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# Community Association



Hello everyone and welcome to the summer edition of the Beach News. Thank you for reading, I hope you find this issue interesting, remember this is a community newsletter and you can submit articles for publishing – please contact [BeachNews@waterbeach.org](mailto:BeachNews@waterbeach.org) to submit. The Beach News is run by volunteers from the Waterbeach Community Association, an association of local community groups, which aims to promote community life in the village. We run a number of events throughout the year but our main event is coming up in June so I'd like to start by giving some information on this year's Waterbeach Village Feast.

**Feast 2023** - Waterbeach Village Feast will be held on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2023. We hope this year's event can build on the success of previous years. We've tried to maintain the same local feel as previous years but we've also added some additional entertainment in response to feedback from last year's event.

One thing that will that will not change is the fantastic variety of stalls that our members and other groups populate the Green with. We'll have a range of stalls run by our community groups, with games and entertainment, such as raffles and tombola. There will also be a variety of things to see and buy such as plants and cakes, along with information on local sites and attractions. More entertainment is provided with our fairground rides and games, horse rides, face painting and street magic. If you would like a stall at the Feast please visit the WCA website [www.waterbeach.org](http://www.waterbeach.org) download and return the form ([http://waterbeach.org/Feast/Feast\\_1.htm](http://waterbeach.org/Feast/Feast_1.htm)).

We aim to start the Feast slightly earlier this year; the stalls and pitches will be setup by midday as usual but this year we aim to start the arena entertainment at the same time. This will kick off with the welcome return of Waterbeach Brass playing for the first time in a few years. We have some junior dance groups; Rosewood Dance Academy and 4<sup>th</sup> Dimension putting on some classical and contemporary dance. We've also got some entertainment to join in with, performances from Jazzercise and JDz Dance



inviting people to have a go, as well as the circus skills of the Beach Balls Juggling Club. To add a bit of magic to the afternoon we'll also have a show from the magician Roman Armstrong.

With the entertainment starting a bit earlier we've added some additional food trucks, there will still be the Scout BBQ, the PTA Pop Up Café, and German Sausage, but we'll also have Pimp my Fish and Wandering Yak to add some additional flavour. There's something sweet from Verrecchia's Ice Cream Van or Ice Cream Dreams and something to drink from the Copper Tree Bar. There are also our excellent local pubs, the Pharmacie and Kebab van all within a short walk of the Green.

We've added a new element to the Feast this year – with a music stage on the Gault. This will start after Waterbeach Brass with a performance from Just Jamming, a local band from Cambridge. After the parade we'll hear from a jazz band - Transposition. Later we'll have a return for the Rock Steady bands from Waterbeach Primary School as well as the school choir. With the whole event finished off with a performance from 11<sup>th</sup> Hour from 5-6pm.

The parade is always a massive part of the Feast Day, and we hope this continues to be as successful as it has in previous years. The parade is open to all – and we'd love to see some new groups join in. The parade is themed and we're continuing our journey through the alphabet with 'Something beginning with O....' being the theme this year. Many of you will know that Tony Shipp, who was an enthusiastic participant in the Feast and particularly the Parade, sadly passed away this year. We'd like to celebrate his contribution to past events and have introduced a new 'individual' category and award to the parade. Please dress up and join in with this, as an individual you do not have to submit a parade form but please let me know you are interested by emailing [wcachair@waterbeach.org](mailto:wcachair@waterbeach.org). (Parade entry forms for groups are available from [http://waterbeach.org/Feast/Feast\\_1.htm](http://waterbeach.org/Feast/Feast_1.htm)

Alongside the parade, and all through the Feast we run a collection for charity. This year the collection will be split between Waterbeach After School Play Scheme (WASPS) and Waterbeach Community Playgroup. These two groups share the Waterbeach Playhouse on the school grounds and provide both pre-school and wrap around care for children in the village. Having been busy for many years the building is showing its age and the funds raised will be put towards renovating and updating the facilities.

We have once again been granted permission to close the roads for the duration of the parade (14:00 – 14:45).



Those who live on streets directly affected will receive a letter giving details of the closures. The affected streets are, High Street, Greenside, St Andrews Hill, Way Lane and Cattell's Lane (plus some side streets leading off these). Chapel Street will be temporarily shut to allow the parade to pass. We will endeavour to keep disruption to a minimum and access will be allowed where possible. We apologise in advance for any disruption caused but we must prioritise the safety of the parade participants. Parking along the side of the Green marked by cones is also prohibited for the day.

The Feast is a village event and we really appreciate all the help and support that comes from the whole community. However, we need additional volunteers to enable the Feast to go ahead safely. If you can spare 30 minutes to an hour on the 10<sup>th</sup> June please volunteer, we have vacancies for helpers to setup before the event, take down and tidy afterwards, as well as for traffic marshals and marshals on the Green. Please volunteer and thank you to those that have already done so.

As well as volunteers, the community is always very generous in donations to the Community Association raffle. If you are able, please do make a donation, as the proceeds of the raffle go towards the running costs of the Feast and supporting the local community.

To help promote the Feast, download the poster from the WCA website [http://waterbeach.org/Feast/Feast\\_1.htm](http://waterbeach.org/Feast/Feast_1.htm) and get the children (or adults!) to colour it in and display in your window.

For more information on road closures or on any aspect of the Feast please see the Feast Facebook page [<https://www.facebook.com/waterbeachfeast>], the Waterbeach Community Association Facebook group [<https://www.facebook.com/groups/611204276784361>] or our website

[[www.waterbeach.org](http://www.waterbeach.org)]. You can also get in touch with me directly by email [wcachair@waterbeach.org](mailto:wcachair@waterbeach.org) or telephone: 07751 786040.

**Community Projects** - Thank you to everyone who helped out with the Community Litter Pick on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March. Special thanks to the team at WAY and the Waterbeach Wombles for organising and providing refreshments. 43 bags of rubbish were collected and taken away, so hopefully the village is looking a bit tidier. I got a lot of "Thank yous" from people I passed while collecting and they were all appreciated. We plan to run this as a biannual event with the next one happening in October. Thanks and I hope you enjoy the rest of the issue. *Alasdair Pentland* - WCA Chair

# Community Playgroup



Here at Community Playgroup we have been really busy exploring and learning together. We've celebrated British Science Week with lots of amazing experiments, looked at all things maths and of course had lots of fun with Easter themed activities, from amazing arts and crafts right the way through to an Easter egg hunt, where we searched



for brightly coloured eggs to see which animals were hiding inside.....and there might have been a small chocolate treat for everyone too! As I write we are currently spending lots of time outdoors looking at the changing seasons and watching all of the trees bud and the mini beasts emerge in the lovely sunshine. In the next few weeks we will be looking at oral health and healthy eating and also taking part in a duckling hatching program which we are all eagerly awaiting. Community playgroups like

ours are parent led and community driven, we believe everyone plays a vital role in our community and open our doors to all families, so it's important that our dedicated committee and staff work towards providing good facilities, resources and experiences for all of our families. With this in mind we often raise funds through sales, sponsorship and other community events. This term we are thrilled to have been chosen to take part in Tesco's Community Grant project so if you happen to be in Tesco in the next few weeks we would really appreciate a vote for playgroup! All you have to do is collect a blue token from the self-serve tills or from your cashier and then place it in our section of the Community Grant box. If you would like to see more of what we get up to then why not have a look at our website

[www.waterbeachplaygroup.org.uk](http://www.waterbeachplaygroup.org.uk)

# Beach Bowls Club

I am delighted to say that for Beach Bowls Club the season has started. The first game took place on 25<sup>th</sup> April which is earlier than usual, but we wanted to spread the games across the season more evenly. We went to Girton, which was our first encounter with them. They only started playing a few years ago and began in the 5th division of the Cambridge and District League. They quickly rose in the ranks to join us in division 2 this year. Unfortunately a number of our regular players were not able to play, but happily those who were able to represent the club came home having won an enjoyable match. We look forward to further games in that league and also the Cambridge Business House Pairs where we are involved in both men's and open leagues.

It should be mentioned that before the Girton game there was much activity within the club. At the beginning of March we held our first club dinner for 3 years. We tried a new venue which was the Shed at Lode where club members and partners who attended thoroughly enjoyed the food and company.

A few weeks after the dinner we held our pre-season meeting when most members including some new ones were present. Much business was discussed most of which involved work from our hard working secretary, Pam Black.

Preparation work on the bowls green by the green keeper and club members, was satisfactorily undertaken so that roll ups started in mid April which were enjoyed by several members. This means we were ready to accept an invitation to a friendly game from our old friends and rivals Milton. The weather forecast was not promising, but happily there were only a few spots of rain during and after the game. Beach came out as victors and hopefully that will be repeated when we soon meet them in the league for the first time in several years.

At the end of April we arranged an open day to meet prospective members with another one on Saturday 27th May between 11.00 and 5.00pm. This will coincide with the football competition and beer festival when we will welcome anyone attending those events to come and try a game of bowls. All we ask is that they have flat shoes to wear on the green.

We look forward to the season and aim to achieve as much success as possible.



# Library News



Waterbeach Independent Library continues to provide a service to the community with the assistance of our volunteer base, all of whom are members of the community, with member numbers continuing to rise.

As well as the refurbishment we entered into after the Covid lockdowns, and upgrading of library furniture, we have continued to upgrade our book stock which now consists of some 10,000+ books covering all genres. We have a regular re-assessment of the book stock as tastes change, new interests emerge, new perspectives present themselves, which results in a library presenting relevant books of interest on all fronts.

Books we do not hold can be ordered from Cambridgeshire County Libraries, as we are closely tied to the Cambridgeshire and Suffolk Library system, who will deliver books to us, plus you can return any library book via us to any Library in Cambridgeshire.

**Bee Project** - At this time we are launching a Bee Project in order to raise awareness as to how important it is to provide a habitat for bees and pollinators. We are losing large areas of land utilised by pollinators to building works on a regular basis.

We operated a Bee Project last year, which was very successful, with great patches of wildflowers grown in gardens, pots, trays etc by children, assisted by their parents/carers/guardians.

Waterbeach really did become the Flower of the Fens!

The Library Bee Project supplies the children, who are members of the library, with a pack of seeds, a sticker and information, so they can sow the seeds in their gardens or whatever they have available. The library exhibits various posters around the library to maintain interest for the children.

**100th Library Birthday Celebrations** - Waterbeach Library will mark its 100 year anniversary in November and we hope you will all join us for refreshments and cake at that time, but we will announce more of that via our Facebook page at a later date.

**Waterbeach Feast** - There will be a Library stall at the Waterbeach Feast where there will be a smaller collection of good quality books, of all genres, to purchase, plus various incentives for children.

We hope you will all pop by.

**Summer Reading Challenge** - We will be launching the Summer Reading Challenge in the library in the middle of July, all children are welcome, if they are not a member of the library it is very easy, and free, to join.

The children are expected to read six books throughout the summer holidays

- they can be any books borrowed from the library.

It is just important that children read books as that is a window into the world. There will be more information nearer the time on our Facebook page.

**Library Location** - For those of you new to the community - Waterbeach Library is located on the school site, go through the green gates and the library will be in front of you.

It is an Independent Library run by Community Volunteers, for the community, funded by the community, within the community.

We are not a “Shush” library and we welcome everyone into what has been termed - “A Gem of Community Spirit”.

You can keep in touch via our Facebook page.

We look forward to welcoming you in the future.

## Gardening Club



We have enjoyed an interesting and varied programme of talks this year which has been created by our Programme Secretary, Dorothy Druitt. It is always good to welcome visitors and new members to our club and you can be sure of a warm welcome if you decide to take part in any of our activities.

In March we were visited by Tim Fuller, proprietor of the Plantsman's Preference nursery in Norfolk. He gave a great talk entitled 'Unexpectedly Hardy' and brought some unusual plants to sell to our members – always a popular opportunity to buy plants that are not readily available in most local garden centres. April saw the visit of Sharka Baxter, a garden design coach. She gave an illustrated talk on 'Problem Areas in the Garden' and was able to give some practical advice that members will be trying to follow this year. Her suggestions were really practical and used plants and other items that are easy and not too expensive to acquire. Our programme came to an end in May with the visit of Wendy Overy from Fenland Flowers and Foliage to talk about 'Growing Cut Flowers'. Her ideas have encouraged us to grow more flowers to decorate our homes in the future. We pause the talks during the summer to focus on visits and social events but would love to welcome you to our September meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> when Zsuzsa Serer, an old friend of the club, will be talking about Orchids.

We are really looking forward to Feast Day and are very grateful to the members of the Community Association who put so much work into providing this event to bring the village together. We will, as usual, be selling plants produced by our members. Do visit our stall to pick up a few bargains and chat about gardening in Waterbeach.

# Waterbeach Colts FC



Waterbeach Colts FC Beer Festival & Football Tournament is back! Our annual Waterbeach Colts FC Beer Festival & Football Tournament returns at the end of this month. It is our 19<sup>th</sup> Beer Festival and falls in our 21<sup>st</sup> year as a club.

## ***Weekend schedule (at Waterbeach Recreation Ground)***

***Friday 26 May*** - We kick the weekend off at 6pm with a charity football tournament, and music from The Juliets onwards from 8pm.

***Saturday 27 May*** - It's our youth football tournament with teams from U6's through to the U13's. Morning games start at 9am; afternoon games at 2.30pm. Beer Festival open 12 noon to 11pm.

***Sunday 28 May*** - Beer Festival opens 12 noon to 9pm, with live music from local bands and performers from around 1:30pm through to the evening. We have a women's football tournament and our U16s are playing in the Chris Fordham Memorial Cup.

**Admission, food & drink** - It is free to watch the football – do go along and give the teams your support. We have visiting teams from around the region. There is an admission fee to the Beer Festival for adults, with no charge for under 18s. Alongside the beer, there will be wine / Pimm's / cider and soft drinks, Scouts BBQ, ice creams, food vans, live music and inflatables/bungee trampoline. The entrance fee includes the purchase of a re-usable pint or 1/2 pint official festival cup. Keep hold of your cup, as once purchased this will be your re-admission over the weekend. Like last year, we will be using a token payment system for drinks. Tokens will be available to purchase at the entrance tent. We will accept cash and debit / credit card payments for the entrance and tokens.

We hope to see you there!

**Get involved** - We need you! Do you want to get involved with Waterbeach Colts Football Club? Many of our long term committee members are standing down this year. For the club to continue running, as it does now, we need new volunteers to fill the positions. We are looking for Co-Chairs, Events Officers, Tea Bar Coordinators, and Communications Officers. Full handover and necessary training will be given. You can get so much back from volunteering – helping your community, new skills and social connection. If you are interested and would like to find out more, please get in touch with our committee Chair, Elly Ruston: [elly.ruston@gmail.com](mailto:elly.ruston@gmail.com).

# WAY



Waterbeach and Landbeach Action for Youth (WAY) is a free, Open Access youth club operating 2 nights a week, Wednesday and Thursdays, 6.30pm - 8.30pm at the Tillage Hall, Waterbeach, for all secondary school aged child. The vast majority of our members are from Waterbeach but we also welcome young people from the surrounding villages.

2023 started really well for WAY with the introduction of a Pop-Up Youth Cafe on Tuesday evenings for young people to access hot food and drinks straight from school. The Cafe was an initiative to help families with the cost of living crisis and was an opportunity for us to trial a different time slot.

Thanks to the continued support from our local donors and the Parish Council, entry and all food and drink



was free. Members were encouraged to get stuck in with the cooking and clearing, thus instilling good life skills as well as helping families with the cost of feeding hungry teenagers! As the evenings became warmer and more after school clubs started up, we decided to pause the Cafe but will be ready to open again if demand picks up.

Our youth club sessions on Wednesday and Thursday nights have seen attendance grow to between 15 - 30 members per session participating in activities such as arts and crafts, sports and board games. There are also areas for young people to just chill out and be with friends in a safe environment. In addition to the weekly sessions, during the Easter holidays we ran another very successful government funded Holiday, Activities and Food (HAF) scheme to ensure all young people have somewhere safe to go during the school holidays where they can access free hot food, help and advice and enriching activities.

We have had a few staff changes in the past few months as we said a sad goodbye to Wayne Talbot, our Lead Youth Worker for the past 3 years. Sessional workers James Lane and Charlotte Coussell have also moved on to pastures new. They have all left a positive impact on WAY and we wish them well in their future adventures.

Elaine Hart has been a popular member of staff with colleagues and members alike for many years now, so we were delighted when she accepted a promotion to become our new Lead Youth Worker. She is being supported by an incredible team of sessional youth workers and volunteers





who ensure the young people have a fun and informative youth provision in the village.

We are currently recruiting for a senior sessional youth worker to help Elaine and the team on an ad hoc basis so if anyone has experience of working with young people and is looking for a bit of extra work without a full commitment, please get in touch using the email below for more information.

We would not be able to run WAY without the incredible support we get from local residents. We are always looking for new people to get on board and bring ideas and skills to the club or join our board of Trustees. We would be interested to hear from anyone with an interest in developing provision for young people locally regardless of their background or profession. The Trustees only meet 8 times a year but are crucial to our development, for more information, email [caroline.waterbeachway@gmail.com](mailto:caroline.waterbeachway@gmail.com).

*Caroline Ward* - on behalf of the WAY Staff and Trustees

# Waterbeach Theatre Company

Our May production of Alan Ayckbourn's *Neighbourhood Watch* is, by the time you read this, now added to the list of Past Productions on the WTC website. If you came along to support us between 10 and 13 May thank you very much, we hope you enjoyed the evening.



WTC is affiliated to NODA (National Operatic & Dramatic Association) and last month at the Annual Gala Awards celebrating 2022 success WTC were proud to win the Best Pantomime Award for our January 2022 pantomime *Cinderella*. Our two other 2022 productions *Cheshire Cats* and *A Bunch of Amateurs* were runners up in the Best Play and Best Technical sections respectively. Continuing the winning streak Mark Easterfield's debut play *One Night in Toledo*, won the Waltham Forest Festival last month. This was also the first round of the All England Festival so the play, starring Wendy Croft and Christine Easterfield and directed by Mark, will compete in the Eastern Area final at Oxted on Sunday May 28<sup>th</sup>. However, before that *One Night in Toledo* will be performed at the Welwyn Drama Festival on May 25<sup>th</sup> and after that at the prestigious Lighthorne Festival on June 10<sup>th</sup>.

In November Kattreya Scheurer-Smith is to direct Laura Wade's *Home, I'm Darling* from Wednesday November 8<sup>th</sup> – Saturday November 11<sup>th</sup>. This powerful production had a successful run in the West End and recently toured to the Arts Theatre in Cambridge.

Our 2024 January Pantomime will be *Dick Whittington* written by Julie Petrucci and Chris Shinn. Emma Bolton-Luckie will make her directorial debut and further details will be in the next Beach News.

Visit our stall at the Waterbeach Feast on 10 June and our website [www.wtconline.org.uk](http://www.wtconline.org.uk) Also find us on Facebook @waterbeachdrama

# Cam Sailing Club

Racing and social events for Cam Sailing Club have been finalised and the Fixtures List is now in print. The club grounds and clubhouse have had their spring clean, the river and riverbank have been cleared and the trees have been pollarded. The racing is well underway, the sociable evening leisure sailing has started and the annual Open Day was a great success.

Prospective members who would like to visit the club before joining are welcome on alternate Sundays for a short tour of the club grounds. Visit our website (Contact Us/Membership) for further information and dates.

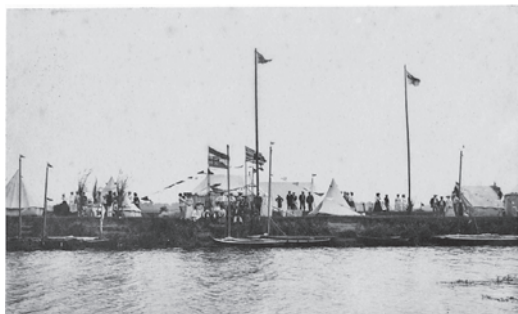
You can call the club on 01223 861551 at weekends during the sailing season, or send an email: [secretary@camsailingclub.org.uk](mailto:secretary@camsailingclub.org.uk) The website is: [www.camsailingclub.org.uk](http://www.camsailingclub.org.uk)

## ***The Early Years of Cam Sailing Club***

Cam Sailing Club has a long history and is one of the oldest inland river clubs in the country. The first committee meeting was held on 28th June 1899. A subscription of 2/6d was decided and a list of rules was established, including the following which still appears in the current rule book: *"The object of the club shall be to encourage the building, improvement and sailing of small boats"*.

The original membership list shows 58 members with 31 boats and their first organised race took place on Long Reach, Ditton Meadows, just below Cambridge. Current club members replicated this race in 1999 as a celebration of the club's 100 year anniversary.

In 1901 it was decided to race further downriver, partly due to conflict with rowers, and a racing course was established between Clayhithe and Bottisham Lock. Powered launches were used to tow the sailing boats to Clayhithe and members were able to use the Haling Way (towpath by the river) or the train to get there. Sailing gear was stored in a loft at the Bridge Hotel. Up until 1946 races at Clayhithe were mainly held on Thursdays as most of the sailing members were shopkeepers and that was their early closing day. An annual, week-long, summer camp and regatta was also held during the month of August at Ely below the railway bridge. This fixture lasted until 1939.



If the development of sailing was tackled with energy, the social side of the club was undertaken with even greater gusto.

In 1902 a large Flotilla Concert was held on the river at Cambridge. This consisted of 21 boats in procession with the Cambridge Town Band and Glee Singers on one. All boats were lit with lanterns. This must have provided a considerable spectacle for the people of Cambridge and contributed to the large growth in membership for that year.

In October of the same year a very ambitious Promenade Concert was held in the Corn Exchange with an exhibition of photographs, fully rigged sailing boats and model boats. The Town Band and Glee Singers were again employed and a one shilling entrance fee was charged to the public for the exhibitions, concert and dancing.

Annual Dinners, Smoking Concerts and other social events were held during the winter months. A full social calendar is still ongoing today including Family Fun Evenings, a Summer Party, BBQs and the end of season prizegiving.



## Waterbeach Community Market

We thank everyone for coming to our markets. We appreciate your continued support. We strive our best to keep the market diverse and exciting. We are now one of the largest markets in South Cambridgeshire. We provide the village with a place to buy fresh produce, gifts, grab a coffee and a bite to eat.

We offer 2 charity stalls a month free of charge, so if you are a local charity looking to raise funds or your profile, please get in touch with us. Our markets are held at the Community Rooms and outside by the guardroom at the Barracks every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month, apart from August as we have a well-earned rest. We have free parking and its free entry as well. So come along and support local small businesses and have a great time doing it.

For more information see us on the back of the Beach News or contact [waterbeachcm@yahoo.com](mailto:waterbeachcm@yahoo.com).

We are also on Facebook @waterbeachcm, like and follow us for more news and who is coming to the market. We have lots to offer Waterbeach and will do so for years to come.

# WASPS



We had a fun filled spring term at WASPS! We've been busy reorganising some of our resources, so they are easier for the children to access, putting some of our games and puzzles into zipper bags with the image attached. We have also purchased a new trolley to house resources in our main room. We are grateful for a number of donated items we have received of stationary, thanks to those who provided them, the children are already enjoying using them in our sessions. The children have enjoyed getting outside more over the last few weeks in the lighter evenings, this week they have been engaged in skipping activities, inspired by a visitor to school!

The recent holiday club days have been well attended, the children have taken part in a range of activities, including making Easter baskets and creating cards, making chocolate Easter bark and Easter games and challenges outside too, including an egg hunt... which proved very popular!

We are looking forward to updating our chairs at Waterbeach Playhouse soon, as the current ones are looking tired (we have had them for 22 years!) we are grateful to Waterbeach Community Association, for providing funding to us and Waterbeach Community Playgroup (whom we share the premises with) towards the cost of the chairs, thank you!

We are currently finalising our plans for celebrations at the club to mark the King's Coronation! We are also busy planning for our Feast stall on 10th June and our parade entry, we hope lots of our families will be able to take part and volunteer a little time to help us, more details to follow to our club members soon!

We still have two officer roles to fill on our Management Committee (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. We are also currently looking for bank staff (Playworkers) to join





our friendly staff team, working 'as and when' needed. To find out more please speak to a member of the team or email us. 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). Our planned Holiday Club dates for the remainder of the school year are as follows:

### *Summer Term 2023*

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May (During Half Term)

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June (School Training Day)

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July and Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July (Beginning of Summer Holidays)

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August – whole week (During Summer Holidays)

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August – whole week (During Summer Holidays)

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](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.

## **District Councillor Update**

At the time of writing with hopefully warmer days ahead we have just come through a particularly tough winter certainly from a cost of living perspective. South Cambs has been working in partnership with Cambridgeshire ACRE to deliver warm hubs across the district, as part of a package of measures to provide assistance. The hub at All Saints Landbeach is a fantastic service providing food and hot drinks, a warm space to work, and a place to meet and chat. SCDC have just been successful in their bid for a further £224,000 from the Integrated Care Service to continue to provide the warm hubs which are now evolving into Community Wellbeing Hubs. These will continue to provide an important social connection and also improve outreach to other services which support health and wellbeing.

**Zero Carbon Community Grants** - This popular scheme is open for a fifth round of applications, with a closing date of Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. The scheme is open to all parish councils and to local volunteer-run community groups who can apply for a grant up to £15,000. The total pot has been increased to

£115,000. In the past, local community groups within the ward have successfully bid for funds for items like bike racks, solar panels and air source heat pumps for community buildings. The project aims for 2023/24 funding are reducing carbon emissions and improved community engagement on climate change. For more information, please visit [www.scambs.gov.uk/climate-emergency-and-nature/zero-carbon-communities-grant/](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/climate-emergency-and-nature/zero-carbon-communities-grant/)

The council also runs a number of other grant schemes throughout the year. This includes the community chest scheme, which is open for small grant applications (up to £2000), and invites applications from voluntary groups, community sector groups, charities and public sector bodies. Within the community chest, there are categories focused on biodiversity grants, community-led plans and cost of living. Further information can be found on the South Cambs website.

**Opening of modular homes (pods) at Emmaus** - In January, we were delighted to attend the official opening of six new pods which will provide independent living for companions at Emmaus. The pods were kindly donated by the Hill Group as part of their Foundation 200 initiative in tackling homelessness, and SCDC is funding the first year's salary of a support worker to assist with the companions' health and wellbeing. In subsequent years this will be funded through housing benefit. The companions may be looking to move on and back into wider society, and a pod can provide a vital stepping stone, or on the other hand they can provide a more permanent and independent space for those of pension age.

**Homes for Ukraine** - Across the ward, and the district as a whole, many residents have opened up their homes to Ukrainian refugees, who are fleeing the horrific trauma of war. One year on, the war continues with no end in sight. Some of the guests are now moving on and into their own private accommodation or social housing, whilst some hosts are no longer able to continue hosting so there is an ongoing demand to provide guests with a safe space to stay. As a council, we have a duty of care to house people and to prevent homelessness. You probably will have seen posters and stakeboards in place around our villages advertising the need for new hosts displaying a blue and yellow heart with the caption "Got a spare room?" If you think you could be in a position to host for a minimum of six months, please text ROOM to 88802 to find out more. Hosts are supported financially by the government with a £350 payment and SCDC provide a further opt-in payment of £150.

*Cllr Judith Rippeth*

If you wish to get in touch, our contact details are as follows:

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[Cllr.Bradnam@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:Cllr.Bradnam@scambs.gov.uk) or on 07950 241845,

[Cllr.Rippeth@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:Cllr.Rippeth@scambs.gov.uk) or on 07956 528223.

# Waterbeach WI



It has been wonderful to get back to our regular monthly meetings every second Thursday of the month at 7.30pm at St. John's Church Room.

Richard Morris, who used to be the estate manager of Highclere House (of Downton Abbey fame) entertained us in March and Emily Bradfield of the Mental Health Charity 'Arts and Minds' introduced us to all the support they provide and we all participated in an art activity with varying levels of success! Look out for posters around the village and search for our Facebook page for information about future meetings. We have a walking group, book group and members who play darts. We have a lot of excellent crafters, which you might like to join and learn from. We organise social events and trips and join with other local WIs.

WI is a very good way to get into village life and you are welcome to come to any of meetings individually or in a group to see if you'd like to become a member. We shall have a stall on Feast Day on June 10<sup>th</sup>. Please come along and have a chat if you want to learn more or phone me on 01223 574050.

*Viv Cooper* - WI President

## Summer at the Beach

Waterbeach's favourite art festival Summer at the Beach is back. Staged in Waterbeach Barracks over the first three weekends in September, [2<sup>nd</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 5pm daily], this year's event will be held exclusively in the evocative and historically distinctive Cold War architecture of the 'Terrace Units'. As always, the program promises to be filled with the highest-quality mix of art, food, music, and culture. A must see and do for everyone.

Summer at the Beach is a fantastic opportunity for Waterbeach's artistic community to come together, celebrate and share the place that so inspires it. This year's art exhibition will include ceramicists, milliners, textile artists, painters, photographers, filmmakers, sculptors, installation artists and printmakers. So why not come on down and see what it's all about.

Alongside the exhibition Summer at the Beach will also be staging a range of events and workshops for all ages and interests. These will be held free of charge and on a drop-in basis. Throughout all the weekends refreshments will be available from the famous 'Pop-up Café' whose range of delicious, homemade cakes and snacks have been a deserving highlight of previous years.

For detailed descriptions and timings of all events please check out our Summer at the Beach Facebook page.

# Herons' Preschool



This Easter we held our first Holiday Club at Heron's and it was amazing! We opened for 3 days just before Good Friday, 9-4pm. We had plenty of different activities happening and had lots of fun and laughs. We planned to make this a bit different to our usual Preschool sessions and it all worked beautifully. We had Cooking Club every morning and created some fabulous bakes, which we shared with the Guards for an Easter treat.

We also held Forest School sessions for the 3 afternoons and the weather was kind to us, and we enjoyed the spring sunshine to the max! We themed our sessions around Easter and made egg cress heads, had egg races and rolled eggs down the mound in the garden - at the end they were a little battered! The children also had to look after a raw egg for the session - making sure they put them somewhere safe, held it safely, didn't run with it and at the end of the session, we swapped the eggs for chocolate ones if the egg survived - we only had one casualty!



We are going to run a Summer Holiday Club for those children registered with us at Herons' and we will be having lots more fun and happiness! Going forward we will be offering Holiday Club in both the Easter and Summer holidays.

We are starting to think about the new academic year, and we will be having our annual Open Morning at the end of the summer term, for prospective parents and children to come and have a look around, see what we have to offer and ask the staff team any questions that you may have. This will be taking place on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July, 9.30am-12.00pm, so please do come and see us if you would like to find out more.

The trustees and staff team are busy planning the final fundraising events for this academic year, preparing our stall for Feast Day and we'll also be providing refreshments at the Dog Show. Please come along and see us at these events and support us.

There is space for others to join the trustees if you are interested. 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 on [heronspreschool.chair@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:info@heronspreschoolwaterbeach.org). More information can be found on our website too [www.heronspreschoolwaterbeach.org](http://www.heronspreschoolwaterbeach.org).

## Happy Folks Club

The first part of this year has been a rather mixed affair which started with our usual Christmas meal at the Five Miles from Anywhere No Hurry Inn, as stated in the last edition of the Beach News, and swiftly followed by an enjoyable visit to the Brick Lane Music Hall in East London for a superb pantomime. Unfortunately, this was followed by the passing of one of our charismatic members namely Tony Shipp. He was such a character at our Friday meetings and he will be sorely missed especially during our bingo sessions with his duck imitations when numbers 2 and 22 were called. Tony's funeral was attended by a good number of our members whose thoughts are with his family at this sad time.

Our March visit took us to the Lakes Shopping Centre in Rushden, Northants with its numerous shops and various eateries. This was the first time we had been to this venue and I am sure we will go again at some time in the future. In April the coach took us to Greenwich with its various museums and observatory and, of course, the famous Cutty Sark. Boat trips could be had up and down the River Thames from Greenwich Pier if shopping and museums were not to your taste. We are also hoping to visit Rochester at the end of April for the Chimney Sweep weekend. Details of this visit will hopefully be included in the next edition.

Coastal visits are planned for the summer months so fine weather has been ordered - fingers crossed.

We are also looking forward to the Feast Day in June where we will have a stall with prizes galore.

We are still looking for new members or even guests who would like to accompany us on our various trips. Join us on a Friday afternoon from 1.30 – 4pm for an auction, a raffle, two bingo sessions and a chat with friends at the Beach Social Club.

*Terri Spencer* – Vice Chairperson

# Tribute to Tony Shipp

Anthony Brian Shipp was born on the 9th of January 1944, to Ken and Ada Shipp, who were arable and dairy farmers in Waterbeach. Tony (as everyone called him who knew him) was the third son of Ken and Ada and is survived by his brothers, Alan and Gordon.

Tony attended Waterbeach Primary School for a short time. Sadly, this didn't go well. This is probably because of disabilities not being recognised as they are today. His parents decided that Tony should be educated privately. As a teenager, Tony went to stay with a family in Aberystwyth in North Wales (Aberwitwe as Tony called it). He stayed from March until September, helping electricians putting tape around wires and similar jobs.



This could well have created Tony's love of screwdrivers and tools. If anything needed a new battery, Tony was your man! He would get out his battery tester to check if the battery was good, or if there was a different problem. He was always pleased to help. "My do it" or "My fix it" he would say excitedly, checking for praise and approval. Gordon was on hand if Tony needed anything. Tony always checked with Gordon and Maggie before he did anything, as he trusted them to know what was best for him and they always did.

Tony loved many things but undoubtedly the biggest love of his life was Christmas. His excitement was infectious! He would help put up the lights around the village green and would also help with the Christmas tree. Showing customers, the lights in the shop and on the house, wearing his Christmas jumper and hat also bought him a lot of pleasure.

Each year, Tony would head off to Leland's and buy Christmas presents which he would proudly wrap and would place them in a secret location, ready for Christmas morning. Everyone's present looked the same - a small, round ball with plenty of tape to secure it. Inside the mysterious package was a bottle of Baby Bio! We had the same gift each year for as long as we can remember. Sadly, this changed when Leland's closed. Tony loved to show you what he had received at Christmas - well done Maggie for always getting the perfect gift. He loved his Christmas Carols, especially "Away in a Mangie"!

The gift of Baby Bio to everyone was inspired by Tony's love of greenhouse gardening. He loved planting seeds in pots, nurturing them and then planting them out. He was very good at growing runner beans, which he called "Runaway Beans"! Tony was always busy doing something. He had his jobs at the shop, getting the post from the letterbox, accompanying Gordon in the van to bring in supplies, delivering goods to people and newspapers to Hatley Court and Box Tree Cottage and put up posters at JB's Hairdressers. He also delivered to others who could not get to the shop. Another of his jobs was to put out and bring in the bins.

One day many years ago, the coal truck delivered a load of coal to Peter at Whiterod's Fuels. The driver tipped the trailer and unknowingly, buried Peter Gillson and Norman Foster. They were buried up to their heads in coal. Tony rushed to Mr Butram, who was a local builder and had a digger. Tony insisted with him to come and dig them out, which he did.

He always knew what was going on in the village. Who was ill, or who had passed away - anything that had happened, and he kept everyone informed. He was a very caring, kind and considerate person, always asking how you and your family members were. He had an incredible memory for things that had happened but when you asked when this happened, he would stop, think, and say "my can't member now" or if something was going to happen, he would again stop, think and reply, "two weeks my think", then would fumble through the papers in his pocket for supporting evidence. Selling poppies for RBL was another job Tony did and loved. He wore his badge or badges proudly, which he received in recognition of the excellent job he did. Tony loved his village and community life, where he was active in helping many different groups. He was a proud member (mumber) of the Beach Club, especially as he had his own pass so he could let himself in. He would also go there to watch the Liverpool matches on the big screen. He would take his Liverpool kit bag containing his Liverpool shirt and if they won, he would put it on! Gordon doesn't know why Tony decided to support Liverpool, maybe because the kit was red and red was Tony's favourite colour. Tony was a waterboy for Waterbeach Football Club, where he received many trophies and medals. He enjoyed the Happy Folks Club where he was awarded certificates for 'World's Best Helper' in recognition for helping at tea times. He also supported the Baptist Chapel Coffee Mornings and Denson Close lunches. He enjoyed the Mammoth Charity Sale at the Salvation Army where there was always something he needed - trousers, shoes and even



more importantly - braces! He enjoyed putting up and taking down posters for events. He was a keen photographer and loved taking photos of people around the village. He loved going on day trips to various places and holidays in Felixstowe, where he also knew many people and even attended Felixstowe Salvation Army services. He loved watching the big container ships going in and out of the port. He also played Carpet Bowls at the Salvation Army.

Waterbeach Feast was a very important event for Tony, and I don't believe it will quite be the same without him in the parade. He started by entering the Best Dressed Bike section which he won every year. He enjoyed dressing up in costume with people trying to guess what he was going to be before the event. He always had the most amazing costumes. He was always there, setting up, packing away, and enjoying the events and stalls, but he



really loved the big crowd and the pleasure of everyone being there, having a great time. He also enjoyed helping when the fair came to the village.

Sundays were special. This was God's Army Day. The Salvation Army was Tony's chosen church, and he was proud of his uniform and playing the tambourine. He was a much loved and valued member. He would sing the songs if he knew the tune, playing his tambourine and would say the Lord's Prayer. On a typical Sunday morning, Tony would get up, get dressed and have breakfast, then head off for the Salvation Army service, after which he would have a cup of tea. Then he would go to the Baptist Chapel for another one, returning home to watch "Songs of Praise" with Maggie afterwards.

On one occasion, the Salvation Army Band had gone to Lode and Tony decided he would like to go but they had already left. Tony crossed the river at the Lock and walked across the fields to be with them, which showed his determination to do something. Fortunately, he got a lift back afterwards. If Tony could bike anywhere, he would. Every Bank Holiday Monday, he would cycle to Milton Country Park for a cup of tea and a slice of cake, something he did at most places, many times often on the same day. When he was a youngster, he was knocked off his bike and he vowed at that point that he would never ride a bike again. One day, Maggie and Gordon were going off on their bikes and Tony wanted to go with them, but he couldn't, so he was a bit put out. His mum bought him a new bike shortly after and he was off on it straight away. Once he entered a slow bike race. Unfortunately, he misunderstood and peddled as fast as he could and was the first person to



cross the finish line. He still got a medal though. Apart from when he fell and broke his leg, he rode it almost every day with great care, putting out his left arm, but turned right! When Tony was in hospital, he was still telling us he would be out on his bike when he was better.

Tony never complained about being ill. He was only ever ill if Gordon or Maggie were suffering with an illness. He was thrilled to get his new glasses so he could see TV and watch his favourite programme - Dad's Army. His favourite phrase being- "You Stupid Boy", which made him laugh.

Sadly, Tony was admitted to hospital on the 11th of January, a few days after his 79th birthday. Tony's stay in hospital was made much easier by his daily visitors, bringing gifts, playing games and singing songs, even with a bit of tambourine playing. Tony passed away on Monday 27th February 2023.



Tony's passing has left a massive void in his family, and in the village of Waterbeach. Everyone knew Tony and have fond memories of him. He will most definitely, be missed by everyone who knew him.

The devotion that Maggie and Gordon have given to Tony over the years is immeasurable. His life was undoubtedly enriched by the care and support given by them. This also applies to the countless people who have helped and supported Tony throughout his life. It would be impossible to name all these people, but Maggie and Gordon have gratefully

appreciated you all and thank you most sincerely.

*Russell Day*

## Waterbeach United Charities (Reg No 201528)

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

**Electric Wheelchairs** - We have a number of electric wheelchairs for those in need. If you would like to be considered please ask for an application form.

**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:

Ms Shelley Mason, The Secretary, Waterbeach United Charities  
c/o 7 Cambridge Road, Waterbeach, Cambridge CB25 9NJ

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

All personal applications are confidential.

# Salvation Army



Many of you will be aware that we have been without an officer since last August (Lt. Steph got married and moved to be the officer with her husband in Kent). In the Salvation Army the minister starts off as a Lieutenant and works up through the ranks, doing the same things as a Vicar or Pastor. In July we will be welcoming Captain Angela Wilson to be our new minister.

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April was a special day, we travelled to Westminster and met in Room 14 with many other familiar faces from Waterbeach and surrounding villages, and Lucy Frazer MP. The occasion being to acknowledge the endless time and effort of volunteers in the community, who were all asked to say what they did and were presented with a certificate. Many of you will know Miriam Day, who we nominated, being a long serving member of our community and church, The Salvation Army. She has the gift of hospitality, if anything needs doing she'll say "I'll do it!" She is Auntie and Granny to many who aren't blood relatives and cooks for all dietary needs! She never has idle hands – sewing, doing crochet – again usually for someone else including the Rosie. Many of you buy her cakes either from her little shop outside her house (which she started in the lock down), cake stall at the Feast, our monthly coffee mornings (1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month 10 – 12), the Craft Fair or the Mammoth Charity Sale! She's been doing our 0 – 5 years 'Toddler Group' for 34 years and still loves doing it, being there to help the adults as well as playing with the children. This is every Thursday 9.30 – 11.30 term time only. Thursday afternoons is for adults, an informal Christian hour with maybe a quiz, some craft, a Christian thought, songs and prayer and of course tea and cake, 2.30 – 3.30 anyone is welcome. Lucy Frazer was impressed with her energy and enthusiasm especially as her latest initiative is our Warm Hub, every Wednesday morning 10 – 12.30, snack and chat, play table tennis or board games, refreshments provided, come along and meet us. We are very blessed to have Miriam in our church!

Mammoth Charity Sale will be in June or July watch out for posters, check our web site [www.salvationarmy.org.uk/waterbeach](http://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/waterbeach) or tel. 01223 571477. All help greatly received.

June will be our village Feast! Many thanks to all who work so hard to make this wonderful village event happen. This year we will be having a Cake Stall in the Salvation Army Hall, as some of our helpers and bakers are away that day, so please come and see us there – usual refreshments available!

Sadly, one person we all dearly loved will not be in the parade – our dear Tony Shipp. We miss him greatly at the Salvation Army, he always brought his tambourine and played it during the singing. He always joined in with the

singing, enthusiastically if it was a song he liked and always said The Lord's Prayer. He was a very kind, caring and welcoming person. He was a huge help at the Mammoth Charity Sale, which he loved. There was always something he needed and would spend the week hunting for it! He liked to put up the posters and take them down after the event. He would help to put the tables away and would soon say if they weren't put away correctly! He was a much loved and big part of our church family. God bless you Tony. Going to Rosemary Newsagents he would always come and greet you and ask if you and your family were alright. He seemed to know everything that was going on in the village and kept us all up to date faster than technology! Tony's funeral was perfect! He would have loved it, all the friends and family who came were a great tribute to him and a comfort to Maggie and Gordon and the family. The fact that The Salvation Army Flag led the coffin in and members of The Salvation Army and village bands provided the music for the singing would have got Tony very excited, "Good wasn't it" he would have been saying for weeks! We are all blessed to have known Tony and his memory will live on.

*Vintage Tea Room* will be in August – sweet and savoury food available  
*Craft Fair* - 11<sup>th</sup> November

You are always welcome at the Salvation Army, our Sunday service is at 10.30 a.m. and Messy Church is the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in the month at 3pm followed by tea – any age welcome!

*Angie Ellwood*

## Village Litter Pick

On Sunday 26 March, Waterbeach and Landbeach Action for Youth (WAY) in association with Waterbeach Wombles organised a village litter pick. A big thank you to everyone who turned out to help from across the village and local groups. A total of 43 bags of rubbish were filled from areas including the Rec, the Green, Bannold Road, Cody Road, Burgess Road, Car Dyke Road, the High Street and near the station. After about an hour of litter picking, volunteers returned to Tillage Hall for refreshments.

After a successful morning, the plan is to hold a bi-annual litter pick to help keep our village tidy. The next litter pick will take place on Sunday 15 October at 11.30am. If you would like to join us, please come along to Tillage Hall where equipment can be provided for those who don't have any. Please put the date in your diary!



# Military Heritage Museum



The museum tells the story of the former airfield from 1938 when Winfold Farm land was bought for a war time airfield and then 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).

The start of a new year when Waterbeach Military Heritage Museum hopes to continue to grow and change. Plans are afoot to introduce more cabinets to display our collection. We are grateful to the Waterbeach Community Association for a grant towards new cabinets; other grants are being sought for this project costing around £5K. We want to enlarge the Royal Engineer section for the expected growth of the artefacts to come from former Engineers and 39 Engineer Regiment at Kinloss. It is possible a new large exhibit will appear and some live radio or early radar equipment, or some smaller working exhibits which we hope will be interactive.

During the winter and spring two trustees have been cataloguing more of the artefacts donated in recent years. This will enable more items to appear or be available in the museum rooms, accessible to the public.

Now most of the written cataloguing and marking of the artefacts has been completed we can continue with the electronic database. If anyone would like to help with this data and photo recording, they are very welcome to join us as we desperately need some more help. Having the electronic database will help us towards becoming an accredited museum which has benefits when applying for grants and professional assistance.

***When the Museum is open*** - WMHM also opens on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at the same time as the Community Market at the Barracks which is held partly in the Community Room and also around the outside. This has increased our footfall and we are getting back towards pre COVID-19 visitors.

May	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> (Market)
June	Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> (Market)
July	Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> (Market)
August	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Not Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup>
September	Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> (Market)
October	Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> (Market)

A full list can be found on our web site.

514 Squadron Reunion will be on the same day as the Feast, 10<sup>th</sup> June, so we are hoping to have the Battle of Britain Flight over the reunion at the Barracks with a request to fly over the village green. Here's hoping!

**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 also would be grateful to find someone who would help with the artefacts database which uses MODES programme. We also need a Webmaster for our website as our current one has retired. Contact us by email below in the first instance for more information or ring Adrian on 01223 861846.

Email: [waterbeachmilitarymuseum@waterbeach.org](mailto:waterbeachmilitarymuseum@waterbeach.org)

Website: [www.waterbeachmilitarymuseum.org.uk](http://www.waterbeachmilitarymuseum.org.uk) Follow us on Facebook  
We look forward to you visiting us. *Adrian Wright*- WMHM Chairman

## Farmland Museum



The Farmland Museum and Denny Abbey has had a great opening month – in spite of the rain! It was lovely to see so many Waterbeach families returning to the museum after our winter break. The Easter holidays were busy, with lots of children enjoying craft activities and games.

Looking to the summer now, we've got lots going on for everyone!

If you've ever wanted to know more about fascinating Denny Abbey, this season we're offering a free guided tour on the second Thursday of each month. Book your space here:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/thefarmlandmuseumanddennyabbey>

(Please note, admission charges apply, but the tour is free.)

The end of May sees the return of our hugely popular 1940s weekend on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> and Bank Holiday Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May. Re-enactors will be on site for the whole of the two days, showcasing various aspects of life in the 1940s and during WWII. Singer Jayne Darling returns to deliver sensational performances across both days, and Farmland Museum volunteers will be showcasing artefacts from the 1940s. It's one not to miss!

And then, as always, we will have lots happening over the summer holidays with a different theme each week. We're still working on our plans, so keep an eye on our website, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for more information as we have it.

Outside of events, we are open for visitors every Thursday to Sunday and Bank Holiday Monday, with The Docky Box Cafe serving up delicious treats and lunches each day too. All our tickets are annual tickets, so once you've got one, you can pop back for a coffee and cake whenever you fancy.

Keep up to date with what's going on at: [www.dennyfarmlandmuseum.org.uk](http://www.dennyfarmlandmuseum.org.uk)



# Wag Your Tails!

The village FUN dog show is back again!

Cracking day of paw-tastic family fun, trophies and rosettes galore, and all in aid of some great local charities. A day dedicated to woofs!

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2023 - Waterbeach Recreation Ground**

**Classes: 11am to 4pm (entries from 10am)**

It's all about enjoying time with your dog, no experience necessary. Last year's novice best in show had never done a show before! If though, you are familiar with the show ring we have a more experienced ring too. So, whether you have a pooch that can do one trick or a bundle, a jumpy-uppy crazy puppy or a laid back know it all old faithful, pristine hounds or a scruffy mutts, come and join the fun.

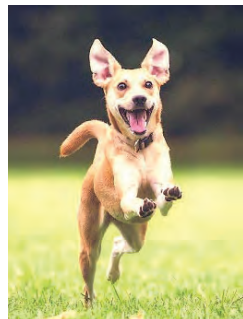
You don't even need a dog to enjoy the day, just come and support the various beneficiary community groups, charities and local businesses - there will be a street food van, stalls, refreshments, fun activities and prizes galore.

Back by popular request, this year there will again be two rings to keep things moving quickly and give everyone more chances of ribbons and prizes.

This year the show will raise money for:

- Waterbeach Cadets
- Animal Craziiness (local animal rescue)
- Woodgreen Animal Shelter
- Heron's Pre-school

For more information visit the Facebook page (Waterbeach Fun Dog Show) or contact Jude on 01223 441599



## Waterbeach Turbary Charity (Reg No 201529)

**Applications For Heating Grants** - Applications are invited for heating grants from the above Charity. If you are resident in Waterbeach or Chittering and struggling to find the money for your heating bill then you can apply.

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

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

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

Alternatively, ring 07761 155881 and leave a voicemail message with your email address (or postal address if you don't have access to emails).

Funds are limited so it may not be possible to accept all applications. The Charity is also unable to make ongoing commitments.

# Waterbeach Surgery News

Malling Health took over as our new provider on 1<sup>st</sup> January this year. They have been really supportive in the development of the practice.

I hope that you all had a lovely Easter break and I want to say a big 'thank you' to those of you who have given the practice positive feedback over the last few months. It does make a big difference to the team.

In response to feedback from patients who have been held in a queue on the phone system, I would suggest that non-urgent queries should be made after 10am. This will reduce congestion on the phone system at times of peak demand. In addition, we are exploring the possibility of changing to a new system provider. I will update you if there are any developments.

We have now introduced a Facebook page to update patients about any events and other changes in the practice. It is a platform to keep patients more up-to-date. For example, you may already have seen a list of times when the staff will be engaged in essential training.



We are also developing a new Waterbeach Surgery website that will meet the needs of our patients and staff better.

Our new freestanding blood pressure machine is now in use. All patients are welcome to use this machine which is located in the room just before the reception front desk. Patients should follow the instructions displayed next to the machine and staff are on hand to offer support if needed.

The practice now has a social prescriber who has been employed to assist patients with any social issues that may arise. This might be to do with housing, support within the home and where best to seek help, for example.

Please be aware that we are only allowed to issue prescriptions for 28 days in line with the guidelines set out by Cambs and Peterborough Commissioning Group (now known as the Integrated Care Board). You may have noticed a reference to this on your latest script. The aim is to provide the best possible balance between patient convenience, good medical practice and minimal drug wastage. Since January 2022 we have been unable to prescribe medications that can be purchased over the counter. This is the result of government policy to reduce the money the NHS spends on prescriptions for treating minor conditions. If you are wanting help or advice about this, please ask.

Please may I ask you to consider using the NHS app on your smart phone

or tablet because this allows you order a repeat prescription without using paper. This also reduces the work load for our prescription clerks. You can find the app in the App Store for Apple devices or the Play Store for Android phones.

We are using a new initiative where we are able to refer you to the community pharmacy for the following concerns: bites and stings, congestion and eyes, mouth and throat issues. This will enable the pharmacy to offer you an over-the-counter medication.

We have started to see another increase in the number of patients who fail to attend their appointments (82 in March). For whatever the reason, please contact the surgery to inform us in advance so that we can reallocate the time to other patients. We understand that missing an appointment is sometimes unavoidable. However, you will be phoned or sent a letter to follow this up. If you fail to attend on three occasions without good reason you may be asked to register at another practice.

Please remember to have your mobile phone switched on and with you if you have a telephone appointment with a GP. The GP will ring twice. Please remember, too, that we have a strict zero tolerance policy on aggressive and abusive behaviour. If you are rude, aggressive or abusive to any member of the team you will be sent a written warning. Any recurrence will result in you being removed from the practice list. We can serve you best when there is good communication.

This data from March 2023 gives a snapshot of the work of the surgery:

Total phone calls	5421	2WW (urgent cancer referrals)	21
Total appointments	2567	Referrals	237
Face-to-Face appts.	1026	Smear tests	8
Telephone appts.	1541	Blood tests	364
Prescriptions issued	2728	Did not attend (appts. missed)	82

Listed below are the Wednesday afternoons when the surgery will be closed for staff training. This information has been posted in the surgery and is also available on the website and the Facebook page:

24 May 2023	20 September 2023	24 January 2024
21 June 2023	18 October 2023	28 February 2024
19 July 2023	22 November 2023	27 March 2024

The team is 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 via the feedback link on the Waterbeach surgery website.

*Bruce Abel* - Practice Manager

# Beaches Community Car Service

Beaches Community Car Service (BCCS) is 15 years old.

Question: Can it continue for another 15 years?

Answer: Only if there are volunteers to keep it going.

At the beginning of April this year the volunteer coordinators and drivers for BCCS celebrated its 15<sup>th</sup> birthday with tea, cake and a visit from our MP. It was the first time the drivers and coordinators had met together since before lockdown and lovely to put names to faces as so much of our communication is done by e-mail or over the phone.

Over these fifteen years drivers must have done well over 5000 journeys, taking people who have no other means of transport to surgeries, hospitals, dentists, opticians and other important appointments.

Can this essential service continue for another 15 years? The answer is: only if there are volunteers to help. We can never have enough drivers. We also need a team of, ideally, five or six people to undertake two-week shifts coordinating drivers and journey requests.

Some drivers make driving for BCCS their main volunteer activity and will do several journeys each week. Others are not able to give so much time but are nonetheless invaluable even if only for an occasional trip to the surgery. BUT without the coordinators the service cannot be provided

Most of our present team of coordinators has been in post since BCCS began and a number of other people have done shorter stints before moving on. We now urgently need one or two, or even three, new people to join this team.

The job is not too difficult, a mobile phone is provided on which people leave messages requesting a lift. The coordinator puts these onto a spreadsheet and e-mails the driving team asking for volunteers to drive; once found they let the passenger know who the driver will be.

Could you help with this essential part of the service? If you have a computer, can use a simple Excel spreadsheet, enjoy getting to know new people, even if only remotely, and could spare some time for a two week shift every ten or twelve weeks (the more coordinators, the longer the time between shifts) we would love to hear from you. It isn't necessary to be on duty all day, you can set a time each day to pick up messages and contact drivers etc.

Please consider whether you might be able to help as a coordinator and/or driver and you would like to know more contact Mike Dean at [m.dean@ntlworld.com](mailto:m.dean@ntlworld.com) or leave a message on the BCCS phone 07807875878.

# Girlguiding in Waterbeach



We continue to have fun this summer term with more outdoor focused activities planned now that the weather is more appropriate. Next month, the Brownies & Guides will experience an evening of pond dipping and find out what lives beneath the surface of the water at the National Trust's oldest nature reserve, Wicken Fen. And in true Girlguiding spirit will share a campfire evening with toasted marshmallows and campfire songs.



Girlguiding is an official partner of the Big Help Out "Lend a Hand, make a Change". Many of our young members and their families rolled up their sleeves to help out in our Community Action Day as part of King Charles III's coronation celebrations earlier this month.

A variety of activities from carrying out a biodiversity survey of the St John's churchyard and old burial ground, to pulling out weeds, tackling overgrown brambles and ivy and help with general church maintenance was achieved. It was a fantastic opportunity to bring the community together and for Girlguiding members to learn new skills and build confidence. Our volunteers continually help all girls know they can do anything.

Our Rainbows, Brownies and Guides created a beautiful Coronation-themed display of flowers and pom poms around the church font in reds, whites and blues. Refreshments were served and much enjoyment was had by all.

26 Waterbeach Brownies experienced a two night stay on the Suffolk coast at PGL Bawdsey Manor over the May Bank Holiday enjoying adventurous outdoor activities including giant swing, raft building, archery and trapeze. They also completed a coast walk and learnt fire lighting and shelter building.



*Brownies on trapeze challenge*

**Waterbeach Rainbows** completed an Easter Trail in the Cambridge University Botanic Garden and made leaf fossils, collected pine cones, planted seeds in recycled paper pots and created animal pictures using dried seeds and pulses.

**1<sup>st</sup> Waterbeach Brownies** enjoyed an evening of Maypole Dancing at Denny



Abbey and have continued their community action with a night of litter picking around the village.

**Waterbeach Guides** celebrated British Science Week back in March with some scientific challenges and learnt about emulsion, density and chemical reactions. They also enjoyed an evening preparing Brigadeiros (Brazilian sweets); Chin Chins (Nigerian snacks) and moulded their own marzipan fruits as part of their Confectionery badge. Looking ahead, we have the Waterbeach Feast Day excitement – with Brownies and Guides busily preparing their parade costumes and decorations on their 'Owl' theme. Come and see us at our stall on the village green for some owl – themed activities!



*Guides making Marzipan Fruits*

We help all girls know they can do anything. All of this is made possible by the amazing commitment of our volunteers. If you or your daughter would like to get involved in Guiding, please register online at <https://girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/>

## Patient Participation Group

We have a PPG attached to Waterbeach Surgery. Our role is to act as a critical friend to the surgery. We have a group of up to 15 patients, called the Core Group, who meet monthly with the Practice Manager, Bruce Abel, to learn about what is going on in the surgery. We discuss staffing, phone systems, website etc. and are able to raise any concerns relating to patient care.

The notes from our meetings are published and distributed to patients, who ask to belong to the Virtual Group. At the moment it is about 40 strong but it would be good to have many more patients, who could be called on for their opinions and to take part in online surveys to help our managers, Malling Health and the ICB (Integrated Care Board) deliver Primary Care more effectively.

We have for example been instrumental in encouraging the Parish Council to pay for and install four new defibrillators in the village. We contacted Ivan Gilzean, who has led on this and is willing to maintain them. Ivan is on the Virtual PPG.

We shall be setting up some Open Evenings to inform our community on various topics such as First Aid and using defibrillators, mental health, diabetes and anything you would like information on. We are also hoping to set up a larger community meeting when Malling Health, our Practice Manager and hopefully Urban and Civic can explain the plans for the future Health Centre in Waterbeach New Town.

Our PPG is part of a larger grouping of PPGs from other surgeries called the CPCPG (Cambs. Primary Care Patient Group). We learn from each other and talk with the ICB and Health Watch in the hope of improving GP provision for all patients.

Please join the Virtual PPG by contacting me on

[Waterbeachppg@gmail.com](mailto:Waterbeachppg@gmail.com)

*Viv Cooper* - PPG Chair

# Homes for Ukraine

## *The local response to an international tragedy*

The Government's 'Homes for Ukraine' scheme, launched in March 2022, offers refuge to Ukrainian citizens fleeing their country after the Russian invasion on 24<sup>th</sup> February last year. Millions of Ukrainian nationals, mostly women and children, have been displaced by the war.

Since the start of the war, there has been a tremendous upswell of support in the UK for Ukraine, nowhere more so than in South Cambs. Per head of population, our district has welcomed the highest number of Ukrainian nationals into local homes.

Under the scheme, a Ukrainian national wishing to enter the UK must find a UK sponsor to host them. They apply for the scheme by submitting a visa application. The sponsor's details are passed across to their local council when the visa application is approved. The council is responsible for accommodation and background checks. They also undertake refugee welfare checks, one month in, and administer the monthly thank you payments to sponsors.

Sponsors are asked to commit to hosting their guest(s) for a minimum of six months. Hosts are paid a monthly 'thank you' of £500, for up to two years from the point of arrival.

One teenage boy from Mariupol spoke about what moving to the UK meant to him, 'my mum and me are able to carry on studying and working and not thinking (at least for a while) about the war.' Asked about what he liked about Waterbeach he said, 'Open Studios!'. One Waterbeach host said, 'I think like a lot of us, I felt powerless. I just wanted to do something that could help. I've never done anything like this before and I don't regret it for a minute.'

Do you have a spare room? Do you think you could be a sponsor too? ***There is desperate need for new sponsors to come forward.*** SCDC is also looking for hosts interested in matching with guests who have already settled in the area but who are looking for move-on accommodation (re-match).

If you would like to know more about the scheme locally, please contact Guin Glasfurd-Brown [glasfurdg@gmail.com](mailto:glasfurdg@gmail.com) or contact the South Cambs District Council HFU Liaison team at [HFUliaison@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:HFUliaison@scambs.gov.uk) or visit <https://tinyurl.com/hhxp4pr>

# More Train Service Improvements

From 22nd May we will have a train to King's Cross (via Cambridge) every half hour from 0527 to 2327 as well as direct trains to Liverpool Street at 0602, 0700, and 0809. In the other direction there will be a half-hourly service to Downham Market and King's Lynn in the peaks (extending some of the services that currently terminate at Ely) and four direct trains from Liverpool Street (terminating at Ely) in the evening peak. The Sunday service will still only be hourly because it relies on drivers volunteering to work on Sundays; however, many of the trains will run as 12 cars between Cambridge and London. Network Rail is planning to convert the level crossing at our station to full barriers, but that is now not scheduled to be done until 2025. Full barrier crossings are safer but are closed to road traffic for much longer than the current half-barrier type because the barriers need to come down while the train is far enough away that it can be stopped if there is anything (or anyone) on the crossing. This is one of seven level crossings that are planned to be replaced as part of the "C3R" project to replace life-expired signalling systems in the Cambridge area. The Fen Line Users Association (FLUA) is concerned that it could result in passengers being unable to cross in time to catch their train, as has happened at other stations with full barrier crossings such as Downham Market (pictured) and Shepreth, and in April we gave evidence to the Public Inquiry which is part of the Transport Works Act Order process that is needed for Network Rail to acquire extra land they need for the project. The Inspector will now write a report to the Department for Transport, which has asked for it to include effects on passengers and also on "blue light" emergency services which (we discovered at the Inquiry) aren't normally consulted.



The new crossing is planned to be entirely automatic, with the sequence being triggered by the approaching train being detected at a "strike-in" point (as it is for the current crossing), and using technology such as radar or lidar to check that the crossing is clear. It should therefore be more predictable than older full-barrier crossings, where the sequence is triggered by the signaller. Also, following our lobbying on behalf of passengers, we have been assured that, as the project also includes replacement of the signals, the locations of the new signals will be chosen such that the strike-in points are as close as possible to the crossing, minimising the barrier down time.

In two other pieces of work that are not related to the C3R project, the crossing on Burgess Road has been reconfigured so that pedestrians do not need to open the vehicle gates, and the life-expired barrier mechanism at the crossing on Bannold Road is being replaced. The latter is a like-for-like replacement, so no changes to how long the barriers are down.

*John Grant* - Chairman,  
Fen Line Users Association

# Waterbeach in the News

More references to Waterbeach from the British Newspaper Archive.

## ***Trouble in the Chapel***

We've talked of a number of incidents in nineteenth-century Waterbeach that received national coverage. Another was an extraordinary case brought against a trustee and cleaner of the Baptist Chapel by its Pastor, Rev. Neale, in November, 1867. It provoked interest in newspapers as far apart as Devizes, Pontypool and Berwick.

The Rev. Neale, who had succeeded the famous preacher Spurgeon, was, like all Baptist ministers, dependent upon pew-rents for his income. His collectors, however, did not seem to be very active, and had raised only £8 or £9 for his family to live on (the report did not specify the length of time this was supposed to cover). His wife and daughter had been involved in an unseemly scuffle in the Chapel the previous March with a Mrs. Mudd, who had refused to pay her pew-rent.

The Pastor delivered a pointed sermon one Sunday morning in November on the text *The labourer is worthy of his hire*, and gave notice of a vote in the evening to sack the collectors. In the evening, before a congregation of between 400 and 600, he gave another edgy sermon on *A certain man came from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves* – Rev. Neale did stress he wasn't comparing Waterbeach to Jericho, however. As the vote was put, "a disgraceful scene" ensued. The gas to the hall was turned off, there were "shouts of "Hurrah", stamping of feet, screaming and a general rush to the door". In the following week, three persons were charged under a statute of George III of disturbing the congregation and conspiracy. Before "a very crowded court" at the County Magistrates, two of the three – Mr. Edwards, a trustee, and Mrs. Stanhope, a cleaner – were committed for trial at the County Quarter Sessions. The case was dismissed against the third.

The trustee had apparently fallen out with the Pastor on a doctrinal point, and was accused at the trial "to have used his influence to starve him out". Having failed to turn out the gas himself, the chapel cleaner did it for him. The case hinged on whether Mr. Edwards and Mrs. Stanhope had been so enraged by the sermon and the reaction of the congregation that they had sought (unsuccessfully) to calm the congregation down by turning off the gas (and the lights), or whether the trustee was being vindictive towards the Pastor.

The Jury voted 11-1 in favour of conviction, but in those days that was sufficient to deliver a verdict of failure to agree. They were discharged, and that seemed to be the end of it.

*John Beresford*

# Beach Churches Holiday Club

We had such an amazing time at last year's 'Backpackers' Holiday Club and it was great to be able to welcome more children than ever, with 80 booked in each day.

**mega  
makers!**

We are already planning this year's club and are now signing up the team of volunteers, drawn from the three Waterbeach churches. 2023 sees the launch of 'Megamakers!' and using the theme of inventions, we will be discovering together how high, how long, how wide and deep is the love of God.

'Megamakers!' is for primary-aged children and will be running from Monday 24th to Friday 28th July (9.45am-12.30pm each day), finishing off with our family service on Sunday 30th. Each morning is action packed with craft, games, songs, and stories. The Holiday Club is free and open to all children aged 4-11 years.

If you 'backpacked' around Europe with us last year, or it's your first time joining in the fun, we'd love to see you in July. All places are available on a first come, first served basis, but booking is essential. Please see our website for further information. Booking opens on Monday 12th June and you will find the registration form at [www.bctholidayclub.com](http://www.bctholidayclub.com) We hope to see you there!

[www.bctholidayclub.com](http://www.bctholidayclub.com) | Facebook: BCT Holiday Club | YouTube

## CUH Directions App

New phone app to help Addenbrooke's and Rosie patients navigate hospital.

Patients have led the way in a project to make it easier to find your way around Addenbrooke's and the Rosie hospitals.

The new CUH Directions app was developed by patients for patients and was the idea of hospital volunteer Mike, a member of the hospital's Outpatient Experience Group, who led on the project with hospital staff.

The app maps out your route from your start to end point in a series of images and words, showing you the shortest route through the hospitals.

Visit the App Store or Google Play Store and download to your mobile device. Find out more at: <https://www.cuh.nhs.uk/news/new-cuh-directions-phone-app-helps-patients-find-the-way/>



Mike using the app on mobile outside Addenbrookes main entrance



# Volunteers make a difference!

What do feather dusters, pencil sharpeners and gardening gloves have in common? They all featured in our amazing morning of volunteering for the Big Help Out on 8 May! Members of Girlguiding Waterbeach – Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Leaders – volunteered alongside parents, grandparents, carers and parishioners at St. John's Church to make a huge impact on this community space in Waterbeach.



The event was organised by Girlguiding volunteers to mark His Majesty the King's Coronation, which encouraged people to 'Join in, Lend a hand. Make a change.'



Dorothy DrUITT, from the Eco Church group at St John's, guided the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides to complete a Biodiversity survey of plants and insects in the churchyard. The survey will help the church on its way towards earning a Conservation Churchyard Award from the Wildlife Trust (a scheme which encourages people to work to increase the wildlife of their churchyard), as well as helping the Church to achieve their silver Eco Church award too.

Children and Families minister, Kirsty Morris, worked with our young members to create and organise resources in the church room. Young members and adult volunteers alike pitched in to tackle the weedy paths in the churchyard and tidy up at the old burial ground, maintaining paths and cleaning the memorial stones around the church.

Some of our Guides even saved the weeds – in this case, wild garlic – to make a delicious wild garlic bread pizza!

Local Girlguiding Commissioner June Stephen said of the event, "It was an amazing team effort with past and present members of Girlguiding, their parents and even grandparents coming along to the big help out. I am very proud of what we achieved with everybody working hard to tidy, organise, clean and weed what is an invaluable space for the community."



"I'm very proud of all the leaders who offer their time to provide an environment for growth - watching our young members grow in confidence and independence from Rainbows to Guides has been wonderful to see."

"Some of our long serving Guiders are retiring, so please do think about

coming along to a session and seeing whether being part of the guiding family is for you. You will be very welcome!"

Waterbeach Scout Group were also proud to play their part in the Kings Coronation Celebrations with the 'Big Help Out' event on Monday 8th May 2023 when we hosted a Community Picnic on the village green. We had a brilliant turn out on the day and even the weather played ball for us and the forecast rain did not materialise! Everyone who attended had an enjoyable time and it gave villagers a chance to find out a bit more about Scouting in Waterbeach and the opportunities that are available to young people to join in and for adults to consider volunteering.

We need to say a big thank you to Tesco for supplying us with refreshments and copious strawberries and cream on the day, to everyone who donated a cake, and to the Beach Bowls Club, Denson Close Day Centre, WAY Youth Club (who ran arts and crafts activities), Herons Pre-School, CAM Sailing Club and the Community Association Feast Committee

who all joined us to celebrate and to represent the clubs and societies that we have available to join in and get involved in the village.

At the beginning of April the Cubs and Scouts had a combined winter Camp in Bedfordshire where it was an opportunity for many to experience their first taste of being away from home and adventure. This has been followed with an evening hike (with a chip shop reward at the end!), firelighting skills evening and a cooking competition. We aim to provide a varied program with something for everyone.

If anyone has an interesting job/hobby/skill that they would like to share with our young persons please get in touch as we are always looking for new ideas and experiences. We have various flexible volunteering opportunities where people can offer as little or as much time as they have available to get involved and inspire the next generation of young people. If you would like to find out more about Scouting in Waterbeach please contact Bill on 07879 626682 or email [waterbeachscouts@gmail.com](mailto:waterbeachscouts@gmail.com).



# Over Day Centre Bike Rides

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

The Over Day Centre will be holding its popular bikes rides event with after-rides social, this year on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June. The Day Centre is a charity providing professional care and friendship for older members of the community around South Cambridgeshire. This year we hope rider donations will contribute funds towards solar panels and new bathing facilities for clients.



There will be a choice of five rides, something for everyone. The marked 100 km 'challenge'; the marked 50 km 'have a go'; and 12 km, 13 km or 23 km rides for family & casual riders. The start points for the rides are at Over or Northstowe and follow routes through the beautiful Cambridgeshire countryside. Cycle clubs, individuals, families and community groups join

the rides. The rides will be supported with broom wagon, mechanical help and first-aid. The after-rides social will be held at the Over Community Centre, with refreshments, bar, BBQ and live music. Medals will be awarded to children who complete a ride. Family members often join a rider for the social in the afternoon if they were unable to do a ride.

For details and to register, please view [www.overdaycentre.co.uk/bike-rides](http://www.overdaycentre.co.uk/bike-rides) or call The Day Centre on 01954 231807.

## Cambridgeshire Constabulary

For most of us, the longer evenings and warm sunshine are a welcome harbinger of spring after a long winter. But for others it presents an opportunity to commit crime. People outside gardening or enjoying the sunshine, or away on their holidays, can be an easy target for burglars.

To minimise the risk of burglary during spring and summer:

- Consider not leaving windows open during warm weather, and make sure windows and doors are locked when not at home.
- If people are going on holiday, avoid advertising it on social media.
- Keep gardening tools locked away and not out on display. When storing tools, make sure locks on sheds and other outdoor buildings are properly secure.
- Avoid having valuables on display during the day, especially when your home is unoccupied.

Through the #SafeSpring campaign, police aim to share crime prevention tips and advice across our various social media platforms. Check out Cambridgeshire Constabulary's Facebook page and @CambsCops on Instagram to follow the campaign. For more burglary crime prevention advice, [visit Cambridgeshire Constabulary's website.](http://www.cambs.police.uk)

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WATERBEACH WI	Viv Cooper - 01223 574050
WAY YOUTH CLUB (WATERBEACH & LANDBEACH ACTION FOR YOUTH)	Caroline Ward - 07749 738870
WOODLAND TRUST - COW HOLLOW WOOD	Adrian Wright - 01223 861846

### Other useful numbers:

BEACHES COMMUNITY CAR SERVICE	07807 875878
COMMUNITY WARDEN	07977 219403
DISTRICT COUNCILLOR	Paul Bearpark - 07824 709153 / Judith Rippeth - 07956 528223
DOCTORS SURGERY – WATERBEACH	01223 860387
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VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT	Maggie Crane - 01223 440560
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WATERBEACH SCHOOL	01223 718988
WATERBEACH CHARITIES	Pam Gooding - 01223 861003
WATERBEACH SQUASH CLUB	Iain Smith - 07882 770415

# 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](mailto:rbritton@urbanandcivic.com)



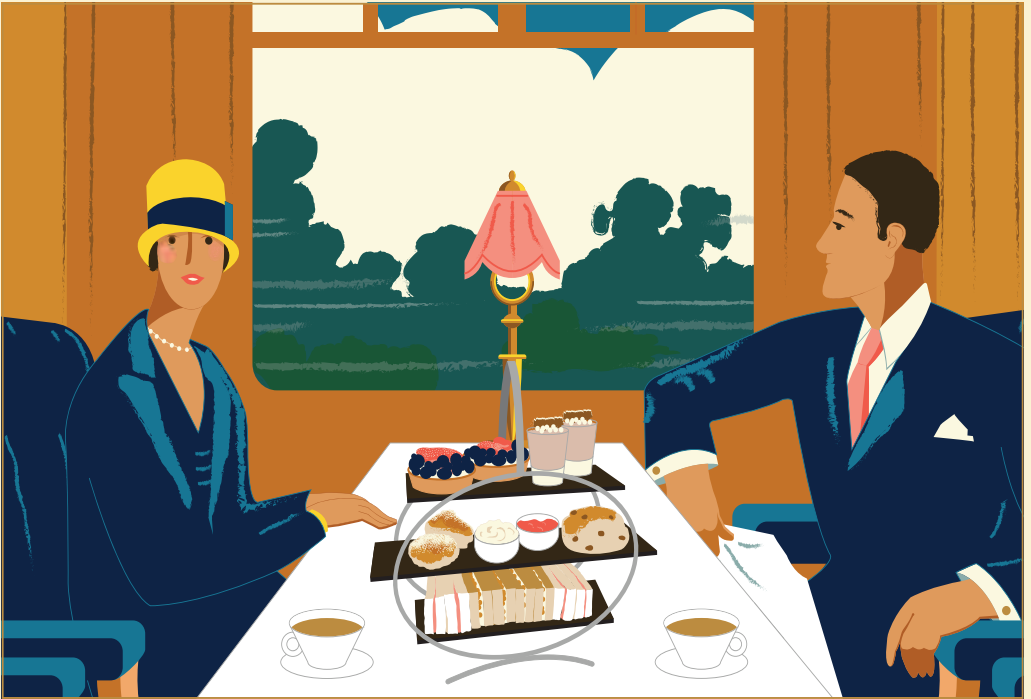
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