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Community Association



Hello everyone and welcome to the Autumn 2022 edition of the Beach News. I hope you all had a good summer, enjoyed some wonderful summer holidays, and coped with the uncharacteristically hot weather. It seems like a long time ago now, but I thought I'd start by talking about the Feast. Having been cancelled for the last two years, this year's Feast took place on a bright warm day. It seemed like enthusiasm for being out and about enjoying the atmosphere was at an all time high. Turn out was excellent and it was great to see everyone browsing the stalls, watching the arena acts, taking part in the parade, playing the games, eating, drinking and generally having a good time. We posted some photographs (thanks to Richard Youell and Urban and Civic) of the Feast on the Facebook page @WaterbeachFeast to give a taste of the day's events. The winners of the Shields and Cups were: Best Stall – Waterbeach Brownies and Guides; Best Junior Stall – Herons' Preschool; Small Trophy – Tony Shipp; Best Adult Float – Shire of Flintheath; Family and Friends Shield – Hall Farm Stables; Best Junior Float – Waterbeach Brownies and Guides; Joan Fanning Shield for the under 5's – Waterbeach Community



Playgroup; Feast Competition for Best decorated vehicle – Herons' Preschool.

I'd like to take this opportunity to say thank you to those involved in making the Feast happen. Firstly, thanks to the organising committee, many of whom are not members of the WCA, who back in January started planning the Feast. It was many of the committee members' first year of being involved in the Feast and I'd like to thank them all for the help, ideas, hours of work and enthusiasm they gave.

The parade is always one of the events that make the Feast special, and this year was no exception. Thanks to; Jonathan Taylor and Elly Ruston for organising; Peter Johnson, the C B Groundworks & Construction Ltd. team and all the traffic marshals for the road closures; Sawston School Samba Band – and friends – who played their hearts out to add a touch of samba magic at the head of the parade; Richard Youell for judging; Jane Green and Terry Gilzean for use of the school grounds. Thanks also go to all of the groups that took part, including the many costume makers, float decorators and marshals. The collection during the parade raised £492 in aid of Centre 33 Young Carers Project. Thanks also to the organisers and contestants from the Pub Olympics, who generously donated an additional £152 to Centre 33. Performances in the arena kicked off with a medley of popular music sung by the Tyrannochorus choir from Cottenham, ballet and dance by Rosewood Dance Academy, a display of birds of prey from the Raptor Foundation, some great performances from the Rock Steady bands from Waterbeach Primary School, Medieval combat with the Shire of Flintheath and wrapping up with a display by Cambridge Science Centre. Thank you to all the performers, especially to those younger members for whom this was their first experience of performing in front of such a large crowd. Thanks also go to; James Smith for organising the arena; Ian Mackreill for agreeing to Compere; Gary Langley and Ivan Gilzean for setting up the PA and electrics; and the volunteers who helped setup the arena and equipment.

Finally, I'd like to thank all those who helped out with the WCA stall; the builders, fetchers and carriers; those who helped out on the stall and the St. John's Waterbeach Wives who sold hundreds of raffle tickets; Zoe Badcock and Fiona Thomas for assembling a fantastic range of raffle prizes and donations; Bill Moon for the transport of all the WCA equipment; Sheila Burke and Amey for organising and providing the bins and skip; Wayne Love for checking all the stall documentation and Olivia Hill at Encore Graphics for providing the posters.

After the Feast we held a meeting and asked on social media for feedback on what you would like to see at future events. There were quite a few comments on the parade and how to encourage more groups to take part and maybe encourage more decorated floats. The parade is not just for

juniors and is not just for WCA groups, it is open for anyone to join in, streets or family groups are welcomed, and we would encourage you to join in. One suggestion was to show some photographs from old parades to give a flavour of how they used to be run, so here are some old parade photos:



'The Flintstones' by Bannold - 2006



'Gangsters' by Pieces Terrace - 2013

If you have any old photos you would like to share then please send us a copy. Next year the theme will be "Something beginning with O..." so get those thinking caps working.

Another common theme in the comments we received was 'more music', both in the parade and around the Green. We also had local bands that we had to turn down because we could not fit them into the arena schedule. Therefore, we will be looking into the possibility of adding a music stage to the Feast – to allow more music and more time in the arena for additional acts, hopefully including some more audience participation. We're open for more ideas for next year and if you are interested in helping, please get in touch. The organising committee is very informal, we don't expect everyone to turn up to all meetings (it was mostly online last year) with the emphasis very much on give time as and when you can.



Before the Feast the Community Association held a ceremony on the Green for the unveiling of Jacqui Rabbett's memorial bench. It was a rather damp evening but there was a good turnout to hear Adrian Wright (former WCA Chairperson) say a few words dedicating the bench to the memory of Jacqui and to say thank you for her years of service to the

Community Association and the village.

One thing all the village events show is the great community spirit that exists in Waterbeach. This comes from these events but more importantly from people joining in, taking part and generally talking to each other and being neighbourly. Over the past couple of years our community has been tested

by the covid pandemic and the heatwave this summer and I do not think this winter is going to be any easier with rising prices, particularly of food and fuel. Please take time to check up on your neighbours, particularly those who may be vulnerable to these rising prices. Please also take time, if you are able, to volunteer or donate to local organisations that are there to help people in times of need. Waterbeach Baptist Church are partnering with Ely Food Bank on a Thursday morning. They are always in need of basic food stuffs, so if you are able, please donate items such as milk, tea, coffee, cereal, biscuits, squash, tinned fruit and veg.

If anyone wants to volunteer please visit Waterbeach Baptist Church on a Thursday morning between 10.30am and 12noon and speak with Lyn Bryant centre lead for the Waterbeach Food Bank. There is also some information at the link below.

<http://www.waterbeachbaptist.org/foodbankatwbc.html>

If you are looking for help and advice you can contact the following organisations as well as your gas and electricity suppliers:

Citizens' advice: <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/>

South Cambs District Council: <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/cost-of-living-support/>

Cambridge County Council:

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/council/communities-localism/support-with-the-cost-of-living>

Alasdair Pentland - WCA Chair

Herons' Preschool



We had a busy end to the summer term, with our Open Morning on Saturday 16th 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 and staff getting messy by the end of

the day...as they ended up getting covered in mud (who would've thought you could get so much mud in your ears!).

We were pleased to see Feast Day make a comeback this year, it was great to see the community come together after what has been a difficult couple of years. The children enjoyed taking part in the parade, dressing up as things to do with our theme of 'Nature', with everything from frogs to squirrels, butterflies to trees, flowers to ladybirds. They all looked great and we were pleased to win the cup for best decorated trailer overall. Our stall on the Green, which was organised by our trustees, went really well with the 'Wheelbarrow of Booze' being extremely popular. A huge 'Thank You' to all who helped to organise the Feast, there's a lot of hard work and time put into organising the day, but it is much appreciated.

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

On a slightly different note, we are currently looking to recruit a co-Chairperson of the Trustees - specifically someone who has experience in personnel, business or education. We have a fantastic group of trustees that you would be working alongside and an amazing staff team who work well together with the trustees to make Herons' such a great place to be. If you think you might be interested, please email Jo on

heronspreschool.chair@gmail.com

As a Charity, we rely on fundraising to promote the Preschool in the local community as well as to raise necessary funds to make Herons' the best place it can be for the families we serve. This past year we have been able to invest in new outdoor storage, digital cameras and outdoor play equipment to name just a few things. We wish to say a huge thank you to everyone who has supported our fundraisers! This term, we will be holding our very popular Advent Auction throughout the month of December - look out for further details on Facebook and on our website. If you have anything you think you could donate, please email Fernanda at

heronspreschool.treasurer@gmail.com We would love to hear from you.

We offer term time Early Years Education to children aged 2 - 4 years of age, 9.00am-3.00pm, Monday – Friday, with an early start option from 8.30am. 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.

Library News



Waterbeach Independent Library has continued to provide a Library service to the Community, since lockdown was lifted in July 2020, and have now disposed of all Covid restrictions in an effort to return to normal operating practices.

The numbers of Library members continues to rise on a weekly basis, with Waterbeach being considered very successful as regards the numbers of books borrowed, resulting in the Library apparently now being the largest Community group in the village.

At the end of July we launched the 2022 Summer Reading Challenge, with 130 children registering to join the Challenge.

The Challenge this year is "The Gadgeteers" - involving Science and Technology in various ways.

As a result of the uncertainties engendered by the Covid scenario, we had no expectations as to the success of the Reading Challenge this year, but it has proved very positive. The children have enjoyed the new books, and the incentives provided for finishing the required six books, to complete the Challenge. The children will receive their Diplomas and medals at school assemblies, in their respective schools, after the Autumn half term holiday.

We have recommenced the Library providing books on a monthly basis to the Nursery in Landbeach, to assist in the enormous variety of projects the Nursery provides for the attending children.

Also the Waterbeach Community Playgroup visits regularly to allow their children to become acquainted with a Library, choose their own books, and enjoy stories at the Library, during term time.

The refurbishment of the Library - replacement bookcases, decorating, general upgrading - has been completed, but we are also embarking on the replacement of the heating system to conform to the requirements set by the Government in their efforts to combat Climate Change.

Additionally we have now received all quotes for the replacement of the windows and walls at the rear of the Library, which we hope will be completed in the near future.

We are looking forward to commencing Author Evenings in the future, and possibly a children's book club, the details of which will be advised on our Library Facebook page.

If you are new to the area you will find the library on the Waterbeach Community School site, down the driveway, through the green gates and Waterbeach Independent Library is directly in front of you.

The Library is operated totally by volunteers from the community, therefore it is very much a community facility, run by the community, funded at very low cost by the community, for the community.

The Library is wheelchair/buggy friendly, and we are not a “Shush” Library, so children, of all ages are very welcome, and tend to enjoy their visits to us.

We hope to see you in the future.

Waterbeach WI



The summer started well with our members making sewn and knitted items for our ‘New from Old’ Feast Day stall.

Our jams and toys also proved popular. We are very grateful to the Community Association for organising such a happy and successful event.

In July, the ‘Summer at the Beach’ artists and crafters were kind enough to allow us to visit on our Thursday evening meeting so we had the displays just to ourselves. It was good to see the amazing variety of work and talents on show and discuss them with the contributors.

In August, 18 of our members visited the new Central Cambridge Mosque in Mill Road. It is a beautifully designed building by the architect David Marks of Marks Barfield. It is very light and cool made with sustainably produced spruce. The columns or ‘trees’ reach up to support the roof in an octagonal lattice vault structure. Entry is via an Islamic Garden with whispering fountains, simple planting and beautiful stone benches. The prayer hall is bathed in light and the intricate geometric patterns on doors, walls and tiles help to create a haven of peace for the whole community. Our guide was very informative and welcoming.

Our monthly meeting at St. John’s Church was a Henna evening with Azba Saeed. She explained the meaning behind the various designs of henna tattoos. Members chose a design, which was then applied to hands and wrists. It was a warm, friendly evening.

Seated yoga and mindfulness will be led by Lucy Hibben on September 8th and our October 13th meeting at 7.30pm at St. John’s Church is Story Telling with Chip Colquhoun. The second Thursday evening of each month is our regular time to meet.

We welcome anyone who would like to see if our WI is for you. Please just come along or phone Viv Cooper at 01223 574050. We have a book group, are starting a new walking group and darts will start up again soon. We are a very friendly group, who enjoy socialising and supporting each other.

WASPS



At WASPS we are looking forward to what the start of the new term brings, we will be welcoming back our regular children and families, as well as lots of new children and families over the coming weeks, who are just beginning their school and 'out of school' childcare journey and joining WASPS. We give them all a warm welcome and know from experience that our current children will do their best to help settle the new children, taking them under their wing to show them around and helping them to learn the club routines.

WASPS first opened its doors in September 1997, so the start of term marks our 25th birthday! We are hoping to plan in some celebrations within our sessions with the children to mark this special occasion.

We had a really busy summer term at the club, including celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee back in May with a fun street party in the WASPS garden. The children enjoyed making decorations, getting crafty creating commemorative plates and themed Hama Bead designs, decorating biscuits, balloon games, Union Jack tattoos and of course some amazing party food!



In June it was fantastic to take part in Waterbeach Feast once again, our chosen theme was 'N is for... NASA!' It was great that some many families took part walking with us in

the parade and helping with our stall on the village green. The costumes looked fantastic, and we were able to do some fundraising for the club. Thank you to all on the Feast Planning Committee for bringing back this much-loved village event, we are aware there is a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes to make it happen!

At the end of term we said farewell to our year 6 children, who had all attended the club for many years, we wish them 'Good luck' as they continue their journey at their new secondary schools at the start of term!

Lots of fun was had at the WASPS Summer Holiday Club during the first week of the holidays and on the two school training days in September. The children enjoyed trips to the Recreation Ground, making candles, decorating their own Rubik's Cube, baking activities, a water day, Nerf battles, den building to name just a few activities! There were also plenty of free play opportunities too.



Please do get in touch if you are in need of childcare, at WASPS we take ad-hoc booking as and when needed as well as regular bookings.

WASPS are currently recruiting staff; we are looking for enthusiastic people to join our friendly, dedicated team. Do you have experience or an interest in working in childcare? Could you commit to regular hours, or would you be interested in joining our bank staff? (who we contact as and when needed to cover shifts), maybe you are retired and are looking for some part time hours or a volunteering opportunity in the community. We would love to hear from you! WASPS are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. All positions are subject to references and enhanced DBS checks (for paid or voluntary roles).

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.

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.

Waterbeach Turbary Charity (Reg No 201529)

Applications For Heating Grants

Applications are invited for heating grants from the above Charity.

If you are resident in Waterbeach or Chittering and struggling to find the money for your heating bill then you are eligible to apply.

To request an application form please send an email or letter to:

Ms Shelley Mason, Secretary, Waterbeach Turbary Charity,
7 Cambridge Road, Waterbeach CB25 9NR.

Email: waterbeachunitedcharities@gmail.com

Alternatively, ring 07761 155881 and leave a voicemail message with your email address.

If your application is agreed then support will be in the form of a one-off payment.

As funds are limited the Charity is unable to make ongoing commitments and it may not be possible to accept all applications.

Girlguiding in Waterbeach



Our Rainbows, Brownies and Guides have returned to weekly meetings with renewed energy after the summer break and have lots to look forward to, as we focus our meetings on a “Have Adventures” theme, making the most of the lighter evenings.

Looking back to the June sunshine, Girlguiding members in Waterbeach had some great days out during the Summer term. Our members really embraced our ‘Nature’ theme at the Waterbeach Feast, enjoying making flower crowns and seed bombs on the stall. We were proud to win ‘Best Junior Float’ for our parade costumes and ‘Best Stall’ for the girls’ and leaders’ efforts in decorating the stall.

Our Brownies and Guides shared a fun evening together at the Cambridge Footgolf in Milton, whilst the Waterbeach Rainbows enjoyed an exciting Cambridgeshire East county take-over day for Rainbows at Shepreth Wildlife Park. The Rainbows also experienced a visit to Denny Abbey before they finished for the summer holidays.



Rainbows at Shepreth Wildlife Park

Eleven of our Guides have recently enjoyed a night under canvas on our annual camp at Grafham Water Activity Centre. Our Guides joined over 100 other Guides and Rangers from Cambridgeshire East units for a campfire singalong, and activities including sailing, kayaking, stand up paddleboarding, high ropes, archery and bushcraft.



‘Creationtide’

‘Creationtide’, the pop-up installation at St John’s Church has been supported by all our units, with young members creating leaf, water droplet and mini beasts designs for the community and sustainability project. Our Rainbows, Brownies and Guides are keen Planet Protectors, and building on our “Take Action” theme, understand the responsibility to take better care of our planet and environment, and of the animals we share it with.

All of this is made possible by the amazing commitment of our volunteers who run

meetings, as well as managing all the behind the scenes planning and admin. If you or your daughter would like to get involved in Guiding, please register online at <https://girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/>

Waterbeach Cricket Club

Another cricket season has come to an end: to those who want to be picky, I know that there is still one Test Match to go, but in Waterbeach we still adhere to the traditional finish at the end of August.

This was the first season under new captain Rakesh, who embarked upon the task with enthusiasm, and with some personal success (see below). He was well supported by senior players so that everybody enjoyed playing. He told your roving reporter that he had enjoyed doing the job, and would like to do it again next season. Modestly, he suggested asking the players if they enjoyed his captaincy.

A total of 11 games were played, 9 in mid-week and two on a Sunday. Most of the mid-week games were in the Cambridge Business League with friendlies against Harlton and Milton. The Sunday games were friendlies, a post Feast game against a team raised by Andrew, landlord of The Sun, and a season finale against Reach, notable for the appearance of an escaped budgie that members of the team managed to return to its owners in Cambridge.

Results were mixed - 2 league games were won, 4 lost, 1 walk over. The team finished 6th in their league, out of 10: we will have to wait till the 2023 pre-season before we will know what that will mean for next year. Understandably, no games were rained off; conversely, no cases of sunstroke were reported.

A total of 24 players turned out, though 5 of them only played one game, including a Cameo appearance by Will's dad in the game against The Sun. Rakesh played the highest number of games – 9 out of the 11. There were a number of new players this season.

Good performances included 65 from Ryan and 57 not out from Sandesh, who also scored another half century. Ryan's 14 year old son looked a good prospect with bat and ball. Sandesh also kept wicket well with 7 catches and stumpings in addition to his 234 runs (highest total). Best bowling performances in a league game were Koushik and Rakesh - both 3/10. Rakesh's 14 wickets were the most taken in the season.

As Treasurer, a few weeks ago I was asked by the bank to confirm certain facts about the club. This included asking for the date it was founded. Furious investigation discovered a document called [Waterbeach: Introduction | British History Online](#) which indicated that the cricket club was founded in 1889. One of our older erstwhile players did find written evidence of the game being played on the Rec before that date: he was at pains to point out that he was not around at the time!

Any club relies heavily on those who run it, so thanks are due to those, particularly Rakesh and Chairman, Alasdair, who have arranged fixtures, got teams together, made sure kit is available, etc. But also to those who played, and not forgetting the Parish Council for ground preparation.

Steve Cardy - Hon Treasurer

Beach Bowls Club

It seems impossible, but we have already come to the end of the bowls season. The wait for it to begin seems endless, but the actual time when we can play passes so quickly. As mentioned in the summer issue the first few weeks of play were difficult because of the time it took for the equipment that was stolen to be replaced. As soon as possible after the grass had been cut and treated we started to play bowls. Unfortunately, because of the delay it took longer than usual for the green to settle down. In truth it has not been up to its high standard this year, but hopefully with further work to be done this autumn and next spring hopefully it will be as good as ever next year. In fairness the very hot and dry summer has not helped. But that can also be said about the other greens we play on.

Enough of this negativity. The fact is we have enjoyed our games and achieved some excellent wins. In the mixed triples and pairs as well as the men's pairs we have finished mid table in all the leagues. It was our first year in the mixed pairs and we have been pleased that all our lady members could take part and that a satisfactory position in the league has been achieved. It is also good that we welcomed three male members who have never played lawn bowls before. But they joined with enthusiasm and all reached the stage where they could play in the various leagues, which is very encouraging. In



The team before a recent game with supporters at the front

fact one of them, John Ling playing with Karl Nevard recently won our pairs Competition. We also competed individually for the Henry Burling trophy which was won by Bob Doughty. We are hopeful that more new members will join us next year, particularly after we had a successful evening with the Waterbeach

Explorer Scouts when half a dozen of their members and leaders joined us for a roll up. Anyone interested should contact Chris Rushmer on 01223 861354.

As usual we took part in various competitions when we reached the quarter final of the Gilbert Cup which is a team event, when having beaten

Haddenham of the first division we lost to Cambs and County who beat us in the final last year. Bob Doughty made the semi-final of the over 60s, but unfortunately lost to a very experienced competitor.

We shall be helping on the green in early September and be holding our Annual General Meeting a few weeks after that. We also are expecting to take part in September in a further Working Party with Waterbeach Parish Council to try to take forward the building of the new pavilion.

We should like to thank all who have worked on the green and in other ways for the bowls club and have also supported us.

Waterbeach Village Society

We meet in St John's Church Room usually the 4th Wednesday of the month, September to May, 7.30pm for 7.45pm. There is a car park behind the church. We have recently received a file of Waterbeach newspaper cuttings from 1795 to 1960, compiled by John Beresford, a former teacher at Waterbeach Community School. The cuttings make interesting reading of the ebb and flow of life in Waterbeach. One such here: -

'On Saturday se'nnight, about five o'clock in the afternoon, a fire broke out in a cottage at Waterbeach, in this county, and such was the rapidity of the flames, that in the short space of fifty minutes the dwellings of seven families were burnt to the ground. By this unfortunate accident, a considerable part of the furniture, as well as wearing apparel of the inmates, together with a barn, a rick of fodder, a cart, and other articles, were destroyed. A subscription has been entered into by the Clergyman and inhabitants of the parish, for the relief of the sufferers, a small portion of the property only being insured' - *Bury and Norwich Post - Wednesday 28 August 1822.*

As we see many of the cuttings came from further afield than the Cambridge Press.

Summer and holidays are over, a sign that various groups all over the village are starting up again like the Village Society.

At time of writing, a speaker for the September 28th meeting is still to be confirmed. However, below are details of the following two meetings.

Wednesday 25th October - Waterbeach Archeology Finds; speaker Stephen Macauley from Oxford Archaeology who have been conducting the large dig on the Waterbeach Barracks for the new town.

Wednesday 23rd November - Steam Trains and Every Day Life in the Ukraine. Local speaker Michael Smyth. Michael has been to the Ukraine several times.

There will be no talk in December.

Members are free, and visitors who are very welcome, a donation of £3.

Adrian Wright - Programme Secretary

Cam Sailing Club

The Sailing Programme has been in full swing this summer and while the dinghy racing has continued on the club grounds, the cruisers and half-deckers have been further afield having a race down river from Ely to the Ship Inn at Brandon Creek. Staying overnight on their boats and returning the following day they had a good turnout and the sailing was excellent with strong winds. The Wednesday evening leisure sailing has also been enjoyed. Starting early evening and finishing around 8 o'clock with a relaxed BBQ, chat and a beer, members have appreciated being on the river in the cool of the evening.



Rigged and Ready



Junior Sailor

The Youth Training Week had its usual slot of the first week of the school summer holidays and the youngsters and their families camped in the club grounds for the week. There were three groups of young sailors at various levels of experience being given expert training and still having plenty of time for fun activities both on

and off the water. The wind strength, and at times the lack of it, was challenging for the trainers but the young sailors coped well.

One of the main social events, the Summer Party, was also a great success. Held in a marquee on the club grounds with food organised by the wonderful social committee the evening continued with live music and dancing into the night.

The Cam wildlife is winding down. The swifts have gone and the swallows are starting to line up on the power lines across the river which is a sign they will be going soon. Little owls have nested at the sailing club this year and were often seen around the club grounds using the boat masts as convenient posts to hunt from. The swan family has been very successful having seven cygnets this season and were a fine sight swimming down river in single file with an adult swan fore and aft.

As you can see there has been much activity on and off the water this summer at the Cam Sailing Club but there has also been time just to sit in

the shade of a tree by the river, relax and just enjoy the surroundings! Prospective members are welcome to visit the Cam Sailing Club. On our website www.camsailingclub.org.uk you will see that alternate Sundays have been allocated to show prospective members the club facilities. You can also call the club on 01223 861551 at weekends, during the sailing season, or send an email: secretary@camsailingclub.org.uk.

Waterbeach Theatre Company

Thank you for supporting our May production of *Cheshire Cats*. The money raised from the bucket collection, raffle and Walk the Walk badges allowed WTC to send £500 to the Walk the Walk Charities.



Next up for WTC is the drama festival on 16 September. This year's entry is a new one-act play *One Night in Toledo*, written and directed by Life Member Mark Easterfield with Christine Easterfield and Wendy Croft sharing the limelight in the cast of two. The Cambridge Festival of Drama is held at the ADC Theatre Cambridge www.camdramfest.org.uk

From 9 to 12 November, we present Ian Hislop & Nick Newman's laugh-out-loud comedy *A Bunch of Amateurs*.

Keen to boost his flagging career, fading Hollywood action hero Jefferson Steel arrives in England to play King Lear in Stratford – only to find that this is not the birthplace of the Bard, but a sleepy Suffolk village. And instead of Kenneth Branagh and Dame Judi Dench, the cast are a bunch of amateurs trying to save their theatre from developers. Jefferson's monstrous ego, vanity and insecurity are tested to the limit by the enthusiastic am-dram thespians.

Directed by Julie Petrucci, Designed by Mark Easterfield, Original Music composed by Mike Milne. Featuring James Dowson as Jefferson Steel, together with Marcelle Olivier as Dorothy, Cath Langridge as Mary, Olive Sparrow as Jessica Steel, David Moat as Nigel, Michael Husband as Denis and Emma Bolton Luckie as Lauren. Supported by Yvonne Peat and James Windle.

Tickets £10 book online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/wcp telephone 01223 880023 or call in at The Sun Inn, Waterbeach. (Please note: cash or cheque only accepted at the venue)

Advance Notice: our pantomime from 19 - 21 January 2023 will be *Robin Hood*.

You can find out all about Waterbeach Theatre Company by visiting our website www.wtconline.org.uk

Waterbeach in the news

As a Primary School teacher I had always believed in the importance of local history in developing a love, appreciation and understanding of the local community. In 1977 I was privileged to join the staff of a school which actively promoted that ethos. At Waterbeach Community Primary School, I was able to develop this interest, under the inspirational leadership of Roger Kilsby, not only with pupils but also with similarly-minded individuals within the village of Waterbeach.

I wish I could have had access to the British Newspaper Archive when I was doing this. The digitalised archive provides newspaper cuttings relating to communities as far back as 1700. I have recently researched references to Waterbeach, in particular cuttings from the nineteenth century. The village comes across as landowner-dominated, religious, prone to fires, often violent, and with a considerable gap between the rich and the poor.

One of the first things that intrigued me was why events in a comparatively small village like Waterbeach received national coverage, some in places with little discernible links with the village. In the last edition of Beach News I shared the story of an accident on the railway, I have since come across another which you will find below.

Accidents on the Railway

While the railway at Waterbeach brought obvious benefits in terms of accessibility – for example, it brought hundreds of people from Cambridge for the annual Horticultural Show from 1863 onwards – it was also clear from the newspapers reports of the time that Health and Safety was not a major priority for the Great Eastern Railway. A series of accidents which today would bring sensationalist headlines took place regularly throughout the nineteenth century, and into the twentieth.

In August 1845 a train left the line at Waterbeach, due to a faulty wheel design. Luckily no-one was injured. But the story was different in November 1867. There were a number of farm gates at Waterbeach that opened on to the line, and out of one of these a farm labourer, John Medlow, led four horses across the line. Unfortunately he didn't see the 4.23 from Ely, which killed three of the horses, and broke one of his ribs.

In April 1877 Robert Cole, presumably using a similar crossing, was killed by a train going in the opposite direction. Four years later an 88-year-old farmer, William Popplewell, was helping out the local postmaster in delivering a mailbag to a train, when unfortunately he tried to access it by the line rather than the platform, and met a grisly end when hit by a train going in the opposite direction. Just one year later, in August 1882, two trains left the rails

just outside Waterbeach, causing serious injury to a number of passengers.

An accident in January 1890 at last goaded the company into action. Martha Burling, who was extremely deaf, was crossing the line on her way to Horningsea. Unfortunately she passed behind the train waiting in the station, and was killed by an express train from Wisbech. The coroner, with a sense of understatement, called Waterbeach Station “a source of danger”, and recommended extra manning of the gates until a subway or bridge was built.

In April 1891, John Bradford was hit by an express on the line on his way home. In June 1894 Charles Geaves, a ‘wanted man’ from Chesterton, committed suicide on the line near Waterbeach. In January 1904 a servant-girl, Sarah Belcham, was knocked down and badly injured by a train. And in July 1919 another deaf person, John Brown, was killed on the line whilst on his way to his allotment. The coroner this time recommended a gate-keeper’s lodge at the crossing.

Did other rural communities with their own railway stations suffer similar casualties at this time? Waterbeach and the railway company certainly seemed to have been slow in responding to the massive increase in rail traffic in the second half of the nineteenth century.

Fire!

More frequent even than railway accidents in nineteenth-century Waterbeach were fires. A chocolate-box collection of thatched cottages may have been easy on the eye, but they were also clearly a fire hazard.

In August 1822 seven cottages were burnt down, leading to the local church setting up a relief fund. In July 1833, “through the deficiency of a copper flue”, six cottages owned by Thomas Fromant were destroyed.

Fire insurance companies often had their own fire engines, and one of these travelled from Cambridge in December 1843 to help Waterbeach’s own engine and one from Cottenham to put out a fire that lasted for four hours. The local paper noted “we are happy to say that the conduct of the poorer class on this occasion was most praiseworthy”, that is, they helped rather than watched. A nearby farm owned by a Mr. Mason escaped this time, but only until the following year, when it was destroyed by another fire. The local press was this time outraged by the grandson of one of the owners of a destroyed house stealing three bottles of his wine, and getting drunk nearby with his friends.

The destruction by fire of John Denson’s cart-lodge in September 1845 was the last of a dozen fires in the previous twelve months. This time a Coroner and jury were appointed, and decided that the fire was the work of an arsonist. A fire in October of the following year brought a similar legal response, and a similar verdict. Names started being bandied around, and in

July 1846 a Benjamin Knight was tried for arson, but cleared.

John Denson lost a further two cottages in February 1861, and Edward Mason was victim again in December 1863. A spark from a steam threshing engine destroyed two cottages in August 1875 – “great excitement prevailed, owing to the inmates being infirm”.

At last, in January 1876, the village caught a culprit. Cornelius Brown, a livery-stable keeper in Cambridge, was found guilty of causing fire damage at the farm of J. Coxall, and sentenced to ten years’ penal servitude.

Thereafter, probably by happenchance, the number of fires reduced. “Donkey” George Roberts set fire to his own trousers by accident with a match in September 1876. Mr. Denson was victim again in September 1881, when a burst boiler caused minor damage. A small fire was reported at the rectory at Waterbeach in 1891. But the age of traumatic fires seemed to be over. It’s little wonder, however, given the amount of work its occupant was involved in, that the village decided to preserve its old fire station.

John Beresford

A further article from John’s research can be found on page 36.

Family History Research

Can you assist?

I’ve been doing some family history research and have found a connection to Waterbeach. I’m looking for information and I’m hoping there might be someone in the village who could help. The details are below:

Nellie Curtis was born in Waterbeach in 1896. In 1918 she married William Henry Harrison. William’s mother and my great grandfather were sister and brother.

The 1921 census shows Nellie and William living at Fen End in the village with their two-year-old daughter Dorothy.

The Electoral Rolls for Waterbeach shows a William Harrison at Fen End in 1923/24 but there’s no entry for Nellie. Between 1927 and 1930 Nellie is listed at Fen End but with no sign of William.

In 1927 Nellie gave birth to a son called Maynard at The Lanes, Waterbeach. William appears as the father on the birth certificate.

Maynard married in 1948 and stated that his father was deceased. I can find no positive evidence of this.

Extensive searches have failed to find either Nellie after 1930 or William after 1924, although he’s named as Maynard’s father in 1927. If anyone is able to shed some light on what happened to them, I’d be most grateful.

If you can assist or put me in touch with any relevant resources/documents I would be very grateful. Email: roseridgewell@gmail.com

Rose Ridgewell

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 being developed as Waterbeach (New Town).

After a torrid 2 years of COVID-19, visitor numbers have picked up. Many are people who served at Waterbeach RAF Station or Barracks as it later became, or relatives visiting where family members had lived and served.

514 Squadron Reunion - The 514 Squadron Reunion was held on 11th June, the same day as Waterbeach Feast and this meant that the reunion organiser Clive Hill was able to ask for the Battle of Britain Flight Hurricane, not only to fly over the Barracks where the reunion was taking place, but also the Village Green, which it is understood was appreciated by the people on the Green.

The Reunion numbers were down on previous years, but that was to be expected. However following a service of remembrance at St John's Church, lunch was served in the Studio building on the Barracks, followed by the flyover. Later, in the Memorial Garden on the airfield by the lake, many of the people attended the laying of ashes of former 514 Sqn Airman Lewis Shaw, sent over by his son in Australia. The Memorial Gardens are well kept by the developers Urban&Civic of the new town.



In the group photo front row third from the right is Eddie Humes now 100 years old, one of the few airmen left from the Squadron and the only survivor of a Lancaster crash in Belgium on which he was the navigator.

Help Needed - The Museum is looking for people to help steward the museum during opening times and other tasks such as keeping the museum tidy and helping with the exhibits. We also would be grateful to find someone who would help with the artefacts data base which uses MODES programme. Contact us by email (see overleaf) in the first instance for more information.

Friends BBQ - The Museum has a growing Friends Membership. Once a year we hold a BBQ and the latest happened on the 3rd September. Friends help the museum by their modest annual subscription of £12 and in return receive a splendid unique badge when they first apply. Many Friends had relatives or served in the RAF or Engineers at Waterbeach and want to see the Museum survive. Joining forms available at the museum or on line on our museum website. Friends assist from time to time which is a great help.

The highlight of our day was the unveiling of a bench (for the Memorial Garden in due course) in memory of Major David Hornby RE Retd., who liaised for the military with the village, ran the golf club along with many more things. Over the years he had also been a great friend to the Waterbeach Community Association. The unveiling took place in front of one of the museum's outside display cases with a photo of Major Hornby. The photo to the right shows museum Trustee Col. (Retd) David Adamson RE on the left, Major Hornby's wife Linda Hornby in the centre and another museum Trustee David Higgins RE (Retd.) on the right who organised the fund raising for the seat and the selection. The seat is a beautiful thing with the Union Flag worked in to the back.



When we are open - The first Sunday and Wednesday of the months from March to October 1000 to 1600 hours. An extra opening is on the third Sunday in the month when the Community Market is open on the Barracks. Other opening times are advertised on village notice boards, social media and our website. From time-to-time there are events taking place on the Barracks so as there are visitors around we will open providing we have the stewards. We will be open on Sunday 2nd October, Wednesday 5th October and Sunday 16th October Market Day. On Remembrance Sunday, 13th November we will open from 1pm to 4pm.

Website: www.waterbeachmilitarymuseum.org.uk

Email: waterbeachmilitarymuseum@waterbeach.org Follow us on Facebook
We look forward to you visiting us.

Adrian Wright - WMHM Chairman

Gardening Club



The Gardening Club has been having its usual summer break from evening meetings, but this does not mean that we have not been active in other ways. Following a talk earlier in the year entitled “Artists’ Gardens in Hemingford” we enjoyed an afternoon visit to the Manor House in Hemingford Grey. We were treated to an excellent guided tour by Lucy Boston which included not only the garden but also the collection of beautiful quilts.

Members have been struggling to maintain their gardens and allotments to the usual high standard in the very difficult weather conditions with which we have been faced this summer. We hope that conditions will return to normal next year but we have been sharing ideas about ways to conserve water and suggesting varieties that are more drought-tolerant which we might try in the future.

Our programme of talks resumed in September with a visit from Kerry Austen, a real rose expert who is the Head gardener at the Royal National Rose Society, she gave an illustrated talk entitled “The Rose Garden”. The October meeting will be our AGM followed by a shorter than usual talk given by one of our members and in November we will be visited by Richard Gant who will be telling us about the gardens at Madingley Hall. Our meetings are held in the Church Room at 7.45pm on the third Thursday of the month and visitors are most welcome (£3 entrance fee payable on the door). New members are always welcome, too, and will be able to take advantage of a discount from King’s Seeds and Oakington Garden Centre. Please contact wandgc@gmail.com for further details.

Waterbeach Community Market

We all hope you have had a nice summer break, recharged those batteries, as did we. We have a wonderful market ready for you on Sunday 18th September at the Community Rooms. We are starting to get recognition for our hard work from the District Council. We welcome you all to see what we have to offer. Everything from crafts, food, meat, bakery, cakes and lots more. We welcome local charities to hold a stall for fundraising and spreading the word out there. We are a non-profit organisation with this years charity being Arthur Rank.

We hold markets every 3rd Sunday of the month, unless advertised differently. Something that Waterbeach needs is a place for local small businesses to show their wares and what this incredible village has to offer. Any more information please email us at waterbeachcm@yahoo.com.

Friends of All Saints' Church, Landbeach (FOALs)

The Friends of All Saints' Church, Landbeach (FOALs) was formed in November last year, to help to preserve, improve, and open up this historic Parish Church building to community projects. This summer we have enjoyed three main events, all very successful;

The local group CAMUS gave a resounding folk music evening in May that filled the church and used its wonderful acoustics to great effect.



Flower Arranging for Little People

The church building hosted dramatic, themed Floral Creations by the Flower Arrangers group for the Platinum Jubilee celebrations in June, with cream teas in the church yard provided for visitors.

Our Garden Party in July featured live music, village games and

activities, books and bric-a-brac; as well as teas in the churchyard; and visiting goats and a donkey!



6 a-peal at the Garden Party

Our autumn programme starts at the end of September;

Make the Church Sing - Friday 30 Sept 7:00 for 7:30 – 8:30pm

An evening concert by the Corpus Christi Chapel Choir making a welcome return to Landbeach, on their own first outing of the season. [No charge. Donations welcomed. Refreshments available. Cash Bar]

Old Landbeach Re-visited and Old Landbeach School Reunion -

Thursday 27 October 7:00 for 7:30 to 9:00pm

Poetry, Prose, & Pictures, with Cheese & Wine led by Steve Parnwell; 1960's boyhood memories and more! Plus the reunion of former pupils of Landbeach Village School, led by Sue Edwards.

Pudding Evening with Quizzes - Sat.19 November; 7:00 for 7:30 to 9:00pm
That perennial favourite as the nights draw in, with quizzes as always and no cheating!

St Augustine's Choir - Saturday 3 December 7:00 for 7:30 to 9:00pm

An evening choral concert by the St Augustine's Choir with numbers to open the Christmas season.

Bell Ringing: The money from our events is being donated to the project to augment the bell tower from four to six bells, plus a practice bell, to create a

really attractive community asset ["Six Appeal"]. So far FOALs has contributed almost £1,000. With other, very generous, donations and some more fund-raising it is hoped that this project can take form early next year. If you would like to ring our centuries-old bells (plus the new ones) please contact tower captain Barbara Le Gallez on blegallez@yahoo.co.uk / 01223 860283 for a trial session. Weekly practice, with expert tuition, is on Friday evenings 7:00 – 8:30pm alternately at Landbeach and Horningsea. FOALs Contact: John Buckley on john.buckley@sustenergy.co.uk or 01223 861836

Salvation Army



I am very grateful to all you volunteers who helped at the *MAMMOTH CHARITY SALE*. The mammoth team did an incredible job of sorting and setting out the donations. It was a wonderful week for weather, for meeting old friends, for helping some needy people and contributing to schools and other groups. Big thank you for all your contributions which of course made the sale possible.

You helped us raise £6077!!!! Amazing! £600 was donated to the social work of the Salvation Army in the UK. To find out more you can google thesalvationarmy.org.uk. Many thanks to Miriam for keeping us going with lots of yummy food, which of course customers were able to purchase.

Then of course there was *THE VINTAGE TEA ROOM*! 26th and 27th August. I love all things vintage, so it was a wonderful two days for me. I hope that you all enjoyed the setting and the food and you felt relaxed as you ate yummy cakes and drank tea out of pretty bone china cups. My friend and I have been collecting christening gowns and baby clothes for you to look at, as well as all the beautiful embroidery. Again your support is greatly appreciated as you helped us raise £565. The Tea Room provides savoury as well as sweet food, so we may change it's name to Vintage Café. This event is always in August, so pay us a visit next year.

THE CRAFT FAIR will be on 12th November 10am – 4pm, if you would like a stall please Tel: 01223 571477

Our Annual *EXHIBITION OF NATIVITY SCENES* will be held on 2nd and 3rd of December 10am – 4pm. There will be Scenes from all around the world, beautifully displayed. There will be activities for children and refreshments available.

You are very welcome to join us for Sunday worship at 10 a.m. followed by tea and coffee.

Once again thank you for all your support, it enables us to help others. God bless you.

Holiday Club Backpackers



We had such an amazing time at this year's Holiday Club! It was great to welcome the children back into the Chapel after our two-year hiatus due to Covid. We were excited to have more children join us than ever, with 80 booked in each day! Our volunteer team has also grown in size, meaning we were able to provide a more varied programme for the children joining us.



We decided to come back with a bang, and decorate the church as five different European countries: Switzerland, Italy, France, Sweden, and Britain. Throughout the week we “travelled” to a different country, learning all about the culture, language and food! Through travelling to all these countries, we also learnt about the last week of Jesus’ life to Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

Each day we started in our age group countries, making friends and decorating the children’s passports. Then we all sat down to enjoy stage time, where we sang songs (including our theme song “We are going on a big adventure!”) and heard the story for the day, whilst learning about the country we were visiting.

Afterwards, we split into our groups to do our different activities, with KS2 having their own programme on the rec and at St John’s. KS2 had a varied sports and outdoor games time, did some cool science experiments, crafts and cooking, and reading our daily story in more detail. It was great to see them coming back into the Chapel with everything they had made.

KS1 were split into three groups and rotated between doing crafts, games, and story & snack time. Each day we tried differently themed snacks from the country that we were visiting, whilst the children got to ask lots of brilliant questions about the story that day. Everyone had so much fun playing games in ‘Tourist Training’ at the Salvation Army Hall, including their favourite parachute games, dressing up, and lots of races. The crafts that were produced in the ‘Air-Craft Cabin’ were



always so great to see. The creativity was wonderful, and everyone had a lot of fun on our decorating pizza day!

However, when asked their favourite part of the day, the children and volunteers both shouted “the drama”. The instalment at the end of each morning followed the story of a group of friends travelling on a reality TV show called “Bus Tour” throughout Europe, learning about friendship and forgiveness.



Along the way they dealt with a grumpy team mate, a terrible bus driver, a pizza making competition and betrayal, with the final instalment showing us how important love is.

It was great to go on the journey with the children and learn with them, and we were able to look at the last impactful week of Jesus’ life on earth in such

detail. The first day explored Jesus welcoming children, even though His friends tried to shoo the children away. Each day, we encountered this love for everyone through the events of the last week of Jesus’ life on earth, culminating in the ultimate expression of love – Jesus dying for us, so that we can be made right before God. The Sunday service at the Chapel helped the children, their families and



members of the three Waterbeach churches to revisit the stories and hear about all the great memories we made that week.

We’re already excited for next year’s Holiday Club. If you would like to put the date in your diary to make sure you keep that week free, we will be running next Holiday Club Monday 31st July – Friday 4th August.

Established in 2013, Beach Churches Together Holiday Club began with the churches of Waterbeach and Landbeach wanting to provide the primary school aged children of the surrounding area with a week of fun and learning! Every year in the summer holiday we run six mornings of activities, songs, and stories with an overarching theme. Whether it's in space or ancient Egypt or on a pirate ship, we are fully immersed for a week!

www.bctholidayclub.com | Facebook: BCT Holiday Club | YouTube

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Community English Classes

Free community English classes in Waterbeach

Free weekly English classes have now been running for nearly two months. Thank you to everyone who has donated to enable them to take place.

Open to adults, children and teenagers, we are delighted to have enrolled 24 learners. The vast majority of our learners are Ukrainian but we also have Chinese and Persian speakers. Three classes, taught by qualified and experienced teachers, run each week- beginner, improver and advanced. Thanks to the generosity and goodwill of the community, our learners are making great progress!

The lessons are funded in part by donations from the local community (you may have seen "proudly sponsoring local English lessons" signs in the windows of local businesses or nearby homes) and in part with a grant from South Cambridgeshire District Council. Funds are still needed to ensure that we reach our target of a year's worth of lessons. We are also seeking donations for a hardship fund for learners in need. We would be delighted with any donations (large or small). To donate or find out more please visit

www.alearningplace.co.uk/english-lessons/waterbeach

The classes focus on speaking and listening and aim to equip our learners with the language skills needed to navigate day to day life e.g., describing pain to a dentist or asking a teacher why a child is upset.

We have been delighted with the response from the local community and would like to particularly thank St John's Church for providing a free venue. Our learners have been extremely touched to know that their new neighbours are helping to fund these classes. In the words of our youngest learner: "very good class- very good". Thank you!

Waterbeach United Charities (Reg No 201528)

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

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 below.

Electric Wheelchairs - We have a number of electric wheelchairs for those in need. If you would like to be considered please ask for an application form by contacting: Ms Shelley Mason, Secretary, Waterbeach United Charities,
c/o 7 Cambridge Road, Waterbeach CB25 9NJ

Or email: waterbeachunitedcharities@gmail.com

All personal applications are confidential.

Waterbeach Colts FC



Waterbeach Colts FC is 20 years old!

Thank you to everyone who came along to, and volunteered at, the Waterbeach Colts Football Club Beer Festival. It was our 18th Beer Festival and falls in our 20th year as a club.



Photo by Richard Youell

It was a superb weekend. We had plenty of brilliant football, including our charity match in aid of Arthur Rank Hospice, and our memorial match, featuring the U8s and U9s, in honour of Chris Fordham. Great beer – of course; The Juliet's were fantastic and we were thrilled by the live music line-up on Sunday.

A huge thank you to those who volunteered their time in the run up to the event and also over the weekend. It wouldn't happen without you. Big thanks too to those who lent

us items, especially Waterbeach Scouts, who also helped with the set-up.

Also a shout out to our sponsors. Again the festival couldn't happen without you. Thanks to: Albion Decorators, PURE Service, The Playground, Tesco Fulbourn, Tesco Milton and food items donated by Foodwell Vegetable Processors.

So, what is next for Waterbeach Colts FC?

We have more teams than ever kicking off in the 2022/23 season. We also have many of our long-term committee members standing down. For the club to continue running as it does now, and for more beer festivals and tournaments, we need more volunteers. We know times are hard right now, but you can get so much back from volunteering and getting to know more people in your community.

We are looking for a Chair, Vice Chair, Fixtures & Referees Secretary, Safeguarding/Welfare Officer, Tea Bar Co-ordinator, Parent Representatives, and two Events Officers. You can find out more about these roles here: <https://www.waterbeachcolts.org.uk/your-club-needs-you>

For the Chair and Vice Chair roles – those currently in the positions will be around for another few months, so the sooner you join the more handover time you can have!

If you have any questions about this article, or want to talk a role through, please email: elly.ruston@gmail.com

What's in a name (or not?)

Car Dyke, Car Dyke Road and Tillage Hall...

It's lovely to know that at least some people read my Beach News offerings and much appreciated when they tell me I have got something wrong. When I started these occasional articles, I hoped others might add their stories about the village to Beach News; but receiving corrections to my efforts is also very helpful (see footnote for comment on Whitmore Way article)

Today I am actually responding to a correction made by a reader when I wrote about the naming of Tillage Hall which I wrote eleven years ago when Tillage Hall had just been built and had been named after a public consultation.

The area where Tillage Hall now stands was for a long time called The Old Tillage (evidence goes back to 1253). It is close to part of a waterway running from the Cam towards Cottenham and beyond, which became known as Car Dyke in 1757. My research at the time involved looking up the word Tillage and checking that it meant what I thought it did. It was a place where people prepared the ground and grew things. (The Cambridge Dictionary defines it the act of preparing land for growing crops: – other dictionaries say much the same. So that was my explanation in my 2011 article.

However, a sharp-eyed reader e-mailed me and said that he had been on one of the County Archaeology tours of Car Dyke and from that he understood that the meaning of Tillage might have derived from an old dialect word 'Twyilade'. (Being very busy at the time and with quick google searches not helping I kept the e-mail and moved on to other things, but never forgot that there was an alternative derivation of the name.)

Since 1757 there has been a theory that Car Dyke was built by the Romans perhaps to transport food and soldiers between the Cam at Waterbeach up to the river Witham in Lincolnshire. There is definite evidence of Roman involvement and of the route between Peterborough and Lincoln; there is no clear evidence to show how that part links up with our section which goes via Cottenham to the Old West River. The received wisdom now seems to be that our bit shouldn't be called Car Dyke after all. Maps at the Oxford Archaeology exhibition at the Farmland Museum last summer labelled the Waterbeach section The Old Tillage.

To confuse matters, there was also another name, Tyllinge, which, according to the Vicar of Waterbeach in 1866 was found in the Court rolls of Henry V. The Reverend Clay wrote to 'The East Anglian; Or, Notes and Queries on Subjects Connected with the Counties of Suffolk, Cambridge, Essex and Norfolk' to ask if anyone knew its meaning. There was a rather vague answer in the next edition which didn't really answer the question.

To come back to the present. In the mid 1970's Cambridge Road was

diverted from its route along what is now Old Cambridge Road along a new stretch of road, to be named Car Dyke Road and passes under Cambridge Road just before the turn into Old Cambridge Road.

I remember the old route but have no recollection of what the stretch where the diversion started looked like. Were houses demolished to make way for it, or was it open fields? I wish I could remember.

So...should Car Dyke Road be renamed? Did villages of many years ago adapt Twyilade to Tillage

because it was a word with a much more relevant meaning to their way of life? (was my reasoning in my 2011 offering totally wrong?) Two questions for you to ponder on. And if anyone can throw further light on Twyilade or Tyllinge I would love to hear about it.

Correction: When writing about Whitmore Way I said that Dave Halsey was the last publican at the Star, there were in fact two more before a lovely little pub sadly was closed. Also the houses built partly on the pub garden were built later than Whitmore Way itself.

Jane Williamson



Waterbeach Day Centre

Cook Needed

We need a cook on Monday and Wednesday for four hours each day term time only to cook a two-course meal for our member (up to 24 people). Pay to be negotiated. You will also need to plan the menu and do the shopping; you will receive travel expenses for this. We struggled through to the school holidays, but we really need your help.

Before the holidays, one Wednesday, we had an afternoon tea at the Day Centre with entertainment, a really good time was had by all. We also had an outing to The Farmland Museum for cream tea, which was a lovely afternoon out. Thank you to all involved in making us really welcome and showing us around.

If you are interested in the cook's job, being a volunteer or a member please contact either:

Mary Longstaff on 07711 551766 or Shirley Hayhoe on 07767 793505

Waterbeach Surgery

I would like to say a big thank you to the many patients who have taken the time to write to us, to Waterbeach Babble and to call into the surgery to make positive comments about the care you have received from our team.

The practice contract with MKGP+ is now out for Tender (renewal). The Procurement process will happen over the next couple of months and a new provider of services at Waterbeach surgery chosen. New managers will be in place by January 2023. Our current team of clinicians and administrators will remain in place and continuity of care will be the priority. All patients of Waterbeach Practice should have received a letter from the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough CCG in recent weeks to explain the process. (The CCGs in England have been reorganised. The new organisation is called the Integrated Care Scheme (ICS), under the direction of the Integrated Care Board (ICB) for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.)

Please be aware that the Practice doors continue to be open, with strict measures in place. Please wear a face covering when attending the surgery, and sanitise your hands when entering the building. We continue to clean the waiting room chairs regularly.

We have recently installed a new automatic hand sanitiser so patients can sanitise their hands before using the touch screen which also displays various messages for your information. Can I ask patients where possible to use the touch screen as it is quicker for you?

As you are aware the Practice does need more rooms so we can accommodate the new members of staff. We have now started work and looking to complete the transition by the end of August. The room will be used by the nursing team. Looking at current systems, we have now introduced a new process for Medical Insurance reports. We will be using a third party to complete these reports and for this we need consent from patients. The details are available on the Practice website.

We have introduced an improved text messaging system. This will give us the ability to send appointment reminder text messages, with an option for you to cancel if you no longer need it. We hope this will reduce high Did Not Attend (DNA) levels. This new system will also allow us to send a Friends & Family Feedback test to you once your appointment is complete. It will enable us to monitor your feedback in a more precise way.

We have also been working on text messages for patients that have had a blood test and the result has come back normal. We have run into some technical difficulties and are working on a solution.

We have received some feedback regarding the phone system and I thank the patients of Waterbeach for this. The issues have been raised with our provider

and they are looking into it going forward. I would ask patients who are calling for a non-urgent appointment or other reason to please call after 10 am as this may reduce the waiting time for you. Our busiest days are Monday and Friday mornings so we have put more staff on then.

When you have a GP telephone appointment please can you ensure that you have your mobile with you at all times and that it is not on silent. Those without a mobile will need to be close to their landline. The GP or ANP (Advanced Nurse Practitioner) will ring at least twice. Some patients are phoning repeatedly to check they've not missed their call. This is putting more pressure on staff.

From January 2022 we could no longer prescribe medications that can be purchased over the counter. This is because of government policy to reduce the amount of money the NHS spends on prescriptions for treating minor conditions. If you are wanting help or advice about this please ask.

Please can patients who have a smart phone or Tablet device consider using the NHS App, as it enables you to order your prescription online without using paper and it reduces work load for the prescription clerks. You can find the App on the App store or for Android on the play store.

We are trialing a new initiative where we are able to refer you to the community pharmacy with the following concerns *Bites & Stings, Congestion, Eyes Mouth & Throat*. This will enable the pharmacy to offer an over the counter medication for you.

Over the last month we have had calls from patients regarding dentistry. Unfortunately GPs cannot assist patients with dental concerns. You need to be registered with a dentist. We are sorry we cannot issue antibiotics for any dental concerns.

For your information the table below shows the activity within the surgery for June and July.

Like all GP surgeries there is a big issue with patients missing appointments. These DNAs are costing a huge amount of time and money. If you cannot attend your appointment, for whatever reason, please can you contact the surgery to inform us so we can then accommodate other patients? We

	June	July
Practice Population	5699	5710
Total phone calls	5121	5813
Prescription requests (not phone calls)	525	536
Appointments (total)	2365	2508
Face to face appointments	860	1003
Telephone appointments	1505	1505
Prescriptions issued	2312	2321
2WW (urgent cancer referrals)	17	31
Referrals	227	184
Smear tests	22	16
Blood tests	147	176
Patient did not attend (appointments missed)	111	79

recognise that sometimes it is unavoidable that an appointment may be missed; you will be phoned or sent a letter to follow this up. If you do not attend on three occasions you may be asked to register at another practice. The new messaging should help this not to be needed. There has been some talk by

politicians of fining patients, who miss appointments. We can stop the need for this if patients are more considerate.

Just a gentle reminder that the practice operates a zero tolerance policy on aggressive and abusive behaviour. If you are rude, aggressive or abusive to any member of the team you will be warned via letter of your unacceptable behaviour. If this happens again then I will have no choice but to remove you from the Practice list and you will need to register at another practice. We can serve you best when there is good communication.

As a Practice we would like to improve our patient experience by purchasing a floor standing Blood Pressure machine so patients can monitor their blood pressure in the surgery. The machine comes with a digital printer so the results can be printed and handed to reception so they can be added to the patient record there and then. In order to do this the PPG would like to raise the amount of £1000.

As the Practice Manager, I will be undertaking the Bath Half Marathon in October to support fundraising. We have set up a just giving page if any patients would like to sponsor me. The details for the just giving page are

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/bruce-](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/bruce-abel?utm_id=1&utm_term=by22ZZWXb)

[abel?utm_id=1&utm_term=by22ZZWXb](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/bruce-abel?utm_id=1&utm_term=by22ZZWXb) If you would prefer just to give a donation please bring it to the surgery.

We shall be giving eligible patients the opportunity to have a booster 'flu jab in September and over 50s a booster Covid vaccination, once we receive details from the ICB. Please look out for further details on the website, in the waiting room, Waterbeach Babble and text messages.

The surgery team are feeling very positive about our ability to take care of our Waterbeach community. If you have any concerns about your care please contact me at the surgery straight away by phone or by the feedback link on the Waterbeach surgery website.

Bruce Abel - Practice Manager

Waterbeach United Charities (Reg No 201528)

Calling Waterbeach-Based Students

Waterbeach United Charities invites applications from individual students who would benefit from some help with their studies. If your home address is in the parish of Waterbeach, and you will be studying in the 2022-23 academic year, then you are eligible to apply.

We consider grants for equipment (tools, clothing etc) for students undertaking vocational training, grants for students who may need help with the costs of books, or applications for help with travel costs.

To apply, please email waterbeachunitedcharities@gmail.com to request an application form. All personal applications are confidential. Student grants are only awarded once a year and **a completed application form must be returned by 3 October 2022**. No applications will be considered after this date.

Farmland Museum



The team at the Farmland Museum and Denny Abbey would like to thank the many families from Waterbeach who visited us over the summer! We had a fantastic season, with lots of fun events from Knight's Training to outdoor theatre and a teddy bear's picnic...and we have more in store before we close at the end of October!

On Sunday 9th October, we welcome the Cambridge and Newmarket 16mm Narrow Gauge Modellers for a meeting with their model steam engines in our historic stone barn. Come along, see their fun displays and grab coffee and cake or lunch while you're here.

Then at half term we'll have Halloween activities running Thursday 27th to Sunday 30th October. Hopefully pumpkin carving, but we have to see how pumpkin harvests have survived the dry summer. There will definitely be something on the go though! Head to www.dennyfarmlandmuseum.org.uk for up-to-date information on what we've got planned.

We close for the winter on Sunday 30th October, but this year there are some special events on offer over winter...

On Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th December, Santa Claus is making a visit to Denny Abbey! Join him for a special breakfast, where children will get the chance to meet him and take home a gift. Pre-booking is essential via <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/thefarmlandmuseumanddennyabbey/>

We are also running a series of heritage craft winter workshops, including wood turning, ceramics, jewellery and wreath-making. Details of how to book onto these courses can be found on our website and social media pages.

The work at the museum doesn't stop over winter! We get busy with sorting, cleaning and planning for the new season. Volunteers are busy all year round and we are looking for more volunteers to join our team as the museum goes from strength to strength!



Are you looking for a new challenge? An outlet for your skills and experience and a way to meet new people? We could use your help! From collections care and cleaning, to welcoming visitors on our admissions desk, or taking orders in the cafe – there's something for everyone at the Farmland Museum and you can give as little or as much of your time. Get in touch with us to find out more at info@farmlandmuseum.org.uk or call 01223 860 988.

Waterbeach Fun Dog Show

"We loved it- thank you, and we will of course be back again next year"

"Lovely day and thank you to everyone involved, fab show as always"

"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!"

This year's show raised a whopping £720!! Donated between WAY Waterbeach Youth Club, Guide Dogs Buddy Scheme for Children and local dog rescue Animal Crazyness.

Hérons Playgroup provided a great array of scrummy cakes and a tombola, to raise money for their growing community facilities. There were only a few crumbs left!

After such a long time of uncertainty and events being cancelled, it was wonderful to follow on from the return of the village Feast and all the Platinum Jubilee celebrations: people definitely bought along their fun, generosity and community spirit. It was clear to see we have a village of many much loved waggy tails!

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. 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 Herons Preschool's homemade cakes and the numerous small local business, craft and animal related stalls, whether they had a dog or not. We were joined by Woodgreen and some of the staff who appear on Channel 4's The Dog House TV show - they had a stall to help raise money for their Mount Kilimanjaro expedition (if you would like to donate,



Ralph and his happy haul!



Best Waterbeach Dog- Lupin owned and handled by Mya Bryan

their fund raiser is still open, visit their website). Thank you for showing all our stall holders your support at a time that has recently been very 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 next year - Sunday 25th June 2023! Keep your *Paws At The Ready* and an eye on the Facebook page (Waterbeach Fun Dog Show) and Beach News for further details!

Jude- Organiser

Waterbeach School

School has started again and currently the teachers are all settling our children into their new classrooms. We have said goodbye to last year's year 6 children who will now be settling into their new secondary schools. We were immensely proud of the year 6 children who, despite COVID lockdown, managed to produce SATs results which were above national averages in all areas. A fabulous achievement. Thanks should also be extended to the staff and parents who worked so hard with the children during these years.

Our school Governors continue to work hard on the strategic direction of the school. Our focus this year is to address any issues of consistency across all areas of the school that have occurred because of the lockdown period. We are still working hard to address any gaps in children's learning and alongside this we are also trying to ensure that all of the staff training and development prior to the pandemic is "rebooted" and further developed.

A worrying concern for the school is that fact that budgets are being greatly stretched by rising costs. A well-deserved pay award for school staff could cost our school the majority of its reserves because it does not appear to be funded by the Government. Alongside this, the rising fuel costs, experienced by householders, is also being felt in schools. It appears that this is going to be a very testing time for everyone this year when it comes to finances.

Meanwhile the fun in school continues - children have returned with smiling faces and shiny shoes! We look forward to the year ahead and the experiences and learning we can provide for our little people!

Jane Green- Head teacher

Waterbeach in the News

More references to Waterbeach from the British Newspaper Archive.

“Lawlessness” In Waterbeach

Apart from the occasional case of arson previously touched upon, Waterbeach seems to have been a comparatively quiet place in the nineteenth century. Stealing meat from local publicans seems a recurring crime – such an incident in 1843 led to the guilty receiving 9 months’ hard labour and two months’ solitary confinement. Whether at times of greater leniency, or involving less meat, similar cases in 1850 and in 1890 warranted ten days’ and one month’s hard labour respectively. You could be fined for allowing your animals to wander along the public highway, and rustling two chickens would put you in prison for a month.

Lord help you if you were declared bankrupt! John and Edward Leach, brothers in the village, had their 1851 bankruptcy announced in 17 different newspapers, from Cardiff in the west to Newcastle in the north.

Two local cases drew similar publicity. Mr. Neal, the minister of the local Baptist Church, had been involved in a brief scuffle involving his wife and a fellow Baptist over possession of a pew. This scuffle arose over non-payment of pew rents which in 1867 grew into a “national” scandal when the minister publicly accused his congregation of not paying their rents and his deacons of not collecting them. All hell broke out in the chapel, culminating in – wait for it – the gas being turned off. This led to a long case over alleged assault, a case which was reported in 13 different newspapers from Weston-Super-Mare up to Berwick. The jury could not arrive at a verdict.

Earlier, in December 1842, a publican walked into his pub and shot his wife in the head in a bout of jealous rage. Remarkably she survived. The publican wandered the fens for four days, and was picked up at Six-Mile Bottom. He was found guilty of malicious assault, and was transported for life.

Common assault led to a fine and one month’s hard labour; being drunk and disorderly to a 2s.6d. fine and 12s.6d. costs in 1886, unless it was the sixth time you had been caught, like one unfortunate in June 1889, when the fine was 10s. Four youths wilfully obstructing a footpath in June 1897 received 2s. fines and were “severely reprimanded”.

Two intriguing cases to end with. A Waterbeach cab-driver was fined for “furious driving” in Petty Cury, nearly hitting a hansom cab, when his horse was frightened by fireworks on Guy Fawkes’ Day, 1889. And a Waterbeach porter who re-directed twelve bottles of wine intended for a vicar to his own home in September 1895 was given 2 months’ hard labour. *John Beresford.*

Waterbeach Abbey

There is now no sign of Waterbeach Abbey except an open grassy area between the modern recreation ground and the station. Even in its time it was small, eclipsed by Denny Abbey to the north.

It was founded in the 1280s by a noble widow named Denise de Munchensey who received permission from Edward I to donate her manor of Waterbeach to found a religious house. She had received it when she was widowed and held it directly from the King for the nominal rent of a rose to be delivered at midsummer.

The first nuns arrived in 1293-4, probably from London. Denise finally granted the land to them in 1294, over objections from the canons of Barnwell Priory, who owned Waterbeach church and felt threatened by the fact that the nuns would not pay tithes. Eventually it was agreed that they would instead pay 22 shillings per year to the vicar.

In 1346 the nunnery was inherited by Countess Mary de St Pol, the Countess of Pembroke, who had earlier re-founded Denny Abbey as a nunnery; it had previously belonged to the Knights Templar. Denny Abbey was also in Waterbeach Parish and the village and the abbey were joined by a causeway. The Countess amalgamated the two nunneries and moved the abbess of Waterbeach and several nuns to Denny.

Despite this, several nuns insisted on remaining at Waterbeach despite official orders to move. In the late 1340s they elected their own abbess and started receiving new nuns, but at this point the pope ordered two bishops to have them forcibly removed and sent to Denny. Waterbeach Abbey was handed over to twelve Franciscan friars, but they refused to live there and it fell into ruin, to be formally abandoned in 1359.

Becca Edney

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Wicken Fen Nature Reserve

News from Wicken Fen Nature Reserve

Autumn wildlife

Look out for migrant birds arriving to spend the winter at Wicken Fen next time you are visiting the reserve. By the time you read this article, you should be able to spot wigeon, redwing and fieldfare. The low rays of autumn sun catch the reeds' feathery golden spikes on afternoon walks round the boardwalk and in the reedbeds on the wider reserve. The changing seasons always present something new in the natural world, so if you haven't visited for a while, it's well worth making time for a stroll on the reserve.



Fieldfare - Photo by Richard Nicoll

October half term - family fun at Wicken Fen

Monday 24, Wednesday 26 and Friday 28 October

Storytelling in the Fen Cottage, with spooky Fenland stories for all the family. Free sessions throughout the day between 10:30 and 15:00 – sign up at the Visitor Centre on the day.

Tuesday 25 and Thursday 27 October

Family-friendly guided tours of Fen Cottage. Free sessions throughout the day between 10:30 and 14:00 – sign up at the Visitor Centre on the day.

Saturday 29 October

Toast-making over an open fire in the Fen Cottage. Free sessions 11:00-12:00 and 13:30-14:30 - sign up at the Visitor Centre on the day.

Footprints: Community Engagement Project

New Wicken Wellbeing Walk - Fridays 10-11am

Following our pilot series of walks in the fen edge villages, we launched a weekly wellbeing walk at Wicken Fen on Friday 30 September. The feedback we received during the pilot indicated that a regular, easy paced, sociable walk would be welcome. So, if you'd like to join us, please meet in the Visitor Centre at Wicken Fen on Friday morning ready for a 10am start. The walk will be around 2 miles in length at a relaxed pace, taking approximately an hour.

Vision Festival - Saturday 8 and Saturday 15 October

For the first time we are celebrating the Vision with activities at both ends of the Vision area: at Wicken Fen on Saturday 8 October and at Anglesey Abbey on Saturday 15 October.

We'll be showcasing Footprints activities with demonstrations and hands-on activities provided by our brilliant project partners. You'll also be able to

discover more about the Wicken Fen Vision by joining us for walks, talks, boat trips and much more.

Check out our Facebook event and the What's On section of our website for more details and to book. There's a good mix of drop-in and bookable events. We hope to see you at either (or both) Festival days.

For the latest reserve information, please visit our website www.nationaltrust.org.uk/wicken-fen

Details of our events can be found on our website at <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/wicken-fen-nature-reserve/whats-on>

Waterbeach Wombles

In 2020 Sarah Christofides and George Burton, new arrivals in Waterbeach, could not help noticing the amount of litter in our village, and so they set about remedying this by going out litter picking.

In 2021 they set up Waterbeach Wombles and invited other villagers to join them. You can find the group on Facebook by searching for Waterbeach Wombles.

Individuals have, of course, been litter picking over time when ever they could and our Village Green and The Gault have been litter picked for many years by one dedicated individual. Many other villagers litter pick their own streets or frontage. The W.I. have also organised litter picks.

The Waterbeach Wombles comprise just over a hundred members and more would be welcome.

When you go to the rec, to church, the shop or for a walk could you consider litter picking?

Hoops and bags are available from Sarah and George. A bag of rubbish can be placed in your own black bin and for large organised picks the council collect the bags from designated points.

Please consider joining The Wombles so that we can be proud of our village and can organise large scale litter picks.

Sheila Burke - on behalf of The Wombles and with many thanks to Sarah and George for setting up the group.



Recent haul from Wombling along Car Dyke Road

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
32 ND CAMBRIDGE (WATERBEACH) SCOUT GROUP	William Moon - 07879 626682
BEACH BOWLS CLUB	William Clough - 01223 861386
BEACH SOCIAL CLUB	Linda Strange - 01223 862319
CAM SAILING CLUB	Catherine Lindon - 07950 709921
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION CHAIRPERSON	Alasdair Pentland - 07751 786040
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION SECRETARY	Pam Clack - 07367 123110
FRIENDS OF WORTS MEADOW LANDBEACH	Frances Dipper - 01223 861836
HAPPY FOLKS CLUB	Stuart Atkins - 01223 862674
HERONS' PRESCHOOL	Wayne Badcock - 01223 863245
LITTLE STARS DAY NURSERY	Lisa Wakley-Davies - 07877 317361
ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - WATERBEACH & LANDBEACH	Norman Foster - 01223 864400
ST. JOHN'S CHURCH	Rev. Paul Butler - 07903 904599
ST. JOHN'S WATERBEACH WIVES	Sheila Gill - 01223 475302
WASPS (WATERBEACH AFTER SCHOOL PLAY SCHEME)	Sarah Heil - 07858 975397
WATERBEACH & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB	Jerry Cooper - 01223 574050
WATERBEACH BADMINTON CLUB	Norman Setchell - 01223 862404
WATERBEACH BALLS JUGGLING CLUB	Felix Clay & Liam Guyton - waterbeachballs@gmail.com
WATERBEACH BAPTIST CHAPEL	Pastor Martin Ensell - 01223 862494
WATERBEACH BRASS	David Pell - 01223 860396
WATERBEACH C10LTS F.C.	Elly Ruston - 07986
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WATERBEACH COMMUNITY LAND TRUST	Ian Bracey - info@waterbeachclt.co.uk
WATERBEACH COMMUNITY MARKET	Gaynor Clarke - 07824 399240
WATERBEACH COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP	Fiona Thomas - 01223 440769
WATERBEACH COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL P.T.A	Alison Durston - 01223 718988
WATERBEACH CRICKET CLUB	Alasdair Pentland - 07751 786040
WATERBEACH DAY CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY	Mary Longstaff - 07523 494213
WATERBEACH INDEPENDENT LENDING LIBRARY (WILL)	Maggie Crane - 01223 440560
WATERBEACH MILITARY HERITAGE MUSEUM	Adrian Wright - 01223 861846
WATERBEACH PARISH COUNCIL	Parish Clerk - 01223 441338
WATERBEACH SALVATION ARMY	Lt. Stephanie White - 01223 440190
WATERBEACH THEATRE COMPANY	Julie Petrucci - 01223 880023
WATERBEACH VILLAGE SOCIETY	Adrian Wright - 01223 861846
WATERBEACH WI	Viv Cooper - 01223 574050
WAY YOUTH CLUB (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
PARISH PATHS GROUP	D. Armstrong - 01223 861586
VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT	Maggie Crane - 01223 440560
WATERBEACH PARISH COUNCIL	Parish Clerk - 01223 441338
WATERBEACH SCHOOL	01223 718988
WATERBEACH CHARITIES	Pam Gooding - 01223 861003

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

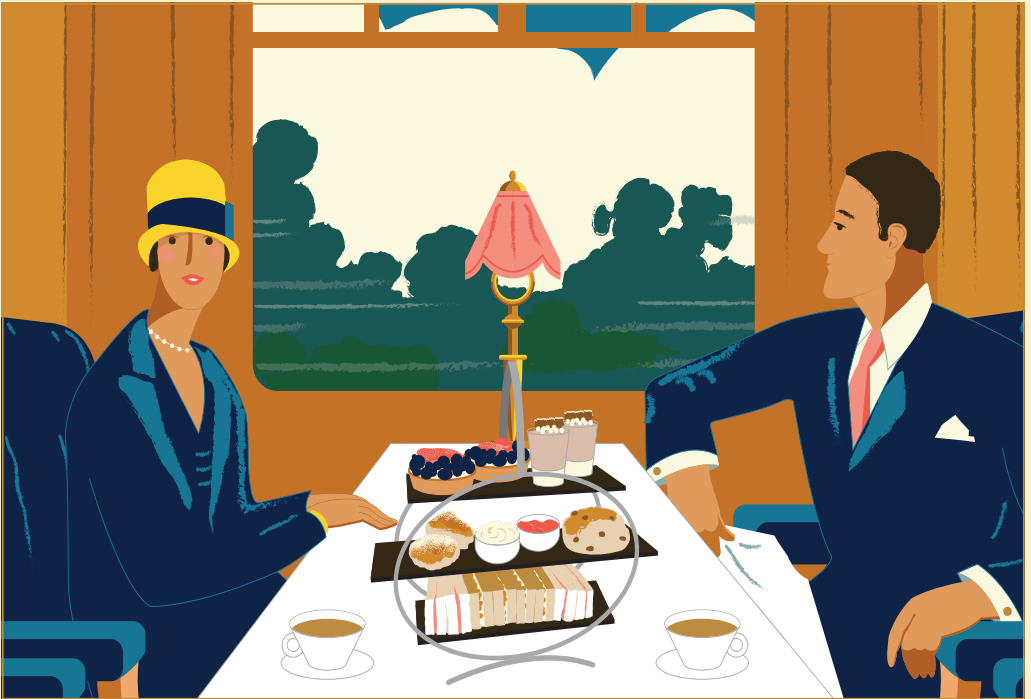


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