

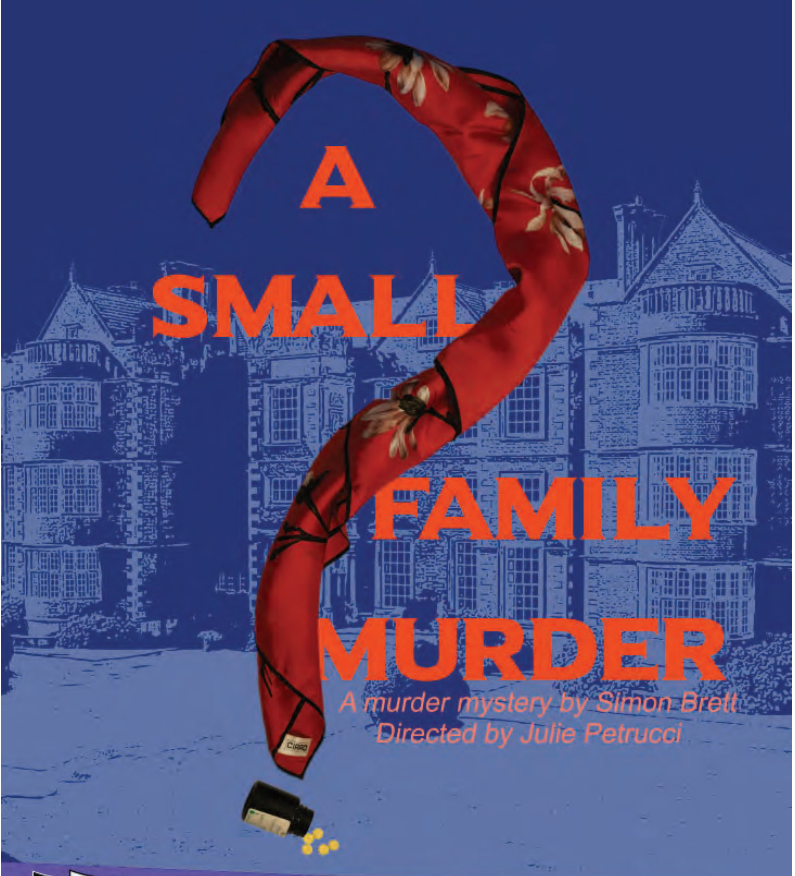
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Community Association



The summer has gone and we are now into autumn, children are back at school and a new year for Waterbeach Community Association commences. This means we need to appoint new officers and also form a Feast Committee to ensure the continuation of our traditional Waterbeach Feast.

Waterbeach Feast - For those of you new to the village, Waterbeach Feast is an annual event in June, starting with a grand parade of floats around the village, mostly entered by local groups and organisations. The afternoon entertainment then continues with a variety of stalls and side shows on the village Green and some exciting events and displays in the arena. Feast Day is always a wonderful village event with everyone turning out to make it enjoyable for both villagers and visitors.

As you are aware due to Covid-19 restrictions we have had to cancel the event for the past two years, but we are really hoping that in 2022 we can return with a Feast Day to look forward to. The date for Feast Day 2022 is provisionally set for the 11th June. However, for it to go forward your help is essential. Planning for the Feast takes many months and to organise the Feast requires a solid team of dedicated people who can spare a few hours a week to make phone calls or to send and answer e-mails and to help with arranging and booking arena events. Whatever your skill or available time there's something you can do. You don't have to be young and agile, there are many jobs that can be done from the comfort of your own home in the months leading up to the Feast – whether it's helping with bookings, sending out letters, researching possibilities for arena events or publicity. Help is also required on Feast Day itself, especially manpower. A group of volunteers

who are willing to work as a team are needed to set up for the event and clear away afterwards. I know it seems a long way off at the moment, but unfortunately if there are no volunteers there will be no Feast! If you are able to assist in any way, please contact beachnews@waterbeach.org

Christmas - Another well-loved annual event organised by WCA each year in Waterbeach is 'Carols on the Green' on Christmas Eve. Sadly, this too was cancelled last year, but we are very much hoping we will be able to go ahead this year.

Beach News - We always welcome contributions on subjects of local interest. If you have a story to share on times gone by, or information on something new, please write an article and send it along. The addition of pictures or photographs always helps to make an article more interesting. Comments and articles can be emailed to beachnews@waterbeach.org or sent to Beach News, 5 Spurgeons Avenue, Waterbeach.

Adrian Wright - Interim Chairperson

Young Badge Makers

The weekend before the schools started back, the Ostler de Bruin children set up a stall to sell custom made pin badges to raise money to support The Arthur Rank Hospice Charity. Passers by were able to pick up ready made badges, and others could leave details of orders they could come back for, including drawings of their pets or class animals for their children. To date they have raised over £200 for this fantastic local charity who took wonderful care of their grandad and provided support for their nana. If you have lived here for a while, you are likely to have come into contact with the Arthur Rank Hospice Charity and



will be aware of the very important work they do for our community in caring for people at the end of their lives and with life limiting illness. As it is a charity, they depend on our generosity to be able to continue to offer the high level of care for families in our local area. There is still time to order, so if you would like a one of a kind, personalised badge, and to offer a donation to Arthur Rank, please email no_ostler@yahoo.com.

Waterbeach WI



Waterbeach WI has been meeting monthly on Zoom with speakers like Malcom Parkinson from the SERV charity. Having enjoyed an online talk by Malcolm a few weeks ago, the WI were keen to support SERV, especially as it is run entirely by unpaid volunteers and receives no government funding.

The volunteers transport blood products, medicines and human breast milk to hospitals, hospices and air ambulance services across Suffolk and Cambridgeshire on their motorbikes. One of the ways they fund their service is by recycling old mobile phones, leads, chargers etc. The WI appealed to local Waterbeach residents, who immediately rose to the challenge and came up trumps - donating around 40 phones and assorted gadgets.

Malcolm Parkinson and John Gibson MBE, two volunteer riders from SERV, also visited Waterbeach on Sunday 15th August 2021. The photo shows Waterbeach

WI president, Viv Cooper, handing a box of phones to Malcolm Parkinson and SERV Treasurer, John Gibson MBE whilst members of the WI enjoyed



having their photo taken astride the huge 'bloodbikes'.

We had our first face to face meeting at a specially arranged visit to Denny Abbey. It was a wonderful sunny day and over 20 members enjoyed lunch together and exploring the Farm Museum and the Abbey. We were made very welcome by the staff and volunteers.

We shall continue to have a mix of Zoom and face to face meetings starting with a cream tea and craft display in St. John's grounds in September and a visit to the Waterbeach Military Heritage Museum in October.

Beach Bowls Club

The weeks have rushed by and the season has almost ended. As might be expected in these strange times playing bowls has not been straightforward this year. The weather has not produced many idyllic warm evenings and in fact it has often been cool and wet. We have had more games postponed because of heavy rain than usual and one which had to be abandoned after about only 3 ends. Players were prevented from playing, because of illness, injury and personal circumstances. But we persevered and completed all our league games with full complements.

In playing terms we can say the season has been a success. In the second division of the Cambridge and District triples League we overcame a difficult start because of the weather, Covid based absence and injuries, particularly to backs. We also lost a game we might have expected to win because of unceasing rain. In hindsight play probably should have been called off. But we persevered and after one or two close defeats we turned the corner and won 7 or 8 games in succession. This meant we were actually on top of the league with one game in hand. But it was only by a small margin and we had 3 clubs all with games in hand close behind us. Unfortunately they won their outstanding games and we lost ours. So in the end we finished 4th, but by a clear margin of nearly 20 points from the team in 5th place. In all we should not be too disappointed.

Several members entered singles and pairs knock out competitions under the auspices of the Cambridge and District League, with unfortunately nobody making great progress. However, the team competition was a different story. We normally enter a team, but in the last 10 years or so have never progressed from the first round. But this year we picked up the winning habit. In the first round we beat Needingworth of the 3rd division and then overcame Coleridge who we had already beaten twice in the league. It was then our turn to face competition from clubs in the highest division. We first beat Balsham who ended up third in their league and then old rivals Isleworth, who finished nearer the bottom, but are still very difficult to beat. But we managed to win and now find ourselves in the final at Great Chesterford on 11th September playing Cambs and County for the Gilbert Cup. They are a very successful and experienced club and it will undoubtedly be a serious challenge for us. But we shall try to do our best.

We also play pairs in the Cambridge and District Business House League with 2 teams. The A team were the more successful and were close to the top near the end, but then faltered slightly and ended up 6th. The B team finished a few places below.

We shall be holding our AGM shortly when we shall look at what we have

achieved this season and plan for the next one. We shall also thank everyone who has helped us including supporters. We were pleased when spectators were once again allowed to spend time at the green. We shall also help the groundsman in the next few weeks to carry out work to the green to make sure it is in even better shape than it has been this year. It has looked good and playing on it was enjoyable.

Finally we hope that decisions can be made about our new pavilion so that work can start as soon as possible.

Waterbeach Village Society

Who are we? - I know we wrote this last time, but for those who do not know here it is again. The Waterbeach Village Society meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month (September to May) in St. John's Church Room, Station Road, Waterbeach 7.30pm for 7.45pm prompt start. (Date may vary in December).

Car parking is behind the church and there is an entrance from the car park, up the steps to the Church Room. Disabled parking is by the front church gates beside the wall, use the path beside the tower to gain entrance to church room.

Regular attendees pay an annual subscription making them members.

Visitors are welcome at all meetings but are asked to pay the fee of £3.

The Society aims to stimulate interest in, and care for the attractiveness, history and character of the village and its surroundings. We offer a wide selection of subjects not just about Cambridgeshire and area, but of worldwide interest and stimulation.

Our first meeting was on Wednesday 22nd September when Rob Guyton gave an illustrated talk entitled 'A different way of living – two years spent in Ethiopia'

Future Programme of talks

Wednesday 27th October - 'Blast from the Past'. Members of a local Living History Society will give a presentation about the Local Defence Volunteers (LDV) and Watch, the women's section, should be interesting and fun! The LDV were the forerunner to the Home Guard or Dad's Army!

Wednesday 24th November - Becky Proctor – 'Cambridge Place' - tracing my family's past in a university city.

Wednesday 15th December - to be confirmed see next Beach News

The 2022 programme will be published in the December edition of the Beach News.

Anyone wanting to know more or could offer a talk which they think would be of interest to the inhabitants of Waterbeach please contact Adrian Wright, programme secretary adrianj.wright@ntlworld.com

Adrian Wright

WASPS

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

The WASPS Summer Holiday Club was action packed and full of fun and very much enjoyed by the children in July, when the sun was shining! Popular activities included making slime, science



experiments, water day fun (which was great for cooling down!), making fruit kababs, creating pizzas to tuck into for lunch and decorating biscuits. Highlights included a visit to the forest school area within the school grounds, a trip to the park and walking the 3-mile route of the PTA 'Summer LEJOG Challenge' in support of Headteacher, Miss Green's Lands End to John O'Groats cycle ride. Snack boxes, provided by

The Bridge were very much appreciated by the children to keep them going on their walk! The children enjoyed being out and about in our local community over the Holiday Club and they really impressed the staff team with their great behaviour and good manners to members of the public we came across on pathways and within the village. Free play opportunities were also provided alongside planned activities too, so the children could spend their time as they chose to, developing many skills through play.



We hope you enjoy seeing some of our photos from the summer! Look out for details of our next Holiday Club due to run in the October Half Term.

We are looking forward to the Autumn term ahead, we will be welcoming lots of new children and families to the club, as well as welcoming back our existing children too. We are hoping we will be able to operate with fewer restrictions going forwards and are very much hoping this will mean the children can return to mixing freely and opening our areas of the play space to all. We will continue to follow advice provided as and when it becomes available, to keep everybody safe.

Are you a keen gardener, with a little free time on your hands? We are working hard to keep our garden areas at the Playhouse, neat and tidy and free of weeds. If you would be interested in helping with this, please get in

touch on the details below.

If you would like more information or to find out how to make a booking, please contact us. If you are looking for childcare before or after school, we would love to hear from you!

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, updates and about our employment opportunities too.

Breakfast Club runs from 7:45 a.m. until the start of school 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.

Beaches Community Car Service

If people are unable to drive, use public transport or walk very far, even arranging a visit to a local surgery can become a major and worrying challenge.

BCCS provides a voluntary transport service for Waterbeach, Landbeach, Milton, Horningsea, and Chittering. It supports residents who do not have any other means of getting to medical and related appointments, be they at a hospital, treatment centre or surgery.

To function, it relies on two essential local teams of volunteers: coordinators and drivers. We have recently welcomed with open arms a new coordinator and a new driver. However, another coordinator would be really valuable and we are always looking for additional drivers.

For coordinators the work involves a few hours a week, over a two week session, with 6 to 8 weeks* between sessions, taking calls or checking messages from clients, and finding available drivers. A mobile phone is provided, so no additional costs are involved.

We are also in need of additional volunteer drivers.

For drivers, it involves responding to email requests from the duty coordinator who will have all of the details for a requested journey. You can respond as little or as often as you are able or wish. A mileage allowance is paid

Please email Mike Dean [m.dean@ntlworld.com] if you are interested and would like further information without obligation. He would love to hear from you!

*The more coordinators we have, the larger the gap between sessions!

Herons' Preschool



Herons' Preschool
Waterbeach

We had a busy end to the summer term, with our Open Morning on Saturday 10th July. The morning went well, and it was great to be able to show current and prospective families around our lovely building. In the afternoon on this day we also held a family picnic in our garden for our current families, and we also had our graduation ceremony for our leavers. There were a few tears shed, lots of smiles, and all of our leavers looked so grown up in their graduation gowns. We wish all our leavers the best of luck as they move on to the next chapter of their education at 'Big School'.

In the last couple of weeks one of the highlights for the children (and staff!) was International Mud Day. We had lots of different mud themed activities for the children to do, including playing in the mud kitchen and coming up with some delicious recipes, painting with mud, using the diggers and dumpers in a mud filled tough tray, exploring the mud between our toes and there may have been a few children getting messy by the end of the day...as they ended up getting covered in mud!

As we start the new school year, we're coming back really busy, with limited spaces available in our morning sessions. We're looking forward to welcoming back some of the children and also meeting the new starters as they begin their time with us at Herons' Preschool.

The Management Committee have also been busy behind the scenes, as they work on the change over to a CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation). Hopefully over the next couple of months the transition will have taken place, and we look forward to welcoming our new trustees who will form the new board of trustees. Thank you to those from the community that came forward to help Herons' Preschool move forward with this change. We will be planning some fundraising events for this academic year shortly, please keep your eyes peeled for more details soon.

We offer term time Early Years Education to children aged 2 - 4 years of age, 9.00am-3.00pm, Monday – Friday. If you would like to find out more about what spaces we have available, please contact Wayne Badcock (Preschool Manager) on 01223 863245 during one of the sessions or email info@heronspreschoolwaterbeach.org. More information can be found on our website too, www.heronspreschoolwaterbeach.org. We also keep our Facebook page regularly updated with details of upcoming events and what we've been up to.

What's in a name?

St John's Close

St John's Close isn't one of the better known streets in Waterbeach and the reason for its name is pretty self evident but writing about it a bit of a nostalgia trip for me. Many people must walk or drive past it each day barely noticing it. However, it is a part of the expansion of Waterbeach village which started after the sewage works in Bannold Drove, formerly serving only the barracks, had been enlarged and connected to the village in the mid 1960's.

Fifty years ago, early in the summer of 1971, we saw an advertisement for, a small development of new houses being built which used views over the church and churchyard in Waterbeach as a selling point – it sounded quite idyllic. We went out from Cambridge on the 109 bus one afternoon to have a look; the agent had told us we could knock on the door of number 5 which was by then occupied and ask if we could have a look at their house, which we did, rather to the surprise of the occupants who hadn't been aware of this generous offer. However, they were very kind and did show us round. On the strength of it we decided to get married and buy one of the five houses without looking any further. Prices ranged from about £5,100 to £5,500. The mid terrace was cheapest and the pair of semidetached were slightly more than the outer ones of the terrace of three.

Built on the site of a former coal yard and weighbridge it was indeed an idyllic spot. The view of the church and churchyard was beautiful especially in the morning and evening light; The careful thought put into the design of the church room built in 1975/6 meant that the view although different was still peaceful and beautiful. The church gained toilets and the village a very useful additional indoor meeting space.

Given the proximity to a listed building it is quite surprising that the 'modern' design of the houses in St John's Close was given planning permission as it was completely out of keeping with the setting of the listed church and Hall and the distinctive local vernacular of Station Road.



St. John's Close, Waterbeach 2021

However, external appearance apart, they were very well designed comfortable little houses. The indomitable Miss Hatley, who would call a spade a spade, had run Waterbeach

School with a rod of iron for a number of years and was by then a District Councillor, was extremely disapproving about the fact that the kitchen was at the front (or possibly just my poor housekeeping.) She considered that being able to see the Vim tin on the kitchen windowsill was an abomination. (Vim does still exist as a scouring cleaning powder but is no longer the household staple that it was in the 1970's). I have forgotten now whether I hid it after that. It was lovely to be able to wash up looking out at a building which had a history going back at least 800 years and would have seen so many changes but still stood, calm and peaceful.

At the back of the church what is now the car park was in 1971 a somewhat run down farmyard with a slowly collapsing thatched barn in the corner; I was told that it was listed but don't know whether this was true or not. At some point the collapse became complete. I have no recollection of exactly when or whether it was helped and for a time the whole area was very muddy and sometimes actually under water. Beyond it was a field with the humps and bumps of Waterbeach Abbey from which the Poor Clare Nuns were moved, not without protest, to Denny Abbey in around 1340. From upstairs at the back of our house we could look towards the railway and see part of the area which became Cow Hollow Wood at the beginning of this century; in 1971 it was just open meadow. On two occasions, in 1977 and 1978, it was flooded after very heavy rain and from the window we could see a sheet of water where the field had been. Flooding did not recur until 2001 and again about a year later when it caused considerably more damage. It was sufficiently dramatic for a picture of a submerged car in the station car park to reach the New Zealand press. However, the very young trees in the newly planted Millennium Wood, flourished.

In those days of not so very long ago, we could walk down Station Road to buy freshly baked bread from Bentons, and the milk was delivered which had been pasteurised and bottled at Shipps Dairy in Rosemary Road, (now Rosemary Newsagents). The now long empty almost derelict house opposite the end of the Close would sometimes sell produce from the front doorstep. One person from St John's Close commuted daily to London on one of the few stopping trains, joined by perhaps half a dozen others going to London or Cambridge. I travelled to Ely with a couple of other people on a rather decrepit train. The level crossing gates were opened and closed by the station man or even the signal man, whose box was by the station, and in winter a coal fire in the waiting room would await the bleary eyed morning commuters who at certain time of the year could watch the sun rise over the river bank their backs warmed by the heat of the fire.

This story of St John's Close, quite insignificant in some ways, nevertheless reflects the way in which Waterbeach has changed and developed over the last half century as land previously used for businesses which no longer exist and for smallholdings, orchards and other rural purposes now provides homes in a much cherished village.

Waterbeach Youth Club (WAY)

Give Back to the Community Day

At WAY Youth Club, we strive to instil the importance of team work and community engagement in our members.



We successfully applied to the National Lottery Connecting Communities fund allowing us to run a Giving Back to the Community Day on 4th September. The aim of the day was to get the members to plan a number of activities which would have a positive outcome for their community. Over 15 members took part in the planning and helping on the day. They baked cakes in the morning, collected 8 bags of rubbish from around the village at lunchtime then in

the afternoon they opened up a pop-up café serving all the goodies they had made to invited guests who had in some way supported WAY to stay open throughout the pandemic. The members showed maturity and behaved impeccably to ensure a good day was had by all. We will be conducting more litter picks throughout the term and are working on a gardening project to help improve the appearance of the area around the Tillage Hall.



Waterbeach Theatre Company

WTC is looking forward to welcoming back audiences for two nights only on 12 and 13 November. This will be Simon Brett's neat murder mystery *A Small Family Murder*.



With Tim Boden, Chip Colquhoun, James Dowson and Christine Easterfield in the cast, we guarantee this play will keep you guessing right up to the surprise ending.

As the running time is just over an hour audiences will be invited to stay afterwards to share a drink with the cast and hear about WTC's plans for 2022.

More information on the WTC website www.wtconline.org.uk

Military Heritage Museum



The Museum tells the story of the former airfield from 1938 when the land was bought and the RAF arrived in 1941. The Royal Engineers took over in 1966 until they left Waterbeach in 2012. The site is now to be developed as Waterbeach New Town.

Visitors - Since reopening we have been pleased to have had visitors again at the museum. There were a group of people from Strategic Command Defence Intelligence for whom we opened up, followed by a mother and aunt meeting family, son and grandchildren for the first time since Covid interrupted social interaction between families. There has also been a steady flow during the normal opening times of the first Wednesday and Sunday of each month from March to October. Our opening dates for the rest of this year are Sun 3rd and Wed 6th October, 10am to 4pm and special opening on Remembrance Sunday 14th November 1pm to 4pm.

Waterbeach WI will be paying us a visit in October. We are pleased to open the museum for groups outside normal opening hours. The community room in the same building as the museum affords the opportunity for visiting groups to hold a meeting or bring refreshments.

Bailey Bridge - The museum has received the donation of a model Bailey Bridge kit by 'BRONCO' and John Mayfield who did the construction, for which we are tremendously grateful. There must have been a lot of patience put in to this model when you think there are 34 separate pieces in each bridge panel section alone. The easiest to see Bailey Bridge is over the A505



linking the Duxford IWM site with the former military buildings across the road. That bridge was erected in a weekend by 39 Engineer Regiment who were resident at Waterbeach Barracks for about 46 years 1966 to 2012.

Friends of Waterbeach Military Heritage Museum - The museum Trustees are building up our group of 'Friends'. Every museum needs regular supporters and people interested in the success of its existence. To become a 'Friend' go to our website to find an application form or call in at the museum. New 'Friends' receive a unique members enamelled badge!

Artefacts and photographs - The museum is always looking out for items connected with the RAF and RE occupation of the Barracks and airfield. Should anyone have such items, whether they served at Waterbeach or a visitor we would be pleased to receive them into the collection including Burma Starr, air display days and engineer open days. A lot of the museum's artefacts went with the 39 Engineer Regiment and their Squadrons to Kinloss when they relocated in 2012 so there are holes in the collection and photographs. Can you help?

Waterbeach New Town development - The Trustees are pleased to see how the memorial garden by the lake on the former airfield and training ground is being incorporated by the developers U&C in to the design together with a memorial park next door.

For more information visit: www.waterbeachmilitarymuseum.org.uk, Email: waterbeachmilitarymuseum@waterbeach.org or follow us on Facebook.

Adrian Wright - WMHM Chairman

Gardening Club

Although the challenges of trying to run our Annual Show with the WI proved to be too much for us to let us run a Covid-safe indoor event at the beginning of September, the Gardening Club has been active in other ways and is beginning to run its normal programme of talks. We held a plant sale which proved to be very popular and raised money for two charities - Sreepur Village and the local food bank. We were pleased to donate the unsold plants to the Friends of the Farm Museum to help them to raise funds for their activities. We also held an outdoor garden party which was a very welcome opportunity to meet friends in a beautiful setting.



Our talks programme resumed with "From Flower to Jar - the magic of the honey bee" by local expert Doug Brown. The October meeting will be our AGM followed by an illustrated talk. In November we will welcome Louisa Gilhooly, a local garden and landscape designer who is a regular contributor to Garden Answers magazine. Her talk will be "Garden Design from Concept to Completion" and will be sure to give us lots of interesting ideas.

We meet on the third Thursday of each month in the Church Room from 7.30pm and non-members are welcome (admission £3 per talk). New members will be very welcome, too. One of the benefits of membership is access to the 40% discount on seed orders from King's Seeds. The new catalogues have arrived and now is the time to begin to plan next year's vegetables and flowers.

Waterbeach School



We are all set to start the new academic year and hoping that it will be a peaceful one, with no interruptions! It has been a rather manic couple of years with our new build, Ofsted inspection and then the lockdowns for COVID. We are all looking forward to returning to some sense of normal.....hopefully. Government guidelines are being followed and we will make sure that everything that needs to be done is covered, for the safety of everyone.

Huge thanks again to Mr Gilzean who has manned "the fort" during the holidays. Opening the school early for the Premier Holiday clubs and a variety of workmen who have replaced a boiler, decorated the hall and spruced up the site. The children returned on Monday 6th September. The place once again came alive!

I would like to extend a huge "thank you " to everyone in the community who



supported the children on their sponsored ventures and my own cycling adventure from Land's End to John O Groats in July. Both myself and Jessica Lechner, one of our Governors, cycled through some of the most amazing sights, with Peak Tours, in mostly hot weather. Our total mileage was 1009 miles. It was an amazing experience and I know that some of the children have set and met their own challenges this summer by cycling, walking and scooting many miles! Well done to them... and thank you. We are yet unsure of the amount that we raised for the school outdoor environment but it currently stands at over £3,000. More money is still to come in. The support of families and groups such as the Drama society, Rosie's child care and Premier Education is greatly

appreciated. The money will go towards outdoor equipment/ resources and may also help to fund a special garden in memory of Mrs Rabbett, our wonderful TA, who died last December. One of our parents, who runs a landscape design company, has generously created some amazing plans for this in line with the children's ideas. We are looking forward to working with him to making this into a reality over the course of the next year. We may need a few more fund raisers though - so please look out for details!

I am looking forward to seeing everyone again and working with our fabulous staff to get your children back into the swing of everyday school life. Onwards and upwards!

Jane Green - Head teacher

Friends of Worts Meadow, Landbeach

With restrictions eased and better weather, we have been able to resume our public events. Up with the lark at 6 a.m. in early June, 15 keen birdwatchers were rewarded with a beautiful sunny morning and 35 species heard or seen in the meadow and woods. A welcome and convivial garden breakfast afterwards was the icing on the cake of an enjoyable morning outing. However, my subsequent resolution to get up early more often didn't last nearly as long as it should have done!

Pond dipping was the order of the day on the end of August bank holiday Saturday. Squishy black mud around the edges of the main field pond did not deter half a dozen children, who with the help of their parents fished out many fascinating small animals (all subsequently returned to the water). Ten-spined sticklebacks were common (close relatives of the three-spined sticklebacks so



often found in small streams), as were adult and nymph stages of water boatmen (*Corixa* sp.), and fearsome-looking dragonfly nymphs, destined to become graceful flying adults next year or later. Other finds included numerous small water snails (*Bithynia tentaculata*), damselfly nymphs, small leeches, small wild-type goldfish (widely naturalised in southern Britain), pea mussels (*Pisidium* sp.) and abundant, tiny water fleas ('*Daphnia*').

The flood risk and biodiversity team of the CCC are hoping to get funding for major remedial work to the moat. This should prevent flooding out into the meadow (and onto the road), improve the visual aspects of this part of Worts Meadow ancient monument and maintain/improve the biodiversity. Temporary (summer) electric fencing, which WILL be in place next summer should prevent further 'poaching' damage to the banks of the moat.

Make a note in your diary for:

- Local Wildlife talk and wine and cheese social on Wednesday November 3rd, 6.30pm Landbeach Village Hall. All welcome.

FOWM volunteers help with the practical management of Worts Meadow LNR and meet on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 09.30am (August & December excepted). Our open events provide the chance to learn about and enjoy the wildlife of the site and help with recording. For more information, to send in wildlife photographs, or to be added to our email list, contact Frances on 01223 861836, frances.dipper@sustenergy.co.uk.

Remembrance Day 2021



Our village war memorials in Waterbeach and Landbeach were due for centenary commemorations last year. Covid safety restrictions caused delays, as we all know. This autumn churches and communities here come together to create and install some panels of Remembrance Poppies inside and outside the church buildings, near to our Grade II listed war-memorials. Many British war-memorials were installed in 2020, as soon as money had been collected by communities, and structures built. The 'Poppy Day' organisers, now known as the Royal British Legion, played a valuable role in establishing commemorations and they celebrate their centenary this year, 2021.

Over sixty people from our local churches, community and informal networks are decorating big panels of camouflage-netting with locally-crafted Remembrance Poppies. These will appear, with permission, on and in St John's, Waterbeach and All Saints, Landbeach in time for the next two Remembrance Sundays, 2021-22. Watch local media for the opportunity to donate funds to this year's Royal British Legion Appeal – and to this local project.

We are grateful to everyone who, through the low days of Lockdowns, has knitted or crocheted poppies and liaised regarding practical problems. We don't need any more poppies but we may be glad of help to get the netting into place in November. A special thank you is due to Camonets of Worcestershire who donated the netting.

Many of us know that war impacts down family generations. We may not have known the men named on our memorials but yes, 'We will remember them'. You will be very welcome to attend on or around Remembrance Sunday.

What connects us to the names on the war memorials?

'We would have known them: the village was so small' said a local friend, about those war-memorial named men. Now, we might know the houses where they lived. We might know their descendants. We might have learned



some of their names because they appeared on The Green in 2018, when they appeared in poppy-plaques on the trees to commemorate the end of the First World War.

Waterbeach in 1914 was roughly a quarter of the size it is now; the Census enumerated less than 1,500 people. Most children went first to the Infants School, then Elementary school. School-leaving was liable to 'interpretation': some of fighting men might have left that school aged 12; younger men may stayed until aged 14 [unless offered employment.] Large class-numbers in small classrooms were not unusual. Those young faces would have been 'seen around' at the Feast, then an annual fundraiser for distant Addenbrookes; or at any of the three Sunday Schools; or even in the pubs or at Temperance hospitality.

Did the Waterbeach air feel a little chillier after early recruiting and controversy about accommodation for Belgian refugees? Were some villagers still fired up by 'The Empire Car', a wagon in the 1914 Waterbeach Feast parade where people dressed in 'Empire national costumes'? Did Waterbeach people begin to exchange newspaper accounts about the action of the Cambridge and Suffolk Regiments, to which so many of the young men were recruited?

World War I had not run its first year before Private William Andrews of Way Lane had lost his life. In the next four years, homes on Greenside, in Denny End, and The Hall lost loved ones. The Day family lost three sons: two killed on the first day of the Battle of the Somme [1916], the third just months before the war's end in 1918. Not all were soldiers: two of the lost were signalman-sailors, one only 16 years old.

Waterbeach Military Heritage Museum has many of the archives and artefacts related to these losses, as does our parish church of St John The Evangelist, in Station Road. Private Roger Vernon Dymock had been churchwarden there: an individual plaque commemorates him; there is also an unusual installation in the South Aisle with all the names of those lost. The name of David Henry Wye appears also on the Liverpool St Station war-memorial; he had been a shunter with the Great Eastern Railway Company which transported local farm and market-garden produce to London. The names of many others from Waterbeach are on the War Graves monuments and cemeteries near former battlefields in Belgium and France.

Waterbeach borrowed the Parochial School premises for 19th July, 1919, to hold a public dinner to offer congratulations to each local surviving member of His Majesty's Forces 'sincere congratulations on his safe return home'. At the same time, cards were sent to the bereaved families, sending 'deep fellow feeling in human sympathy' for the loss of those who had made 'the great Sacrifice'. It is possible that local vicar Thomas Warrington had steered many of the commemorative initiatives.

What happened in Waterbeach after World War I?

Waterbeach was among tens of thousands of communities which responded to the heartbreak by raising monuments. Some did so to make life better for the living: elsewhere, halls, hospitals, even art-galleries took shape. Waterbeach discussed the idea of a 'garden city' of fifty dwellings; perhaps it opted for a war memorial because this was more readily achievable at a time when grief was raw?

The Portland stone, octagonal-based memorial was erected, then dedicated on 14th November 1920, unveiled by C R W Adeane CB, Lord Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire, and consecrated by Bishop Price on 14th November 1920. It had been designed by Captain Long, of Messrs' Atkinson and Long of Cambridge, and built by W Bell and Sons, of Cambridge. Six Cambridge Boy-Scouts played 'The Last Post' on that occasion and the churchyard was so full that many who had come to pay their respects or to place commemorative items crowded in further lines down Station Road. Like the church, the monument is now a Grade II listed structure. Certainly, the local Royal British Legion branch was formalised on 12th July 2021.

What changed in World War II?

World War II added further names to the Memorial, and in the church, a Book of Remembrance, and plaque to 514 Squadron. Lancaster bombers still fly commemorative flights over Waterbeach at Squadron reunion times; it's said that planes use for navigation marks the spire of All Saints, Landbeach, and until recently, the old airfield. Perhaps the Old Control Tower will prove another kind of monument as part of the new town developments on the site. The Royal Engineers [39] who followed 514 Squadron onto the site have made peacetime contributions to village life and have also plaque in the church.

To those who helped through those difficult times – and to those who are helping us through our own, now, thank you. We hope that our poppies spell that out...

<https://stjohns-waterbeach.org.uk/remembrance-day-2021/> *Angela Brown & Jane Oakes*



District Councillor Update

Hopefully you have managed to have an enjoyable summer. For most of us our summer plans were curtailed by the ongoing pandemic. My family and I had a lovely week in Brighton with just enough sunshine for some time on the beach. I have chosen to write about two topics of interest and relevance to us.

COVID-19 - South Cambs District Council has been supporting businesses and organisations as they have been getting up and running again. Growth Fund grants are still available to micro, small and medium size businesses. Local organisations have also been benefiting from Local Support grants. SCDC has distributed £30,000 to a range of local organisations in South Cambridgeshire to support families over the summer months with food, fuel and other emergency supplies.

As we emerge from the pandemic restrictions COVID case rates have continued to rise in some parts of Cambridgeshire. At the time of writing we have started to see a reduction in most areas but they may rise again as schools return.

The council has also been providing lots of opportunities every week for people to get their vaccine. To have a vaccine book online at www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19 or by phoning 119. There are also many walk-in centres and pop-up clinics in the area - find out where by visiting: www.thevaccinators.co.uk

As the schools return secondary school students are still being encouraged to test twice a week to help us identify those who have COVID without symptoms. Young people aged 16 and 17 are being urged to get vaccinated before the start of term.

Please continue to take extra precautions. For example, wearing a face mask in public places, limiting contact with others, especially indoors, and considering those who are more vulnerable.

Local Plan - The next stage of the Local Plan, 'the preferred options stage' has just been published by the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service (a partnership between South Cambridgeshire and Cambridge City Councils). Over 690 sites were put forward by landowners in the first stage "Call for Sites" but only 19 (3%) of them are being proposed for acceptance and, of those, many are extremely small. None of these are within Landbeach or Waterbeach parishes.

The top priorities of this Local Plan are to address the problems posed by climate change and the high cost of housing in our area and the new proposals allocate a fair share of additional housing between the two districts. This is the "preferred options" stage, which includes the proposed locations where homes and jobs could come forward in the years ahead. A further period of public consultation will begin on 1st November.

The Local Plan is not just about development; the plan strives to include

considerable environmental benefits too. For the first time ever, a “Call for Green Sites” was issued and the proposals include new green spaces and wildlife projects. The plan also sets a high bar for building standards, including policy recommendations for low carbon buildings.

Specially commissioned studies give robust evidence to show how we need to reduce the amount of water we take from the groundwater aquifer, including our internationally important chalk streams. This Local Plan will put constraints on the amount of development if the water issue is not resolved. Central Government and the water companies have to invest in this in advance of further growth; if they cannot or do not, the council will have no choice but to scale back growth.

Please take a look at the new section of the website, which includes an interactive map: (www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/localplan) and take the opportunity to comment during the next public consultation, which starts on 1st November 2021.

If you would like to get in touch about any of these or other local topics. My contact details are cllr.bearpark@scambs.gov.uk Tel: 07824 709153. Cllr. Rippeth's contact details are cllr.rippeth@scambs.gov.uk Tel: 07956 528223 and Cllr. Bradnam's cllr.bradnam@scambs.gov.uk Tel: 07950 241845.

Paul Bearpark

Patient Participation Group

Waterbeach PPG (Patient Participation Group) is a group of patients who act as a 'critical friend' to our Surgery. We have 13 members in the Core Group, which meets monthly with the Practice Managers to discuss developments at the surgery and raise any concerns that we have. Notes from the meeting are published and sent to any patient who asks to be part of the Virtual PPG. I would encourage anyone who is a patient at Waterbeach to join the Virtual PPG and send their details to me (Viv Cooper) on waterbeachppg@gmail.com

You will also be sent Health Updates from the Cambs and Peterborough CCG. Everyone at the surgery is working very hard to improve patient experience and we now have a full complement of doctors, nurses and admin staff. As with everything else in life at the moment COVID puts extra pressure on the clinicians and patients alike.

The surgery has been advised that due to the nationwide supply chain problems there will be a delay in the delivery of 'flu vaccinations. As soon as they have a confirmed date for delivery they will be contacting patients to book them in for their vaccinations. Also, they have been told that, as a result of the nationwide shortage of blood bottles, they must not undertake routine annual tests or non-urgent requested blood tests at the moment. An update on this situation is expected on 17th September.

The PPG are planning to help outside the surgery at the 'flu clinics. If anyone else would like to volunteer to help please email me. *Viv Cooper - Chair WPPG*

Farmland Museum



The Farmland Museum and Denny Abbey would like to thank all the Waterbeach families who visited us over the summer holidays and took part in our craft activities, trails and events. We had a great time and hope you did too!

Big events over the summer included our Farmland Museum Fete – at which we finally managed to get the maypole out - and a spectacular WWII weekend, with incredible re-enactors and live music.

The museum remains open until the end of October, with children's activity days in half term and a Halloween special at the end of the month. We also have an



exhibition of archaeology from the Waterbeach Barracks development running through September and October, at which you can find out more about the Iron Age and Roman history of the village.

Keep an eye on our website www.dennyfarmlandmuseum.org.uk for more information.

Don't forget all admission tickets are annual tickets, meaning you pay once and return for free as many times as you like all year. English Heritage members also have free entry to the whole museum.

We're open Thursday to Sunday from 10am to 4pm, with a great on-site cafe that has been fully revamped this year and is now serving lunches, homemade cakes and more!

Dates for the diary:

Sunday 26th September - Model Steam Engine Special! Following the success of our hugely popular steam event on Father's Day, the miniature steam locomotives will be running again all day.

Thursday 28th & Friday 29th October - Half Term children's craft activities

Sunday 31st October - Halloween Special Event

Wyatt's Field

A large crowd gathered in the evening sunshine outside Landbeach Village Hall and Social Club on 16 July to rename the recreation ground 'Wyatt's Field' and install a memorial bench seat, presented by Waterbeach Angling Club, in his memory.

Alan was the driving force in getting what was formerly a grazed field designated as a recreation ground for the village. He was very much a man of Landbeach; born into a farming family in The Brambles, in Green End, in March 1927, he started school in Landbeach, and farmed here all his life.



Daphne with Wyatt's Field plaque

Farming, and life for everyone, in those early years after the first World War was hard. There was no mains water in the village, and men would take water tanks on wheels pulled by a horse, to the village pump. I asked Alan about this, because I could not see how you got the water from the top of the pump opposite the church here into the tank. It seems there was a wooden chute from the outlet stretching across. Alan's job was to hold the horse steady while the water was pumped up, and woe betide if he let the horse move so the water shot across the road instead! Horses were gradually replaced by tractors on farms, and Alan not only drove on the family farm but he also worked for local farmers to earn some extra money. Skilled drivers were in short supply during the war, and Alan was employed to cut the grass on the Waterbeach airfield that had been created from farmland, as well as other airfields around Cambridge.

He and Daphne were married in October 1951 and started a family. As his own children grew, Alan realised that the village could benefit from a recreation ground. So he joined the Parish Council to promote this idea in 1967.

As it happened, the tenancy of the field by the Village Hall became vacant at that time and Alan was the driving force in getting it designated as a recreation ground for the village. He was involved in the levelling of the field previously used for grazing, and under archaeological supervision, flattening the medieval house platforms and the hollow way from the ancient Manor of

Brays to the Church. A large elm tree in the middle of the field succumbed to Dutch elm disease soon afterwards, and this resulted in the fine level and open recreation ground we enjoy today.

Alan was always concerned that the land might be subject to development so he pressed for the Parish Council to purchase the recreation ground from South Cambridgeshire District Council, and this was finally achieved in 2009, with a covenant preventing any possibility of building development taking place on the land – the culmination of 42 years persistence by Alan.

As well as serving as a Parish Councillor for 45 years, Alan also became our District Councillor for 18 years and was chairman of South Cambs District Council in 1998/2000. He was awarded an MBE for services to the council and the community in 1998, conferred by Prince Charles at Buckingham Palace.

Alan was a musical child and well known for playing a saw. He built up a large collection of mechanical musical instruments in the garage at The Willows in



Wyatt family and Angling Club seat

the High Street, and was President of the Musical Box Society of Great Britain in 1990.

And that's not even mentioned the 158 children that Alan and Daphne fostered over the years, nor so many other achievements of a full and rich life.

Ray Gambell (Photos Collin Brett)

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 Susan Wilkin, The Secretary, Waterbeach United Charities
25 Payton Way, Waterbeach, Cambridge CB25 9NS
Email: sp.wilkin@btinternet.com

Waterbeach Colts FC



Beer Festival 2021

Fantastic to see so many people getting together for the 17th WCFC Beer Festival, on the first weekend in September!

Highlights included a range of beers supplied by Milton Brewery; German Sausages; Kerief Catering serving South African and Jamaican cuisine; Attila's Grill; Carl Betson's Saturday disco; local performers providing live music all Sunday afternoon.

For the children..... our Under 8 and Under 10 football teams played matches against visitors Ipswich Town FC; bungee trampolines; ice creams and doughnuts; children and adults of all ages tested their skills on the Speed Goal, supplied by Premier Education, <https://www.premier-education.com>

A Charity Match kicked off the festival on Friday 3rd September at 6pm: a round robin match... Waterbeach Colts Coaches v Waterbeach Sunday FC v ECL Infrastructures, sponsors of the Beer Festival this year. ECL Infrastructures took home the winning trophy!

The Charity Match has raised £700 so far for Mummy's Star, a charity dedicated to women and their families diagnosed with cancer during pregnancy or within 12 months of giving birth – this charity has provided crucial support to a local family over the past year. Well done to all the players and supporters! If you would like to support, you can still do so at [https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/wtbbeerfestcharitymatch?utm_source=whatsapp&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=wtbbeerfestcharitymatch&utm_campaign=pfp-](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/wtbbeerfestcharitymatch?utm_source=whatsapp&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=wtbbeerfestcharitymatch&utm_campaign=pfp-whatsapp&utm_term=6a3d591439594adf9cd6dddd4a1bb334)

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Waterbeach Colts Football Club organises the annual Beer Festival, but we rely on many other people and groups to help us, for which we are grateful. The event raises important funds for the Club, which provides football for local children aged 5 through to 18, and also has a wider community reach. With thanks to: everyone who came to support the Beer Festival, to all the amazing volunteers who worked so hard, to the Parish Council Clerk, Shelley, and the Waterbeach Parish Groundsmen, Robert and Gary. Thanks to all those who lent and donated items, including Waterbeach Brownies & Guides, who kindly lent their tent! Thank you to Waterbeach Youth Club for litter picking help. Thank you to Pure Service, <https://www.pure-service.co.uk>, Cambridge United FC and Ipswich Town FC for donating the prizes for Speed Goal. A big thank you to ECL Infrastructures for supplying the fencing, helping with set-up, and providing a donation.

We are already looking for volunteers and sponsors for next year's Beer Festival. If this is of interest, please send a message to 07986 340 869 or elly.ruston@gmail.com and we will be in touch.

Community Warden

My name is Gill Bifield, and I am the new Community Warden for Waterbeach, Landbeach and Chittering. I have been in post now for nearly 2 months and currently supporting a number of people within the villages so you may have seen me around. I have worked for Age UK Cambridgeshire and Peterborough for just over 5 years now in different teams so have a good knowledge and understanding of the services we provide. Throughout my career, I have always worked within Health and Social care and feel this is where my skills are especially as I get so much satisfaction out of supporting people and ensuring they have access to all they need. In my spare time I like to listen to audio books, upcycling items and spending time with my family and friends.



The Community Warden Scheme is provided through Age UK Cambridgeshire and Peterborough and helps people over 60 years to remain living at home as independent and safely as possible. As a Warden I will make daily contact, Mon to Fri either by a phone call or a visit. Some of the things I can help you with are shopping, prescription collection, making phone calls on your behalf, help to complete forms, liaise with other services, arrange home safety checks etc. as well as just having a chat with you and providing a listening ear. For all new referrals to the scheme, there is a 2-week FREE trial and afterwards there is a small weekly charge for this service.

If you would like more information or to refer a neighbour, relative or friend, please do give me a call on 07977219403. If I do not answer, please leave your number and I will return your call promptly.

Waterbeach Turbary Charity (Reg No 201529)

Applications For Heating Grants

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

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

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

Please send details to:

Mrs S Wilkin, The Secretary, Waterbeach Turbary Charity
25 Payton Way, Waterbeach, CB25 9NS Email: sp.wilkin@btinternet

Closing date for applications is 24 November 2021

Waterbeach Baptist Church

Waterbeach Foodbank Reopening

We are pleased to announce that the Foodbank has opened again at the Baptist Church on Thursday mornings between 11am - 12pm.

We have a new Lead Co-ordinator and a small team of volunteers, all of whom live in Waterbeach and have a desire to help those who are in need.

On receipt of a foodbank voucher, food is given for up to 4-5 days in Family and Single/Couple sizes along with laundry items and toiletries.

The Foodbank refers clients to our own dedicated Citizens Advice Team who provide opportunities to improve money management, debts and benefit maximisation, along with many other signposting opportunities.

If you, or anyone you know, might be in need during a difficult time please contact us, we are here to help. Vouchers are issued by a supporting agency; please ring 01353 468626 or email www.info@elyfoodbank.org.uk for advice on where to get vouchers and help with any other queries.

Donations for the Foodbank can be brought to the chapel on Thursday mornings between 11am-12.00pm

For further information, or you are thinking of volunteering and/or you would like to visit the work of the Foodbank, then please do get in touch with Cathy, the Project Director of Ely Foodbank. She would be very happy to chat with you and show you what they do. Cathy Wright 01353 468626 or www.elyfoodbank.org.uk www.waterbeachbaptist.org / 01223 862494

Tillage Hall

Did you know that Waterbeach Tillage Hall had a brand new kitchen fitted in the spring? Initial feedback from hirers has been brilliant as the new kitchen makes preparing and serving food so much easier and is a pleasure to use.

The kitchen has a central island and deep serving hatch, providing plenty of worktop space whatever the event. There's also a double oven, hob, microwave and fridge should you wish to prepare food in the hall. The cupboards are equipped with crockery, cutlery so you don't need to bring your own.



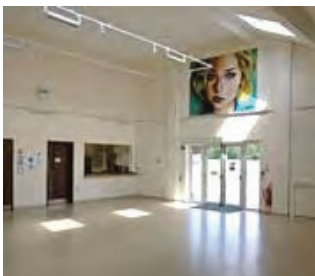
Waterbeach Tillage Hall is a spacious, clean and welcoming venue available to hire for regular classes or one off events, such as birthday parties. The main hall measures just under 10m x 10m. Plenty of chairs and tables are available for hirer's use.

The vaulted ceiling and Velux windows bring a lot of natural light into the hall and during fine weather the patio doors can be opened fully to make the most of the lovely view onto the recreation ground.

Regular classes at present include Slimming World, Zenmuma baby yoga, Hartbeeps, Creative Movements, Yoga Bright for adults and WAY youth club.

With prices starting from just £12 an hour (including use of all facilities) the hall is very competitively priced and we would be happy to answer any questions you may have or give you a tour by prior appointment.

For more information please email Emma Downie, the Hall Manager, on enquiries@tillagehallwaterbeach.org.uk.



Waterbeach Football Club

In the Spring edition of Beach News we published a photograph of Waterbeach Football Club from years gone by and we asked if anyone could assist with the date or names any of the members. One of our readers kindly provided with some of the names which we published in the Summer 2021 edition. However, we have since received updated information from Bill Spencer, with help from

Neville Diver and John Morris, who have managed to identify everyone on the photo. They think the photo is probably a little later than stated before, possibly 1959-60. They also recall that the Cambridge United players came to the Waterbeach Club to train and coach.



Back row includes – Fred Davis, Mr Langran (ran the Chocolate Box, now PO), Roy Kirk (Cambridge United), Roger Smith, Jimmy Gibson (Cambridge United), Keith Taylor, George Gifford

Second row – David Neville, Roger Howlett, Club President- Ken Shipp (from Rosemary Dairy now Rosemary Newsagents), Tony Lord, Ralph Misson

Front row - Ken Jefferson, Hector (Jock) Gilzean, Neville Diver

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

1 ST WATERBEACH BROWNIES	Tiffany Langton - 07846 961255
2 ND WATERBEACH BROWNIES	Penny Clay - 07915 046483
1 ST WATERBEACH GUIDES	Holli Bielby - 07779 408588
1 ST WATERBEACH RAINBOWS	June Stephen - 07956 949964
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WASPS (WATERBEACH AFTER SCHOOL PLAY SCHEME)	Sarah Heil - 01223 861140
WATERBEACH & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB	Jerry Cooper - 01223 574050
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WATERBEACH INDEPENDENT LENDING LIBRARY (WILL)	Maggie Crane - 01223 440560
WATERBEACH MILITARY HERITAGE MUSEUM	Mike Barry - 01223 861015
WATERBEACH PARISH COUNCIL	Parish Clerk - 01223 441338
WATERBEACH SALVATION ARMY	Lt. Stephanie White - 01223 440190
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WATERBEACH THEATRE COMPANY	Julie Petrucci - 01223 880023
WATERBEACH VILLAGE SOCIETY	Adrian Wright - 01223 861846
WATERBEACH WI	Viv Cooper - 01223 574050
WAY (WATERBEACH & LANDBEACH ACTION FOR YOUTH)	Caroline Ward - 07749 738870
WOODLAND TRUST - COW HOLLOW WOOD	Adrian Wright - 01223 861846

Other useful numbers:

BEACHES COMMUNITY CAR SERVICE	07807 875878
COMMUNITY WARDEN	07977 219403
DISTRICT COUNCILLOR	Paul Bearpark - 07824 709153 / Judith Rippeth - 07956 528223
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
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Waterbeach Barracks and Airfield

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

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

Military Heritage Museum

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

Find out more

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

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