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Community Association



Army Station Open Day - Our summer season started with the Community Association committee being invited to the Army Station Open Day on 30th May. We were made extremely welcome and had a very enjoyable day promoting Waterbeach Community Association and its events, along with running a small games stall. The Community Association was recently presented with a donation of £362 from the funds raised by 12 (Air Support) Engineer Group. We would like to express our grateful thanks to all involved.

Feast Daynow a distant, early summer memory. This year the parade was lead by the talented Cambridge Army Cadet Force Corps of Drums and marshalled by Waterbeach Troop Army Cadets. The theme was 'Something beginning with C' and we saw cowboys, cats, clowns, chefs, chimney sweeps and even Christmas in June! The shield for the best decorated infant float went to the 'Cowboys, and girls!' from Waterbeach Toddler



Playgroup. The junior float winner was 'Camping' by WASPS, the adult category was won by Tony Shipp disguised as a cat and the Friends and Family award went to Pam Clack, Deborah Watts and Abi Rabbett for 'Chimney Sweeps'. The Green was also covered in 'C's' and the winners of the best decorated stalls were WAY for the juniors and Young Wives for the adults.



A new competition was introduced this year for all ages to take part in. We asked residents of Waterbeach, Landbeach and Chittering to submit photographs in line with this years theme. The winner in the Under 5's



category was Freddie Miller, the 5-11 years was won by Joseph Bradshaw, Sam D'Arcy won in the 12-17 years category and the Over 18's winner was Tosha Newark. The trophy for the Overall Winner was awarded to Sam D'Arcy.

Congratulations to all our winners and a big thank you to our judges Emma Knights, Mark Faulkner and Sara Noel.

A huge thank you must go to Jacqui Rabbett, Mark & Pam Clack and Mike Sharp for all the

incredible hard work and dedication they put in, before, during and after, to make Feast Day such a success. Thank you also to those who helped on the day, Ian MacKriell, Celia Tuck, Holli Bielby, Steve Watts, Tony Shipp, Jane Williamson, Abi Rabbett, Paula Townsend, Tim Gent and the 12 (Air Support) Engineer Group.



The date for next year's

Feast has been set for Saturday, 12th June 2010. It's never too early to start thinking of ideas!

Welcome – We would like to offer a warm welcome to the new Salvation Army Officers (Ministers) Lt. Kevin and Wendy Brown, and look forward to working with you in the future.

AGM – The Community Association AGM was held on Monday 14th September in the Community room. The officers were elected as Chairperson – Jacqui Rabbett, Treasurer – Mike Sharp and the post of Secretary will be shared by Pam Clack and Jacqui Rabbett, and Holli Bielby will be the Minute Secretary.

Photo Display – We received over 100 entries for our Feast Photo Competition and we would like to share them with you. All the entries will be displayed on Tuesday 13th October in the Community Room (Library), Waterbeach School, from 3pm – 8pm. Everyone is welcome so please come along and view the work of our talented local photographers.

Website – If you visit the Waterbeach Community Association website you will be able to view Beach News in colour - www.waterbeach.org



Hello Children of Waterbeach, Landbeach and Chittering.



I am just making a quick request that you send in your stories, poems, pictures and comments to Beach News for a new 'Children's Page'.

Please email your article to beachnews@waterbeach.org

or send to 5 Spurgeons Avenue, Waterbeach.

Thank you so much.

Abi



Waterbeach Football Club



KERSHAW PREMIER LEAGUE, B.I.S. LEAGUE DIVISION 1B & WATERBEACH 'A'

Ever wondered what all the shouting is about from the Recreation Ground on a Saturday afternoon? It's Waterbeach Football Club – as we begin a new season we'd like to introduce ourselves, starting with a brief history of the Club ~

Waterbeach Football Club was formed in 1950 and they have played at the village Recreation Ground since they started. They have played in the Cambridge and District leagues from their inception, but in the early years nothing showed through to suggest that they were to become one of the major dominant forces in Cambridgeshire football. In the 1962 season they won Division 1B and then moved up to the Premier League.

It was in 1967/68 and 1968/69 seasons that they had their most productive era. Waterbeach won the Premier League title and the Challenge Cup and also the Premier League cup in both seasons, a great achievement for, a then, small village.

The story was enhanced by the fact Waterbeach Reserves also won the County League Division 2B title as well.

The Club had a bit of a dip in the 1983/84 season when they were relegated but they bounced straight back to the Premier League the next season and have been in that League ever since. Waterbeach have always kept their managers for long periods of time. Alf Uttridge did that job for many years and took the 1989/90 side to within one point of the Premier League title. They missed out to Great Shelford who were the conquering team of the time and took the title in the last game of the season for the seventh year running. Geoff Fowler took over for a number of years only standing down at the end of 2002/03 season after winning the Challenge Cup that year. A great final saw Waterbeach beat West Wrattling in a penalty shootout after extra time.

The start of 2003/04 season saw Terry Harris take over the job and he still has the position today. He was not new to the Club having been there in some capacity for over 20 years. Waterbeach reached the Challenge Cup final in 2006/07 season and finished 8th in the Kershaw Premier League.

Waterbeach Football Club won the Kershaw Premier League in the season 2007/08 and they continue to strive for success with every passing season.

If anybody has any old photographs or memorabilia from the early years we would be really interested to see them, we could maybe use them in our

match programme which is produced for every Kershaw Premier Home match. If any local businesses would like to sponsor our Football Club, have an advertisement in the programme or an advertising banner around the pitch for our home Premier League fixtures please contact Terry and Maggie Harris on 01223 861206.

Waterbeach Reserves are still competing in BIS Division 1B under the management of Ian MacKriell, and joining us this season we have Waterbeach 'A' which is a new team under the management of Keith Wells and Gary Reynolds – this team is starting in the BIS Division 5C and will comprise of up and coming youngsters from the Colts as well as some more mature players!

Why not pull on your winter woollies and come and join us on the recreation ground on Saturday afternoons?!!

COME ON 'THE BEACH'

Waterbeach Community Players

Following our summer break rehearsals are about to begin for our November production of *DEAD GUILTY* written by Richard Harris (of *Stepping Out* fame). A play of murder and revenge. Directed by David Morris

Imagine, if you will, you are in a car with your married lover on your way to an illicit overnight tryst. Suddenly, he has a heart attack. The car runs off the road and your lover dies. While you are recovering, another man invites himself into your life to look after you, and his widow asks to come and see you. And then.....

Thus begins Waterbeach Players November production, the exciting and intriguing psychological thriller *Dead Guilty* by Richard Harris; which will be performed at Waterbeach school from 11th - 14th November 2009. With the combined talents of *Cath Perkins, Christine Easterfield, Wendy Croft* and *James Dowson*, this brilliant character driven thriller is not to be missed.

Advance Box office: 01223 570109

We look forward to welcoming you all then.

Auditions will be held in the school hall on 15 October for our 2010 pantomime *THE PIED PIPER*, written especially for WCP by our Chairman and panto dame Chris Shinn. Further information from the director Julie Petrucci on 01223 880023. *The Pied Piper* can be seen between 21 and 23 January 2010. More news next time.

News From Cllr. Peter Johnson

Our new groundsmans shed has now been built and once the area in front has been cleared up, then work inside will start so we can see what will fit in where. This will create a much safer environment for our groundsmen and also for users of the sports equipment, as it will be stored in a much more accessible manner.

The next work in that area will be the new Youth Club/Community Building. We have encountered a few delays with this but the project is getting back on track, but it is a major project and it is better to take a little longer so we get it right. It is hoped that work will start in September with completion scheduled for mid 2010 and it will be a pleasure to attend the WAY Project AGM in the new building.

Our Public Art Committee has now completed all scheduled meetings after the Public meeting that was held in February, and it has been a melting pot of ideas. Our village is so lucky to have residents with so many skills and innovative ideas and to help bring all these ideas out into the open we had a stall on the green on Feast Day and this was a great success. The next stage is to have the officers from South Cambs District Council give a presentation at the November Waterbeach Parish Council Meeting and to explain what happens next. It will be a case of deciding which idea is realistic and the best value for money.

I am now the South Cambs District Council representative at the Farmland Museum in Denny Abbey, this is an important part of our heritage and it doesn't always get the support it deserves. Quite often we are all guilty of not supporting the local sites and last year with the dreadful summer visitors were down which affects the investment of the site. This year we are hopeful of not just better weather, but more people attending from our area and so far I am sure that visitor figures have increased which is good news. There are lots of activities with something for everyone so please pay a visit and you will wonder why you hadn't been before.

Once again contact me by whatever means you prefer, telephone 01223 560918 (Home), 07947475549 (Mobile).

E-mail cllr.Johnson@scambs.gov.uk , or knock on my door, and please remember I am here for all of you.

Neighbourhood Watch

There will be a meeting on Thursday October 22nd in St John's Church Room at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

Neighbourhood Watch can help to reduce crime in the village and create an environment where people feel safe and secure.

Come to the meeting to find out more about Neighbourhood Watch.

PCSO Claire Whiteman will be coming to talk with us about how Neighbourhood Watch can help the police fight and prevent crime.

Our village group needs more co-ordinators who can act as a link with our police officers and keep local residents updated on relevant issues. Ideally there should be one for each street, more for larger streets. Being a coordinator need not be a demanding or time consuming role but provides a valuable link between the police and the public and can be a satisfying and worthwhile way of contributing to the community

The group also would like to see more people signed up as members of Neighbourhood Watch.

If you are not able to attend the meeting but would like to know more, then contact Jane Williamson (tel. 01223 440751 or e-mail jane275@btinternet.com)

Meanwhile if you see anything suspicious or want to report an incident to the police

EITHER

Phone 0345 456 456 4 if the incident is not life threatening and it does not appear to be of immediate serious urgency

OR

When a life is in danger or there is a risk of violence or serious injury or when a serious crime is being committed phone 999.

Sign up for e-cops, a way of being kept informed about what our neighbourhood policing team is doing. Go to

www.cambs.police.uk/signup/ecops and follow instructions!

Distraction burglary alert

There have been a number of distraction burglaries in Norfolk and Suffolk, the criminals could move on to Cambridgeshire. Someone knocks on the door and says he is an electrical engineer checking switches. The householder is asked to go to the kitchen turn a switch on and count. Meanwhile the burglar helps himself!

Always ask for identification if someone calls who you don't know and aren't expecting.

Buggy Bootcamp



Mums often worry about getting back into shape and back in their jeans after their baby is born. Getting to the gym is difficult; finding the time and the childcare is almost impossible. This is where BuggyBootcamp comes in. It is a postnatal fitness class for mums with their babies and toddlers. This class removes the two main obstacles to getting fit again, as the class is during the morning and the babies are in their buggies right alongside their mummies during the workout.

BuggyBootcamp is unlike other buggy fitness classes, as it is so much more than a walk in the park. The classes are carefully prepared to encourage absolute beginners, while at the same time challenging the most advanced. The programme is designed to increase and improve fitness and has proven results in helping mums to lose weight and to tone up and lose inches. The classes are different every time, with new combinations of exercises and new routines to keep mummies motivated and challenged.

However, BuggyBootcamp is more than just a fitness class. Monthly mums' nights out give members an opportunity to get together and share a meal, drink or a movie. During and after class, mums can exchange advice and share stories about their experiences as a parent, safe in the knowledge that someone else in the group will understand.

Classes are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am -11am and occasional Saturdays too. We meet on the Green and use the village as our gym. The first class is free, so you can try it out for yourself. There is no need to book, just turn up and join the fun! For more information, please visit www.buggy-bootcamp.co.uk, or email Nicola at info@buggy-bootcamp.co.uk.



Here is what a couple of our mums had to say:

"I really look forward to my BuggyBootcamp classes. Its a great way of getting rid of those wobbly bits and I can really see a difference in just a month of classes. We have a lot of laughs and I've met some really nice

friends. My baby also really enjoys BuggyBootcamp and finds it highly amusing to watch us doing our various stretches and circuits!! I would highly recommend any new mum to give it a go. It's a really great way of getting back into exercise after having a baby. Go BuggyBootcamp!" *Sophia.*

"After 3 years of avoiding exercise for one reason or another, how wonderful to at last find a form of exercise that I not only enjoy immensely, but also a class to which I am able to take my two young children in tow. Whoever would have believed you could exercise with an 17 month old and a 3 year old in tow ! I am so pleased with the improved results in my fitness levels and the vast change in my body shape over such a short period of time. Nicola



makes the class incredibly enjoyable for everyone involved and the children thoroughly enjoy exercising along with mummy, with such an active class there really is no time at all for them to become distracted. I am very proud to be one of the much talked about mums seen jumping around on Waterbeach village green!" *Julia*

Waterbeach Scout Group



We had a very enjoyable evening on June 12th when we celebrated 80 years of Scouting in Waterbeach. It was rather disappointing that more of you from years gone by did not join us.

Scouts had a good time on summer camp at Skreens in Chelmsford, as did the Cubs at their camp at Thriftwood in Brentwood.

Bingo season is upon us once again. Family prize bingo is a fun evening out for all the family. Eyes down at 8pm on Friday 9th October, Friday 13th November and our Christmas bingo is Friday 11th December.

We will be holding our Christmas sale on Saturday 28th November, 10am till 2pm. Santa will be visiting, along with various other stalls. This year we will also be doing a Christmas all day breakfast. In December Santa will be visiting different areas of the village on Monday 7th, Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th between 5pm and 8pm. Watch this space for routes for each evening. These will also be on posters at the School.

Fen Edge Archaeology Group

The group has been started to promote further understanding of the archaeology of the Fen Edge area (serving the parishes of Cottenham, Waterbeach, Landbeach, Willingham and Rampton) by means of fieldwork, lectures, workshops and visits.

We have been involved in several test pit digs in people's back gardens in Cottenham and now we are to hold a big dig at Willingham on the weekend of 3/4 October. Carenza Lewis's team will be there to assist. We have also had village walks in Rampton and Willingham.

Now we would like to involve the East side of Cottenham. The speaker at our AGM is talking about the archaeology that had been undertaken in the Waterbeach area. This will take place on Wednesday 25 November, 7.30pm at Cottenham Village College. The speaker will be Stephen Macaulay of Oxford Archaeology East (formerly called Cambridgeshire Archaeology) who will give a talk entitled 'Is there a Cambridgeshire Car Dyke'. This will be followed by refreshments and then the AGM.

If you would like to know more about the group please contact Glynis. Telephone: 01954 251544. Email: gp105@cam.ac.uk

Waterbeach United Charities (Reg No 201528)

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

Electric Wheelchairs

We also continue to provide electric wheelchairs for those in need. If you would like to be considered please let us know.

Distress Grants

The Trustees would like to hear from individuals who may be *IN NEED OR DISTRESS*. If you think we could help, and to find out whether you are eligible for assistance, whether it be loaning equipment to you, or providing financial support, please contact:

All personal applications are confidential.

The Secretary, Waterbeach United Charities,
25 Payton Way, Waterbeach, Cambridge CB25 9NS

Waterbeach PTA



Update on recent events

Grand Auction – in May 2009 we held our first ever auction and are thrilled to have raised £1,500.00. We could not have done this without our excellent auctioneer who gave up so much of his time – Antonio Manzur - and all those staff, parents, and supporters in the community who made donations, pledges and promises, and those who came along to bid on the night. Our heartfelt thanks go out to all of you for being so generous.

Summer Fayre – we were lucky this year to have a beautiful summer day for the fayre on the 4th July. Many people came along to enjoy the rides and stalls, and to watch the dancing and other displays. A big thank you to the many people who helped, with an extra big thank you to the Scouts, who supported us in numerous ways, not least by expending large amounts of energy in setting up, clearing away, and of course operating their climbing wall for those brave enough to have a go. The fayre raised over £1,750.00.

Dates for your diary

Bag2School – *Thursday 15th October*. If you are having a clear-out over the summer or early autumn, please consider donating any clothes or other items you no longer need such as bedding, curtains, soft toys, shoes, belts and handbags to raise money for the school. Please place your items in a bag – any colour or type of bag will do – and bring them to the school on the 15th October *before* 12 noon. If you are not able to bring them to the school, or if you have any questions about this, please call Elly Ruston on Tel:01223 502509. The bags are collected by the Bag2School company, which donate money according to the weight of all the bags.

Christmas Fayre – *Sunday 22nd November*.

We need more help!

If you are a parent at Waterbeach School and would like to get involved in activities to raise vital funds for the children, why not join the PTA Committee? We are a sociable group and – in addition to raising money throughout the year – we endeavour to ensure there is plenty of fun along the way. If you would like to know more, please contact Elly Ruston on email: elly@searchandprosper.co.uk or call 01223 502509. We would love to hear from you and all help is very welcome.

Where does the money go?

The PTA raises money for the school for a range of requirements, including books and other teaching materials, and extra-curricular activities. Recently we have spent some of the money on new play equipment for Foundation

Stage's outside play area. This will last for many years and will be used and enjoyed by hundreds of children.

The Grand Auction held in May raised money specifically for the School's Green Project, in which we are aiming to be a more environmentally friendly school; initiatives include negotiations which are in progress with Donarbon to help us improve our recycling; a school audit to review how green we are, and what changes we need to make; books and other teaching media about the environment; and further progress on our linking with a primary school in Malawi, in order to foster discussion and learning amongst the children about global issues. We plan also to buy some essentials like water butts and compost bins.

We would like to say a big *thank you* to everybody for your ongoing help and support – it makes such a difference.

A Final Thank You

A number of the current PTA committee are leaving this September, having devoted many years of time and energy to Waterbeach School, raising thousands of pounds in the process but also, just as importantly, bringing together children, parents, carers, teachers and other members of the community at the various events staged throughout the year. Their commitment has been incredible, so a big thank you to Karen Graves (Chair for the last four years), Jeanette Sowden (Deputy Chair), Rosemary Brown (Secretary and has been on the Committee 11 years – amazing!), Mandy Higgins and Alison Cook (Treasurer).

Waterbeach Turbary Charity (Reg No 201529)

APPLICATIONS FOR HEATING GRANTS

Applications are invited for heating grants from the above Charity. Please apply in writing, stating your name, address and telephone number with the reasons for the application. All details given are confidential.

Applications are accepted from residents (regardless of age) from Chittering and Waterbeach *ONLY*. Applicants may be on low incomes, single parents etc. If you think the Charity can help, please consider applying.

Applications must be on a need basis, and may not be accepted. In order that funds of the Charity can be targeted at those most in need, candidates with savings over £6,000 should not apply.

Please send details to:

Mrs S Wilkin ,The Secretary, Waterbeach Turbary Charity
25 Payton Way, Waterbeach, Cambridge CB25 9NS

Closing date for applications is 14 November 2009

Library Facilities

Waterbeach Independent Lending Library, on the Waterbeach School site, is open on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays (see our display advertisement for details).

Free book requests: There is now no charge for requesting books from other Cambridgeshire libraries (loans from libraries outside Cambridgeshire are £3). You can even order them from the comfort of your own home via the internet: please ask a librarian for details.

The mobile libraries are an extension of the ordinary library service - free to join and use and open to everyone. Four routes have stops in our villages, with the following forthcoming visits:

Alternate Wednesdays (Oct 7, 21; Nov 4, 18; Dec 2, 16):

Landbeach - 9 High Street 15:20 - 16:10;

Waterbeach - Buchanan Centre 16:25 – 17:00

Alternate Thursdays (Oct 1, 15, 29; Nov 12, 26; Dec 10):

Waterbeach – The Green 16:30 – 17:30

Four-weekly, Tuesdays (Oct 20; Nov 17; Dec 15):

Waterbeach – Chapel Close 10:35 – 11:05

Four-weekly, Thursdays (Oct 22; Nov 19; Dec 17):

Waterbeach – Denson Close 12:30 – 12:55

For further dates visit <http://hipweb.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/mobiles/>

Waterbeach WI



Women's
Institute

We meet on the second Thursday of each month at 7.30pm in St. John's Church Room. We would welcome any new members to our friendly group. We have interesting speakers and lively discussions, after which we have coffee and biscuits and a social time.

Our next three meetings are as follows:

Thursday 8th October – Development of the 2012 Olympic Park - Sam Fisher

Thursday 12th November – The Real Price of Fish and Chips – Mr A Malcolm

Thursday 10th December – Winter Social

Come along and give us a try!

Health & Social Care Services

Cambridgeshire Local Involvement Network (LiNK) is part of a national initiative to create a network of local people, organisations & groups to work towards better health and social care.



Cambridgeshire LiNK gives you the opportunity to influence local health and social care services. It has been set up to make sure people in Cambridgeshire get the health and social care services they need, and anyone can get involved.

LiNK participants will look at all aspects of NHS and social services, except most children's social care services (which are monitored in different ways). It will help communities within Cambridgeshire have a stronger voice in their health and social care services.

Cambridgeshire LiNK wants to hear about your experiences of health and social care and your ideas for improvements or changes. The more people that get involved, the stronger and more influential it will become.

Your LiNK can:

- Ask local people what they think of local health and social care
- Give people a chance to suggest ideas to care professionals that may help improve services
- Look into specific issues of concern to the community
- Make recommendations to the people who plan and run services and expect a response with a specified period of time
- Ask for information about services and expect answers within a specified amount of time
- Carry out visits, when necessary, to see if services are working well (visits are carried out under safeguards)
- Refer issues to the local council Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee if it seems that action is not being taken

LiNK is relevant to you, your family and your friends. It is easy to get involved and it is up to you how and when you participate. Cambridgeshire LiNK offers 3 types of participation. Active Participant is for volunteers who have the time to commit to the LiNK and will undertake visits & work as required. Interest Participant is for those who are interested in the work the LiNK does & wish to be made aware of progress & work, but have no spare time to physically commit to LiNK work. In addition they will be contacted for their

views and opinions. Stakeholder Participant is for those who represent or are employed by an organisation with a pecuniary interest in health and social care.

Our current Active Participant groups are looking at:

- Hinchingsbrooke Hospital
- Addenbrookes Hospital
- Papworth Hospital
- NHS Cambridgeshire (Primary Care Trust)
- Ambulance Service
- Mental Health Service
- Cambridgeshire Community Services and
- Adult Support Services.

If you have a comment in particular to any of these groups and comments in general about the health and/or social care services in Cambridgeshire please do get in contact. Without these we can't make services better for the whole of the county.

For further information and a registration form please contact the office on 0300 365 1245 (low cost) or 01480 465316, FREEPOST RRXK-BLAT-ZXKG, Cambridgeshire LINK, 5 Crown Street, St Ives, Cambridgeshire, PE27 5EB or email office@cambridgeshirelink.org.uk. We look forward to hearing from you.

Young Wives

St. John's Young Wives meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Church Rooms at 7.45pm for an 8pm start. We have a wide range of activities, including talks, demonstrations and visits. New members are always very welcome.

For more information contact Sheila Gill on 01223 861999.

On behalf of the Salvation Army we would like to thank everyone who who supported our plant stall at 1 Way Lane, Waterbeach

The amount raised was £2821.00

Thanking you all

Keith and Doris Taylor



Waterbeach Community Playgroup

The summer term brought with it lots of exciting events for the Community Playgroup. The staff, children and some brave parents thoroughly enjoyed confusing everyone and dressing up in Christmas costumes in the middle of June, to join in the Waterbeach Feast Parade. There was even an appearance from the big man himself! I am sure you'll agree it was evident how much hard work went into all the floats, stalls and costumes. They all looked spectacular!



During the summer term we also held our annual 'open day' which was extremely well attended and gave parents/carers and children a chance to come and introduce themselves and try out the play equipment and new toys. We are really looking forward to welcoming lots of those new faces...and the old ones too, back to the playhouse in September for the start of a new school year. Due to demand we are also increasing our 'Rabbits' lunch sessions which will now start in September.

As part of our community role, each year we choose to do a fundraising event for a charity other than ourselves. This year we assembled on the recreation ground for our annual 'Family Fun' day to raise money for the **East Anglia's Children's Hospice** in Milton. The children, parents, grandparents, childminders, brothers and sisters enjoyed sports day races, ceramic painting, bouncy castles, face painting, games and a disco...fundraising has never been so much fun! More importantly we are really pleased to be able to send a cheque to such a worthwhile organisation.

At the end of term, in July we said 'farewell' to our 'big' children who were starting school in September. It's a sad occasion for the staff who have helped to nurture these children for nearly three years. It is also often scary for the parents too! However, the children themselves are always so excited and enthusiastic to move on, which I believe reflects a job well done by the playgroup staff. We wish all of our children every happiness as they start their new school careers.

Finally we bring great news of our brand new wildlife garden. All the hard landscaping and most of the planting was completed last term and with the addition of the great British summer weather – now looks spectacular. Perhaps the best judge of its overall success is the frog who has already moved under the woodpile! We are also pleased to report a good range of

other six and eight legged 'beasts'. The small apple tree produced a good number of fruit for its first year and the thorn-less blackberry is providing a feast for many local birds. The sunflowers planted by the children can be seen towering over the front fence and although they no longer look their best, will provide a great food source for the wildlife. We are hoping to continue to develop the wildlife area with the help of the children over the autumn.....let's hope they remember their waterproofs, wellies and magnifying glasses this term!

Waterbeach Community Playgroup provides a fun, safe environment with an emphasis on learning through play. Children are welcomed from their second birthday with session times as follows:

- **'Bunnies'** for children aged between **2 and 3 years**. Monday and Friday 12.15 to 2.15
- **Playgroup** for children aged **3 years to rising 5**. Every week day 9.00 to 11.45
- **'Rabbits'** supervised lunch session for children starting school in the following September. Tuesday and Thursday 11.45 to 1.00

Due to Government funding your child's playgroup fees are fully covered* from the start of the term after your child's third birthday.

The Playhouse can be found in the grounds of Waterbeach Community Primary School (just off the main drive). We are very lucky to have our own** purpose built modern, secure facilities with fantastic outside play areas. Due to our great location we are also fortunate to be able to use the school gym and library each week. We also offer weekly French lessons.

If you would like to visit, please call in during any of the sessions, where you will be warmly welcomed by a team of happy and well qualified staff. Alternatively please contact Diana Morgan on 01223 861398

www.waterbeachplaygroup.co.uk

*With the exception of additional rabbits lunchtime sessions

**Shared only with WASPS – Waterbeach After School Playscheme

Waterbeach Yard Sales

Thank you to everyone who took part.

Hope you all had a great day.

Money raised for the W.A.Y. Project was £240.00

We hope to do it all again next year.

Jan Gilzean

Jack Is One Happy Boy!

We wanted to write and thank all those who contributed to the recent fundraising carried out by WASPS duo Louisa Marnoch and Wayne Badcock. The pair who care for Jack in the Waterbeach After School Playscheme cycled 50 miles around Waterbeach, on what was then the hottest day of the year, to raise money for a specialist trike for our son Jack Kimberley.

We were overwhelmed by the generosity of Waterbeach residents who raised in excess of £1,400.00 and wanted to give special thanks to Waterbeach Village Store and the anonymous donor for their significant sponsorship.

We also wanted to thank Jules and Dan at the White Horse for their help and support on the day.

Not only were we able to purchase the trike but there was also enough money left over to go towards Jack's next piece of equipment.

Jack is now the proud owner of the trike which came in 'Kawasaki' green and loves being able to play out with his friends. He has never been able to pedal before so this is a great way for him to strengthen and stretch the muscles in his legs whilst enjoying being a little more independent.

Martin and I have had to carry out a great deal of fundraising activities over the years including taking part in the Great North Run and jumping out of parachutes to raise money towards Jack's wheelchairs amongst other items, so it was particularly moving when Louisa and Wayne decided to do this off their own backs.

Thanks again – Jack is one happy boy!
Catherine & Martin Kimberley



Cottenham Sports Centre

Are you aware of this super facility in Cottenham?

Over the last 12 months Cottenham Sports Centre has undergone a major £1million extension which is now complete. Now the nights are drawing in are you wondering how to keep active over the winter? Or maybe you are new to the area and want to meet new people. Come along to Cottenham Sports Centre and join in, in the many activities taking place each week.

Cottenham Sports Centre is a community facility located at the back of Cottenham Village College, open each weekday evening and all weekend.

Exercise and fitness are important to all old and young and here at the sports centre we aim to cater for all, with specialist GP referral classes, sessions for those returning to exercise and a range of fitness classes. Current classes include Boxercise, Legs, Bums 'n' Tums, Exercise for Life (50+) and Wake up and Workout. We are also launching two new classes in September, Body Sculpt (23rd) and Aerobics (24th). Body Sculpt is a sculpting class using studio equipment to create the perfect body. The most effective way to lose fat, shape up, and maximise those assets! Aerobics – A fun, fast paced class using dance moves, simple choreography and floor work to improve your fitness, burn calories and make you sweat! Routine changes every 6 weeks so you'll never get bored.

All our fitness classes take place in our purpose build air-conditioned, wood sprung floored studio.

Regular exercise can help you relax and improve your health. Tiredness is often used as an excuse not to exercise but exercising regularly can actually increase your energy levels. So why not come along and use the Sports Centre's fitness suite equipped with a good range of cardio vascular and resistance equipment. The Centre operates on a pay as you go basis as well as offering a membership scheme for regular users and now a monthly membership option that offers excellent value.

Or if you prefer team sports why not enter a team in one of our Five a side Football leagues which run on Monday and Thursday evenings on our state of the art 3rd generation artificial pitch. Alternatively join one of the many sports clubs and teams which train here. Give us a call and we will happily put you in touch with someone from the club and sport of your choice.

During term time we also run a range of children's activities including Roller Skating, Judo, Badminton and Trampolining lessons and then during the holiday we run range of children's activities including week long courses, as

well as full and half day activity sessions. So if you are looking for something for your children to do during October half term look no further.

For further information or bookings call Tel. 01954 288760 or see www.cvcweb.net

Cottenham Sports Centre Opening Hours

5pm – 10pm Monday to Friday

9am – 5pm Saturday and Sunday

Cambridgeshire Walks

More than 90 Cambridgeshire walks to download and print FREE!

There's no doubt about it, walking is good for you. It's good for your heart, it's good for your lungs, it's good for the muscle and bone growth of your children and it's good for your feeling of wellbeing! Strong scientific evidence now supports the many benefits to health of regular walking – it is recommended that we take at least 10,000 steps a day.

Studies show that walking can:

- Reduce the risk of coronary heart disease and stroke
- Lower blood pressure
- Reduce high cholesterol
- Reduce body fat
- Enhance mental well being

Walking offers a great way to help kids get the active habit. If parents express excitement about the prospect of a walk in the countryside, they are more likely to transmit this feeling to their children. It's important to treat the walk as an exploration or adventure and to go at the child's pace, no matter how often they want to stop and look at things; take treats to eat and plenty to drink; and head for some landmark that will appeal to them such as a castle, a playground, an ice cream van or a boating pond. If children experience walking as part of a fun activity they are more likely to want to go again.

So, how do you find out what is on offer? John Harris, a keen walker, got fed up with the lack of information on walks that were going on in the County. So, he decided that if he couldn't find what he was looking for – he had better create it! So www.walkingincambridgeshire.co.uk came into being.

www.walkingincambridgeshire.co.uk gives you all the information you need for the best walking in the County:

Details of more than 90 walks to download and print free, details of all the Cambridgeshire walking groups, maps and walk books – plus loads more information.

So check out the website and get walking

National Trust Volunteer Group

As Publicity Officer for the Cambridge National Trust Volunteer Group, a non-profit making Group I am exploring ways to promote the group and what we do with the aim of increasing membership.

We do outdoor conservation work at National Trust properties around Cambridge and beyond, helping their staff to maintain and preserve the property and grounds. The work is usually outdoors and active but a lot of fun!

Some tasks undertaken in the past year are clearing woodland, making paths and building a pond dipping platform in the newly created Coe Fen Wildlife Discovery area at Anglesey Abbey; shrub clearing at Ickworth Estate; fencing at Houghton Mill; scrub clearing around the Folly at Wimpole Estate and roasting chestnuts at their Victorian Christmas Fayre and garden maintenance at various sites.

We meet most Sundays from 10am to 4pm but volunteers can decide the level of commitment they want to make, some coming regularly and others occasionally.

Several weekend away tasks are organised each year at properties further afield, last years events being decorating at Brancaster Millennium Centre; gardening at Stourhead in Wiltshire and scrub clearing at Ilam in Derbyshire.

Participants must be 18 or over but no experience is necessary. It is a chance to learn new skills, met new people and do your bit to maintain some of our beautiful places!

More details are available on our website www.cntv.org.uk and people interested in joining can email enquiries@cntv.org.uk

Obituary to Ken Shipp

Ken Shipp whose obituary follows was one of the village's oldest residents. He lived with his family at what is now Rosemary Newsagents, well known to many of us as being a supplier of not only newspapers but a great deal else as well. Many residents who have been in the village for some time will remember the days when it was a dairy with land backing onto Burgess Road where houses have now been built and indeed many people still call the shop Rosemary Dairy from the time when it used to sell mainly dairy products - with a useful supply of ice lollies for younger shoppers.

It is nearly 60 years ago since I first met Ken. The local builders, Lawrence Brothers, had just finished building Ken's new house in Rosemary Road. I took a tractor and trailer to fetch the scaffolding poles, boards, wheelbarrows, concrete mixer for the builders to build me a house in the fen. Ken came into the yard and helped me load up, I was a little over-awed, knowing what a busy man he was, with so much to manage, more than two hundred acres of land, a fine milking herd and a wholesale fruit and vegetable business serving many green grocers in and around Cambridge. He also had a milk round as well as being a potato merchant, but he found time to help me.

He was a very helpful, generous man with a large extended family and as his sons reached manhood he redistributed his assets and they took over his businesses leaving him a little more time to spend with his loving wife Ada who like Ken was very proud of their children, grandchildren and great grandchild. Sadly Ada passed away several years ago, Ken often spoke of her and missed her greatly but he found some solace in spending time on his field in Burgess Drove growing vegetables, most of which he gave away! In later years we spent more time together, he would often arrive at our home for a cup of tea and a chat, always bringing with him a bunch of carrots, beetroot, cabbage, etc. I think perhaps it was the faith he shared with Ada and their early years with the Salvation Army and the Christian teaching which made him follow Christ's instructions of lending to all who asked to borrow, secure in the knowledge that he would always be provided for, and he was!

What a fortunate man to spend his final years living and dying in the house he built, 60 years ago and on site of the old house where he was born, surrounded by his family, Gordon, Maggie and Tony with Alan and Maria living only yards away. He outlived most of his generation who were his lifelong friends. It says much of how well he was regarded to still be President of Waterbeach Football Club at the age of 97. They will miss him as shall we all, but we are thankful for the privilege of knowing him as a friend.

Bill Saberton

Update From Wicken Fen

The new school year has just begun and we are looking forward to working closely with our Guardianship School, Waterbeach Primary School. During the last year, our Wardens and Learning Team made several visits to help with the schools environmental projects with pupils visiting the fen to undertake practical conservation tasks such as hedgerow planting. The Guardianship scheme which is sponsored by Sky is designed to forge close links between schools and their local National Trust property using the great outdoors as an extension of the classroom.

Development of the Wicken Fen Spine Route is progressing well with planning permission currently being sought for a bridge across Reach Lode which will link Burwell and Tubney Fen's. This will complete the crucial missing link in the Spine Route, which will eventually link Cambridge and neighbouring villages to Wicken Fen. We are hopeful that a link across to Waterbeach can eventually be developed thus enhancing access into the Vision lands from the West. Consultations are also on-going with users, local communities and statutory authorities to examine options for a new crossing over Burwell Lode.

Since joining the Wicken team in May, Community Warden, Emma Shepherd has been busy working on the development of our new Dragonfly Centre and introducing stand-up paddleboarding to Wicken Fen, which is proving a big hit with our visitors. Emma is now planning to carry out an informal survey of horse riders throughout the Vision area to learn more about where they currently ride and how the Trust could work with them to enhance access. Emma will be visiting local stables and riding schools and would like to speak to as many riders as possible over the next few weeks. If you would like to speak or meet with Emma, she can be contacted at the Visitor Centre on 01353 720274 or email emma.shepherd@nationaltrust.org.uk Early suggestions include the introduction of guided rides around the Vision lands and provision for horse box parking.

Our team of Wardens and volunteers will be busy out on the wider Vision lands in the coming months. Oily Hall is to be fenced and we are now looking for local graziers interested in grazing the site, please contact Michelle Boliver on 01284 747523 e-mail michelle.boliver@nationaltrust.org.uk if you are interested. Since being acquired by the Trust in 2007, Oily Hall has been reverted from set aside

and is now being entered into Higher Level Stewardship as conservation grassland, providing a perfect example of land being brought back into agricultural production whilst at the same time providing a high quality habitat for wildlife. The Trust is also working with the Fenland Bridleway Association and the Internal Drainage Board to create a permissive horse riding route on the site.

A range of native broadleaved bushes, such as willow, hawthorn and field maple are to be planted on White Fen, near Lode during the winter. This will eventually lead to creation of a mosaic of low level woodland and open grassland habitats.

Wicken Fen Patron and Spring Watch presenter, Chris Packham visited the fen on 26 July to open our New Dragonfly Centre. The fen and wider Vision lands are home to 21 species of dragonfly, but nationally the picture is not so rosy, with a third of dragonfly species faced with extinction primarily due to the loss of wetland habitat. The centre which is open at weekends throughout the summer and early autumn, provides plenty of advice on how we can all to help conserve these beautiful insects.

The weather could have been better but it's been a great summer on the Fen with visitor numbers considerably higher than in previous years. Wildlife highlights include Avocets breeding on the reserve for the first time, together with Stonechats, Bearded Tit's and three pairs of pairs of Marsh Harriers. The arrival of a Squacco Heron and Collared Pratincole from warmer Southern climes also created great excitement amongst 'twitchers'.



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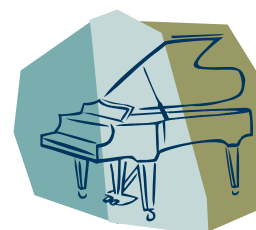
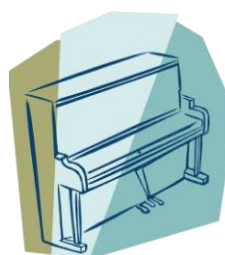
Waterbeach Primary School could give it a good home!

Would you be willing to donate yours?

If you can help us please contact

Sarah Page on 01223 863253

sjp392003@yahoo.co.uk



Singers and Music Lovers

Are you interested in learning some traditional folk songs from the Fen Edge area? Professional musicians Mary Humphries and Chris Coe invite singers and music lovers of all ages to a series of open workshops. The workshops are free to attend – and you don't need to have any singing experience. If you're interested please come along to Cottenham Village College on:

- Wednesday 21 October, 7.30 – 9pm
- Wednesday 4 November, 7.30 – 9pm
- Wednesday 11 November, 7.30 – 9pm
- Wednesday 18 November, 7.30 – 9pm

The workshops are part of the Songs from the Fen Edge project which is supported by the Cambridge Music Festival (pick up a festival programme or visit www.cammusic.co.uk). The idea of the project is to share historic folk songs from the local area with residents who live here today. Children from the primary schools in Cottenham, Waterbeach and Willingham as well as students from Cottenham Village College will also be taking part in workshops.

The project will culminate in a final public concert at Cottenham Village College on Friday 20 November, 7pm. The concert will feature performances by Mary Humphries, Chris Coe and Old Hat Concert Party, and all those involved in the workshops will also have an opportunity to sing together in the evening finale. The concert will include songs and music featuring folk instruments, melodeon, concertina, banjo and dulcimer, a local folk instrument with over 100 strings. Tickets £6 / £4 available from Cottenham Village College.

For more details about the singing workshops or for ticket information contact local Arts Development Manager Amy Wormald on 01954 288748 or amy@start-arts.org.uk

Orchestra in another Village

In November the London Mozart Players will be visiting Impington Village College for a special workshop and concert day with students from Cottenham, Impington and Swavesey. Over 50 young people will take part in master-classes working with the professional musicians.

There will be a public concert as part of the Cambridge Music Festival on Sunday 22 November, 7pm at Impington Village College. The concert will feature London Mozart Players playing with and without the students. The programme includes:

J S Bach - Brandenburg Concerto No.1
J B Lully - Court Dances
Vivaldi - La Folia Trio Sonata (variations)
J S Bach - Wachet Auf!

Tickets £7/ £5 concessions available from Impington Village College finance office. For more details contact local Arts Development Manager Amy Wormald on 01954 288748 or amy@start-arts.org.uk

Calling all residents of Waterbeach, Landbeach and Chittering

Would you like to join a new Arts Forum for Waterbeach which is being established this autumn? If you're interested in the arts and would like to see more happening in the village please contact local Arts Development Manager Amy Wormald on 01954 288748 or amy@start-arts.org.uk

WANTED: PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

for St John's Church, Waterbeach

A flexible and organised administrator

A team player also able to work alone

A competent letter writer and minute taker

A working knowledge of Word/Publisher/Excel

Good people skills and telephone manner

This is a paid position available with immediate effect

6 hours per week, plus 6 evening meetings each year

Exact working times by mutual agreement

Interested?

Contact Reverend Lucy Cleland for an application pack

Tel: 860353 or Email: lecleland@hotmail.com

Interviews scheduled for October 2009

Message From Cllr. James Hockney

It continues to be a real privilege to be one of your local District Councillors. Many of you have contacted me with problems and issues to address, and I will always do my level best to help. My contact details are at the bottom if you need to reach me.

Road Resurfacing

There are still many roads and paths that need to be resurfaced in Landbeach, Waterbeach and Chittering. It is great to see that Burgess Road have been done (the first time in over 40 years!) With work on Waddelow Road expected to be started in late September/early October. If there are any roads or paths you are concerned about then please let me know.

Waterbeach Youth and Community Building

South Cambs District Council agreed at a meeting on September 1st to make a grant of £40,000 towards the costs of a new Youth and Community building in Waterbeach. This represents 10% of the total project costs. As District Councillors, both myself and Peter Johnson were consulted with prior to the meeting and gave our full support for the project.

Waterbeach Pedestrian Crossing

As you may know, the Pedestrian Crossing petition was presented to the South Cambs Traffic Management Area Joint Committee on July 13th. It is expected that a scheme would cost in the region of £40,000-£50,000. Thank you to everyone that signed the petition and supported the campaign. I will continue to work with Cllr Peter Johnson on this important issue.

Scrutiny committee meeting in Landbeach

The South Cambridgeshire District Council Scrutiny and Overview committee met in Landbeach Village Hall on September 3rd.

We had two interesting presentations. One was by Matthew Winn representing Cambridgeshire Community Services and the other was County Councillor John Reynolds, who is chairman of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership on its work.

Thank you to the local residents that attended this meeting.

If you would like to contact me regarding any local issues then please get in touch.

Tel:01223-864891

E-Mail:j_hockney@btinternet.com

Royal British Legion

Branch Annual General Meeting 12th October 2009 at 7.45pm in the Concert Room, Beach Social Club, Waterbeach. Please support this, your AGM to elect your committee, accept the financial report and any Legion business you wish to discuss.

We require Poppy Appeal Collectors in some areas of the village. If you are able to help, please contact Norman Foster on 01223 474622.

Remembrance Services 8th November 2009

Landbeach Morning Service 9.15am

Waterbeach Cemetery Placing crosses on the war graves 11am

Waterbeach Parade assembles at the Green 2.15pm and leaves at 2.30pm for a service at the War Memorial, St. John's Church, Waterbeach followed by a service inside the church.

Your local children's hospice needs *your* help.

**The Milton Children's hospice is looking for
Collection Box Organisers and Publicity Officers.**



Both roles would involve a few hours a month and full training will be given.

Your help will enable us to ensure that we can continue to provide care to children with life-threatening conditions and complex health care needs and support to their families

If you are interested in becoming part of the children's hospice at Milton and would like to learn more about the work of EACH please come along to our Volunteer Open Day on Monday 12 October 2009 from 3pm-6pm.

Places are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment. Contact Nicky Jackson or Beccy Turner on 01223 205180 or email nicky.jackson@each.org.uk to book your place and to answer any questions.

Registered charity number 10692894

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1ST WATERBEACH GUIDES	Lorraine Warburton - 01223 575792
1ST WATERBEACH RAINBOWS	Diana Morgan - 01223 861398
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WATERBEACH VILLAGE SOCIETY	David Craig - 01223 860684
WATERBEACH WI	Jenny Dunnett - 01223 440148
WATERBEACH YOUNG WIVES	Sheila Gill - 01223 861999

Other useful numbers:

BEACHES COMMUNITY CAR SERVICE	07807 875878
COUNTY COUNCILLOR	Michael Williamson - 01223 860899
DISTRICT COUNCILLOR	Peter Johnson - 01223 560918 or 07947 475549
DISTRICT COUNCILLOR	James Hockney - 01223 864891
DOCTORS SURGERY – WATERBEACH	01223 860387
FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE - Non Emergency Calls	01223 376217
LANDBEACH VILLAGE HALL	Mrs. Bullman - 01223 860692
PARISH COUNCIL	Sarah Smart - 01223 440018
PARISH PATHS GROUP	D. Armstrong - 01223 861586
POLICE - Non Emergency Calls	0845 456 4564
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