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Front cover – Carols on the Green, Christmas Eve 2016 (Photograph by Richard Youell)

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Community Association



Hello everyone and welcome to the Winter 2022 issue of the Beach News.

Carols on the Green 2022 - Let's start with some information about 'Carols on the Green'. Our regular Christmas carol singing will take place as usual around the Christmas tree on Waterbeach Green at 6:30pm on Christmas Eve (Saturday 24th December). This year the event is being led by the Waterbeach Salvation Army with accompaniment by volunteers from Waterbeach Brass and the Salvation Army band. The carol sheet will be available on the evening or you can download a copy in advance from www.waterbeach.org. Please remember to bring your lights, torches, lanterns etc. as lighting is limited on the Green. Since the event has been sadly cancelled for the last few years, it will be a pleasure to welcome everyone back. Along with the carols we also have the tree and lights which each year appear as if by magic but in reality, take a lot of hard work. I'd like to thank Gary Langley and team for putting up the lights, Urban&Civic for donating the tree, Bannold's for transporting it and Pam and Lee Clack along with Bill Moon who put it up and decorate it. This year the collection on Christmas Eve will be donated to WAY youth club, to help subsidise opening times during the school holidays. Over the holidays the youth club will be open for four



hours a day and provide free food and entertainment to young people aged 10-16 years. HAF provide some funding for children who are eligible for free school meals but there are many more young people in our community who face hardships and need a safe space to meet with friends and get a good meal during the school holidays. Additional funding will be used to buy art supplies, sports equipment and ingredients so the young people can have snacks and help cook the main meals as well as participating in healthy activities for their mental and physical wellbeing. We're all being stretched financially right now, but anything you can donate to support will help to make a big difference. There will be collectors on the night and also a collection bucket near the bands on the Green. Thank you.

Feast 2023 - Planning for this year's Feast will start with an introductory meeting on January 9th 2023 at 7:30pm in Waterbeach Baptist Church. The Feast is run by a group of volunteers, led by the WCA. Last year the team put together a fantastic event but we are always looking for volunteers, new people with new ideas are a great way for the Feast to thrive. There are various roles large and small, so if you would just like to chip in some ideas or if you want to run the whole thing, then please get in touch or come along to the meeting. Feast Day 2023 will be on Saturday 10th June.

Clubs and Activities - The Community Association have recently been contacted by Urban&Civic, who are looking to produce a 'Welcome Pack' for people moving into the new development. As part of this they wanted to include information on, clubs, groups, societies and activities in the village. This seemed like a good opportunity to refresh the information on the WCA notice boards about regular events and activities that take place, as it's so easy to miss what's on your doorstep. I will be compiling a list of these activities and will do my best to contact people / groups that run them but please if you are involved in, or know of something that should be included on the list please get in touch so we can make the list as comprehensive as possible.

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

On behalf of all the committee of Waterbeach Community Association we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Email: wcachair@waterbeach.org Tel: 07751 786040.

Alasdair Pentland - WCA Chair

Community Playgroup



We have had a busy half term here at the playhouse with focus on the change of seasons from Summer into autumn. The children at playgroup love using paint to express themselves and had lots of



fun finger painting the leaves on autumn trees and painting pictures of the crafty squirrels that they saw in the playhouse garden. They also enjoyed going on a treasure hunt for autumn goodies during one of our weekly Forest School sessions.

As well as Forest School we also provide the children with a range of brilliant STEM activities to get involved in, learn from and share with their families. Earlier in the term, during World Space Week the children arrived at playgroup to find some space eggs

(made from bicarbonate of soda). They used a special space mixture made from vinegar to dissolve the eggs and find the creatures inside.

This half term, to celebrate Bonfire Night, the children at playgroup made models of fireworks and edible sparklers. For this they used bread sticks which they dipped in chocolate and covered in sprinkles.

Waterbeach Community Playgroup turned 50 this year. In order to celebrate and raise funds for new play equipment the children were sponsored by their families and friends to complete 50 activities of their choice, including 50 star jumps, hitting a tennis ball 50 times, going on a 50 minute cycle ride and lots of other brilliant ideas. We want to say a big thank you to all those who took part, we really appreciate your support.

If you are a parent reading this now and you would love your child to meet new friends and have a brilliant time why not email us to check our availability on info@waterbeachplaygroup.org.uk or if you want to find out more, please visit our website at www.waterbeachplaygroup.org.uk

Waterbeach Community Playgroup is made up of a Management Committee and we are always looking for new members to join us in the running of the playgroup. If you are passionate about children, love our village, have a business, creative, fundraising head or anything in between then we need you. Contact us admin@waterbeachplaygroup.org.uk

Finally, if you still haven't got your 2023 calendar then we have it ready for you, Waterbeach residents have been out and about photographing our beautiful village. They are available to buy during office hours at the playhouse or from Rosemary Newsagents, all money goes directly back into our setting. We wish you all the best from Waterbeach Community Playgroup and a very Happy 2023!

Gardening Club



Following our fascinating talk on “The Dos and Don’ts of Roses” in September by Kerry Barehead we have decided to try to visit the rose trials she runs in June. We like to have something different to look forward to!

Our October meeting included our AGM when the new committee for 2022-23 was elected. The formal part of the evening was followed by a really interesting talk on Japanese Gardens given by our treasurer, David Craig. He was able to illustrate his explanation of the very different gardening styles used in Japan with photographs he had taken on a recent journey to that country. It was the club’s first opportunity to make use of the new audio-visual aids available in the Church Room. The large TV screen will make it much easier for visiting speakers to present their images to their audiences.

November saw a visit from an old friend of the Club. Richard Gant, who is Head Gardener at Madingley Hall, was for many years the chief judge in the fruit and vegetable sections of our Annual Show. He gave an illustrated talk on the gardens of Madingley Hall which reminded us that these gardens are well worth a visit.

As usual we have no speaker in December because the third Thursday of the month falls so close to Christmas. However, we have the ever-popular New Year Social to look forward to in January. This event fell victim to Covid restrictions in 2020 and 2021 and has been missed by us all. Talks will resume in February with a visit from a speaker from the local Wildlife Trust who will give advice on gardening for wildlife.

New members are always welcome at the Club and visitors may attend up to two talks per year by paying £3 at the door each time. Details of the talks are advertised on the Community Association noticeboards and on Waterbeach Babble.

Salvation Army



If you or your family are struggling to keep warm, we at the Salvation Army, 7 Station Road, Waterbeach, would like to invite you to spend a morning in our warm hall. There will be friendly folk to provide you with hot drinks and soup. You will be able to meet with other village folk and have a time of chatting, maybe playing scrabble etc, doing some craft or maybe a puzzle.

This will commence on Wednesday 4th January 2023 10am -12.30pm

Girlguiding in Waterbeach



Waterbeach Brownies were part of the first group ever to sleep over at Duxford Imperial War Museum in October.

More than 500 Brownies and 100 leaders from Girlguiding Cambridgeshire East spent the night 'sleeping under the wings'. They set up camp under Concorde, Hastings, Vulcan, Avro York Lightning and TSR2 Aircraft for the night. After learning some fascinating facts about Concorde, the Berlin



'Sleeping under the Wings' event for Brownies at IWM Duxford

Airlift during the Cold War, and hearing about women aviators from Duxford's own storyteller, they ended the evening with a classic campfire sing along before bed.

As well as the excitement of sleeping in the airspace hangar, the Brownies worked on their space and aviation interest badges. This involved engineering paper

aeroplanes, making bi-planes out of pegs, and making space jars and space suits. On Sunday the Brownies explored more of the Duxford museums, visiting the American Air Museum, Battle of Britain and Land Warfare exhibitions before heading home for an early bedtime!

Waterbeach Guides have been learning essential map-reading and travel skills, taking a trip into Cambridge on the train and navigating their way to a landmark and back to the station; making Beeswax wraps and finding out more about endorphins and looking after their mental wellbeing. 1st Waterbeach Brownies have been on an autumnal 'Bat Walk' at the Botanic Gardens; enjoyed a visit from some Therapy dogs, made compasses from paper clips and created pointillism works of art. Meanwhile, Rainbows have been busy practising their First Aid skills, making clay candle holders for Diwali and learning how to plait.



Visit by Therapy Dogs Nationwide charity

As part of their Remembrance activities, 1st Waterbeach Brownies and Guides took part in a cotton reel challenge, bringing to life the story of how Girlguiding members collected 42 000 cotton reels for the Royal Air Force in 1941. Everything from notes written on microfilm, to maps, and even German currency, was hidden in the reels. The cotton reel appeal featured

on this year's Girlguiding Remembrance badge, and was a shining example of Girlguiding coming together to achieve brilliant things.

All of our units joined with the village community for the annual Remembrance service at the war memorial. Much preparation occurred in the run up to the parade; 2nd Waterbeach Brownies polished the brass in St John's Church, many creative poppies and memorial wreaths were made. As we came together we also remembered our patron of Girlguiding, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.



*Girlguiding Cotton Reel
Remembrance Challenge*

1st Waterbeach Brownies and Guides shared a joint Christmas outing to Clip and Climb in Cambridge. All Girlguiding members look forward to Christmas craft activities, making gingerbread houses, and all the excitement that the holiday season brings.

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/> We are always keen to welcome new volunteers!

Waterbeach Community Market

Well, the year is nearly over. We have been at our new venue for a year now and many thanks to Urban & Civic for their continued support. Our market is growing and still is growing and many thanks to our traders and customers for making this dream a reality. We have also joined the Waterbeach Community Association, as we aim to be at the heart of the community for the community. We have stalls for local organisations and charities to sell or boost their profile.

December 18th is our next market. This market will be our 3rd Anniversary market, when we started back at the Tillage Hall and many markets since. We are still going from strength to strength now. You are more than welcome to join us. Also, when we are open, our friends at the Waterbeach Military Museum is open, come along and see the history of the barracks, from the days that bombers left the airfield to the recent Royal Engineers, as well pick up a bargain or two. We have regular butchers, bakers, shellfish, fruit and vegetables, as well as gifts, crafts, vintage and lots more. We have different traders each month, except for August. For more details see our Facebook page or contact us on waterbeachcm@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you there!

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).

Help Needed - The Museum is looking for people to help steward during opening times and other tasks such as keeping the museum tidy and helping with the exhibits. We would be grateful to find someone who would help with the artefacts data base which uses MODES programme and we also need a Web Master for our web site as our current one is retiring. Contact us by email (details overleaf) in the first instance for more information or ring Adrian on 01223 861846.

Following two years of COVID-19 we are experiencing visitors returning to similar numbers to pre Covid times. Having said that we are about to shut down the museum for the winter. That does not mean we cannot open for groups, or people passing our way and visiting elsewhere but happen to be in the vicinity, without the normal opportunity to visit the museum.

During the last year two Trustees have been receipting and recording the many donations of artefacts received since 2017. It is very time consuming but the end result is that more items are on display or available in our plan chests to view. This year alone we have received more than thirty donations and some of the collections run in to thirty plus items, each of which have to be recorded in triplicate on receipt forms. Each of the items is numbered so anyone wanting to know where it came from can follow a paper trail. That is not the end, later we will be recording each of the museum's items in to MODES data base on our laptop. That is why above we are asking for volunteers to help with the recording and other tasks. Can you help? Training will be given. Some of this could be done from home.

At present we are working with Urban&Civic, the New Town developers, to produce bios of each of the people whose photographs are in the frames outside the museum, people who lived and served at the barracks Waterbeach RAF or Engineers. Some we have some information on others not so much. Relatives, who we happen to know, are writing some of the bios for us. One or two of the bios may well appear in U&C's next Newsletter booklet before Christmas. The finished documents will be available at the museum to read alongside the photographs in due course.

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 web site. 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. After the winter close down, we will be open:

March	Wednesday 1 st	Sunday 5 th	Sunday 19 th (Market)
April	Sunday 2 nd	Wednesday 5 th	Sunday 16 th (Market)
May	Wednesday 3 rd	Sunday 7 th	Sunday 21 st (Market)

Email: waterbeachmilitarymuseum@waterbeach.org

Website: www.waterbeachmilitarymuseum.org.uk Follow us on Facebook

We look forward to you visiting us. *Adrian Wright* - WMHM Chairman

Waterbeach Village Society

We meet in St Johns Church Room usually the 4th Wednesday of the month. September to May 7.30pm for 7.45pm. Car park behind the church.

By the time this edition of the Beach News comes out we will have had our last talk of 2022, 'The Ukraine – tours by steam train and insights into the country' given by Waterbeach resident Michael Smyth, this promises to be interesting on so many fronts.

There will be no talk in December as we find people have too much to do around Christmas time and none in January as that is the worst time for speakers to travel and for us locally to come out in to the cold. Having said that the replacement Air Heat Source Heating is proving very comfortable in the Church Room.

So, we now look forward to the Village Society's programme for the first half of 2023. We have coming up:

22nd February Waterbeach Landscapes and Environs - The talk is to be given by Mrs Rosalyn and Prof. Neill Burgess, something really local presented by local people.

22nd March Tanzania Mountains and Nature - Again Prof. Neil Burgess. It is interesting to look outside our locality and country sometimes.

26th April Hereward the Wake - Another local Michael Lynch will tell us about a local figure from history.

24th May New Life on the Old West - Howard Jones & Gill who are part of History Needs You.

Members are free, visitors are very welcome and a donation of £3 is requested. Tea, coffee and biscuits are free after the meeting and an opportunity to talk to the speakers.

The members and Waterbeach Village Society wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Hope to see you in 2023!

Adrian Wright - Programme Secretary

WASPS



We have enjoyed welcoming all the new Foundation children this term, they have enjoyed exploring their new play environment and getting to know the club routines and resources available. As always, the older children have been great with the newer children helping them to settle in, which is always so wonderful to see!

In September we had a birthday party at the After-School Club to celebrate WASPS turning 25! The children had a fantastic time, enjoying party food, playing traditional games such as pass the parcel and of course ...eating birthday cake! The children also made paperchains and posters to decorate the room.



Following on from our AGM, we still have two officer roles to fill on our Management Committee, Chairperson and Secretary (current committee members are covering these roles in the interim). These roles are a necessity to keep the club running. We encourage parents/carers to consider joining our management committee, a warm welcome will be received, and you will get an insight into your child's childcare. The day to day running of the club is taken care of by the Manager and Deputy, with the committee supporting in the background. No previous experience is necessary as a smooth handover will be provided and previous officers will



be remaining on the committee, so are able to offer support to those taking on the roles. To find out more please speak to a member of the team or email us. We really do need your support! 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).

In October half term the children enjoyed the activities on offer at Holiday Club, they took part in autumn crafts, made s'mores, planted bulbs and took part in many Halloween activities, such as pumpkin carving, chocolate apples and scratch art, all alongside fantastic free play activities too!

Our planned Holiday Club dates for the remainder of the school year are as follows:

Autumn Term 2022

Thursday 22nd and Fri 23rd December

Spring Term 2023

Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th January

Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th February

Monday 3rd, Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th April

Summer Term 2023

Monday 17th April

Tuesday 30th and Wednesday 31st May

Monday 5th June

Thursday 18th and Friday 19th July

(We will also be open 1 week, which will be confirmed nearer the time, in the summer holidays)

We are really looking forward to taking part in the PTA Winter Fair on Sunday 20th November, we will have a Christmas hamper raffle on our stall and a 'choose the snowman nose' game along with some craft, the children can decorate their own glass lantern to take home or give as a gift! We hope to see you all there at this wonderful festive event!

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 Day Centre

We are still looking for a cook on Mondays and Wednesdays, 9 -13.00 hrs. school term time. If you think you could help, please contact either Mary or Shirley, details below.

In September we had to close down on a Monday. The good news is we have had someone come forward to give us a hand with the cooking until we can get a full-time cook and recently we were able to reopen on Mondays. We are now also in a position to take on new members again on a Wednesday. The day costs £6.00 which includes tea/coffee and biscuits in the morning, a two course lunch followed by afternoon tea and cakes.

If you are interested in the cook's job, being a volunteer or becoming a member please contact either; Mary Longstaff on 01223 564666 or Shirley Hayhoe on 07767 793505.

Herons' Preschool



Since the last edition of Beach News the children have settled in well to the new term and we've been pleased to welcome lots of new starters. It has been great to see new friendships being formed and lots of excited faces.

During the Autumn term we have spent time talking about our first theme of 'All About Me', looking at our families, things that make us unique and the children have completed some fantastic 'Home Challenges'. As the Autumn term progresses, we have had our own 'Pumpkin Day' on the 31st October with lots of pumpkin themed activities such as pumpkin carving, pumpkin printing, potion making and the children came in in fancy dress. We also created some fantastic firework pictures and rockets.

We have been pleased to trial our 'Herons' Happy Hour' on the first Monday of November. We opened our doors to the parents and carers to come in for an hour and see what we do with their children. It's been such a long time since we were able to welcome the parents and carers in like this, that it was great to see the children showing them round and giving them their own tour of the setting. This is something that we're hoping to continue going forward, with a date set for December already.

Our fundraising activities have started and the children have been involved with this. We had a sponsored Autumn Search over the October half term, which saw the children searching for various different things which were autumn related. The children managed to collect over £300 in sponsorship for this! They have also got into the Christmas spirit and created their own design for some cards and lots of other things – hopefully the recipients of these will enjoy them. The trustees have been busy organising the Advent Auction, which at the time you receive this would have taken place on Facebook, did you manage to grab a bargain?

Recently we have started Forest School afternoons at Herons' with our very own qualified Forest School Leader and the children have really enjoyed getting into nature and having fun outdoors. The activities on offer differ to what is usually on offer during a normal preschool session and so far we have had fun digging in the mud pit, bird watching, bug hunting, looking at different flora and fungi, tree climbing and of course making mud delights in the mud kitchen! We can't wait to extend the sessions and look forward to more fun in the great outdoors.



On a slightly different note, we have our AGM booked in for Tuesday 24th January 2023. We are currently looking to recruit a co-Chairperson of the Trustees - specifically someone who has experience in personnel, business or education. There is also space for other trustees to join. 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

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.

Waterbeach in the News

More references to Waterbeach from the British Newspaper Archive.

Shocking Murder Attempt at Waterbeach

There was wide national coverage given to a case of attempted murder in Waterbeach in 1842. John Hunt, aged 45, the landlord of a pub in Waterbeach Fen, entered his house on a Friday evening and shot his wife with a musket. She sustained serious injuries to her jaw and shoulder, and was taken to Addenbrooke's Hospital. The couple had been married for 26 years, and had three children. The motive appeared to be jealousy – Hunt had threatened to kill his wife before.

Hunt fled from the scene, and it was assumed he had committed suicide by jumping in the Cam, so the river was dredged. However, he was arrested some days later at Six-mile Bottom, on his way to London. He was taken to Cambridge, and put on remand.

At his trial a number of eye-witnesses, including the attendant doctor, gave their accounts of the incident. Hunt's wife remained in a serious state. Hunt himself was seen laughing during the testimonies, and didn't seem to be taking the charge seriously.

He was remanded for a fortnight, during which time Hunt's wife improved. At the next session she confirmed that it was an unhappy marriage, one in which she "had never had a happy hour". She was, however, willing to forgive her husband if he would not do it again. The judge decided not to give him the chance, and Hunt was found guilty and transported for life.

John Beresford

A further article from John's research can be found on page 26

Waterbeach Theatre Company

Thank you to everyone who supported our performances of *A Bunch of Amateurs*. We have received some lovely feedback from many of our patrons.



Rehearsals for our January pantomime *Robin Hood* have now commenced and everyone is already working hard. Once again this year our panto Director is Kattreya Scheurer Smith. Kattreya is no stranger to Waterbeach audiences as she has been with us since she made her stage debut at the age of six appearing as a Ratling in *Dick Whittington*. She is now a “grown-up” and is a model, an award winning actress and a published playwright.

Robin Hood is once again a WTC panto from the pen of Julie Petrucci and Chris Shinn and keeps to the main story of the famous legend with, of course, the usual sidebar of Petrucci-Shinn additions.

Maid Marion is approaching her eighteenth birthday and her former nanny Dame Wilma Wetherspoon and her son Wally are planning a big party at their inn The Golden Arrow to celebrate. They are even hoping that Marion’s one true love Robin Hood will be back from his travels with his merry men in time to join in. However, the nasty Sheriff, running the country while King Richard is away at the Crusades, has plans to marry Marion and takes her to his castle in readiness for the wedding. How will Robin get past the Sheriff’s guards Lance and Boyle to effect the rescue? How will Serena the Spirit of Sherwood help? How does an Amazon delivery fit into all this? Who keeps firing all the arrows with messages attached?

To find out the answers to these and several other questions, come along to Waterbeach School from 19 to 21 January.

Tickets £12, under 16s £8 Family tickets (2 adults + 2 children) £35

Advance box office 01223 880023.

Online bookings www.ticketsource.co.uk/wcp (There is a per transaction booking charge)

or in person from The Sun Inn, Chapel Street, Waterbeach

Please note: This is a cash only show so bring some coinage for raffle tickets, programmes, sweets, drinks and ice creams. Also parking cannot be guaranteed at the venue.

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

Happy Folks Club

Since returning to 'normality' (whatever that may mean) we have been able to enjoy our outings to various destinations throughout the year. The last



jolly was to London Docklands for a 'Cockney Knees Up' on board the 'Tereza Joanne' where we were entertained by a trio of Pearly Kings and Queens singing good old cockney songs. We were treated to a meal of pie and mash with liquor or gravy followed by apple tart and cream or custard. Everyone enjoyed the day and we look forward to the next trip which will be to the Christmas

show at Thursford which is always a fantastic event and this year we will be stopping off at a public house for lunch. Following that, in December we will have our Christmas party with carols and a finger buffet.

On a sad note, we will be losing one of our longest serving members as she will be moving to Essex to be nearer to her family. Alice Coxall has been a member for over 30 years during which she held the position of Chairwoman for 22 years and a jolly good job she did too. We will be sad to see her go but at the same time wish her all the very best in her new home and hope she settles in quickly. When Alice attended her last meeting she was presented with a crystal bowl, chocolates, flowers, a framed photograph and a framed certificate. The lady in picture to the right is Alice and the picture above was taken at the Cockney knees up.



If anyone would like to join the Happy Folks Club, where we play bingo and have auctions and raffles plus the monthly coach outings, we meet on Friday afternoons from 1.30 – 4.00pm at the Beach Club in Waterbeach so just pop along. We will be pleased to see you.

Terri Spencer - Vice Chairman

District Councillor Update

Homes for Ukraine - At the time of writing it is now 242 days since Russia invaded Ukraine with no sign of the war ending. In South Cambridgeshire 720 Ukrainian refugees have now been matched with very generous hosts.

The Homes for Ukraine scheme was initially set up for a six-month period and many Ukrainian refugees who came to the UK during the early part of the scheme are now reaching the end of the six-month hosting period. The majority of guests will be able to continue with their current hosts, but some will not. In such a case, the council will try to find a new host from the existing pool of volunteers that is as close as possible to the guest's existing host so they can continue with the employment and/or education arrangements that are already set up. It is not always possible to do this, however, since the pool of potential hosts for rematching is limited, so the council is looking for more potential volunteers. If you or anyone you know may be interested in becoming a host, please contact South Cambs District Council by emailing HFULiaison@scambs.gov.uk.

Cost of living Crisis - Across the country people are struggling with the rising cost of living. Food bills and household bills continue to rise, alongside fuel prices, at the fastest rate seen in 50 years.

The South Cambs website has a page dedicated to providing details of organisations and charities that can provide assistance or advice. It includes eligibility to benefits including the local council tax support scheme. There is information on topics such as help for parents and families, help with food and health costs, and help with energy, water and phone bills. <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/cost-of-living-support/>

Buses - You may now be aware that the number 9 bus which used to serve Waterbeach and Landbeach will no longer serve either of the villages. It has been converted into a fast service along the A10 connecting Ely with Cambridge. Although it is possible to request that it stops on the A10 it's very inconvenient. However, for Waterbeach and Landbeach Stagecoach has extended some of the Park & Ride services which will provide a half hourly service from 6.30am until 8.30pm Mon-Fri with a later start on Saturdays and Sundays.

Bus 19 will continue to run Mon-Fri, as before, twice daily between Landbeach, Waterbeach and Drummer St in Cambridge via Fen Ditton and the Beehive Centre.

GCP Sustainable Travel Zone - The Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) will be consulting on the Sustainable Travel Zone (STZ) until 23 Dec. The Sustainable Travel Zone is a proposal to improve the way that we travel in and around Cambridge with reduced congestion and significantly better cheaper bus services. The GCP intends to fund the improvement and reduction in ticket prices over the next few years. Tickets will cost £1 per

person for any journey within the zone and £2 for any journey starting outside the zone. Once these are up and running a charge will then be introduced for people driving their vehicles within the zone on weekdays. This charge will then be ring-fenced to support the continued operation of the enhanced bus services and low ticket prices.

If you would like to respond to the consultation the website is:

<https://consultcambs.uk.engagementhq.com/making-connections-2022>

Your Councillors are here to help you. Please do feel free to contact us with comments, questions, problems or complaints. We hope we can help but if we can't we are likely to know someone who can! Our contacts details are:

Paul Bearpark cllr.bearpark@scambs.gov.uk 07824 709153

Anna Bradnam cllr.bradnam@scambs.gov.uk 07950 241845

Judith Rippeth cllr.rippeth@scambs.gov.uk 07956 528223

Maggie's

What is Maggie's? Maggie's provides practical and emotional support to those with cancer, their family, friends and carers. The centre is a warm and welcoming place, with qualified cancer support specialists offering an evidence-based free programme of support which complements medical treatment.

Practical support includes information about eating well, coping with hair loss, or empowering visitors with information about their cancer treatment and benefits entitlements. Or visitors can talk to our psychologists and counsellors, explore their creative side through Art Therapy or get help to manage stress.

Then there is our kitchen table which is at the heart of our centre; a place where visitors can sit and chat with others in a similar situation, or maybe just take some quiet time with a cup of tea.

Examples of support can be anything from Art Therapy to Yoga, Men's Support Group to Menopause workshop, Living with Prostate Cancer to Brain Tumour Support Group. In addition, a cancer support specialist is always available for a chat and to listen. They will always meet a new visitor, help them decide what support best suits their needs and make the appropriate referrals. Read more about our offering on www.maggiescentres.org

Primarily we are a 'drop in' centre, Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm. Drop in anytime, but we are also happy to answer any questions prior to a visit on 01223 249220.

Maggie's, 21 Milton House, Puddicombe Way, Cambridge, CB2 0AD

Email: Cambridge@maggiescentres.org Facebook: @maggiescentrescambs

Twitter: @maggiescambs Instagram: maggiescambridge

Beaches Community Car Service

Beaches Community Car Service [BCCS] needs more volunteer drivers and coordinators. Can you help?

BCCS is a volunteer driver scheme which provides transport mainly for medical appointments for those who have difficulties using or accessing public transport because of age and/or mobility, or who live where public transport is limited or non-existent. The scheme covers Waterbeach, Landbeach, Milton, Chittering and Horningsea.

Requests for lifts have increased enormously during the past few months and a number of drivers who signed up during lockdown are now fully back at work and so are much less available to help. We ***urgently*** need more drivers and coordinators. Recently we have been in the very sad situation of having to tell some people that we cannot find a driver for a journey. This can greatly add to the stress of someone who may have an urgent appointment. One passenger said to me that the cost of a taxi to and from Addenbrookes was about what they spent on food each week.

This is a very rewarding way of supporting members of our communities who are no longer able to get about either because of mobility issues and/or because they are no longer able to drive. It is a lovely way of meeting new people; many have very interesting stories to tell. It is also flexible. Volunteers do not need to commit to a certain amount of time or a particular day each week. We have drivers who will do several journeys a week while others can only offer an occasional trip. There is a 45p mileage payment (minimum charge £3.00).

We also need people to coordinate the journeys. We do this for two weeks at a time. BCCS cannot function without the coordinators (just as it can't function without drivers). They don't need to drive but do need access to a computer and to be able to use a very simple spreadsheet.

Please, please consider whether you might be able to help our local communities with this very important service.

You can find out more by emailing m.dean@ntlworld.com or ringing 07807 875878 to find out more. Leave a message (I'm afraid there is rather a long introduction before the beep). The coordinator of the day will get back to you.

Cam Sailing Club

Sailing has continued at the Cam Sailing Club, and further afield at open events, throughout the remaining months of the sailing season. The Junior Fleet has been very successful again this year, winning the Cambs Youth League Team Trophy. A Cam SC junior also won the overall individual trophy. These young sailors competed at Cam, Hunts, Ely and Grafham sailing clubs for this series so thanks must also go to their parents for getting the sailors and their boats to all these venues.

The weather has been good through the autumn months, and the racing enjoyable, but the season draws to its traditional close early in November. The boats are now stored for the winter. The wooden dinghies are in the sheds where they can be worked on if necessary before the new season starts in March. The sailing cruisers have been craned out of the water and now sit on their trailers, well-covered and lashed down, in the car park.



The annual prize giving, followed by a buffet lunch, is being held at the clubhouse at the end of November. It will be a good opportunity to catch up with club members before the end of the season and plan for the coming year.

However there is still one more race on our Fixtures list: the Frostbite Spoon, to be held on Boxing Day. The start is at 11:30 so look out for these hardy sailors if you are out for a Boxing Day walk along the riverbank.

If you are interested in contacting the Cam Sailing Club you can email secretary@camsailingclub.org.uk or visit our website: www.camsailingclub.org.uk

Waterbeach Community Association

Carols on Waterbeach Green

**Christmas Eve
6.30pm**

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



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

Waterbeach Surgery

I would like to say Merry Christmas to all of our patients and thank you for all of your continued support.

The practice contract with MKGP+ will be ending on the 31st December 2022 and the new provider will be Malling Health who will be taking over on the 1st January 2023. I will update you as soon as I have more details. The change in provider does not mean a change in our team.

We have now recruited 2 new practice nurses, Robyn & Lauren, who started with us in September and October and have settled in well and whilst they can do many procedures they will need to attend training courses over the coming months.

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 still have vaccinations available for flu for the over 65s and the Under 65s should feel free to call the surgery and book your eligible flu vaccination.

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.

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 2023 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.

Please can I ask patients to consider using the NHS App for your smart phone or Tablet device as it enables you to order your prescription on line 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 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 you an over the counter medication for you.

Over the last month we have seen an increase in patients who do not attend their appointments, for whatever reason. Please can you contact the

surgery to inform us if you know that you are unable to attend so we can then accommodate other patients? We recognize 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 behavior. 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. I completed the Bath Half Marathon in 2 hours and 48 minutes and raised a total of £400.00. MKGP+ have made up the difference and the new Blood Pressure Machine has been ordered and will arrive shortly.

I would like to thank everyone that sponsored me.

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

Re-Thread

Drop-In Textiles Day at St John's Church

Saturday, January 28th 2023 may be a day of quiet surprises: our parish church becomes an exhibition space as well as a warm hub. Drop in to view textiles, fun and inventive, which take technique into new realms. Prepare to be astonished: the talent is local – the standard international!

Cuppa And Cake will be on hand in the St John's Room; plenty of parking at the rear.

Admission [10-3:30] is free but donations to the Red Cross Ukrainian appeal will be appreciated, and we may also support at least one other community group project. Tied in, too, is a nod to Candlemas, a day for quiet thanksgiving which, for some, still marks the end of the Christmas in some parts of the world.

Contact angelastoryteller@gmail.com

or see <https://stjohns-waterbeach.org.uk/>

Waterbeach Scout Group



Scouts

Pop up Santa is back on the Green again this year

Santa will be on Waterbeach Green from 12 noon – 5pm. Bacon rolls, tea, coffee and hot chocolate will be available and there will be a raffle, tombola, Christmas craft stall etc.

Prize Bingo is back. A family evening starting at 7pm in the Scout Hut. We play three games before refreshment break and raffle followed by two more games and a flyer. There are plenty of prizes to choose from for you line or full house. Our next dates will be Friday 9th December, Friday 13th January and Friday 10th February.

We will be holding a Jumble Sale on Saturday 28th January 2023, doors will open 10am - 1pm. We will also be serving hot drinks and bacon rolls. Any donations can be delivered to the hut Monday evening between 5pm – 7pm, Tuesday between 7pm - 9pm and Thursday between 6pm – 8pm. If you need your donation to be collected, please contact Bill on 07879 626682 or Shirley on 07767 793505.

We are still looking for new Leaders for each Section, Beavers on Monday, Scouts on Tuesday, Cubs on Thursday. Full training will be provided plus DBS check for a rewarding role in your community.

Please help to keep Scouting in Waterbeach.

Waterbeach WI



What has been lovely is that our members have started meeting together again on the second Thursday of each month. We meet at St. John's church room at 7.30pm. In September Lucy Hibben gave us an insight into how Mindfulness using breathing exercises can relax and calm the soul. It was particularly helpful as it coincided with the day Queen Elizabeth II died.

In October we had a wonderful, inclusive talk "Folk Tales with Storyteller Chip". It was both fun and entrancing and we could truly see why his children's books are so popular.

November saw the start of our Christmas celebrations with us making bead snowflakes whilst sharing conversations, delicious mulled wine, ginger and apple drinks and mince pies. December will be our Christmas meal at St. John's with quizzes and magical entertainment provided by Ray Christafoides. Our members will be making contributions to the local foodbank in both December and January.

We have been welcoming back members after Covid and have recruited four new members recently. We have started monthly walks and a book club so please come along and see if you would like to join our group for companionship and fun.

WAY



Waterbeach and Landbeach Action for Youth (WAY) is an Open Access youth club operating 2 nights a week, Wednesday and Thursdays, at the Tillage Hall for any secondary school aged child. The vast majority of our members are from Waterbeach but we also welcome young people from the surrounding villages.

Thanks to Waterbeach Parish Council, some very generous local supporters and a number of other pots of funding, we are able to provide our youth club free of charge which means that financial circumstances are not a barrier for young people to attend.



HAF Summer assault course

After a very successful Holidays, Activities and Food (HAF) scheme during the summer holidays, we will once again be making sure that no young person goes hungry during the Christmas school holidays by providing a hot meal as part of our HAF sessions. We will be open 11.30am - 3.30pm on Thurs 22nd, Fri 23rd Thurs 29th and Fri 30th Dec. If

you have a young person aged 10-16 who receives free school meals, please reach out to caroline.waterbeachway@gmail.com for more information about how we can help you.

Throughout the year our Youth Workers have worked hard to provide a variety of fun and engaging activities to keep our members entertained. Our Thursday night Boxercise sessions continue to be very popular for the older age range and on Wednesday nights a variety of arts and crafts, cooking, board games, PlayStation, and air hockey keeps our year 7 and 8s very happy.

This year we were delighted to be able to employ a Trainee youth worker, Leanne Jefferies, who has already achieved a nationally recognised Level One in youth work qualification with us. Leanne has been a member of WAY for 6 years and has proved herself to be a valuable member of staff by organising a Halloween Party which was a spooktacular success!

We would not be able to run WAY without the incredible support we get from local residents. We

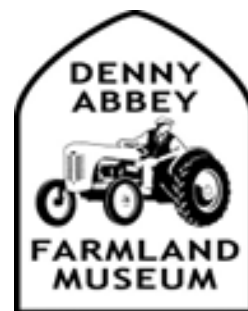


Leanne and members playing game

have Trustees, local volunteers, financial donors and the Parish Council who all support and enhance the work we do. We are always looking for new people to get on board and bring new ideas and skills to the club. We would particularly like to engage a few more Trustees next year. If your child has been a member or you have a background in youth work, safeguarding, finance or HR we would be really interested to hear from you. The Trustees meet 8 times a year but are crucial to our development, for more information, email caroline.waterbeachway@gmail.com.

Farmland Museum

We hope you were able to visit us at the Farmland Museum and Denny Abbey this year, to learn about Fenland history, have fun at our events or simply to enjoy a homemade piece of cake!



At the end of October each year, we close for the winter but that doesn't mean we aren't busy behind the scenes. During the winter our volunteers are busy with repairs and maintenance, refreshing our displays and getting ready to welcome you back in the spring.

Many of our volunteers are seen by our visitors throughout the summer but others are busy on 'hidden' jobs that are nonetheless vital to keep the museum going. Our gardening squad keep the allotment and the cottage garden blooming. The maintenance team look after the farming machinery – a long round of checking and oiling and painting and fixing. Everything in our collection is very carefully looked after. Even items not on display at the moment are documented and tracked by our collections volunteers so we know where everything is and its condition.

Would you like to join us? The Farmland Museum and Denny Abbey could not survive without the work done by volunteers and we are always looking for more to help out. When we open in 2023 we will be looking for volunteers to welcome our visitors and work in our gift shop, help out in our café, help with fundraising or generally assist us around the museum. If any of these roles appeal to you – or you have skills we could use elsewhere - do get in touch for a chat about how it all works. Email is best while we are closed to info@farmlandmuseum.org.uk

For more information on the Farmland Museum and Denny Abbey and to find out more about what we've got planned in 2023, visit www.dennyfarmlandmuseum.org.uk

Age UK Community Warden

Hello, my name is Melanie Lombardi and I am the Community Warden working in Waterbeach, Landbeach, and Chittering. I have lived in Waterbeach for over 20 years.

If you have a relative or are a person who lives independently within this area, I can provide daily contact (usually in the mornings) either by telephone or a personal visit. This gives family members who are not local the reassurance that their loved ones will be contacted every day. The Community Warden service is tailored to each service user.



I thought it would be interesting to give a brief account of “A day in the life of a Community Warden”

I start my day with my phone calls. Some of my service users like a daily phone call to check on their wellbeing, or to just have a chat, or to let me know if they would like any essential shopping items picked up and delivered to them – this could be a pint of milk, loaf of bread, a newspaper or even a birthday card for a relative! After the phone calls I plan my morning and know which of my service users I need to visit. First visit, a stop off at the Pharmacy to pick up a prescription then off to Chittering to visit a service user who likes a chat and support – we have a good chat and during my visit I always let her know what the weather is going to do (I am a great weather forecaster) as sometimes she likes to go out to a coffee morning, or into Cambridge on the bus. Next, it's back to Waterbeach to pick up some milk for a service user. I drop in to see this service user to give her the milk and stay for a chat. This service user is finding it difficult to stand in the shower and her back doorstep is too high, so I offer to contact Age UK Handyperson service to refer her for some handrails and a threshold step and also a phone call to Occupational Therapy to see if they can help with anything. Next visit is to a service user who lives on her own and is starting to struggle to make herself dinner. We discussed Meals on Wheels, as an option as they deliver a freshly cooked hot meal. This service user decided she would like to try these, so with a quick phone call I was able to refer her, and she started receiving the meals within a couple of days. She looks forward to seeing the delivery driver, having a quick chat and eating a nice home cooked dinner. Off I go again, this time to see another service user. He lives alone and likes to venture out with support. The sun was shining, so I suggested we go for a lovely walk to the recreation ground, having a chat and a few smiles along the way. When we returned to his home, I helped him complete a form to re-apply for his driving licence and I offered to post this for him. A quick pop to the shop to

buy a newspaper and a final visit to a service user in Landbeach to deliver the paper, have a chat, cup of tea and take a parcel to the post office for her. My visits are now finished, and I return home to check my emails and complete my admin – and finally, it's time for my lunch!

What can we help you with? - Listening to your concerns and linking you to helpful information and guidance.

- Advice on local community services
- Small items of shopping
- Collecting prescriptions
- Reading post
- Making phone calls on your behalf, if requested
- Ensuring your safety and wellbeing
- Being a listening ear and having a chat

Free Trial - You are entitled to a two-week free trial, however after that period we charge a small fee of £9.00 per week for a single person and £11.00 per week for a couple, which is payable to the warden or via an invoice. If you are interested in joining the scheme, call Melanie on 07977 219403.

Shire of Flintheath

The Shire of Flintheath is probably best known for our noisy Saturday combat practices, which we held on the Green before lockdown and now hold on the Recreation Ground, next to the Tillage Hall. However, that's only the most visible part of an extremely varied set of hobbies. We're the local chapter of an international organisation called the Society for Creative Anachronism: a living history group which combines research with light-hearted re-enactment to create a mixture of education, creativity, and fun.

As well as training in the martial arts of fencing and armoured combat, members of the SCA also practice various arts and sciences such as brewing, cooking, costume-making, and art from illuminating manuscripts to music and dance to metalworking. Depending on their taste, a member can participate in any or all of the activities offered, and may take part in as



much re-enactment as they choose, including attending events both locally and internationally to take part in courts, contests, feasts, and celebration.

We're always looking for new members to join us in the Modern Middle Ages. If you're interested in a fun, low-pressure hobby with a historical emphasis, or you just want to find out more about who we are and what we do, get in touch at chatelaine@flintheath.org.uk, check out our website at <http://flintheath.org.uk/> or just come and talk to us at one of our practices!

Waterbeach in the News

More references to Waterbeach from the British Newspaper Archive.

The Famous Visit Waterbeach

Charles Spurgeon was one of the famous men to have visited Waterbeach – indeed, we can call him one of our own, as he resided in the village between 1851 and 1854. Spurgeon became one of the most famous Baptist preachers of the nineteenth century. He started preaching in Teversham at the age of 17, and was then offered the pastorship of Waterbeach, where his fame spread and where he attracted hundreds to his sermons from Cambridge and surrounding villages. Unfortunately the congregation in Waterbeach was unable to pay him enough to live on, and he moved to London, where he became a nationally-known figure. Here he preached at the Crystal Palace to nearly 24,000 people in 1857. He built a tabernacle, almshouses and a college. He and his son were occasional visitors to the village. On his death in 1892 his coffin was viewed by 100,000 people.

Joseph Arch is remembered as a champion of agricultural workers' rights, and he was an occasional visitor to the village, speaking at Liberal Party gatherings. He was the first President of the National Agricultural Labourers' Union formed in 1872. He also agitated for an extension of the franchise, and in 1885 became the first agricultural labourer elected to Parliament, where he served for North-west Norfolk. He visited Waterbeach in April and October of 1877.

Arthur Pierson was a friend of Charles Spurgeon, and was famous as a Baptist preacher in the United States. Between 1889 and 1890 he preached in England, and paid a visit to Waterbeach. He succeeded Spurgeon at the London Metropolitan Tabernacle in 1892.

In July 1904 **Lloyd George**, described in the local paper as "that rising politician", came to the village to speak on behalf of the Liberal Party on the proposed Education Act, when religious interference in the governance of schools was a big issue. In 1908 he was to become Chancellor of the Exchequer, and in 1916 took over the War cabinet as Prime Minister.

Air Minister **Arthur Henderson** visited the Royal Observer Corps at Waterbeach Camp in July 1950, to brief them on the situation in Korea. He was the son of Arthur Henderson, one of the early leaders of the Labour Party. He served in the India Office, and became Secretary of State for Air in 1947. He lost his seat in the 1951 General Election. He was created Baron Rowley in 1966, and died two years later.

These are some of the great and good who have come to our village. Do you know anyone I've missed out? Drop a line to *Beach News* if you do.

John Beresford

Wicken Fen Nature Reserve

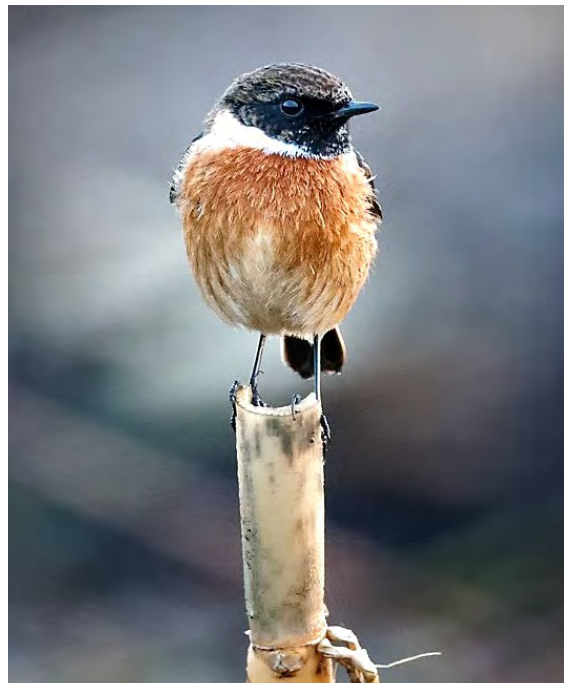
Winter wildlife

Water levels are starting to rise on the reserve following a long period of very dry weather. We're hoping that we'll soon start to see numbers of wildfowl increase on the wetter areas of Baker's, Burwell and Tubney Fens. Look out for whooper swans on Baker's Fen and winter thrushes feeding on the last of the autumn berries around the reserve.

Christmas and New Year Opening Hours

Wicken Fen is open every day except Christmas Day. The Visitor Centre is open from 10am to 4:30pm, and the Docky Hut Café from 10am to 4pm.

Join us over the festive season for some peace and tranquillity, and to enjoy time with family and friends. There are lots of options for nature walks – our Visitor Centre team will be happy to help suggest the best route for your visit.



Stonechat - Wicken Fen

Festive Winter Woodland Trail

You may remember our popular 12 Days of Christmas trail from a couple of years ago, which featured amazing displays created from natural materials by our volunteers. We're creating another trail this year featuring woodland wildlife, so do join us over the festive period to enjoy fun, family activities and quirky characters along the Woodland Walk route.

The trail is free (admission fees apply for non-National Trust members) and will be open from Saturday 26 November throughout the Christmas and New Year period.

Volunteer opportunities

We are planning a volunteer recruitment day on Saturday 28 January – keep the date if you're interested in volunteering at Wicken Fen. We will be recruiting for roles including: cottage and fen workshop volunteers, family discovery guides, walk leaders and outreach talks volunteers. Keep an eye out for further information on our website and social media channels.

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>

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 BALLS - WATERBEACH JUGGLING CLUB	Liam Guyton - 07751 403266
BEACH BOWLS CLUB	William Clough - 01223 861386
BEACH SOCIAL CLUB	Brenda Donovan - 01223 860033
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COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION SECRETARY	Pam Clack - 07367 123110
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HAPPY FOLKS CLUB	Stuart Atkins - 07964 129623
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 - 07973 172360
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 BAPTIST CHAPEL	Angela Ensell - 01223 862494
WATERBEACH BRASS	David Pell - 01223 860396
WATERBEACH COLTS F.C.	Elly Ruston - 07986 340869
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WATERBEACH COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP	Fiona Thomas - 01223 440769
WATERBEACH COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL P.T.A	Maria Americo - 01223 718988
WATERBEACH CRICKET CLUB	Alasdair Pentland - 07751 786040
WATERBEACH DAY CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY	Mary Longstaff - 01223 564666
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	Ian Ellwood - 01223 571477
WATERBEACH THEATRE COMPANY	Julie Petrucci - 01223 880023
WATERBEACH VILLAGE SOCIETY	Mike Lynch - 01223 863946
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
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Waterbeach Barracks and Airfield

52.2656° N, 0.12910° 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



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