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# Community Association



Hello everyone and welcome to the Spring 2022 edition of the Beach News.

**Christmas 2021** - Firstly, I'd like to apologise for the cancellation of Carols on the Green on Christmas Eve. At the time of the Carols there were high and rising rates of COVID infection in the country and in the local area. It was also uncertain at the time as to what the severity of the Omicron variant was. Thanks to all of those who sent in messages of support for making this difficult decision. I'd like to thank all of those who setup the lights, tree and decorations and tidied them all away again. Once again, they did a great job of making the village look festive, despite the disruption caused by the pandemic. I'd also like to thank the impromptu carol singers, for their wonderfully enthusiastic performance, we hope to join you next year.

**Feast 2022** - The planning is underway for the Waterbeach Community Association Feast Day 2022, to be held on the 11<sup>th</sup> June from 2pm till 5pm. For those new to the area the Feast is an annual fair enjoyed by the whole village. The alphabet theme will be continuing from 2019 and this year is 'Something beginning with the letter N...'. The Feast starts at 2pm with a parade of decorated floats, walking groups and individuals and runs



from the school to the Green, kicking off the afternoon's festivities. On the village green and the Gault there are stalls run by local groups, offering a range of activities and games, raffles, tombola etc. Food and drink will be available from a number of vendors and there will be kids' entertainment with a couple of fairs, circus skills, pony rides etc. At the centre of the main green there will be an events arena hosting bands, choirs, dancers and other entertainment. As we're still planning keep an eye out for updates on <https://www.facebook.com/waterbeachfeast>.



We have a team of volunteers, made up from both WCA members and non-members, working hard to make this year's Feast a success. Meetings are held online and there is still room for anyone wanting to help, so please get in touch ([wcachair@waterbeach.org](mailto:wcachair@waterbeach.org)). We'll certainly be looking for more volunteers closer to the time for all the small jobs that need doing on the day.



The initial focus of the planning was looking for acts to perform in the arena. This is always a mix of local community groups and some professional entertainment. We have several acts planned but if you run, or know of a local group that would be

interested in performing, please get in touch and we will try and fit you in. The pitch booking forms are almost ready and will be appearing on the WCA website soon, we'll also post links on the WCA and Feast Facebook pages (see end of article for links).

**Beach News** - The Beach News is a community newsletter written by you, the community, put together and edited by WCA volunteers. We try and publish all articles that are sent into us and wish to continue to do so. I would like to remind you, when writing articles, please be positive, constructive and informative.

I hope you all enjoy this edition of the Beach News and thank you for reading, [www.waterbeach.org](http://www.waterbeach.org), <https://www.facebook.com/groups/611204276784361> <https://www.facebook.com/waterbeachfeast>

*Alasdair Pentland- Chairperson*

*Photos from Feast Day 2016-2018*

# Cam Sailing Club

Walking along the riverbank between Bottisham Lock and The Bridge at Clayhithe you can look across the river and see the Cam Sailing Club; with its beautiful grounds, boats, clubhouse, chalets and caravans; it's a lovely setting to enjoy boating.

The club is at its quietest now, but not closed. The sailing cruisers have been moved from their river moorings and are now out of the water and most of the wooden dinghies are stored in the sheds. However, CSC members can still visit and enjoy the peaceful setting; there is the opportunity to work on their boats, go for a walk or just sit and enjoy the scenery, have a picnic maybe and go for a sail if they wish.

The last race of the 2021 season was held on Boxing Day and despite it being a rather gusty, cold day twelve entrants signed in and competed for the Frostbite Spoon trophy.

February is the month when members help with work on the grounds and pollarding trees along the riverbank, ahead of the club events starting in full in March.

April sees the start of club racing and there are lots of wonderful trophies to race for during the year together with training days and leisure sailing. All these are held with a safety boat afloat and manned. If just mucking about on the water is your thing, there's plenty of that as well.

Our junior fleet (up to 18 years) is also well catered for with their own club racing series and a comprehensive (and fun) RYA training week held during the summer holidays. The CSC team won the Youth Sailing League last year in which they sailed against Hunts, Ely, Grafham and Paxton Lakes Sailing Clubs.



Cam Sailing Club will be holding an Open Day on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May 1-5pm when you are welcome to visit and have a go at sailing on the river, either in a dinghy or a larger keeled boat. Please bring soft shoes. This year our Open Day is being run jointly with the Cambridge Motor Boat Club - just next door - a great opportunity to find out about motorboating as well. If you visit our website 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.



# Waterbeach Theatre Company

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Tillage Hall to our pantomime *Cinderella*. Although things were a bit different this year without a stage we hope you enjoyed the show.



After a gap of two years WTC is back in Waterbeach school for our production of *Cheshire Cats* by Gail Young directed by Wendy Croft. Between 18 and 21 May you can follow the Cheshire Cats team as they speed walk their way to fundraising success in the London Moonwalk. Hilary, Siobhan, Yvonne, Vicky and Maggie are attempting to walk 13 miles across the capital in record time in their decorated bras and posh new trainers, but the 6th member of the team doesn't seem to meet the physical criteria! Cheshire Cats is a cross between a girls night out and a real mission to support a cause close to many hearts, with plenty of laughs and a few tears along the way.

After a break over the summer we begin rehearsals for November when we will be presenting *A Bunch of Amateurs* by Ian Hislop and Nick Newman. The story of the play follows former Hollywood action hero, Jefferson Steele, arriving in England to boost his stalling career by playing King Lear at Stratford. Unfortunately for him his hapless agent has made a massive faux pas and this is not Stratford-upon-Avon, home of the Bard, but a small Suffolk village. And instead of appearing with 'Branagh' and 'Dench' and the RSC, as expected, the rest of the cast are an amateur drama group called Stratford Players who can't believe their luck, or lack of it. As the worlds of glamorous Hollywood and sleepy Suffolk intertwine Jefferson's career implodes, as he discovers some real truths about himself.

Box Office for *Cheshire Cats* opens 1 March. Advance box office 01223 880023.

Online bookings [www.ticketsource.co.uk/wcp](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/wcp) (per transaction booking charge)

You can find out all about Waterbeach Theatre Company by visiting our website [www.wtconline.org.uk](http://www.wtconline.org.uk)

## Waterbeach United Charities (Reg No 201528)

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

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

**Distress Grants** - The Trustees would like to hear from individuals who may be in need or distress. If you think we could help, and to find out whether you are eligible for assistance, whether it be loaning equipment to you, or providing financial support, please contact: (All personal applications are confidential)

Mrs Shelley Mason, The Secretary, Waterbeach United Charities

c/o 7 Cambridge Road, Waterbeach, Cambridge CB25 9NJ

Email: [waterbeachunitedcharities@gmail.com](mailto:waterbeachunitedcharities@gmail.com)

# Waterbeach Brass

The band are delighted to have come out the other side of covid with a full band and a great mentality for moving forward, with the hope of making 2022 a great year for live music.

Through lockdown the band had weekly zoom calls to keep everyone socialising in a safe way, but we made music as well! We created a number of social distanced recordings. The one the band enjoyed the most was recording the Queen classic 'We are the Champions' which we dedicated to our wonderful NHS changing the title to 'YOU are the Champions'. This has been viewed by 5 ½ thousand people just on Facebook! To have a listen yourself please go to the bands Facebook page or see it on our website [www.waterbeachbrass.org](http://www.waterbeachbrass.org).

When restrictions were lifted the band were invited to play Nightingale Avenue in Cambridge and Little Paxton for our first face to face concerts for nearly 2 years, we played a fun and entertaining programme that was enjoyed by two very appreciated audiences.

As well as our outdoor concerts we were able to hold our annual concert with



the Cambridge University Brass Band (CUBB) at the Wesley Methodist Church in Cambridge. We were joined by two fantastic soloists in Matt Gee and David Blackadder who played the same solo he played at Prince Harry and Meghan Markle's wedding in the summer of 2018. We also featured a brand new

piece composed by Oliver Rudland called 'Long Hours at the Coalface' which is based on the opera 'A Kestrel for a Knave'.

Our musical director Andy Kershaw left the band in late 2021, we would like to thank him for his commitment and professional knowledge he has given over the years, and to the fantastic concerts we have had under his leadership. We wish him the very best for the future.

In January the band competed playing 'Royal Parks' by George Lloyd at the Butlins Mineworkers Open and with very limited rehearsal time in the lead up we came a very respectable 4th out of 12 bands winning £500. We were delighted with this result and it gets us all ready for the regional contest that is held in March for the London and Southern Counties where we will be playing 'The Aeronauts' by Goff Richards.

The bands diary for this spring/summer is filling up quick so if you would like to book the band for your engagement please contact [sec@waterbeachbrass.org](mailto:sec@waterbeachbrass.org)



# Beach Social Club

Happy New Year to you all. It has been a long time since our last contribution, mainly because we were closed for so long and there was little to say. Now we are back and functioning normally. There have been some changes; our Bar Manager, Lynne left to do other things and has been replaced by Jules, our new Bar Manager. I stood down as Chairman in September having completed 9 years in the chair, plus a further 8 years between 1996 and 2004. My replacement is Linda Strange, who many of you will know and she is really enjoying the role.

This year our building is 100 years old and we are planning some sort of commemoration later in the year. The building was erected in 1922 by Mr Bert Cooke and volunteers, with timbers brought by barge to Clayhithe from Kings Lynn. If anyone has photos or documents related to the early years can I please have copies for display?

We are having a stall again on Feast Day and would welcome items to be donated for our Tombola stall. This is to raise funds for our charities British Heart Foundation and Alzheimer's.

On Easter Sunday we will have dancing and games from 2pm until 4pm with Disco Dave and our Easter Bonnet Parade, with prizes for the best boy and girl's bonnet.

Strictly members' children only, (no nephews, nieces, grandkids or friends)

## *Future Entertainment*

18<sup>th</sup> March SKA-DUST

15<sup>th</sup> April Over 60's Party at 8pm

17<sup>th</sup> April Easter Bonnet Parade for members' kids

For more details see our Facebook page and notices around the village and in the Club.

The Club is fully air-conditioned and the function room is available for hire to members of 12 months or more for parties/meetings etc, at very reasonable rates. Bingo, sessions continue to be popular every Monday evening from 7-9 with cash prizes and a Jackpot flyer. Everyone is welcome to join us for these sessions provided they are 18+

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

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

*Geoff Donovan*

# Herons' Preschool



The spring term has started well for us at Herons' Preschool, and it was good to welcome the children back after the Christmas break and hearing about all the things they had been up to over the festive period. On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January we celebrated our first birthday, as Herons' Preschool had been open for a whole year! The children enjoyed decorating cakes to celebrate.

Over the first half term we've been focussing on 'Winter' as our theme, thinking about the colours of winter, animals that live in cold places, creating our own interpretations of the Aurora Borealis and completing some 'Home Challenges' which included exploring frost and making melted snowman biscuits. We have also looked at Chinese New Year, which is the year of the tiger this year. The children enjoyed exploring a touch tray with rice and play animals from the story of how the years were named after the different animals, dancing with our big Chinese dragon in the garden and making some lanterns too.

This term we have started doing some weekly cooking and baking activities with the children. They've enjoyed making various yummy treats including chocolate chip cookies and raisin and oat biscuits, Tweetie Pies and porridge.

Making the porridge was part of National Storytelling Week, tying in nicely to Goldilocks and the Three Bears. The children also created their own bear faces by developing their cutting skills to cut out a head and ears before decorating them. The children also recreated 'We're going on a bear hunt' outside in the garden, seeing if they could find the bear who kept hiding in different places, while going through the swishy-swashy grass and through the trees (stumble trip, stumble trip).



As we start to look ahead, we have our Mother's Day stall returning this year (as long as there's no restrictions in place at the time to prevent this happening!). We will be on the village green on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March, 10am – 1pm. We will have flowers and cakes for you to buy for those special people! Please come down and support us if you can.

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

# Waterbeach WI



Waterbeach WI continues to meet remotely with Zoom Meetings once a month. In January our New Year lunch at the Old School House was postponed to later in the year when Omicron infection rates will hopefully have reduced. Instead we had a Zoom Bingo evening with time to chat after the games were completed. This month's meeting is a virtual tour of the David Parr House in Gwydir Street. The David Parr House is a preserved terraced house in Cambridge, with interior decoration in the Arts and Crafts style, executed by its owner, David Parr, between 1886 and 1926. In March we are to have a talk by the comedienne, Jules O'Brian, who will talk of her favourite women in comedy and give an insight into their humour. April will see the start of our new year with subs due from April 1st. We hope then to have face to face meetings in St. John's Church room, which has not been available whilst they have been replacing their heating system. A new programme of meetings - Book group, walks together and craft sessions will hopefully form part of the activities of our supportive group of friends. The CFWI in Cambridge also run activities which any WI member can join in.

If you would like to know more about joining the WI please contact Viv Cooper 01223 574 050

## Beach Physiotherapy

Beach Physiotherapy closure, the end of another chapter in my working life! At the end of January this year, along with the hairdressers, I finished work at the premises in the High Street, 'Hair at 17' and 'Wellbeing at 17'. I had been working for twenty years as a physiotherapist and reflexologist in private practice in Waterbeach, firstly at our former home in Spurgeons Avenue and then for the past nine years at '17'.

Rather than relocating to another venue within the village, I decided to take the opportunity to close the practice and look for alternative work which would give me a better work-life balance. I am now working as a teaching assistant in a lovely primary school in Cambridge!

My great thanks to everyone who has been to see me for physiotherapy and reflexology over the years. It has been a privilege and a pleasure. I am also grateful to David and Sue Cooper for agreeing to me working in the room at the back of the salon, which was perfect as a 'clinic' room. It was such fun being part of 'the family at 17'! As I live in Waterbeach, I shall no doubt continue to see many of you when out and about within the village.

*Liz Cradock*

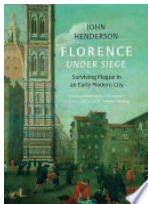
# Waterbeach Village Society

We meet in St John's Church Room usually the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month. Parking available in the car park behind the church.

March, April and May 2022 - programme of talks resume

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022, 7.30 for 7.45pm - Coping; with Plague, Public health and epidemics in pre industrial Europe.**

The Speaker is Professor John Henderson (local Historian) Professor of the Italian Renaissance Emeritus Fellow of Wolfson College, Cambridge. We are sure this talk will be of great interest. He will bring copies of his latest book *Florence Under Siege: Surviving Plague in an Early Modern City*; John Henderson Yale University Press, 20 Aug 2019 - 363 pages.



A vivid recreation of how the governors and governed of early seventeenth-century Florence confronted, suffered, and survived a major epidemic of plague.

Plague remains the paradigm against which reactions to many epidemics are often judged. Here, John Henderson examines how a major city fought, suffered, and survived the impact of plague. Going beyond traditional oppositions between rich and poor, this book provides a nuanced and more compassionate interpretation of government policies in practice, by recreating the very human reactions and survival strategies of families and individuals.

From the evocation of the overcrowded conditions in isolation hospitals to the splendour of religious processions, Henderson analyses Florentine reactions within a wider European context to assess the effect of state policies on the city, street, and family. Writing in a vivid and approachable way, this book unearths the forgotten stories of doctors and administrators struggling to cope with the sick and dying, and of those who were left bereft and confused by the sudden loss of relatives.

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2022, 7.30 for 7.45pm**

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

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

1815, Sumbawa Island, Indonesia, Mount Tambora explodes in a cataclysmic eruption, killing thousands. Once a paradise, the island is now solid ash, the surrounding sea turned to stone. But worse is yet to come: as the ash cloud rises and covers the sun, the seasons will fail. Told from several points of view, including Mary Shelley, artist John Constable and

Littleport rioter, Sarah Hobbs, *The Year Without Summer* is the story of the books written, the art made; of the journeys taken, of the love longed for and the lives lost during that fateful year. Six separate lives, connected only by an event many thousands of miles away. Few had heard of Tambora - but none could escape its effects.

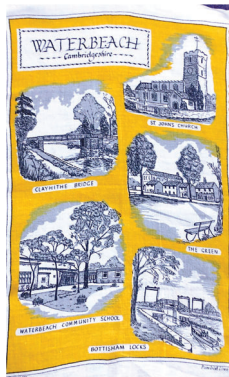
Guin will bring a few books for purchase and would, no doubt, sign a copy for you.

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May** is not yet finalised but we hope to have a local Cambridge feature.

From time to time the Village Society is given photos and artefacts. Pictured is the latest, a tea towel.

Spot the differences from then until now? We would like to add to the small collection of interesting artefacts and photographs about the village. Has anyone for instance got any photographs of the house to the right of Spurgeons Chapel 2<sup>nd</sup> picture down right-hand side?

Anyone wanting to know more about Waterbeach Village Society or could offer a talk which they think would be of interest to the inhabitants of Waterbeach please contact Adrian Wright programme secretary [adrianj.wright@ntlworld.com](mailto:adrianj.wright@ntlworld.com)



## Happy Folks Club

Our new year started with the club Christmas dinner at the Five Miles From Anywhere No Hurry Inn at Upware. This was enjoyed by all and as club members it was free!

Three of our ladies did a tabletop sale in Landbeach Village Hall on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, although this was not a roaring success, I would like to thank Carole Holdsworth, Rose Lawrence and Eve Daily for all the hard work they put in for this event.

We are now looking forward to our trip to Brick Lane Theatre in east London for an adult pantomime! This will prove to be hilarious if the last one I saw is anything to go by!

Our programme of trips for this year includes a trip to Cadbury World as well as Bourton-on-the Water, later in the year. We will be going on trips every month throughout the year. If you would like to know more come and join us every Friday afternoon at 2pm at the Beach Social Club. We look forward to seeing you.

# 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. It means a lot to both our clinicians and admin staff as we all see these comments and it does have an impact.

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 been inspected by the CQC in December. The practice remains in 'requires improvement'. The full inspection report can be seen on the surgery website. The feedback from the inspectors was generally complimentary. The CQC recognises we have made significant progress in every area, but we still have a few improvements to make in certain processes. We have a plan we are following to enable us to ensure these processes are in place.

We continue to increase our staffing levels and we are currently recruiting another GP, Nurse Practitioner and 2 reception team members.

As you are aware the Practice does need more rooms so we can accommodate these new members of staff. We are looking to convert a staff room into a new clinical room and the old phlebotomy room into a phone/computer hub. Hopefully, it will be approved shortly and completed by Spring.

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 will also be introducing 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. This will be starting at the beginning of March 2022.

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. He/she will ring at least twice.

Over the Christmas bank holidays we were let down with our phone lines not being set to the Out of Hours number. Our telephone provider did not action the switch over and they have apologised for this inconvenience.



Please be aware that we will be only issuing prescriptions for 28 days as set out in the CCG (Cambs and Peterborough Commissioning Group) guidelines that you may have noticed on your latest script. This is to give the best possible balance between patient convenience, good medical practice and minimal drug wastage. From January 2022 we will 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. We will be sending a letter to affected patients in the next month. If you are wanting help or advice about this please ask. There has also been some confusion with dosette boxes over the Christmas period which we are working with the CCG and the local pharmacy to resolve. Again they have to be for 28 days.

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.

In the table to the right, you can see the latest Practice update about our current activity.

With regards to patients who do not attend their appointments, for whatever reason, please can you contact the surgery to inform us. We can then accommodate other

	December	January
<b>Practice Population</b>	<b>5620</b>	<b>5629</b>
Total phone calls	4038	4517
Prescription requests (not phone calls)	713	525
Appointments (total)	2567	2722
Face to face appointments	1236	999
Telephone appointments	1331	1723
Prescriptions issued	1927	2227
2WW (urgent cancer referrals)	32	27
Referrals	225	197
Smear tests	21	21
Blood tests	301	150
Patient did not attend (appointments missed)	115	42

patients. We 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.

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.

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* - Operations Manager

# Friends of All Saints' Landbeach (FOAL)

The Friends of All Saints' Church, Landbeach was formed following an excellent, traditional Pudding and Quiz evening in the church in November. We are opening up our parish church building to community projects and activities; always in coordination with the other Landbeach village assets (including Tithe Barn, Village Hall, Sports & Social Club, Baptists' Church, Worts Meadow). The activity will also help to raise funds for the preservation of our iconic Parish Church. We enjoy great acoustics, space, good light, heritage, heating, servery, Wi-Fi. All residents, from Landbeach and surrounds, are warmly welcome. Already, interest groups are coming together to use this facility:

**Fun Singing Group** - Zoë Hart is starting a fun singing group – Landbeach Singers - for all who are interested. No previous experience needed. Please contact Zoë on [Zoehart@googlemail.com](mailto:Zoehart@googlemail.com) or 07739 184405.

**IT Club** - There is a call for an introduction to the use of social media and smart phones, particularly for our more senior residents. We plan to start in March. Might you be interested? Please contact Zoë on [Zoehart@googlemail.com](mailto:Zoehart@googlemail.com) or 07739 184405.

**Great Regional Story Swap** - Stories from the Beach – share your recollections and experiences and turn them into short videos. Preserve the stories of the Beaches for posterity. To find out more, please contact Pip on [pip@pilgrimprojects.co.uk](http://pip@pilgrimprojects.co.uk)

**Bell Ringing** - The ancient art of English Bell Ringing is alive and well in All Saints'. Tower Captain Barbara Le Gallez offers trial sessions and expert training. Would you like to try it? Contact Barbara on [blegallez@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:blegallez@yahoo.co.uk) or 01223 860283.

For information about FOAL, and our events, please contact;

Hon Sec: Zoë Hart on [Zoehart@googlemail.com](mailto:Zoehart@googlemail.com) or 07739 184405, or Chair: John Buckley on [john.buckley@sustenergy.co.uk](mailto:john.buckley@sustenergy.co.uk) or 01223 861836. See also <http://www.landbeach.org.uk/>, and the Landbeach Community Facebook page.

## Waterbeach Scout Group



**Scouts**

Firstly, we'd like to say a huge 'Thank You' to all of you for supporting our pop-up Santa on Waterbeach Green before Christmas.

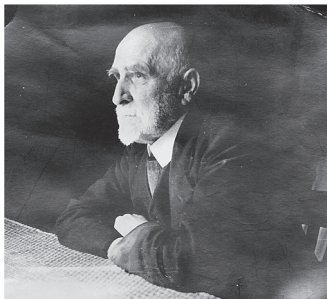
We are now back up and running as near to normal as possible under our Scouting covid rules. There are spaces in all sections; Beavers aged 6-8, Cubs aged 8-10½, Scouts 10½ -14 and Explorers aged 14-18. As always, we could do with more adult help for most sections. If your son or daughter would like to join us, or you would like to become a helper/leader please contact William Moon on 07879 626682 or email [william.moon1@ntlworld.com](mailto:william.moon1@ntlworld.com)

# Percy R. Salmon (1872-1959)

The life and career of a Waterbeach man born 150 years ago is being celebrated this March by the Royal Photographic Society.

Percy R. Salmon, a photographer, journalist and author, was a fellow and member of the RPS for more than 60 years.

To celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his birth at a cottage in Way Lane, Waterbeach on 12<sup>th</sup> March 1872, the society has commissioned an online talk to highlight his many achievements. Among these, Mr. Salmon was:



- a travelling photographer for the eminent photography firm of Lévy & ses Fils of Paris including a six-month trip to Egypt, Palestine, Turkey and Greece in 1898.
- appointed Editor of the weekly paper *Photographic News* in 1901 at the age of 28, a post he held for five years.
- a successful freelance journalist who supplied articles to nearly 70 different titles and publications.
- the author of many popular books, notably *All About Photography: How to Make Good Pictures* published in 1925 by Ward, Lock & Co.

The RPS talk is the culmination of research into his life by members of his family, notably his great nephew Stephen Martin and great-great niece Helen Barber.

Mr. Salmon's early life in Waterbeach is reflected in a photograph of the cottage where he was born and lived with his grandparents for several years.



It was here, he later recalled, that his grandfather started "a night school for adult farm hands who desired to learn to read and write and do a little arithmetic.

I well remember some years later, as a child, acting as a sort of monitor and listening to what he told his aged pupils, several between 60-70 years of age.

It was at those meetings – no charges made for instruction, and smoking allowed – that I learned how to read and write.”

By the time he was nine years old, Mr. Salmon had left Waterbeach and rejoined his parents' fast-growing family in Cambridge.

There, his father William joined the borough police as a constable, serving in the force for 25 years. His uncle was also a police officer, rising to the rank of superintendent.

Research for the talk has revealed new information about his role as a domestic servant in Cambridge during his teens as well as his later career as a photographer, journalist and author in London.

After retiring in 1927 to Melbourn, Cambridgeshire with his wife Eliza (née Dickerson of Little Abington), Mr. Salmon died in 1959 at the age of 87.

\*\* The talk, presented by photographic historian Dr. David Barber, lasts about 20 minutes, and will be available to view on the RPS YouTube channel from Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2022 - [The Royal Photographic Society - YouTube](#)

A small display to celebrate Percy R Salmon's 150<sup>th</sup> will be staged by The Cambridgeshire Collection (3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Cambridge Central Library) from 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

## Gardening Club

We were disappointed to have to cancel our New Year Social due to a combination of high Covid risks and the unavailability of our usual venue. We hope to be able to reschedule this popular event later in the year. Meanwhile, the club proceeded with the usual order from King's Seeds. Members were able to benefit from a 40% discount on the catalogue prices - a big benefit of club membership. It will soon be time to begin to grow the crops and to dream of winning prizes in the Annual Show in September.



The planned talk in February was replaced by a club outing to Chippenham Park to see the snowdrop display. This local venue is well worth a visit on any of their open days and is always a popular destination for our members.

We plan to return to our programme of evening talks in March. On the 17<sup>th</sup> we will be visited by Helen Flanagan who will be giving a talk entitled "Artists' Gardens in Hemingford Grey". That should give us a good excuse to visit Hemingford Grey later in the summer.

From March onwards, visitors will be very welcome at our talks which are held on the third Thursday of the month from 7.30pm in the Church Room.

# Community Playgroup



This year is a very exciting year for all of us at Waterbeach Community Playgroup as we celebrate our 50 year anniversary.

Waterbeach Community Playgroup first opened in 1972 and since then has seen thousands of children and families pass through its doors. The playgroup opened initially in the library building before moving to its current home at the Playhouse.

We are hoping to mark this momentous occasion and share our celebrations with everyone in the community so please watch out for information in the near future.

Community Playgroup has seen many changes throughout the years, but the underlining theme has always been learning and exploring through play. We therefore strive to offer our children a variety of experiences and environments to help them investigate and understand the world around them.

To support this we have recently added lots of new STEM activities to our week together. (STEM stands for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.)

We have been really amazed at how much the children enjoy these activities and how engrossed they become. One of our favourite activities has to be the magic paper worms. The children use pipettes to drop water onto the worms made from kitchen paper. Watching them grow and change colour is amazing and fascinates the children; not only that, it's also a great activity to help strengthen finger muscles and develop vocabulary.



Maybe you might like to try making some magic worms at home too.

We have limited spaces available for this year and are currently taking bookings for September 2022. 15 hours government funding is available to all 3 and 4 year olds and to qualifying 2 year olds. 30 hours funding is available to 3 and 4 year olds who qualify.

Please do take a look at our website to see some of the exciting activities and play experiences on offer and also find more information about Community Playgroup. Alternatively you can contact us at [info@waterbeachplaygroup.org.uk](mailto:info@waterbeachplaygroup.org.uk) or call us on 01223 440769

# WASPS



Popular activities with the children so far this term have been, den building, role play, playing table tennis and getting creative with loom bands! The children have also been enjoying free-play opportunities, both inside and in our outdoor play space too.

At our recent February Half Term Holiday Club, the children enjoyed Valentines crafts, Nerf activities such as making targets and obstacle courses, crafts and science experiments!

February has been a busy fundraising month for WASPS, two of our dedicated parents have been holding a 'Fantastic February' auction event on the Waterbeach Babble Facebook page, where they have been auctioning a lot per day of the month! Thank you to those involved for organising the event, to those who donated lots and to those bidding too. It is very much appreciated!

We currently have availability at our Breakfast Club, the children enjoy playing and socialising with their friends before school and breakfast is included too! We have a range of cereals on offer each morning, toast with various toppings and fresh fruit from the fruit bowl! The children enjoy selecting and preparing their own breakfast, which promotes independence. The staff team are always on hand to support the children throughout the session. We take both ad-hoc and regular bookings.

Our Holiday Club dates for the remainder of this school year are as follows (full day or part day bookings can be taken):

Easter Holidays Club – Mon 4<sup>th</sup> to Wed 6<sup>th</sup> April 2022

June School training Day – Mon 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Summer Holiday Club – Mon 25<sup>th</sup> to Fri 29<sup>th</sup> July 2022

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

WASPS has a Facebook page, @WaterbeachWASPS, please like our page to find out the latest news, updates and about our employment opportunities too.

Breakfast Club runs from 7:45 a.m. until the start of school and After School Club runs until 6 p.m. on all school days. Please enquire to find out availability and book a place. We currently have spaces available.

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

[www.waterbeach-wasps.org.uk](http://www.waterbeach-wasps.org.uk). For enquires please email us [wasps.waterbeach@outlook.com](mailto: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.



# 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.

**When we are open** - The first Sunday and Wednesday of the months from March to October, 1000hrs to 1400 hours. 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. The dates for the next three months are:

March      Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> & Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>

April        Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> & Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>

May         Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> & Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>

**Visitors** - Over the winter there have been a few visitors by appointment.

Recently a family from Lincolnshire, mother, son and granddaughter, whose great grandfather served with 514 Squadron. Her dad, the grandson, is currently serving in the RAF. We have a book 'The Beach Boys' which contains all the crews that flew with 514 Squadron so we were able to show who flew with the gentleman, Vincent Wilfred Place, the operations they took part in and lots of other information.



*The F/L H T Lunsford Crew. Vincent W Place second from left. Other crew names known, but not which is which.*

**Friends Of Waterbeach Military Heritage Museum** - The museum



Trustees are building up our group of 'Friends'. Every museum needs regular supporters and people interested in the success of its existence. To become a 'Friend' go to our web page to find an application form. New 'Friends' receive a unique member enamelled badge! Go to our website below for a joining form or call in at the museum.

Website: [www.waterbeachmilitarymuseum.org.uk](http://www.waterbeachmilitarymuseum.org.uk)

Email: [waterbeachmilitarymuseum@waterbeach.org](mailto:waterbeachmilitarymuseum@waterbeach.org) Follow us on Facebook

We look forward to you visiting us.

*Adrian Wright* - WMHM Chairman

# St John's Waterbeach

We are now firmly into 2022, and many of us are relieved to leave the last two years behind! For some of us, it's still an anxious time with past memories of loneliness and loss that still invade our present. If I can support you and provide a listening space, please don't hesitate to contact me at [revpbutler@gmail.com](mailto:revpbutler@gmail.com) or on 07903 904599.

St John's is shortly moving into the season of Lent, when we recall Jesus' temptations for forty days in the wilderness. It's often a season when we decide to give up something: chocolate, coffee, alcohol, to name but a few, and this discipline is of course worthwhile. Could I encourage us not just to *give up things*, but also *take up* fresh, like giving things for the thriving of our community: for example, supporting vulnerable neighbours; supplying items for the Foodbank (Baptist Chapel, 11-12 on a Thursday); seeking to be a peace maker in a conflict situation.

After Lent comes Easter, and we are planning a Good Friday service at the Baptist Chapel starting at 10.30am, followed by hot cross buns. There will be services in all three churches on Easter Day to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and details will be posted on social media.

May I take this opportunity to wish you a nourishing Lent and a Happy Easter with family and friends.

*Paul Butler - Vicar*

Website: <https://stjohns-waterbeach.org.uk>

Follow us on Facebook: St John's Church, Waterbeach & All Saints' Church, Landbeach

## Beach Bowls Club

The new season is not too far away now and members of Beach Bowls are looking forward to the prospect of playing on our green and hopefully without the health issues that affected several of us last year.

We shall shortly collect the trophy won last year in a Cambridge and District Bowls League competition and then turn our thoughts to league and other games that will begin at the end of April.

The green is already looking in good condition and we hope to start practising shortly after Easter. If anyone in or connected with the village is interested in playing do come along. Information regarding upcoming games and roll ups will be put up on the notice board next to the green. In the meantime if you are interested please call Chris Rushmer on 01223 861354.

The working party with members of Waterbeach Parish Council and Beach Bowls reconvened recently with the aim of moving forward with the proposed bowls pavilion.

# St. John's Flower Arrangers

When you have been passing the church in Waterbeach have you ever noticed the flowers which sometimes frame the doorway?

This is the handiwork of the flower arrangers at St. John's. We are a small group of ladies who enjoy arranging flowers, we are not professionals and do not necessarily attend church.



When I was approached to join the group some 20 years ago my idea of arranging flowers did not stretch further than popping them in a vase on the hall table, but with

gentle guidance I now enjoy creating windowsill arrangements, pedestals and even the archway round the door for a wedding.



If you enjoy flowers and think you might like to join us, we would love to hear from you. Please contact me for further details on 01223 861586 *Chris Armstrong*

## Silver Swans

'What matters is the essence of the dance' says Lisa Nixon, who is bringing Silver Swan ballet classes to Landbeach Social Club during these dim winter months. Aimed at anyone who would like a second chance to try ballet, Silver Swans put safety before sautés; a sense of dance and the person dancing before glisses and arabesques.

Aimed at Over-55's, Silver Swans are the brainchild of the Royal Academy of Dance, and championed by Angela Rippon, Darcey Bussell and the Duchess of Cornwall - women who are do-ers as well as dancers. Instructor Lisa's approach to the Landbeach class is more Shirley Ballas than Margot Fonteyn - technique matters, but so does the learner. There's a lot of laughter in the class. Angelina Ballerina would be surprised... No tutus, no *en pointe* – but enough French terms amongst the plain English instruction to remind us of the heritage behind this dance-style. Zoom and Google are in the conversation, especially in these pandemic times. Lisa is an Enabler, not a Rule-Quoter, and trained to work with Disability as well as Dreams. Swans famously don't rush: the skills behind that gliding are quietly and firmly established.

Silver Swans get everywhere – and with a whole lot of tone and quiet style behind the wrinkles and feathers. They have the smile which hints at finally, modestly, trying out that childhood dream... whilst building sound, post-pandemic fitness.

<https://www.royalacademyofdance.org/rad-at-home/silver-swans-at-home/>

# Maggie's

***Do you need a support with your or your family's cancer diagnosis?***

At Maggie's we can help. We provide free practical, emotional and social support to people with cancer, their family and friends, from diagnosis through to living with the effects after cancer.

Maggie's has been providing high quality, evidence-based support since 2013 in the local area. We help over 8,000 people a year to achieve the best possible state of psychological and physical health during diagnosis, treatment and throughout their cancer journey. People across Cambridgeshire and beyond can come to Maggie's at any stage, for as long or as little as they like. We believe that the built and natural environments in which people are cared for have a direct impact on wellbeing and how a person responds to the challenge of cancer.

Our Centre is staffed by Cancer Support Specialists, Benefits Advisor, Nutritionist, Counsellors, and Psychologists who can support people in whichever way is best suited to their needs. Maggie's is a place to find practical advice about benefits and eating well; a place where qualified experts provide emotional support; a place to meet other people or simply to sit quietly with a cup of tea.

You don't need an appointment - just come in for a chat to find out more about the support offered to them. Our centre is open Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm.

Find us at: 21 Milton House, Puddicombe Way, Addenbrooke's, Cambridge CB2 0AD

T: 01223 249220 E: [cambridge@maggies.org](mailto:cambridge@maggies.org)

Facebook: [@maggiescentrecambs](https://www.facebook.com/maggiescentrecambs) Instagram: [@maggiescambridge](https://www.instagram.com/maggiescambridge)

Twitter: [@maggiescambs](https://twitter.com/maggiescambs) Website: [www.maggies.org](http://www.maggies.org)



**MAGGIE'S**  
Everyone's home of cancer care

## Neighbourhood Plan

Save the date for the Waterbeach  
Neighbourhood Plan Referendum Day  
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022

You can vote from 7am until 10pm  
at The Salvation Army Hall, Station Road,  
Waterbeach, Cambridge CB25 9HT  
Do come and have your say - thank you



# Girlguiding in Waterbeach



All our girls have celebrated World Thinking Day this week.



*Girls revisiting their Guide Laws*

22<sup>nd</sup> February is a significant date in the Guiding calendar when we think about our guiding sisters around the world and learn more about the impact of the Girlguiding movement – both in the past and in the current day. It's always a special time for us all to renew our Promise.

All units are having a busy term. As we enter Fairtrade Fortnight, we are all learning further about the growing challenges that climate change

brings to communities and are engaging the girls in a variety of activities.

**Waterbeach Guides** celebrated Lunar New Year and learnt more about the Chinese culture where they discovered the significance of the red envelopes, tried traditional crafts and practised learning how to use chopsticks. The Guides enjoyed sampling spring rolls, dumplings and prawn crackers.

**Waterbeach Rainbows** continue to enjoy the outdoors. In mid January they enjoyed making bird feeders ahead of the Big Garden Birdwatch. The Rainbows made igloos out of marshmallows and played snowball games.

Brownie Eve from **1<sup>st</sup> Waterbeach Brownies** completed her Gold Award – the highest award available for Brownies. To gain this award, Eve completed badges and activities from each of the six Girlguiding “themes”, as well as running an activity evening for the rest of the Brownie unit and running a Bake Sale.



*Rainbows making bird feeders*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Waterbeach Brownies** continue to recycle crisp packets via the Terracycle scheme. Not only does it stop packets going into landfill, but it also fundraises a small amount for the Brownie unit too. New dropping off locations are still being secured, but please don't stop collecting. Further details will be posted on Waterbeach Babble and Community noticeboards very soon!

It is exciting to prepare for events this year with the Rainbows Go Wild event at Shepreth Wildlife Park, a Brownie Sleepover weekend at IWM Duxford and the Guide activities weekend at Grafham Water. We look forward to 'Survive to Thrive' event with the Cambridgeshire East County in May at Ely College, with a fun-filled programme, from bushcraft, to yoga to circus skills!

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

<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/>

# Caring Together



## ***Support available for people looking after family members or friends***

Do you care for someone who would find it difficult to cope without that support?

This could be looking after a family member, partner or friend because of their illness, disability, a mental health problem or an addiction.

If this sounds like your situation, then your role means you are recognised as a carer.

Caring Together are a local charity who last year supported more than 17,000 carers of all ages and their families across Cambridgeshire, Peterborough and Norfolk. Carers can be any age and have a wide range of situations.

Whether you are new to your caring role, have seen your role evolve as the person you care for has needed more support over time, or have lost a loved one you cared for, Caring Together are there to help you. They can offer a range of advice, information and support, and help you, and the person you care for, access services that are helpful to you.

Their services include:

- a dedicated carers telephone where trained advisors can give you information and advice that will support you in your caring role, such as carers assessments, emergency planning and welfare benefits;
- homecare services, where a care worker looks after the person you care for, including to enable you to have a break;
- face-to-face and online carers hubs, where you can meet other carers in a similar situation;
- a monthly newsletter to keep you informed and updated.

To find out more call them on 0345 241 0954 or email them at [hello@caringtogether.org](mailto:hello@caringtogether.org).

You can also visit their website: [www.caringtogether.org.uk](http://www.caringtogether.org.uk)



# The Farmland Museum



The Farmland Museum and Denny Abbey will reopen to the public on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2022 and is then open every Thursday to Sunday, and Bank Holiday Monday, until the end of October.

We have a packed programme of events and activities for our visitors this year too!

The Easter holidays is packed with children's craft activities and an Easter Egg Hunt. Then events throughout the summer include a traditional May Day celebration and a 1940s weekend.

This year the upper floor of Denny Abbey is open for the first time since 2019, with regular guided tours taking place.

We have created a brand new exhibition space to showcase more of our vast collection of artefacts from life and farming in the Fens.

And our Docky Box Cafe goes from strength to strength!

All admission tickets provide free repeat entry for 12 months, so do check last year's as it might still be valid!

Come along and see us to learn more about the history of our area, to relax and play in our extensive grounds or simply to enjoy a cup of tea and piece of cake.

For more information visit [www.dennyfarmlandmuseum.org.uk](http://www.dennyfarmlandmuseum.org.uk)

## Diary dates

*Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March*

Open for the Season

*Thu 7<sup>th</sup> / Fri 8<sup>th</sup> and*

*Thu 14<sup>th</sup> / Fri 15<sup>th</sup> April*

Easter-themed children's activities

*Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April*

Easter Monday Family Day

*Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May*

May Day Celebration

*Thu 2<sup>nd</sup> / Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> June*

Jubilee-themed children's activities

*Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June*

Father's Day Model Steam Engines

*Sat 25<sup>th</sup> / Sun 26<sup>th</sup> June*

1940s Weekend



# Our Planet: Blue, Green or Charcoal?

Do you knit or crochet? Do you know anyone else who likes to?

Would you like to be part of a Waterbeach and Landbeach project to show our concern for our Environment and the impact of Global Warming? We ask you, and any local group you belong to, to knit or crochet green leaves and blue water-drops: these will be fixed to netting and displayed during Creationtide [Sept 1<sup>st</sup> - Oct 4<sup>th</sup>]. We hope that the big net panels will be enjoyed – but also help us to think about our responsibility for our planet.

Use any pattern for Leaves and Water Drops or contact us if you wish us to send one on to you [details below.] Motifs of about 10-12 cm length will be fine – and don't have to be perfect. Synthetic yarns are best – or anything you re-use or recycle. Please add strong ties so that they can be fixed on quickly and withstand gales! No paint, glue or metal, please.

We welcome any donations of green and blue knitting/crochet yarn. Our village groups can also use any clean netting from fruit, vegetables, etc for some fun effects. You can drop nets off at Boswell's Bakery in the High Street, or porch baskets at St John's.

Maybe you can help in other ways? Tie on items made by our villages' children and young people? Ace with a cable-tie gun? Help with publicity? We'd love community help!

All the way through we shall, of course, seek to comply with all H&S or other regulations.



Your Leaves and Water Drops need to be with us by April 30<sup>th</sup>, please – or mid-May if you are part of a village group. Do invite friends and family from far away to join in – but make sure that around Easter you collect anything they make, then send it our way.

After brightening St John's in Waterbeach these panels will travel to All Saints, Landbeach. If you know of anywhere else which would like to host them, let us know!

[angelastoryteller@gmail.com](mailto:angelastoryteller@gmail.com) 07740282387 <https://stjohns-waterbeach.org.uk>

*Angela Brown and Jane Oakes*

# Waterbeach Day Centre

We had a very enjoyable Christmas party with Jonny Dee from Radio Cambridge broadcasting his show live from the Day Centre in the morning. Jonny Dee then joined us for a lovely Christmas lunch before entertaining us in the afternoon. Father Christmas also made an appearance to deliver presents at the end of the afternoon, a wonderful time was had by all.

We are still looking for new members to join us on a Wednesday as we are still under threat of closure.

Volunteers are also still needed to help on a Monday and a Wednesday to help with the washing up and serving of dinners etc.

If you would like to join us either as a member or volunteer, please contact either Mary Longstaff on 01223 564666, 07711 551766 or Shirley Hayhoe on 07767 793505.

## The Library Presents

The Library Presents is making its return to Cambridgeshire libraries and outdoor locations this Spring in an exciting burst of live arts-based events. This year's Spring Season will run from April-June 2022 with the programme and tickets launching late March. There will be an eclectic selection of family-friendly artistic workshops, musical events, live theatre and more, including:

**Saturday 14 May 2pm** (Histon Library) ***Eco Fashion with Oblique Arts***

Suitable for: All ages 10+ yrs    Tickets: £6 / £3

The Fashion Industry is arguably the 2nd largest polluter of the Earth. Help save the planet and reduce landfill by joining us in our upcycle workshops where we show you how to create fabulous fashion from your castaway clothing! Customise your clothing with fabric spray paints, stencils, fabric pens, crayons and a treasure trove of embellishment materials. Model your creation on our be-green catwalk and get photographed for our eco fashion gallery. Look unique and individual with your newly created one off pieces!

**Saturday 4 June 2pm** (Outdoor marquee) ***Graffiti Classics***

Suitable for: All ages    Tickets: £8 / £5 / £4

16 strings, 8 dancing feet and 4 voices with 1 aim: to make classical music wickedly funny and fantastically exhilarating for everyone, young and old. Graffiti Classics burst the elitist boundaries of the traditional string quartet with their hilarious all-singing, all-dancing musical comedy show. It's a classical concert, a gypsy-folk romp, an opera, a stand-up comedy set and a brilliant dance show all rolled into one! From Beethoven to Bluegrass, Baroque to Pop, Strauss to Saturday Night Fever, kids and adults alike love the virtuosic variety of musical styles, tied together with cheeky audience interaction.

The Spring Season brochure and tickets will be available from late March in libraries, or visit <https://www.library.live/the-library-presents>.

# Keep Waterbeach Rural

## *What's in a name?*

Waterbeach is named and recorded in the Domesday Book of 1086 [Waterbeach | Domesday Book \(opendomesday.org\)](#) Nine hundred and thirty-five years later Waterbeach New Town has been formerly named Waterbeach after a consultation organised by developers Urban & Civic and Royal London Waterbeach Estates (RLWE). Excerpt taken from here: [New town formally named Waterbeach - Waterbeach Barracks](#) *"The formal adoption of the name took place at a Cabinet meeting at South Cambridgeshire District Council today (Friday 30 July 2021) after councillors considered a report by the two developers of the new town – Urban&Civic and RLW – who ran the consultation process."* Waterbeach was formerly named Waterbeach Village at the same meeting. Planning permission has been granted for 11,000 dwellings for the Town. It will take twenty plus years to build out. When planning permission is granted it is an agreement between the Local Authority and developers by way of conditions and S106 agreements to ensure the provision and funding towards services such as schools, doctors, water, sewage, roads etc. Urban & Civic's barracks land development of 6,500 dwellings and associated buildings ref: S/0559/17/OL has been fully approved by a decision notice issued on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019. Details of the application can be viewed by entering S/0559/17/OL into the simple search box on the Greater Cambridge Planning Portal. [Simple Search \(greatercambridgeplanning.org\)](#) The RLWE planning application for 4,500 dwellings and associated buildings ref: S/2075/18/OL has not been formerly approved (at the time of writing) as a decision notice has not been issued. The application can be accessed by entering S/2075/18/OL into the simple search box on the Greater Cambridge Planning Portal : [Simple Search \(greatercambridgeplanning.org\)](#) RLWE has been granted planning permission to relocate Waterbeach station from it's current site to the New Town to the north of Bannold Road ref: S/0791/18/FL. The decision notice was issued 9<sup>th</sup> January 2020 and can be viewed using the simple search box on the Greater Cambridge Planning Portal : [Simple Search \(greatercambridgeplanning.org\)](#) by entering S/0791/18/FL .

So nine hundred and thirty five years after Waterbeach was named and recorded in the Domesday Book in 1086 what makes and shapes community, the land, the natural world, the sense of home and place set on the edge of the Cambridgeshire Fens now and in the future?

*Jane Williams*



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52.2656° N, 0.1291° E

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

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

## Military Heritage Museum

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

## Find out more

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

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