the one-act play genre together with Kattreya-Scheurer-Smith (who has been with us since she was six-years-old) following in father Stephen's footsteps as a playwright. WTC premiered her first full-length play *Snails for Starters* in 2018.

Since 1979 WTC's success in drama festivals knew no bounds with trophies won annually. Two of our young actresses, Emily Rutherford (Gemma in *The Lost Archer* 2018) and Alice Heydinger (Sarah-Jane in *The Taxi Driver's Princess* 2019) both won Best Actress under 18 in their respective years. Alice also won the NODA East Young Performer of 2019 Award for her portrayal of Anne Frank.

In 2018 WTC hosted 100 of our regular and loyal patrons at our 40th Anniversary Birthday Party in the School Hall. 2019 saw some of our largest audiences

ever for an award-winning pantomime *Jack & the Beanstalk*, an uproarious production of *Hi De Hi!* and the poignant true story *The Diary*



of Anne Frank. Audience support carried on into January 2020 when 640 patrons over four performances enjoyed *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*. Then....COVID-19!

WTC members are all desperate to get back on the stage to entertain you again but until the rules are relaxed, we are waiting patiently in the wings. We very much hope to see you again soon.

Gardening Club

In any normal year we would be looking back on another successful Annual Show run with our WI partners. It has been pleasing to see an increased interest in gardening and allotments during lockdown, so we hope to be back bigger and better in 2021 with some new entrants. Meanwhile, the extra free time has given us the opportunity to explore the way Waterbeach produced horticultural shows in Victorian times.



The first Horticultural Society was established in the village in 1862 by a distinguished list of patrons, headed by the Earl of Hardwicke (of Wimpole). The Cambridge Chronicle and Journal of September 17th 1864 reported the following:

"The annual exhibition of this society was held on Tuesday in a paddock lent by the Rev. Mr Clay, the approach to which was through the beautiful vicarage grounds.

The articles for exhibition were arranged in three large marquees, having internal communication. In front, a large space had been marked off with bright coloured flags where the promenaders could enjoy a chat and a walk and listen to the sweet music discoursed by the band of the First Cambridgeshire Rifles.

We were not prepared for such a show after the lengthened drought, and it was a common saying amongst the visitors that if the Waterbeach exhibitors had sent such samples to Cambridge on the occasion of the late agricultural show they must have carried off all the prizes offered for roots.

It is a pleasing fact also arising out of this competition at Waterbeach that large farmers and gardeners have not had it altogether their own way. The 'Cottagers' - i.e. the class of persons 'who don't occupy more than half an acre and are not in receipt of any income besides their daily wages' - have gained the palm admittedly in several instances at this show."

It is interesting to see some familiar local surnames (and street names) among the winners. Reports of later shows record that special trains ran from Cambridge to transport visitors, there were boat trips to Clayhithe and the event expanded to include various sports events at the Rookery. We have no ambitions to return to such levels of participation but we have missed our more modest Annual Show and look forward to welcoming exhibitors and visitors again next year. We are keen to welcome new members to the Club, too (remember that one benefit of membership is a 40% discount on seed purchases from the Kings Seeds catalogue through the group order in January). Contact wandgc@outlook.com or 01223 574050 for details.

Toddler Playgroup



Well, what a strange time we've all gone through the last 6 months! We hope that this finds you all safe and well.

It has been strange having the Playgroup closed for a term and a half, not seeing the children on a regular basis, and only seeing a few of them as they had their daily exercise and walks around the village. However, over the summer term while the Playgroup was closed, the staff team held weekly Zoom calls with the children (and their parents), so that we could maintain the contact. We had various things on our Zoom calls, including sharing news, having a story, a scavenger hunt and our final Zoom with the Rising 5's was a 'Graduation'. Obviously in normal circumstances we would have dressed all the children in graduation gowns and hats, but this wasn't possible. However, for one of their tasks to do at home, the Rising 5's designed their own graduation caps, and they all looked fantastic.

As with many other groups, charities and organisations, we were unable to hold our annual fundraising events. Sadly we decided to cancel our Mother's Day Cake and Flower Stall first, but hopefully all the Mums in the village still received some lovely gifts and treats. Next we cancelled our Auction of Promises, which was disappointing after months of planning and preparations, but we did manage to raffle off the Easter Hamper on our Facebook page. The Waterbeach Running Festival was also cancelled, but a small group of people organised an online version of this, so thank you to those who organised it and those who ran and took part!

It hasn't all been disappointing news though. As lots of you will be aware, we're planning on moving to our new premises on the former barracks site.



Although there was a small delay with the building works, due to the builders having to down tools, once they were back on site they made speedy progress. Vikki and Wayne have both been lucky enough to visit the building over the last few months to see the progress, and photos of the progress made have been shared

on the Facebook page. We're very excited, as the building should finally be ready to hand over to us mid-October. We will then need to register with Ofsted, but we're hopeful that 'Herons' Pre-School' will be opening its door to families in the new year!

We still have some spaces available at Playgroup at the moment for this academic year. If you're interested in finding out more information please

contact Wayne Badcock (Playgroup Leader) on 07808357729 (during session times) or email waterbeachtoddlerplaygroup@outlook.com More information is available on our website too, www.waterbeachtoddlerplaygroup.org.uk



Waterbeach Surgery

Waterbeach Surgery is pleased to announce that the new telephone system which will greatly improve our patients' access to the surgery is expected to be fully functioning on September 21st. The surgery's new website is coming soon and is expected to be available within a week or two.

Our 'flu vaccination programme has started. Some appointments are scheduled during the day and some in the evening. The two evening 'flu clinics are on the 9th and 16th September from 6-8pm. We are currently vaccinating our patients who are older than 65 and children aged 2-3. For pregnant women, those with a learning disability and patients who are under 65 years old with specific medical conditions such as diabetes, COPD, asthma, weakened immune system or heart failure we are still waiting for the vaccine to be delivered and the delivery is expected by 2nd October. The vaccine for the over-65s is different from the vaccine for the other groups of patients and the toddlers are given a nasal spray. The surgery has no control over the delivery date from the supplier.

We are contacting as many of our patients as we can by text. We encourage you to ring to make an appointment. It is particularly important with Covid-19 around that people have their annual 'flu jabs as early as possible.

Finally, we are looking to employ a part-time practice nurse. If you or someone you know would be interested, please contact the surgery. Also, if anyone is looking for gardening work we would like you to make contact.

Waterbeach WI



Waterbeach WI began in November 1918 just three months after the start of the last major pandemic, H1N1, an avian 'flu virus which infected 500 million people worldwide, a third of the world's population, and killed 50 million people. No vaccines or antibiotics, so rather like today with Covid-19, isolation, quarantine, disinfectants, good personal hygiene and limits on gatherings were applied.

As a group used to meeting regularly it has been sad to have had so little contact with each other, though some of us have maintained contact in small groups and on Whats App.

For our Centenary two years ago we looked back through our continuous record of both Members and Committee Meetings and we thought you might like to read a few excerpts of the early record 100 years ago. You may recognise some family names.

August 1919 - It was proposed that the Political Information Bureau be asked to send a speaker to tell "How Parliament passes bills". Proposed by Miss Warrington, 2nd by Mrs. Robson that a "shop" be opened and that Mrs. Buckingham be shop secretary.

September 1919 - It was decided to arrange a concert to raise money for St. Dunstons. Final arrangements for collecting and forwarding of Exhibits for the Caxton Hall Exhibition were completed.

October 1919 - A discussion arose as to the advisability of forming a dancing class but no resolution was formed.

Final arrangements with the Education Secretary for having a County Council course of dressmaking to start on Oct 14th were complete.

November 1919 - A letter was received from Miss Senior regretting her inability to give a demonstration of Hay Box cookery and stating that it had not proved a success on the whole amongst Institute members. It was therefore proposed by Mrs. Saunders 2nd Miss Camps that Mrs. Stanford be asked to tell us of her recent visit to the battlefields of Flanders instead.

January 1920 - The following programme was then discussed and decided on:

February	Lecture	Bolshevism
	Competition	Best print patch
		Dancing
March	Lecture	Cooperative marketing
	Demonstration	A re-footed stocking
		Music

April	Demonstration Roll call	Boot-mending Side shows for our fete
May	Demonstration Competition	Cheese-making The best homemade loaf Music
June (out of doors)	Lecture Demonstration	Housing Question Hat trimming
July	Lecture	Hymns Exhibition of Folk Dancing Games
August	Visit to Quy Institute (<i>Estimate for motor bus to Quy £4.10s.0d for 34 members</i>)	
September	Lecture Competition	Folk Songs. 10 min. talk on Nursing Best plain cake
October	Lecture Competition	Renovations. 10 min. Nursing talk Flannel Patch Singing
November	Lecture Competition	Child Welfare 10 min. Nursing talk Jam Folk singing and Acting
December	Lecture Competition	Labour saving in the Home. Mince Pies Folk singing

April 1920 - Sugar was ordered for cooperative jam making, in spite of the high price of sugar

October 1920 - The Secretary reported that a sweep outfit was to hand. Decided to charge 6d for 24 hours to members and 1/- to non-members. Mrs. Howlett undertook to house the tackle.

A proposal that the committee take steps to see if it is not possible to have a Village Nurse was warmly received.

These informative meetings must have been revolutionary for the ladies of the village. There was no NHS, very little schooling, no Votes for Women and here was a self-help group raising money for charities, educating families on health issues, giving practical advice on homemaking and providing social activities for entertainment. I wonder where the sweep outfit ended up and how much jam making is still going on?

Waterbeach Brass

Virtual performances

For several months now the band haven't been able to meet in person to rehearse, however, that hasn't stopped them from playing together, albeit virtually.

Thanks to the hard work of members of the band, four 'socially distanced' videos have been produced thus far.

A special mention goes to our resident IT guru Dave Amann, who painstakingly stitched each individual video together.

The band's debut video was a classic pop song from the 70s, YMCA. Everyone had fun recording their parts with several members of the band taking it a step further and raiding the costume cupboard.

The band were pleased to be invited to record some music for St Benet's church, Cambridge to form part of their regular Sunday church services. The band's first contribution was the reflective Hine E Hine, a traditional Maori lullaby.

This was well received and so a few weeks later, the band recorded the hymn tune, Picardy in a special arrangement for small group by Jonathan Hunt, one of the band's Trombone players.

Waterbeach Brass was due to play at a prestigious service and street party in central Cambridge, to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day, alongside the Royal British Legion and local dignitaries. Sadly this event had to be cancelled due to the pandemic, so instead the band produced a poignant video for the occasion. This featured an original composition by the band's 1st Trombonist, Adam Waterson, entitled Starlight, which was overlaid alongside excerpts from Churchill's wartime speeches. Starlight was first premiered at a 'Classics Spectacular' concert in West Road concert hall, and was thought to be a fitting choice for this special occasion.

Our latest video which is dedicated to the NHS, 'You' are the Champions, includes some well-known players from the brass banding world and friends of that band. Be sure to watch this and our previous recordings by liking our FB page: <https://m.facebook.com/WaterbeachBrass/> or viewing <https://youtu.be/VhuAAC8NY10>.



Trombone Quartet delight at Cambridgeshire Care home July 2020

Over the past year, the Waterbeach trombone section has been meeting together as a quartet with plans afoot to have their first public performances in 2020. However, due to the pandemic, these sadly had to be put on hold, until the lockdown rules were relaxed to allow groups of up to 6 people to meet outside again at which point the quartet jumped at the chance to start playing again.

The quartet, newly named The Beach Bones received an invitation to play a small set at the Cambridgeshire Care Home in Great Shelford for a socially distanced outside mini concert for the staff and residents.

It has been several months since the residents have been able to have visitors, and so the opportunity to have live music was welcomed greatly. The quartet played some well-known tunes arranged by two of the members, Adam Waterson and Jonathan Hunt including: Save Your Kisses for Me, Scarborough Fair and Any Dream Will Do from the popular musical, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat.

The performance was well received and they were asked to come back to perform again in the future.

West Road Concert – 8th December 2019

Waterbeach Brass teamed up with a young music theatre group; Bodywork Company to create a performance based around 'A Christmas Journey Through The Stars'.



We played some popular space themed music such as Enter the Galaxies by Paul Lovatt-Cooper and the famous theme tune Star Wars by John Williams.

During the concert, we also featured our Musical Director Andy Kershaw on Tuba, who performed a specially commissioned piece for the band called 'From The Outer Reaches' by Rodney Newton. Newton himself was part of the audience to listen to the world premiere of his work.

The concert was enjoyed by all and gave the band a chance to perform with different groups within Cambridgeshire. A recording of this concert was made and will soon be available to listen on our website or on our YouTube page.

Railway Opening 175th Anniversary

A century and three quarters ago, at the end of July 1845, there was much excitement in Cambridge, and no doubt in Waterbeach too, at the coming of the railway. The new line went all the way from Norwich to Bishop's Stortford, which had had a railway to London (Shoreditch via Stratford; Liverpool Street and the line through Hackney weren't built until later) since 1842.

The opening ceremony was on the 28th (a Tuesday), and was a very lavish



Waterbeach Station - approx. 1980

affair. A trainload of dignitaries travelled from London to Ely and then back to Cambridge, while another trainload came from Norwich. Brass bands played and flags were waved. Dinner for 600 was served in a marquee at Cambridge station in the afternoon, followed by speeches from the Dean of Ely,

the Bishop of Norwich, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, and many others. There was a separate feast for 700 labourers, who presumably didn't have to listen to any speeches, and another for the management of the contractors who built the railway.

The public train service started the next day, Wednesday 29th. The stage coach service ceased on the same day, and the horses were sold off. Waterbeach had four trains a day in each direction; three of them, including the late-night mail train, took two and a half to three hours for the journey to or from London, and in the other direction three hours to Norwich and a further hour and a quarter to Great Yarmouth. The fourth was the "parliamentary" train, which stopped everywhere and included third class accommodation, taking over four hours to London. The single fare to London was 12s 0d first class, 8s 6d (two days' wages for a skilled tradesman) second class, and 5s 3d third class.

You can read more about the opening ceremony, and see the original timetable, on the Fen Line Users Association website <https://www.flua.org.uk/> -- Fen Line Users Association represents travellers on the line between King's Lynn and Cambridge.

WASPS

Providing home-from-home childcare in the Waterbeach community for 23 years!

We currently have spaces available – please get in touch to find out more.



We hope you are all safe and well, what an unusual time we have all been experiencing over the past few months! We were pleased to be able to open WASPS doors to all year groups again at the start of this term following the latest government guidance. We have a new WASPS Manager, Sarah, who is settling in well and some new Playworkers have joined our staff team too. We welcome everyone, new starters and returning children and families and the staff team. Everyone has been getting used to our new routines and the 'new normal'.

For those of you who may not already be aware, WASPS is a charity, originally setup by a small group of local working parents and the Head Teacher at the time, Mrs Harrison. The aim was to fill the void for after school childcare in Waterbeach, providing children with a home from home atmosphere and opportunities for free play, our aim remains the same to this day! WASPS originally operated from a spare classroom at Waterbeach Community Primary School. The club opened in September 1997, in the following years the Holiday Club and then Breakfast Club were also added

to the service WASPS provides.

When the classroom was needed once again for teaching, WASPS joined forces with Waterbeach Community

Playgroup who were also looking for new premises, we jointly secured lottery funding for a new purpose-built building.

WASPS operated from the school hall as a pack away setting for a year or so, whilst our new premises were being completed. We moved in, along with



the Playgroup to Waterbeach Playhouse in May 2001, it remains our home today. As a charity, WASPS running costs are kept to a minimum and all 'profits' are applied directly back into equipment and resources for the children, maintenance, utility bills and staff wages. WASPS is managed by 'The WASPS Management Committee', who are a group of volunteer parents/carers, in order to keep the cost of childcare low and affordable.

We are currently planning our AGM (to take place via an online platform this year due to current restrictions) which may have taken place by the time you read this article. We are able to co-opt more people onto the Committee throughout the year. Do you have relevant skills and experience to share regarding childcare? Personnel experience? Building maintenance knowledge? Do you have connections to WASPS or an interest in supporting the club? If so, we would love to hear from you!

The past few months of closure and part opening have had a huge impact on WASPS, as will be the case for many charities and groups. WASPS management are working hard behind the scenes to ensure we are able to continue operating... we welcome the help of supporters!

WASPS has a Facebook page, 'Waterbeach After School Play Scheme – WASPS' our WASPS Logo is the profile picture, please like our page to find out the latest news and updates.

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. Please enquire to find out availability and book a place. We currently have spaces available.

Contact us: For more information, please visit our website:

www.waterbeach-wasps.org.uk. For enquires please email us wasps.waterbeach@outlook.com or telephone us on 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.

Salvation Army

The Salvation Army Big Collection

Every year we collect monetary donations in your area for the social work of The Salvation Army but due to Covid 19 we are not able to do so this year. However, we still need funds desperately to help the homeless, those caught in human trafficking, people in our hostels and in many other ways to help those in need in the UK. So if you are able here is a link to be able to give online

<https://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/big-collection>

Many thanks for your continuing support.

Captain Carol Baker



District Councillor Update

I hope you are all keeping safe and well in these unsettling and unusual times as we all continue to adapt to a new normal.

Covid-19 response: South Cambs have teamed up with Defra and the supermarkets, Iceland and Tesco, to offer priority slots for a defined amount of time (anywhere between 2 and 40 weeks) should you not be able to go food shopping for Covid reasons. Slots will be allocated according to those in greatest need. There is a straightforward brief form to fill on the website and a member from the Sustainable Communities team will be in touch should you require this service. Please access the online form by visiting <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/coronavirus/support-for-residents/priority-food-slots-for-tesco-and-iceland-deliveries/>

As I write new stricter rules are about to commence in England (Monday 14th September) limiting the number of people who can gather socially together to six. Sadly, this means that local community and volunteer run lunch clubs will not be able to re-commence for the foreseeable future.

Since July SCDC have linked up with C3 Churches and the food hub at St John's; we have been delivering weekly pre-cooked meals to the elderly in sheltered schemes and across Waterbeach and Landbeach. The Council has recently just managed to secure additional funding to keep the scheme running until the end of October.

Service Support grants – Grants Committee: The Farmland Museum and Denny Abbey have received a grant of £8500 and are due to receive identical installments for the next two years. The Coronavirus pandemic forced the closure of the museum for several months but it has since re-opened and is now welcoming visitors with free entry between 11am and 5pm from Thursday to Sunday. Admission must be booked in advance at www.dennyfarmlandmuseum.org.uk

The New Town West: The diggers have arrived on site at the barracks. The Denny End Road construction access is complete, which will enable the main A10 construction access at Cambridge Research Park roundabout to be completed. Although most of the works will take place on site, Urban & Civic may have to apply to the County Council as highways authority for night-time closures (with diversions in place) in November to make the final connection at the Northern access roundabout. U&C will keep you posted on this and to keep abreast of the development visit their website welcome.waterbeachbarracks.co.uk Groundworks have been started by a local firm who have also employed some local residents as part of their contract and early delivery of jobs and skills strategy. The groundwork will include building up the bund along the A10 corridor and starting to create the

landscape working on the existing woodland and grassland features. That will then enable the infrastructure to be put in place with roads, cycle ways and utilities contracts all coming forward for later this year.

Work continues on the refurbishment of the old rifle range building that Waterbeach Toddler Playgroup will move into, hopefully they will be able to take up residence later this Autumn.

The next local plan: It has only been two years (Sept. 2018) since the Council adopted the current local plan but the very early stages of the next one which will be a joint plan with Cambridge City have already started. Thank you to everyone who contributed to 'The First Conversation' at the start of this year. The Greater Cambridge shared planning department received nearly 9000 responses to this first consultation from across the area which is excellent and really helps to shape the direction of this next plan. As I write, the "call for sites" information will be posted on the shared planning website next week (15th September) so by the time you read this, maps will be posted online, visit www.greatercambridgeplanning.org It is really important to remember that this represents the developers' wish list which will need to be filtered and assessed for sustainability. Only a fraction of these sites will move forward and locally there will already be contributions towards the new homes allocation from Waterbeach New Town and North East Cambridge; the latter being the last large brownfield site in Cambridge left for development which wasn't able to be included in the current plan.

If you wish to get in touch, contact me on 07956 528223 or email Cllr.Rippeth@scams.gov.uk

Cllr Judith Rippeth

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 a letter requesting a grant to:

Mrs Susan Wilkin, Waterbeach Turbary Charity
25 Payton Way, Waterbeach, CB25 9NS

Closing date for applications is 24 November 2020

St. John's Waterbeach Wives

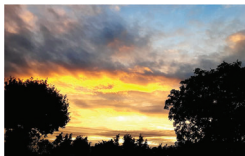
During the lockdown, members mainly kept in touch with phone calls, letting each other know of local services available, i.e. shopping, prescriptions etc., and our Newsletter for lighter matters. No 6 is in progress at the moment.

This way we have known what our talented lot have been making:- apart from masks and scrubs, they have produced quilts and cushion covers, made shirts and dresses, knitted sweaters and cardigans, made all sorts of cards, Harry Potter dolls, dragons and even wigwams.

Some of us are amazing with I.T., some of us had to force ourselves to cope with Zoom and Skype, often with hilarious consequences. Who hasn't managed either the sound or the picture, but not both, resulting in a very audible rant by a friend or family member cursing the whole thing, completely unaware they can be heard? Or being told of a small grandchild going round the back of the device to see where their grandparent had got to?



We all agree that the worst part in the beginning was not being able to hug our families, but that we are lucky to live where we do, and that our gardens and allotments have helped keep us sane. The earlier good weather allowed us to appreciate nature close up, and as the restrictions loosened, we were able to meet outside suitably distanced, or take ourselves further out into the countryside. Or



just watch one of the wonderful sunsets we get in our big East Anglian skies. Apart from the usual deer, zillions of rabbits and far too many joggers, both green and lesser-spotted woodpeckers have been noted in good numbers, also buzzards and kites fly overhead. On odd occasions, the lesser spotted Spitfire was seen bringing a lump to the throat, and a warmth in the chest area!

One of the things bothering our members most was being unable to get a haircut, probably feeling a little like this chap, but it appears hairdressers are now open, so problem solved.

Thanks to our bubbles, we can now hug our kids and grandchildren, although not yet our friends, and plan to make the most of these sunny autumn days.



Our contact is our Chairperson, Sheila Gill, Tel: 01233 475302

Community Playgroup



We have been so excited to reopen playgroup's doors and to start welcoming back children, old and new, over the last month. Autumn is a fascinating time of year for our young children, who will



be able to watch the world changing all around them. The staff team has already been getting creative preparing new (washable and disposable!) activities to try, and we hope that everyone will be inspired further by the changes in colour, smell, weather and light we will start to notice. We will be looking forward to sharing wonderful new ideas each week.

There will also be some other changes at WCP this term, as some staff and committee members move on, and we recruit others to join the team. For anybody in the community who might be interested in contributing their own ideas to the running of our setting, we would love to welcome new members to our management committee when we hold our (virtual) AGM on 15th October. Committee members don't need to be parents,

and can become involved in anything from overseeing our finances and staffing to writing a newsletter or offering ideas at meetings to help us keep the setting fresh and exciting. Please do get in touch with the playgroup if you'd like to find out more!

The trustees and staff want to thank everyone for their patience and support over this challenging period. We look forward to being able to share our news with you over coming months.

We are open from 9am to 3pm daily during term time. We take children from their 2nd birthday. 15 hours government funding is available to all 3 and 4 year olds and to qualifying 2 year olds. 30 hours funding is available to qualifying 3 and 4 year olds. We are situated in the primary school grounds in the centre of Waterbeach. Supporting our play-based learning, we offer weekly Forest School sessions, regular visits to Waterbeach Library and the school gym. Please look at our website www.waterbeachplaygroup.org.uk to find out more.

We currently have places available. If you would like to get in touch; a prospectus and application form; or to come and see what we do, please call 01223 440769 (term time), or email us at info@waterbeachplaygroup.org.uk

Library News



Waterbeach Independent Library opened up its doors in July, after numerous enquiries, however not on the Drop-In basis as has been the norm in the past.

To open required a rethink as to how to allow Library members to browse, as a Library in which you cannot browse books is a rather pointless exercise, but there was a need to keep Library members safe in this rather weird, confusing, and very frustrating time!

Therefore we have adopted an appointment system for visits to the Library, where on entering the hallway of the Library everyone enters into washing hands, applying gel, adults wear protective gloves-which the Library provides, wear a mask if they wish-which is also provided, before they enter the Library. There is a one way system operating therefore members exit by the Fire Exit.

Wheelchair members can exit down the ramp, with a Volunteer ensuring the way is clear, and suitable social distancing in place, to exit via the main door. After every visit the Volunteers sanitise the Library before the next appointment, to ensure safety of all.

If Library members need to just collect a book they ordered through the online system, this can be arranged. To avoid having to go through the sanitising system members can collect books at the Library Fire Exit at a pre-arranged time, on the days we are open, as they do not need to enter the Library.

Appointments are arranged by email on Monday, Wednesday, Friday afternoons, with a Wednesday evening every two weeks, and a Saturday morning once a month, at this time.

The contact details are on the Waterbeach Library Facebook website, and we understand now on the County Council website. Details are also on Waterbeach Babble and Waterbeach Matters Facebook pages.

So far this has worked very well, therefore we have been able to continue to serve the community. Obviously we do not have our full complement of volunteers as many are self isolating due to their own health problems, or those of members of their families. However we have managed with those who are able.

We decided to operate the Summer Reading Challenge, as there had to be some normality for children in this very strange time, and the need to maintain their reading levels. We have been pleasantly surprised by those who have entered the Challenge, collecting their incentives along the way. We will not close the Reading Challenge until the middle of October so if any

child would still like to enter the Challenge there are a very good selection of new books, and old favourites in the Library.

The Adult section of the Library has new bookcases installed now. The Children's section will have new bookcases when they are delivered in October.

Like everyone else we hope this situation is resolved very soon, but in the meantime we are trying to serve the community by ensuring the Community Library is open.

Girlguiding



Girlguiding in Waterbeach has been happening in a variety of forms since March, when we had to stop our usual weekly face to face meetings. Leaders have spent many an hour cycling and walking around the local villages, to deliver activity packs to Brownies, Guides and Rainbows. We have met "virtually" on Zoom (a video conferencing service), attended a virtual Festival at Home, had virtual sleepovers and of course, completed loads of badges!

Girlguiding Gathers for Massive STEM Adventure in Ely

Girls and young women from all over Cambridgeshire met on Saturday 1 February 2020 for Girlguiding Cambridgeshire East's first large scale STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths) event. Over 1000 girls, leaders and volunteers converged on Ely College for the inaugural STEM Day.

The girls, aged 5-18, enjoyed a day of hands-on activities, exciting experiments, cool construction, exhilarating engineering and marvellous maths! Activities on offer included robot demonstrations, paper tower engineering, and pinhole cameras. There was something for everyone from our youngest members, Rainbows, aged 5-7 years, up to our oldest girls in Rangers, aged 14-18 years.

The day was supported financially and with volunteers by a host of local science and technology firms, including Mundipharma, TTP (The Technology Partnership), Team Consulting and geo, opening up the world of science to the girls.

Demonstrations included talks from YouTube star and inventor Ruth Amos,



Commissioners and Guides learn about cells

rocket building with the Cambridge Science Centre, and welding with chocolate with The Welding Institute!

Jessie, 12, from 4th Ely Guides said, "the best things have been strategic games, learning how to win rock, paper, scissors and trying out robot coding."



Learning about pH, acids and alkali

Miriam, 5, from 1st Cherry Hinton Rainbows in Cambridge loved the pH testing, "I liked testing different liquids to make colours and learning how to be an inventor when I'm big."

Holli Bielby, Outdoor & Adventure Coordinator for Girlguiding Cambridgeshire East said, "Our team of volunteers have been working tirelessly for the past year to make this event a success. I am delighted to see so many Girlguiding members from our county engaging in such a huge range of STEM activities today. Our aim for the STEM day was to inspire girls and our STEM ambassadors, exhibitors, providers and volunteers today have really showcased that girls can do anything!"

Lisa Taylor from Mundipharma said, "We are delighted to have been able to support this amazing day! These girls and young women are the future of STEM. Who knows, one day they could be our future colleagues to help us To Move Medicine Forward."

Susy Hallewell of TTP said, "TTP are delighted to support the Cambs East STEM Day. Encouraging young girls to explore STEM subjects, to be curious and excited, and to know that a career within STEM is open to them, is of absolute importance."

Adventures like this are just part of the range of activities open to girls and young women through Girlguiding, which gives them their own space to grow in confidence, raise their aspirations and have fun.

To find out more about volunteering or registering your daughter with us, please go to our website <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/>

We have now been given permission to restart face to face guiding meetings, initially outside, after rigorous risk assessments and forming of "bubbles", to keep girls and leaders as safe as possible, whilst still offering our young members a space to grow in confidence, raise their aspirations and have fun. Girlguiding has so much to offer, that we have been classed as an essential wellbeing service for young people. So you may well see groups of Brownies, Guides or Rainbows out and about around the village in the coming weeks and months, as we explore new ways and places to meet. Please do give us a wave, from a 2m distance, if you do!

What's in a name?

Denson Close

Sixteen years ago, when I retired, one of my many plans for my newfound freedom was to write a history of Waterbeach, using its street names to tell the story of over 1600 years of occupation. Somehow that never happened as many other things intervened, but now I think I might make a start although not at the beginning but where my fancy has taken me.

John Denson has not perhaps been given the recognition he deserves as an articulate and literate small holder in Waterbeach at a time when the life of the village changed significantly due to a number of events in the late 18th and early 19th centuries.

However, his name lives on in the close built around 1990, very near to where he lived with his family in a house he built for £40 in 1823 at the end of Primrose Lane (which backs on



to the far corner of Denson Close). This house, which had become uninhabitable by 1952, was reluctantly demolished by Dennis Cheason, the husband of John Denson's great, great, great granddaughter, who built a new house on the site.

John was a relatively prosperous smallholder who was able to live comfortably and support his family. By the time he was writing letters published in the Cambridge Chronicle and the Labourer's Friend in 1819 and subsequently over the next 10 years, many of the villagers were not so fortunate. The Waterbeach Enclosure Act of 1818 meant that many people who had no land of their own to grow food and who had lost access to land on which they could graze cattle or sheep were facing great difficulty. Land was bought up by wealthy farmers who paid poor wages to the labourers, new machinery meant that fewer farm workers were needed, food was becoming expensive to buy and in 1816 there was a disastrously cold summer. The whole pattern of life for people who had formed a self-sufficient community, which is vividly described in one of his letters, had been demolished as families struggled to survive. If you want to get a really good

picture of the implications of these factors and just how just how miserable and desperate life might have been, read Waterbeach author Guinevere Glasfurd's book 'The Year Without Summer' which takes place during 1815/16. It isn't about Waterbeach but includes a fictional, but closely researched account of the effects on rural communities, in a setting not far from here at a time when the social unrest resulted in imprisonment, hanging and transportation.

For ten years John Denson published letters which included descriptions of village life before the fabric of village life disintegrated, suggestions for ways in which even relatively small plots of land could be used to support a family, novel methods of cultivation, and increasingly angry attacks on more wealthy farmers and landowners, who kept wages so low that the labourers had to apply for support from the Parish Poor Rates. He fought valiantly to restore independence and a sense of pride and community to the people who worked on the land and who, he claimed, had become 'worse off than West Indian Slaves'.

In 1830 the letters were brought together and published as 'A Peasant's Voice to Landowners, on the best means of benefitting agricultural labourers and of reducing Poor's Rates' and in 1991 these were republished with an introduction by Jack Ravensdale, a historian from Landbeach, and preface by Dennis Cheason.

Today Denson Close is a reminder of a remarkable man, a time of great economic hardship for many who lived from the land, and of a way of life which has long gone but is still part of the heritage of a special village.

'A Year Without Summer' by Guinevere Glasfurd was published this year by Two Roads.

'A Peasant's Voice to Landowners' (republished 1991 by Cambridgeshire Records Society) is out of print although it is possible to get second hand copies. It is available, though not on loan, in the Cambridgeshire Collection at the Cambridge library.

Jane Williamson

Happy Folks Club

The Happy Folks Club has been closed since March. As all our members come into the vulnerable group, most of us have been self-isolating. However, although we have missed out on all our 2020 trips, we hope to resume in a reduced way as soon as the Beach Club opens on a Friday afternoon. I have spoken to Carol the secretary at the club and we both agreed to be on the safe side, Covid 19 is still a problem in parts of the country, although thankfully not in this area. So we look forward to 2021 with hope and anticipation.

Tithe Barn Trust

'Oracle' Art installation at the Tithe Barn

The Tithe Barn Trust is excited to announce that local sculptor and installation artist Theo Gayer-Anderson will be exhibiting 'Oracle' at the Tithe Barn, in Landbeach, near Cambridge.

Theo says "Oracle is a fully immersive audio and visual installation that celebrates the rise of jellyfish in our toxic oceans and draws attention to the very real and imminent dangers of climate change. The Tithe Barn makes for the perfect setting to showcase my work."



The installation artwork will occupy the entire timber frame Tithe Barn, so that the spectator has to walk through in order to engage fully with the work of art. What makes installation art different from sculpture or other traditional art forms is that it is a complete unified experience, rather than a display of separate, individual artworks. The focus on how the viewer experiences the work and the desire to provide an intense experience for them is a dominant theme in installation art.

The Landbeach Tithe Barn is one of just a handful of buildings of its type remaining in Cambridgeshire. Ours is unique with so many historic features



such as a thatched roof, elm timber frame, timber granary and brick threshing floor. Experts believe the barn may well date to the medieval period.

The temporary installation will be free for the public to view on Saturday 10th, Sunday 11th, Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th October by timed entry. A limited number of tickets are now

available to pre-book at <https://tithebarntrust.org.uk/learning/2020-events/>. Booking essential, so book now to avoid disappointment.

Age UK Community Warden

Hello, my name is Melanie Lombardi and I am the new Community Warden working in Waterbeach, Landbeach,



and Chittering. I have lived in Waterbeach for over 20 years. I have a husband called Rob and twin daughters who are 23 years old, called Jessica and Yasmin. I started my position the week before lockdown in March. It's been quite a journey to date, but I have thoroughly enjoyed the daily communication by phone and the numerous garden and doorstep chats with my service users.

During this time I have supported my service users by shopping, picking up and delivering prescriptions, posting letters/parcels, and signposting/referrals to other organisations.

Along with everyone else, my service users found themselves in lockdown. We had emotional ups and downs during this time, and some extra support was needed, but my service users were amazing and we shared lots of lovely stories and had lots of laughter, which helped ease the daily anxiety of this new virus. After a plea to the lovely children of Waterbeach, Landbeach & Chittering to paint some colourful pictures, I was able to bring a little sunshine to my service users and deliver them personally. These pictures were displayed in their windows for all to see, they were very grateful and made them smile. I have really enjoyed my new role and I am looking forward to meeting more of you out in the community in the future.

Melanie

The Community Warden Service is a local provision for people aged 60 and over. It assists and supports older people to continue living independently at home by providing daily contact (Monday to Friday) by telephone or a personal visit. It is managed by Age UK Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

What can we help you with?

- Listening to your concerns and linking you to helpful information and guidance.
- Advice on local community services.
- Small items of shopping.
- Collecting prescriptions.
- Reading post.
- Making phone calls on your behalf.
- Being a listening ear and having a chat.

Free Trial - You are entitled to a two week free trial, however after that period we charge a small fee of £9.00 per week for a single person and £11.00 per week for a couple, which is payable to the warden. If you are interested in joining the scheme call the warden on 07977 219403. She will be pleased to meet you to discuss the service in more detail. The service can be ongoing or short term, depending on what you need. The Warden isn't a domestic helper or a carer providing physical care. She is employed and paid by Age UK Cambridge and Peterborough and can't undertake tasks on a private basis. Age UK Cambridgeshire and Peterborough provides other services including, handyperson (fitting of keysafe, grab rails, small repairs etc), information and advice. Other services include personal call alarms, stair lifts, insurance policies with no age limit, funeral plans and will writing.

Waterbeach United Charities (Reg No 201528)

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

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

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

All personal applications are confidential.

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

Waterbeach Village Society

Like many other groups the Waterbeach Village Society meetings are suspended for the time being as distancing could be a problem in any meeting room and no one wants to spread this dreadful pandemic.

Many groups like us are thinking to restart in January if possible but who knows?

We had a great programme lined up for you again but most of the speakers will rebook with us once it is OK to do so.

Adrian Wright

Military Heritage Museum



Last time WMHM wrote in these pages we were about to open for the new season. Well we did open in March and that was it, as we all know. COVID19 pandemic caused all places to close down, including WMHM.

We hope to open the Museum on Sunday 4th October and Wednesday 7th October from 10 am to 4 pm BUT you will have to book in advance by telephoning 01223 861846 so we can space out our visitors for social distancing and gather details for 'Track and Tracing'. We would also hope to open on Remembrance Sunday 8th November, again booking will be essential. There will be a one way system round the museum for your and the volunteers safety. All this is provided there are no more restrictions introduced by the Government. It may be by the time Beach News is published those dates will have passed but there is no reason to think anything will have changed by next March when we reopen after the winter, so save the number.

New aquisition: A bottle of 1921 vintage champagne! WMHM are pleased and delighted to have received this into safe keeping and posterity from the family of F/O Alan RL Lundie, of 514 Squadron RAF Bomb Aimer, killed on the 21ST November 1944 along with the other six crew members of LM684, JI-C, on a raid to Homberg. We've also got a collection of Alan's documents and photographs alongwith the bottle of champagne by Charles Heidiech of Reims. The champagne had been brought by Alan's father to celebrate his only son's 21st birthday which had been in March 1944. Alan had been away training in Canada, as many of our crews were, and joined his unit 514 Sqn. at Waterbeach but he was killed before he could get home to celebrate with his family.

His parents could not bare to open the bottle after that and it stayed in the family finally ending up with cousins Angela Sharrad and Madeline Costin. In 2016 the cousins took the bottle of champagne to the Antiques Road Show where it was talked about by the 'expert' and at the end of the programme the bottle featured and was movingly spoken about by ARS presenter Fiona Bruce. The museum has a clip of that moment. A new display will be made shortly,

meanwhile the documents are being recorded and researched.

We are always pleased to receive donations of artifacts from any of the units, RAF or RE that were based at Waterbeach.

Adrian Wright Chairman WMHM



Waterbeach Cycling Campaign

In the last Beach News we announced the award of funding from South Cambridgeshire District Council for the installation of bicycle parking in the village. Many thanks to all of you who completed the survey about possible locations. The most popular spot is outside OneStop with two other locations about equal in popularity – the corner of the Green just opposite the Sun, and the area outside the new Pharmacy. With this excellent feedback we have been able to continue planning. We will be working with the Parish Council to create the new parking locations that will begin to appear during the next few months.

During lock-down and since, it's been great to see so many of you getting out on bikes, both for exercise and for making essential trips to work or to the shops. We'd be interested to hear about your cycling experience – both positive and negative: what are the things we could do to make it safer and easier to get out on the bike? We hear frequent comments expressed about potholes and uneven surfaces. Please keep telling us about this and pass on any new observations you'd like to make. And we really do need an easy route over the Cam and towards Lode and Reach. We'd like to hear about any other routes that you think could be improved. We'll add them to our campaigning list.

The Causeway is a proposal for a walking and cycling route that will connect the village to Denny Abbey and the Farmland Museum. It will pass through the Urban & Civic development and we hope, on to the Abbey. In order to complete that final link, WCC and others including the Parish Council are working on designating the route as an ancient right-of-way. We know that prior to the construction of RAF Waterbeach in 1940, a farm track went from a junction on Denny End Road (just to the west of where Kingsmead Caravan Park is now located) past Winfold Farm, which was right in the path of the main runway, and on to the Abbey. The track was known locally as "The Joint". We would love to hear from any of you with a memory, a photo or any factual information about this route. If it was in regular use prior to the construction of RAF Waterbeach (as we suspect) then we may have a case for a right-of-way. It would really help our efforts.

Please send any comments – including information about the Causeway to us at waterbeachcc@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you.

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

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