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Cinderella

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Musical Direction by
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January 2022

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Community Association



Hello everyone and welcome to the winter edition of the Beach News. Firstly, please let me introduce myself. My name is Alasdair Pentland and I am the new Waterbeach Community Association Chairperson. I have lived in Waterbeach for 6 years and am involved with a number of the Associations member groups. My children have participated at all ages of the Guide and Scout organisations, and I am a parent helper with the Scouts. I am a member of the WASPS Afterschool Playscheme committee and Chairperson of Waterbeach Cricket Club, who re-joined the association a couple of years ago. I would like to thank the members of the association for having me as their chairperson.

Waterbeach Community Association - There have been a number of other changes in the Association's officers since the publication of the last Beach news edition. Having had difficulty finding volunteers willing to take on the positions of treasurer and secretary in a meeting in October, a new request for volunteers was put out and a meeting held on the 8th November. At the meeting a new Treasurer, Jeremy Brookman (St. John's Church) was elected. To try and spread the work over a larger team a number of assistant posts were created and have been filled as follows: Minutes Assistant - Zoe Badcock (WASPS), Members Assistant - Pam Clack (Beach News), Social Media Assistant - Fiona Thomas (Waterbeach Community Playgroup), Beach News Advertising Assistant - Beth Pettit (Herons' Preschool). No new secretary was elected and Pam Clack is continuing as secretary with the assistance of David Palmer. I would like to say a big thank you to all the people who've joined the team and thanks to everyone who showed interest

in supporting us. Many thanks are also due to Pam and Adrian for the work they have done and are continuing to do for the village community.

Christmas - I am very pleased to be able to say that the Carols on the Green will be going ahead this year, subject to any government restrictions in place at the time. The carols will be led by Martin Ensell from the Baptist Church on Christmas Eve at 6:30pm, I look forward to seeing you there. The carol sheet will be available on the evening or you can download a copy in advance from www.waterbeach.org. Please remember to bring your lights, torches, lanterns etc. as lighting is limited on the Green. Along with the carols we also have the tree and lights which each year appear as if by magic but in reality, take a lot of hard work. I'd like to thank Gary Langley and team for putting up the lights, Urban&Civic for donating the tree, Bannold's for transporting it and Pam and Lee Clack along with Bill Moon who put it up and decorate it. Each year at the carols we have a collection for a local charity and this year it will be in aid of Centre 33 Young Carers Project who work supporting young carers in the local area. This is always important work but has become doubly so with the added pressures and stresses the COVID pandemic has put on these young people. I encourage you to read more about the work they do on page 3, and please give generously to the collection. I also have a polite reminder associated with the COVID pandemic; please remember that COVID has not gone away and infection rates are still high. Although vaccines have allowed us to hold the Carols on the Green, we need to be aware and take precautions during the festivities. We request that everyone who attends maintains social distancing, wears a face covering where possible and follows the latest government advice during the event. Thank you for helping to keep everyone safe.

Feast 2022 - After two disappointing years we are planning to hold the Waterbeach Feast on the 11th June 2022. We've already had a good response to our request for volunteers to help in the organisation and run the event. Planning for the Feast will start at a meeting on Monday 10th January 2022 at 7 pm in Waterbeach Baptist Church. We are still looking for volunteers, so if you are interested in playing a part (even a small one) in this great village event then please come along, or get in touch and let us know you're interested.

Beach News - Contributions to the Beach News are always welcome. Articles can be on local events, local clubs happening or general interest. Pictures or photographs help to add interest to the magazine (be sure to check out the online version at www.waterbeach.org where the magazine can be viewed in full colour). If you happen to spot them on their rounds, please join me in saying thank you to the volunteers who deliver Beach News throughout the area.

Thanks for reading, Merry Christmas and best wishes for 2022. *Alasdair*

Centre 33 Young Carers Project

Did you know that 1 in 5 young people are a young carer?

We know that there are around 400 pupils at Waterbeach Primary School, so there alone there could be 80 young carers!



What is a Young Carer?

A young carer is a child or young person who offers practical or emotional caring support to someone with a mental or physical illness, disability, or is dependent on drugs or alcohol. They carry out significant or substantial caring tasks, taking on a level of responsibility that is inappropriate to their age or development. If you are a young carer or you know one – remember.... You/they are not alone! There is plenty of support out there!!

Centre 33 Young Carers Project supports Young Carers living in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

Depending on the young carer's needs we can help in lots of different ways including:

- Offering a Young Carers Needs Assessment
- Giving them someone to talk to
- Helping them to meet other young carers in a similar situation
- Support them with life transitions like starting a new school

For children under the age of 13, we must get parents' consent to a referral. For young people aged 13 or over, they can self-refer without their parents' consent.

A referral can be made by:

- Speaking to the young carers' champions at School. We have a list of those on our website!
- By calling us
- By text/WhatsApp
- By completing our online referral form
- By speaking to a professional you are already working with, e.g., family worker, social worker, so they can refer you into the service

For more information:

Telephone: 0333 4141809

Website: www.centre33.org.uk

Text/whatsapp: 07514 783745

Email: help@centre33.org.uk

Community Playgroup



It has been lovely to welcome all our children and families to a new and exciting autumn term. As always in September, we have enjoyed waving to our summer leavers as they confidently walk past the playhouse on their way to big school.

We are enjoying the early autumn sunshine together in our garden, building dens, making outdoor pictures and exploring smells and textures of the season in our sensory trays.

We want to share with you a Christmas cooking activity that you can do with your child, and that we will be making soon at the Playhouse:

Santa Hat Rice Treats

Ingredients

- 300g bag of marshmallows
- 175g of rice krispies cereal
- 3 tbsp softened butter
- Red food colouring
- Vanilla frosting



Directions: In a large mixing bowl combine marshmallows and softened butter and heat for 1 to 2 min or until your marshmallow starts to get soft and puffy. Mix in enough food colouring to colour your marshmallows red and stir well. Now mix in 3 cups of your rice krispies, give it a quick stir and mix in the other 3 cups. Scoop and press your red rice krispies into the bottom of a baking pan and let set for an hour. Cut your rice into triangles and place them onto a piece of parchment paper. Fill a decorating bag with a star tip with vanilla frosting and use it to frost the bottom of your hats and a star dot on the top.

Children will have plenty of fun making them, and these Santa rice hats are also very easy and yummy!!

Waterbeach Community Playgroup provides a fun, safe environment with an emphasis on learning through play. Children are welcomed from their second birthday to attend sessions between 9am and 3pm, Monday to Friday, term time only. We have plenty of time for free play and group time, both indoors and in our spacious garden, and we offer an extra activity each day of the week for our children. These include: forest school, library visits, French group, Start Sporty sports sessions, and a newly developed programme of STEM activities.

We have places available for this year, and are currently taking bookings for new starters for the spring and summer terms.

We offer 15 or 30 funded hours for 3 yr olds and qualifying 2 yr olds. Or our

fees are £5.50 per hour (3 and 4 yr olds) and £6.50 per hour (2 yr olds). Please check our website to see photos of what we have been getting up to, or get in touch for more information: www.waterbeachplaygroup.org.uk, info@waterbeachplaygroup.org.uk, 01223 440769.

Waterbeach Cricket Club

Hello everyone, it's dark and wintry outside, so I thought I'd remind you of warmer summer days, the sound of leather on ash and give you a quick summary of the cricket club season. With no league games last year this was our first season in Division 3 of the Business House League following our promotion 2 years ago. The step up in opposition was apparent in the first two games where despite scoring much higher than previous seasons (139 and 130 from 15 overs) we lost to Bluntisham and Stapleford. We made better progress in our third game against the Royal Society of Chemists – the team we'd beaten on the final ball in 2019 to ensure promotion – with a comfortable 9 wicket victory with 4 overs to spare. A defeat to NCI and victory over a young Histon team completed the league season. Bluntisham bounced back to Division 2 having won every game – and the only team to score more than 100 runs against them was us with 139! We finished 4th with some valuable experience of what to expect for next year.

Competitive league cricket has only ever been part of the activities of the cricket club. Participation and entertainment for all our players has always been vital to the life of the club. With around 30 players this year playing twelve games (league and friendly) we've managed to get a lot of enjoyment from this season. It was also very pleasing to see some younger players in the team this year. If there was a downside to this season it was in having to cancel two Sunday friendlies, despite the number of players we have we still struggle to get a team together to play regular weekend fixtures. We're always looking for new players so please get in touch WaterbeachCricketClub@gmail.com or @waterbeachcricket on Facebook or give me a ring on 07751 786040 if you are interested in playing.

I'd like to thank all of the players for taking part, I'd also like to say a big thank you to Gary and Robert the groundsmen – who got the wicket playing better than ever this year, and all that while protecting the unique flora. Thanks also to Nigel Armstrong for his redesign of the club logo and for working with Urban&Civic to get sponsorship for the new team shirts. I'd also like to say a big thank you to Milton Cricket Club and Champ of Thames for last minute fixture rearrangement when the recreation ground became unusable at the end of the season. Finally two upcoming events – a midwinter social at The Sun on Wednesday the 26th January and the Club AGM on Wednesday the 23rd February.

Waterbeach Scout Group



All sections are now back up and running. Due to Covid 19 we have some new times. Beavers meet on Mondays starting at 5.45pm and finishing at 6.45pm. Cubs meet on Thursdays starting 6.30pm and finishing at 7.45pm. Scouts meet on Tuesdays starting at 7.00pm and finishing at 9.00pm. Explorers Scouts meet on Tuesdays starting at 7.00pm and finishing at 9.00pm. If you would like to join any of the above sections, please contact our Group Scout Leader his number is in the back of the Beach News or email him on william.moon1@ntlworld.com

The Scout Hut is now complying with Covid 19 regulations and with all risk assessments in place we are ready to have some Scouting fun.

Christmas

Given the ongoing Covid situation Waterbeach Scouts will be unable to do the door-to-door collection with the Santa Sleigh this year.

However, knowing how much enjoyment both the Scouts and Leaders get from meeting everyone we don't want to miss out again, so with the kind permission of the Parish Council, we will be having a



Pop-Up Santa event on Waterbeach Green on Saturday 18th December at 2-5p.m. Come along and see Santa (donations only) at our pop-up tented village! We will also have a few stalls - craft, cake stall and a raffle.

Everyone welcome, no booking required. We would be delighted if as many people as possible could join us and enjoy visiting Santa.

You look like a role model

Week by week, our volunteers empower thousands of young people to learn new skills, make new friends and stand on their own two feet.

Our door is open to people of all ages, gender, race and backgrounds, and we're only able to change lives because people like you lend a hand. We're talking about tea makers, tidy uppers and skill sharers. We're talking about mini bus drivers and first aiders. We're talking about students who want to boost their CV, and parents who volunteer so they can spend more time together as a family.

We provide the training. You show up, get stuck in, and make memories for life. Contact waterbeachscouts@gmail.com for more information.

WASPS



We have some good news, on Friday 8th October, WASPS had an Ofsted inspection! The report has now been published on the Ofsted website, we received the 'Met' outcome, please take time to have a look and find out what we have been doing well.

There were three possible outcomes of the inspection, 'Met', 'Not met with actions', 'Not met with enforcement'.

Our new Foundation children have now joined us and have spent the past few weeks testing out all of our resources, making friends and learning the new routines. All of the children have been very busy, they have enjoyed being back in one large group, rather than the smaller groupings we needed to have previously, and they have enjoyed independently preparing their own snacks again in the breakfast and afternoon sessions.

The children recently enjoyed pumpkin carving and Halloween bingo at the after-school club and at our Holiday Club in Half Term, they enjoyed making s'mores, taking part in a mummy competition and Halloween crafts! On the 5th November the children enjoyed making edible sparklers from bread sticks dipped in melted chocolate and sprinkles!



WASPS have a new phone number, if you need to call us you can make contact on 07858 975397, this will be our main club number and replaces the previous landline phone number.

We currently have a vacancy for a Playworker, please get in touch with us for more details.

We will be running a WASPS Holiday Club day on Tuesday 4th January 2022 (school training day), look out for details!

Over the next few weeks, we are looking forward to running a small fundraiser at the club for Children In Need, taking part in the PTA Winter Fair (which will have already happened by the time you read this) and of course... dare we say it... Christmas activities!!!!

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, @WaterbeachWASPS, 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 07858 975397 during opening hours. Outside of opening times, please leave a message and a member of the team will return your call when convenient.

Gardening Club



We are beginning our first, tentative steps back towards running normal club activities but with all the necessary modifications to ensure that we minimise the risks of Covid transmission. We are following the changing advice from the government and sharing our experiences and lessons learned with other, similar organisations.

Following the first talk on bees and beekeeping that was reported on in the last edition of Beach News, our October meeting was our AGM (the first since 2019 for obvious reasons). This was well-attended and a new committee was elected to steer the club through the next twelve months. The business part of the meeting was followed by an illustrated talk by the Chairman. He spoke about his visits to two spectacular gardens in South Africa. The first was the Kirstenbosch Botanic Garden with a dazzling display of flowers such as vygies and proteas set against a stunning backdrop of Table Mountain. The second was Babylonstoren which is a successful vineyard with vegetable patches and magnificent displays of clivias. Members agreed that they are looking forward to some more adventurous travelling when circumstances allow.

In November we were visited by Louisa Gilhooly, a frequent contributor to Garden Answers magazine. She gave an interesting talk on garden design from concept to completion which she illustrated with photographs of projects in which she has been involved.

We will not be meeting in December (as is usually the case) and hope to be able to hold some form of New Year Social in January. From February we will resume the talks programme and hope to be able to open up our meetings to visitors as soon as restrictions can be relaxed further. If you would like more information about our activities or membership, please email us at wandgc@outlook.com.

District Councillor Update

As I write in mid-November the pandemic is still very much on our minds and case rates have shot up since the start of the academic year in September. At the start of this month Cambridgeshire, Peterborough and Suffolk were declared an Enhanced Response Area. Addenbrookes has declared a critical incident which means they are working at full capacity as are other hospitals in the region. The message is very much to keep fresh air circulating by opening a window for at least ten minutes in the hour if socialising indoors, to wear masks in indoor public spaces especially if crowded and when travelling on public transport, and most importantly to get vaccinated to maintain your level of protection against the virus in these winter months.

The National Booking Service was updated on 8th November to allow those eligible for a booster vaccine – people over 50 and those most at risk of COVID-19 – to pre-book their jab five months after their second dose. People will still receive their vaccine six months after their second dose, but the change will allow people to receive a jab the day they become eligible, rather than waiting for a convenient appointment. People will also be able to book by calling 119 and can get vaccinated at hundreds of walk-in sites across the country six months after their second dose without an appointment. Those eligible can use the NHS online walk-in finder to locate the most convenient site.

The second topic that I wanted to cover is that of consultations. The Greater Cambridge Local Plan: First Proposals (Preferred Options) is open for the public to comment on until 13th December 2021. There are no new proposed sites for development in either Landbeach or Waterbeach, although it is being proposed that the build out of the new town should be sped up by bringing forward a further 1500 homes into this next plan. If this were to happen an extra 1500 homes of the overall total (which remains the same) would be built before 2041 instead of after that date. Please do comment, even if briefly; you can comment on just one or two areas of interest which would only take fifteen minutes of your time. Please visit www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/localplan

The Greater Cambridge Partnership also currently has two proposals out for consultation; one of those being Cambridge Eastern Access looking at transport options around the Newmarket Road area; but, the more directly relevant one to all residents in and around the Cambridge area is Making Connections. <https://greatercambridge.org.uk/making-connections-2021>

This consultation is asking for people's views on proposals to radically enhance bus and active travel (e.g. cycling) journeys. It runs until Monday 20th December. In conjunction with this consultation the GCP are also

running online community forums. The Northern Area Community Forum will take place on Tuesday 14th December 6-8pm which will focus on the Making Connections consultation but will also provide a brief update on other GCP schemes including Waterbeach to Cambridge (busway), Milton Road, Histon Road and Greenways. To attend this event, please register on https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_eDQ1GoKmSZKFB07pAdlw1w

If you want to get in touch on any matter in this update or any other query or issue, please do contact me on Cllr.Rippeth@scams.gov.uk or on my mobile 07956 528223 or alternatively contact my two ward colleagues – Cllr.Bearpark@scams.gov.uk or Cllr.Bradnam@scams.gov.uk

In signing off, let me wish you all a happy and safe Christmas and New Year – let's hope for as full a return to normality as possible in 2022!

Cllr Judith Rippeth

Waterbeach Theatre Company

Thank you to those who supported our November production *A Small Family Murder* in the Tillage Hall. We hope you enjoyed the experience.

The Tillage Hall will be our home once again in January 2022 for Waterbeach Theatre Company's annual pantomime. Of necessity this will be on a much smaller scale than our usual pantomimes but it will be a 'small-sized panto, with full-sized fun!

'CINDERELLA' written and directed by Kattreya Scheurer-Smith.

Welcome to Castlemore where we meet our beautiful Cinderella, oh she does have a hard life, constantly cooking and cleaning for her evil step-sisters Sharon and Tracy! However, it's not all bad, of course she has her trusty best friend Buttons! The Prince has returned from his year abroad and his parents need him to find a wife! Oh deary me, that's just not his style! Who is this mystery girl he meets in the woods...? Enter our Fairy Godmother, and it's a magical panto we have! Oh yes it is!

Performances at The Tillage Hall, Waterbeach

Friday 21 January at 7.30pm

Saturday 22 January at 2pm and 6pm

Sunday 23 January at 2pm and 6pm

Tickets: £10 Adults, 16 & under £5, Family Ticket £28.

Tickets are limited to 50 un-numbered seats per performance and will be on sale on 1 December from 01223 880023 or book online www.ticketsource.co.uk/wcp

Book early to avoid disappointment.

For more information visit WTC website www.wtconline.org.uk



Girlguiding in Waterbeach



Waterbeach Brownies, Guides and Leaders were all excited to return to residential trips over the summer. A 35-strong cohort of Brownies and Guides visited PGL Caythorpe in Lincolnshire, enjoying adventurous activities including climbing, canoeing, archery and giant swing.

Waterbeach Guides also enjoyed a night under canvas at Grafham Water Activity Centre, taking part in water and land activities including kayaking, stand up paddleboarding, high ropes, archery, power boating and a mountain bike expedition around the lake. Some of the girls even challenged themselves to some mountain biking jumps! It was fabulous getting back to camping again. The Guides joined up with Milton Guides on the Saturday evening for a traditional campfire with songs and s'mores.



Leaders Kath and Megan making egg bread at Guide camp

At our weekly meetings this term, the girls have been busy and engaged with a variety of activities.

Waterbeach Rainbows have been enjoying the outdoors by building dens and a campfire – with s'mores of course! They drew life-sized scarecrow pictures for a Drawing badge; cooked microwave chocolate mug cakes; made puppets; iced biscuits; created poppies and had a colour scavenger hunt.

1st Waterbeach Brownies have completed a Communications badge - learning some BSL, morse code and how to use the phonetic alphabet; completed an Aviation badge; celebrated with a Diwali themed evening - where they discussed the story of Prince Rama, his wife Sita and the demon King Ravana, before making lanterns and creating some rangoli art; and made poppies ahead of Remembrance Sunday.

2nd Waterbeach Brownies were invited for a special evening at the Botanical Gardens in Cambridge and experienced a bat walk. They learned about different bat species and the range of sounds they make. Walking around the gardens in the dusk with detectors to hear the bats was very exciting for them all!

2nd Waterbeach Brownies also continue to recycle crisp packets via the Terracycle scheme. Not only does it stop packets going into landfill, but it also fundraises a small amount for the Brownie unit too. They used this money to buy train tickets for their bat walk this term.

Please keep collecting and look out for notice of new drop off location.

All the units have been preparing for the Remembrance Sunday Service, with Waterbeach Guides polishing the brass, making wreaths, and creating poppy displays in St. John's Church. Wreaths were laid on the war memorial outside the church during the Remembrance Sunday act of memorial, with an additional wreath laid by two Guides in memory of their great grandad who had recently died.

As this goes to press, we look forward to Christmas – having fun making Christmas crafts with the girls and trips planned to go Ice Skating on Parker's Piece, plus an exclusive Girlguiding members-only cinema visit to see Disney's Encanto at Cambridge's Light Cinema.



Brownie, Eve and Rainbow Leader, June help attach poppies to the Remembrance display at St John's Church

#VolunteerwithGirlGuiding Leaders continue to give the girls an amazing experience with Girlguiding. All these adventures are made possible by the commitment of our volunteers. If you or your daughter would like to get involved in Guiding, please register online at <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/>

Waterbeach Day Centre

Wednesdays Needs You at Waterbeach Day Centre, Denson Close

If you are retired and looking to have a day out with good food and good company, come along and join us. We meet at 10.30am for tea/coffee and biscuits with the opportunity for a game of dominos or cards, then enjoy a freshly cooked two course lunch followed by bingo or a quiz, and then more tea/coffee with cake in the afternoon. All this for just £5 for the day.

Unfortunately, if we do not get some new members, we will have to close down leaving the members that already come with nowhere to go. Mondays will still carry on as normal as they are almost up to full capacity.

If you are interested and would like more information please contact either Mary Longstaff on 01223 564666 or 07711551766 or Shirley Hayhoe on 01223 440259 or 07767793505

Landbeach Swifts

While Waterbeach has had a healthy Swift population for many years, particularly along Providence Way, it was not the case in Landbeach. 20 years ago there were, maybe, a couple of pairs in the School House and in Mrs Pullen's shop on the High Street. Alas, both Mrs Pullen and her shop are long gone. The shop was pulled down and the Swifts lost their nests. This is a story repeated countless times across the country.

Nationally, Swifts have declined over 60% in the last 25 years and they are now on the Birds of Conservation Concern (BoCC) Red List for Birds - a bird considered to be endangered.

About 20 years ago, Swifts tried to enter a hole under our eaves in Old Beach Farm. The hole was too small, but one morning we noticed a Swift flapping with its wing stuck in the hole. After rescuing the Swift, this prompted me to put up our first nest box near the hole, but it was not until 2004 that we attracted the first Swifts to nest. That pair kept coming back to the same nest box until 2013. Roll forward to 2021, and we now have 28 Swift boxes on the house, with Swifts in 18 of them as well as 2 pairs of Swifts in Starling boxes. We have a wonderful display over our back garden, while sitting out with a glass of wine on balmy summer evenings

Our neighbours, Jenny & Frank Batten in North Farm have 14 pairs. At the other end of Landbeach, Bob & Elaine Humphrey have 15 pairs (including the Baptist chapel next door) and nest boxes in All Saints' Church belfry are home to 15 pairs this year. We have cameras in 4 of the church Swift boxes with a TV screen at ground level. There are video recordings online in this blogpost: actionforswifts.blogspot.com/2019/07/cameras-in-swift-boxes.html

This year, we had 66 pairs of Swifts in nest boxes in Landbeach, quite possibly more pairs than in Waterbeach!

Right now (November), our Swifts are somewhere over the Congo. In December, they will move on to Mozambique where they will stay until February when they will commence their journey back to Landbeach, arriving in May 2022. While the adults will return to the same nest box that they used last year, the young birds could end up anywhere in Landbeach, Waterbeach or further afield.

Wherever they end up, they will be looking for somewhere to nest, so why not try to attract them to your house? We would be happy to advise. Please get in touch:

Email: actionforswifts@gmail.com Tel: 01223860400 Web: actionforswifts.com
Facebook: www.facebook.com/Action-for-Swifts-1004173086267940/posts



*Swifts flying past All Saints'
Landbeach*

Salvation Army



We are very pleased to tell you that we have a new Minister, Lieutenant Stephanie White, who came to us in July. She has settled in well to village life along with her Lurcher puppy Alfie, who some of you 'dog walkers' may already have met! Captain Carol Baker has now moved to Whittlesey.

As we gradually came out of 'Lock Down' we decided to have our weekly band practices outside in the Salvation Army car park, which was very enjoyable on a nice summer's evening. In September we recommenced our Toddler Group on Thursday mornings 9.30 - 11.30. It's good to have little ones back in our Church. This group is for parents and carers and children under 5 years, term time only. £1.50 per family. All are welcome, just come along.

Although we weren't allowed to have our Annual Mammoth Charity Sale, Angie decided to have a Mammoth Yard Sale in the car park. It was a lovely sunny day, it was great to see so many familiar faces and everyone seemed to enjoy it. We would like to thank you for your support and for helping us raise a 'Mammoth' total of £802!!!!

We also recommenced our monthly coffee mornings, held on the 1st Saturday of each month, again it was good to see people meeting old friends, chatting and enjoying a bacon roll, a cream tea, cake and buying one of our home-made cakes to take home.

In addition to the above, you are very welcome to join us at 10 a.m. on Sundays for Christian worship, followed by a short Choir practice, which anyone is welcome to join in, followed by Learners Brass at 11.30, come and give it a blow!

Tuesdays at 2.30 p.m. is Indoor Bowls, open to all.

Thursdays at 2.30 p.m. is Home League – Christian based meeting, including craft, quizzes, tea and cake!

Thursdays at 8 p.m. is Band Practice

Bible Study is held on 2nd Tuesday and 4th Thursday of the month at various locations. Please contact us if you are interested.

Messy Church is held on the 1st Sunday of the month at 3 p.m. – a relaxed family service, with crafts of various types, followed by tea!

You can email us at waterbeach@salvationarmy.org.uk for more information.

Tel: 01223 506217 or 01223 440190. Check our website

www.salvationarmy.org.uk/waterbeach

If you need help in any way please ask, we will do our best to help if we can.

Hopefully next year we will be able to have a Mammoth Charity Sale again, which is a great way to recycle!

Please join us at our Carol Service at 10am on Sunday 19th December and come along so we can all sing Christmas Carols on the Green this Christmas Eve. Meanwhile, be careful and keep safe. God bless you all.

Waterbeach WI



In September we had a cream tea and craft display at St John's in the fresh air!

It was lovely to meet up with members, especially those who had not joined our Zoom talks. Members' art and crafts and recycling ideas were exceptional. We are raffling one of the beautiful quilts made by one of our members to raise money for breast and prostate cancer charities.

Our visit to the Military Museum in October allowed members to explore the museum exhibits and the personal stories of the Bomber Command aircrew and the Royal Engineers. Since the meeting, the daughter of Fred Brown, a member of Bomber Command has sent us copies of her father's memoirs 'Get Fell In!'

In November we had a fascinating talk by Fran Saltmarsh about the fashions of the Roaring 20s. The illustrations of examples of dresses, coats and hats and the intricate fabrics were exquisite.

On December 9th Captain David Parsons from Trinity House charity will talk about their work safeguarding shipping and seafarers and their welfare. It includes the maintenance of lighthouses and other navigation aids.

We send our love and commiserations to the family and friends of Jane Randall, one of members, who sadly passed away in October. We shall miss her.

Vir Cooper - President WI

Patient Participation Group

We have a Core group of 13 patients, who meet monthly with Bruce Abel, the Operations manager for MKGP+. We discuss ongoing developments and progress at the surgery and we share these with the Virtual PPG. We have about 40 members now. Each month a few more patients join, but it would be really good to have more people to share their thoughts and to be informed of developments in our local healthcare.

Every six weeks Chairs of Surgery PPGs in Cambridgeshire have the opportunity to meet, organised by the CCG. At the November meeting we had experts sharing information about Mental health and Well-being. There is so much help available for any of us who are struggling with our own mental health. Our GPs should, of course, be consulted whenever we feel ill, but I'd like to share a few websites which could be a gateway for getting help.

Info on Good Life fund: <https://www.cpslmind.org.uk/how-we-help/good-life-service/good-life-fund/>

The HAY sites can be found at: <https://haycambspboro.co.uk/>

The key message was 'Help is there when you need it and prevention is better than cure'.

For more information email: waterbeachppg@gmail.com

Beach Bowls Club

There was much activity as the bowls season came to its end. We held our club competition for the Henry Burling cup. It was an enjoyable evening which unusually ended with joint winners who were John Bayley and Bill Clough. Our pairs competition took place during August and into September. Many of the games in the mini leagues were very close, several with the result being settled on the last end. The final was held with Bob Doughty and Pam Black playing Tony Reuben and Steve Hutt. Bob and Pam coming out as the winners.

On the second Saturday in September we travelled to Great Chesterford to play in the final of the Gilbert cup which is a team competition for clubs who play in the Cambridge and District League. We met Cambs and County a very powerful and successful team who include several county players and who regularly win competitions. So we knew we were in for a tough game. After a long and in some ways a difficult season it proved to be one match to many. We did our best, but were beaten on the day. Nonetheless we did very well to get to the final and will be receiving the runners up trophy at the annual dinner in the new year.

After the final games were played the work continued. Several members met up and undertook the necessary work on the green after this year's play and to prepare for the next season.

We also met up at the green for our Annual General Meeting. Much discussion took place. One of the most important decisions taken was to withdraw one team from the men's league in the Cambridge Business House Pairs competition and instead take part in the mixed league. This has been an aim for several years and we look forward to our lady members taking part. We hope that this will encourage more ladies to join the club. We also agreed that the best way of achieving regular roll ups to take place is to hold them on a Sunday morning. Again we shall be delighted if this leads to a larger membership.

We are still urging Waterbeach Parish Council to come to a favourable decision about the new pavilion that has been proposed.

Anyone interested in the club should contact Terry Pauley (01223 860600) or Chris Rushmer (01223 861354).



Christmas Market

Sunday December 5th 11am - 4pm

Tillage Hall and Recreation Ground

Mulled Wine, Christmas Trees, Hog Roast, Pony Rides

Face painting, EACH supporting a tombola

Salvation Army Brass Band from 2.30pm till 4.00pm playing carols

Lots of arts and crafts

Please pop along, proceeds will go to Waterbeach Scouts and EACH

The Lancaster's Estate

"They say that variety is the spice of life. How true. If the only colour we had in the world was grey, wouldn't that be dull? If the only smell that ever entered our noses was that of wet sheep, wouldn't that be disappointing? If the only sound we ever heard was of someone sneezing, wouldn't that be annoying? Variety brings richness, vibrance and depth to our everyday, ordinary experiences.



This September we got to celebrate the diversity that exists in our neighbourhood*. As we hosted our second International Street Food Party, we enjoyed a variety of different cultures, conversations and culinary choices. On offer was pizza, Indian caramel pudding, vegan sushi, samosas, tuna cutlets, bread pakodas, rice pudding, potato biriyani and Irish Baileys cupcakes to name but a few. As friendships were forged over food and fun, we were able to swap recipes and talk about family upbringings and childhood traditions, all whilst the children played on the communal green. Differences were delighted in and similarities were shared as we rejoiced in the fact that the world

isn't just grey and smelling of wet sheep, it also smells of rice pudding, rhubarb crumble and real relationship.

*We did a little survey to see where people were from and discovered that our neighbours are from: Australia, Cameroon, England, India, Italy, Lithuania, Northern Ireland, Mexico, Philippines, Poland, Scotland, South Africa, Spain and Switzerland! "



Waterbeach Village Society

We meet in St. John's Church Room usually the fourth Wednesday of the month although this December is on the third Wednesday.

Wednesday 15th December 7.30 for 7.45pm

1816: The Year Without Summer: A global catastrophe. A local story.

Join Waterbeach celebrated author and Costa-shortlisted novelist, Guinevere Glasfurd-Brown, as she discusses her second novel, *The Year Without Summer*, the story of the Tambora eruption and the devastating climate crisis that followed.

1815, Sumbawa Island, Indonesia, Mount Tambora explodes in a cataclysmic eruption, killing thousands. Once a paradise, the island is now solid ash, the surrounding sea turned to stone. But worse is yet to come: as the ash cloud rises and covers the sun, the seasons will fail. Told from several points of view, including Mary Shelley, artist John Constable, and Littleport rioter, Sarah Hobbs, *The Year Without Summer* is the story of the books written, the art made; of the journeys taken, of the love longed for and the lives lost during that fateful year. Six separate lives, connected only by an event many thousands of miles away. Few had heard of Tambora - but none could escape its effects.

Guin will bring a few books for purchase and would, no doubt, sign a copy for you. A signed copy would make an excellent Christmas present.

Our September talk, by Rob Guyton, about two years spent in Ethiopia was well received and gave an insight in to education in another country and its customs, friends made and escapades.

October saw four members of 'Blast From The Past' visit in period costume, talking about the formation of the men's WW2 Local Defence Volunteers and the 'Watchers', the female section. They brought a display of rifles, pistols, and other war time artefacts and some good recipes. The LDV only lasted a few weeks before it became the Home Guard we know of so well; or those who watch 'Dads Army' do anyway!!!

At time of writing the Village Society are seeing how the COVID-19 situation changes before taking booking for speakers. However, we hope to offer interesting evenings in January, February and March.

Look forward to seeing you on December 15th? Look out for posters on the Waterbeach Community Association notice boards and on local Facebook pages.

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

Waterbeach Fun Dog Show

"We had such a great time. Never been to a dog show before, our dogs and children loved it and it was so well organised, it really was about fun and dogs. The food stalls were delicious too. All for good causes as well. Roll on next year!"

"Excellent day out for all"

"My dog and I had a lot of fun. Thank you to everyone who made it possible"

This year's show was the biggest and best yet: Raising a whopping £900! Donated equally between the community Scouts and Brownies groups, and local dog rescue Animal Craziness.

Heron's Playgroup provided a great array of scrummy cakes and a tombola, to raise money for their new facilities. There were only a few crumbs left!

After such a long time of uncertainty and events being cancelled due to the pandemic, it was wonderful to be able to hold the show again. We were utterly amazed how many people came and everyone played their part in keeping it a Covid-safe event. A real moment of long awaited, 'community' spirit and fun had returned. It was clear to see that the village now has quite a lot more 4 legged members-lockdown family additions! Waggy tails galore! Most dogs went home with a ribbon and/or prize and 16 trophies are now proudly displayed in new homes. It was a pleasure to see so many dogs enjoying social time together and people enjoying company of others again.

Young and nervous doggies joined in at their own pace.....Clever tricksters entertained.....Golden oldies showed their wise and fun-loving ways.....So many breed varieties. Wonderful to see so many owners who care greatly for their four-legged friends. There are clearly some very talented, handsome, much adored paws, in the village and beyond.

Some people made use of the outing to enjoy a good picnic with friends and some made the most of the delicious street food van. Many people enjoyed Heron's' homemade cakes and the numerous small local business, craft and animal related stalls, whether they had a dog or not.



Best Puppy (novice) - Patch



Sonny

Thank you for showing them your support at a time that has been extremely challenging for them.

Thank you to everyone who came along to make the show a success for the show beneficiaries and enormous thanks to the many local businesses for supporting the show, without whose amazingly kind generosity we would not be able to run the show each year. We are so grateful.

Thank you too to the helpers who kindly give their time to help us make it happen.

Lastly but by no means least, in fact quite the opposite, thank you to all the doggies, who brought their two legged families out, for a brilliant day out with us.

Waterbeach Fun Dog Show will be back again next year – Sunday 26th June 2022!

Keep your PAWS AT THE READY and an eye on the Facebook page (Waterbeach Fun Dog Show) and Beach News for further details!

Jude and Wendy (Dog Show Crew)

Waterbeach Surgery

I would like to say a big thank you to all the Patients that have written in to thank us for all of the hard work since the CQC feedback

Please be aware that the practice doors are now open, with strict measures in place to help us to keep everyone safe. We are asking patients to wear a face covering when attending the surgery and to sanitise their hands when entering the building. We are continuing to clean down the waiting room chairs.

This is the latest information about the work of the Practice so that you can see the volume of demand for our services:

October Data from Waterbeach Surgery

Practice Population **5661**

Total Phone Calls for the Month of August: **5997**

Prescription Requests: **1000** (Not Phone calls)

Appointments In total: **2825**

Face-to-Face **1742**

Telephone Appts: **1083**

Prescriptions issued **1789**

2WW (urgent cancer referrals) **27**

Referrals: **166**

Smear tests: **28**

Blood tests: **222**

DNA, s (Did not attend) **173** this represents over 28 hours of Surgery Time

Please do your best to let us know in advance if you are unable to keep an appointment that has been made for you so that the time of our clinicians can be reallocated to someone else.

I have been made aware that some feedback has been given directly to the CQC by a few patients. Please can I ask if that you have any concerns with the surgery that you contact me at the surgery by phone or by the feedback link on the Waterbeach surgery website so that I and my team can deal with any concerns you may have as quickly as possible.

Can I make all patients aware that, if a telephone appointment has been arranged for you, the GP's will ring up to twice to speak to you regarding your appointment on the day. Please can you ensure that you have your mobile with you at all times and that it is not on silent, if that is your preferred number for us to call.

I would like to give a gentle reminder that this practice, like all others that I am aware of, operates a zero tolerance policy on aggressive and abusive behaviour. The staff at the Practice are working hard to give you the best service that we can offer.

We are very grateful to members of the PPG who gave up their time to act as marshalls at the two Saturday 'flu clinics that we ran in October. This freed up staff to ensure the maximum volume of flow of patients through the surgery on those days. The feedback from patients was very positive
I would like to wish all our patients a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Bruce Abel - Operations Manager

Waterbeach Community Association Carols on Waterbeach Green



**Christmas Eve
6.30pm**

**Please remember to bring your
lights, lanterns, torches
and face coverings**



**A copy of the carol sheet can be downloaded in
advance from www.waterbeach.org**

Landbeach Tithe Barn

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Barn
Trust

The Spend a Penny campaign hits its target!

A year after its launch the 'Spend a Penny' campaign has reached its £30,000 target - thanks to the Postcode Places Trust, a major anonymous personal gift and donations of all sizes from many other local supporters.

'Spend a Penny' will enable the installation of two eco-friendly 'Kazubaloos' for use by all those visiting or using Landbeach Tithe Barn, greatly enhancing its value as a local community asset. A great fundraising effort has been capped off by a generous £17,819 grant by the Postcode Places Trust that will enable these loos and also cycle racks to be put into place.

Gemma O'Shea, Tithe Barn Trust Chair commented: 'It is thrilling that we have reached our target and our greatest thanks go to all who have contributed. We are especially pleased that the Postcode Places Trust has recognised the added community value that these loos and cycle racks will bring via the Tithe Barn to Landbeach and our surrounding communities.'

It is hoped to have these in place by May 2022 so watch this space for news of events next summer that will celebrate this major step forward and capitalise on these enhanced facilities.

Heritage Open Day

Over 80 people took advantage of the national Heritage Open Day festival to visit Landbeach Tithe Barn on September 18th. This year's theme of 'Edible Britain' made the tithe barn, a place intimately associated with food production in years gone by, the perfect place for this. There was lots of interest people of all ages from a display of



Capriol dancers outside the barn



Grinding flour

medieval dance in traditional costume by the Capriol Society for Early Dance, complete with opportunities for audience participation and a chance to try your hand at hand making flour with a 'quern' - a traditional grinding stone. For children there were readings of the delightful tale of 'The Little Red Hen' and her determination to bake some bread and a 'small world' touch tray for smaller children to play with.

Outdoor Gym

Our 'outdoor gyms' are a great way to help look after the environment around the barn. On

Saturday 6th November around ten volunteers of all ages tidied the hedgerow leading to the barn and planted ox-eyed daisies. Our next outdoor gym will be on Saturday 19th February 2022 and will be another great opportunity to meet people and get some fresh air (and a little exercise) in a beautiful location.

Activities to enjoy at Landbeach Tithe Barn

Carols at the Tithe Barn

Saturday 11th December at 2.30pm. Free entry.

Start your festive season with carol singing and enjoy mulled wine or fruit juice and mince pies. Wrap up well.

To find out more about the barn, the plans for its future and what's on in 2022 go to our website <https://tithebarntrust.org.uk/>

Another way you can make a contribution : [Join our friendly family of helpers!](#) Make new friends, work in an amazing space and know that you're helping a great cause – three fabulous reasons to get volunteering. We are looking for people to help out on open days as an Event Volunteer, or to contribute as a Learning Volunteer with education visits. Whether you can make a regular commitment or just spare the odd few hours, we have opportunities for you to contribute to the future of this remarkable barn. Email tithebarntrust@gmail.com or see our volunteering page - <https://tithebarntrust.org.uk/join-get-involved/volunteer/> - to find out more about the opportunities.

How to find the Tithe Barn - The gate entrance is opposite No 2 Waterbeach Road, Landbeach, Cambridge, CB25 9FA. It's a short (5 minute) walk along the uneven grass track.

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.

Ms Shelley Mason, The Secretary, Waterbeach United Charities
c/o 7 Cambridge Road, Waterbeach, Cambridge CB25 9NJ
Email: waterbeachunitedcharities@gmail.com

Neighbourhood Plan



The examination into the Waterbeach Neighbourhood Plan was completed on 2 August.

The examiner's report is available to view

at <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/planning/local-plan-and-neighbourhood-planning/waterbeach-neighbourhood-plan/>

The examiner's report recommends that, subject to modifications, the Waterbeach Neighbourhood Plan should go to a community-wide referendum where the electorate in the plan area will be given an opportunity to support or oppose the plan. An information leaflet has been prepared for the purpose of letting residents know of the success of the plan at examination.

The required modifications include textual changes to the plan and it is, in the main, straightforward to implement these changes. The examiner also however required several changes to maps in the neighbourhood plan. The map changes take a bit longer to progress.

Since the receipt of the examiner's report, the NP group has been working alongside planners at Greater Cambridge Planning to prepare the referendum version of the Waterbeach Neighbourhood Plan. In September 2021, Waterbeach Parish Council commissioned the services of the NP planning consultant via Cambridgeshire ACRE to assist with undertaking the required changes. As well as this, the support of a GIS mapper to assist with progressing the required changes to the maps. Each revised map has required the input of our planning consultant, our GIS mapper, then approval by members of the NP group followed by approval by planners at Greater Cambridge Planning.

A considerable amount of the work has now been undertaken. The NP group is currently finalising the referendum version of the plan following approval of all textual changes and the maps by the required parties (with the exception of three maps which are still being finalised and subject to approval by Greater Cambridge Planning – this includes the parish wide policies map which Greater Cambridge Planning has requested be included in the Neighbourhood Plan).

The plan will then be handed to planners at Greater Cambridge Planning for a final check before Greater Cambridge Planning agree for the plan to proceed to a community-wide referendum in line with examiner recommendations

Waterbeach Cycling Campaign

The Waterbeach Cycling Campaign (WCC) is a group of residents in the village that seeks to represent the interests of cyclists, pedestrians and other users of non-motorised transport. Our small committee meets regularly to discuss provision for “active travel” and makes representation to the planning bodies. Our greatest concern is the safety of those walking or taking to their bikes. We’re affiliated to the Cambridge Cycling Campaign and have been also working with colleagues in the Milton Cycling Campaign (MCC).

At the moment, planning activity is quite intense. The first housing developments in the new town are being posted for comment on the Greater Cambridge Planning web site. The beginnings of the “active travel” network are also open for comment and these include the proposal for a new bridge over the A10. The bridge is designed for all “non motorised” modes, including horse riding, walking and cycling. The eastern approaches to the bridge will take users from the village and from the new town. On the western side of the bridge they will be able to travel to Landbeach, and south (along a much improved Mereway – that is the old Akeman Street) to the guided busway near the regional college.

For journeys to Milton, Cambridge North or Cambridge city centre, proposals are under discussion for improvements to the A10 cycle path. We’ve noted before that taking this route can be an endurance test for a cyclist. It’s narrow and unlit and feels perilously close to fast moving traffic. Even passing another cyclist or pedestrian feels risky. Proposals made by Urban&Civic (under a so-called Section 106 planning obligation) include widening of the most critical sections and provision of much needed space at Cardyke to give better visibility. Sadly, one of the most acute needs – properly separating the path from the road is not a part of these proposals.

The much more direct route, the so-called Greenway connecting Waterbeach to north Cambridge, and to the other Greenways, is unfortunately taking a long time to happen. Inevitably there will be a delay while land is acquired and planning applications made, and it may well be more than three years before the route is available. WCC and our counterparts in Milton will be hoping to ask questions about Greenway progress at the Greater Cambridge Assembly in December.

Do we have too much choice of cycle routes into Cambridge when there are no routes to Cottenham or Bottisham? What about a modern and direct cycling route to Stretham and Ely by way of Chittering? These are topics that we mention each time we contribute to a consultation about cycling in the area, and we’d encourage anyone else in the village to do the same.

We would like to mention that if you can get across the river and join National Cycle Route 11, the ride to Ely is a real pleasure. You can stop at Wicken Fen and enjoy some special views of the cathedral as you approach the city.

A while ago we mentioned "The Causeway", a proposed walking and cycling route through the new town which, it's hoped, will make a connection to Denny Abbey and possibly beyond. Today, access to Chittering is principally along the A10 and residents could really benefit from a quiet walking route into the new town and the village. We still have some of the history to explore, but so far there is a good body of evidence that the route from Denny End to Denny Abbey was widely used right up until RAF Waterbeach was constructed in 1940. Evidence of this sort can be used to support the application for the restoration of a public right-of-way.

Do let us know if there is anything about cycling in the village that could be improved. Is there a question or comment about the proposed cycling routes? Ideas for making the village safer for cycling? Please let us know: waterbeachcc@gmail.com.

Richard Stobart

St. John's Waterbeach

Christmas Events

A warm invitation to all our services and events at St John's for this Advent and Christmas season. I'm looking forward to meeting with you and praying that you enjoy a peaceful and joyous time with family and friends. *Paul Butler*
Paul the Vicar - 07903 904599 or revpbutler@gmail.com

Saturday 11th December - **The Nativity Trail**, 11am - 4pm

- Follow the trail around the village to discover the Christmas story
- Christmas pack to collect on completion!
- Refreshments available!

From Monday 6th December, go to www.stjohns-waterbeach.org.uk to download the trail map and questions.

We conclude with a **Christingle** in St John's @ 4pm

Sunday 12th December - **Crib Service** in St John's, 10:15am with Noah the donkey!

Children come prepared to dress up as an angel, king, shepherd or a sheep!

Sunday 19th December - **Carol Service** in St John's @ 3pm

Christmas Eve - **Midnight Service** in St John's @ 11.15pm

Christmas Day - **Christmas Day Holy Communion Service** in St John's for all ages @ 10.15am

Heron's' Preschool



The Autumn term has continued to be a busy one for us at Heron's' Preschool, and the children have enjoyed a vast array of fun filled activities. This term we have spent time looking at various celebrations and special days, as well as our themes of 'All About Me' and 'Light and Dark'.

The first half of the Autumn term we spent looking at 'All About Me', which included looking at what makes us special, our emotions, our family and homes in our local environment. While looking at homes, the children enjoyed going for a walk, spotting different types of homes, including flats, bungalows, semi-detached and detached houses. They were also great at spotting the numbers on the houses and letters on the road signs. We set the children a 'Home Challenge' of creating their own home. The only stipulation was that it could be no bigger than A4 paper. The children really went to town with this, with lots of different interpretations of their homes being created – paintings, drawings, junk model homes, and one child had help from their Dad in creating a 3D model of their home out of wood!

The children have also been busy fundraising over this term too. They helped decorate cakes and biscuits for our MacMillan sale, dressing up and dancing on the hour every hour for Children in Need, and they also completed some sponsored Autumn Searches over the October half term.

The second half of the term we have been focussing on 'Light and Dark', which has included looking at nocturnal animals, playing with torches in the dark den, creating our own interpretations of Van Gogh's 'Starry Night' and thinking about our night time routines and brushing our teeth. We also had a whole day looking at road safety, which included looking at traffic lights and creating our own traffic light biscuits, looking at road signs in the garden while playing on our bikes and scooters, and we also went outside our building and practiced crossing the road using the zebra crossing, remembering to stop, look and listen. At the time of writing, we're starting to turn our attention to Christmas, and looking forward to a fun and festive end of term and our first whole year as Heron's' Preschool!

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.

Keep Waterbeach Rural



Waterbeach New Town updates - RLWE was granted Outline Planning Permission for up to 4,500 dwellings and associated buildings S/2075/18/OL by SCDC Planning Committee on 29th January 2021. This is not yet officially approved as the Decision Notice has not been issued as S106 Agreements (monies paid by developers towards education, transport, health services etc) have not been reached. South Cambs District Council (SCDC) appear unwilling to allow the Parish Council to be involved in the S106 negotiations even though several requests have been made. RLWE (Royal London, St John's College, Turnstone and local landowners) always maintained that they would fully fund the cost of the relocation of the railway station to the North of Bannold Road. They have now reneged on their promise and have approached the Greater Cambridge Partnership to bail them out (by commercial agreement) to the tune of £20m from the publicly funded Government City Deal Scheme. This could be deemed as rather tardy to make such a promise to obtain planning permission? At the meeting of the 29th January 2021 Sharon Brown Asst Director Delivery SCDC stated that both Urban & Civic (Ref: S/0559/17/OL 6,500 dwellings) and RLWE's transport plans were "substantially underfunded" Broadcast of the meeting: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0blfv3t_x6s.

Another issue facing the Parish is that during lockdowns SCDC Councillors voted for planning applications to be decided by "delegated approval" meaning that decisions are made by planning officers and not elected Councillors. Although we believe the Parish Council has requested that various planning applications especially associated with the outline applications for Waterbeach New Town go before District Councillors this isn't happening even though it was promised that they would. This further erodes democracy and is therefore not fully representative of residents. It is believed that the Delegated Approval Scheme was to be a temporary measure but to date has not been revoked. See SCDC's Constitution page 59 part 3: <https://www.scams.gov.uk/your-council-and-democracy/> Developers and local authorities are making decisions that affect us all when we do not have a seat at the table. However, there are those who continue to stand for the Parish trying to ensure that our community and services are not an afterthought.

Jane M Williams

Poppies for Centenaries



The big installations on the Parish Church of St John the Evangelist this November marked not only the belated centenary of our village war memorial but also, for 2021, the centenary of the Royal British Legion. Next year this installation will move to Landbeach in time for Remembrance Sunday.



Four desert camouflage netting panels [donated anonymously] were covered by 5,000 knitted and crocheted poppies produced across our two villages. In fact, so many were produced that it was possible to create Remembrance décor inside both churches for 2021.

Through the Lockdowns, poppies were made by: Adelaide; Alison; Ann; Anne; Audrey; Barbara; Barbara; Brenda; Brenda; Cheryl; Chris; Chris; Chrissie; Claire; Diane; Donna; Debbie; Denise; Dorothy; Mrs H.D; Emma To the Rescue; Felicity; Flora [The Big Poppy]; Gill; Glynis; Helen; Jules; Margaret; Marion; Iris [RIP]; Jackie; Janet, Janet; Janet; Janet;

[What would we have done without you?] Janis; Jo, Jen and June; Karen; Kate; Katherine; Nancy & Nancy; Pat, the Magic; Pam, also Magic; Sam and mum; Sandra, Sandra, Rene; Sarah; Golden Sheila; Shirley; Stephanie; Sue and two Friends; sterling Sue; S.D; Suzanne; Sandra; Princesses Margaret and Rose.

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Contributions came from across the UK. Remarkably, Ann Job, sister of a local RBL member, knitted over 500 poppies for us; Michele Drake lit dark days with contributions from Scotland; Mrs Mahoney sent inventive designs from Cornwall; Mrs Deeble generously sent 100 poppies from Hertfordshire. Thanks to Doug's Granny for inspiration, and St Cadfan's church, Tywyn, for first patterns.

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Angela Brown

Happy Folks Club

As the leaves begin to fall and the days get shorter. We are looking forward to our club Christmas party. We have a musician coming to entertain us and we are having a buffet organised by two of our club members, Eve Daily and Viv Doughty. This promises to be a great afternoon for our members. We then look forward to our annual trip to Thursford for the Christmas spectacular, always a great show and very well supported. This show was cancelled last year so we are using our tickets for this year! We then have our carols and cake afternoon with Martin Ensell from the Baptist Church leading us in song. After Christmas our club dinner will take place at Five Miles From Anywhere, Upware, always a favourite and members go for free!! Our membership has dipped since Covid struck, but on the other hand we have welcomed some new members. So, if you like a good time and days out by coach to places of interest, and you are free on a Friday afternoon, then come and join us at the Beach Club at 2pm.

I would like to wish all Beach News readers a Happy Christmas and a healthy New Year.

Stuart Atkins

Wicken Fen Nature Reserve

Winter Wildlife and walks - There's plenty of wildlife to look out for on your winter walks as overwintering birds return to the Fen. From whooper swans and wigeon enjoying the open water, to hen and marsh harriers finding places to roost amongst the reeds, the diverse habitats on the reserve attract a variety of winter visitors.

If you have your own visitors over the festive period, there are plenty of routes to take to get some fresh air and stretch your legs, whether you want to pop in for an hour or make your visit more of a family get together. Our friendly Visitor Centre team will be happy to suggest a suitable walk. Don't forget to pop into the Docky Hut Café for a warming hot drink and a festive treat afterwards.

Wildlife photography - Do you love capturing images of fen wildlife while you are walking on the reserve? If so we'd love to hear from you as we're looking for local photographers who would be willing to share their photographs for our website and social media channels. Please contact Isabel by email: isabel.sedgwick@nationaltrust.org.uk

Percy the Park Keeper's winter wander trail - Join us for a world of adventures and fun this winter. Percy and his animal friends will be giving nature a helping hand. Follow the trail round our Boardwalk and Woodland Walk to see how you can help too! There's no need to book to enjoy this activity which will run from Saturday 4 December to Monday 3 January between 10am and 3pm. The trail costs £2 and admission charges apply for non-members.

Festive season opening - The Visitor Centre, Docky Hut Café and Sedge Fen will be open every day except Christmas Day. Routes into the wider reserve (Burwell, Baker's, Adventurers' Fens and beyond) are all open every day as usual. For further details of opening times and facilities, please check our website.

'Footprints' Community Engagement Project: walk leaders - With school outreach visits, archaeology and tree planting activities all underway, we're now planning for next year and starting to recruit volunteers for the next phase of our National Lottery Heritage Fund project: Footprints. We're looking for walk leaders to join the team and lead walks in the communities on the edge of the Vision area. With the support of our local partner Healthy You (East Cambridgeshire District Council), full training and support will be given. To find out more and apply, go to www.nationaltrust.org.uk/volunteer click on 'Find an opportunity now' and search for Wicken Fen.

For the latest information please visit our website and keep an eye on our social media feeds www.nationaltrust.org.uk/wicken-fen

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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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