

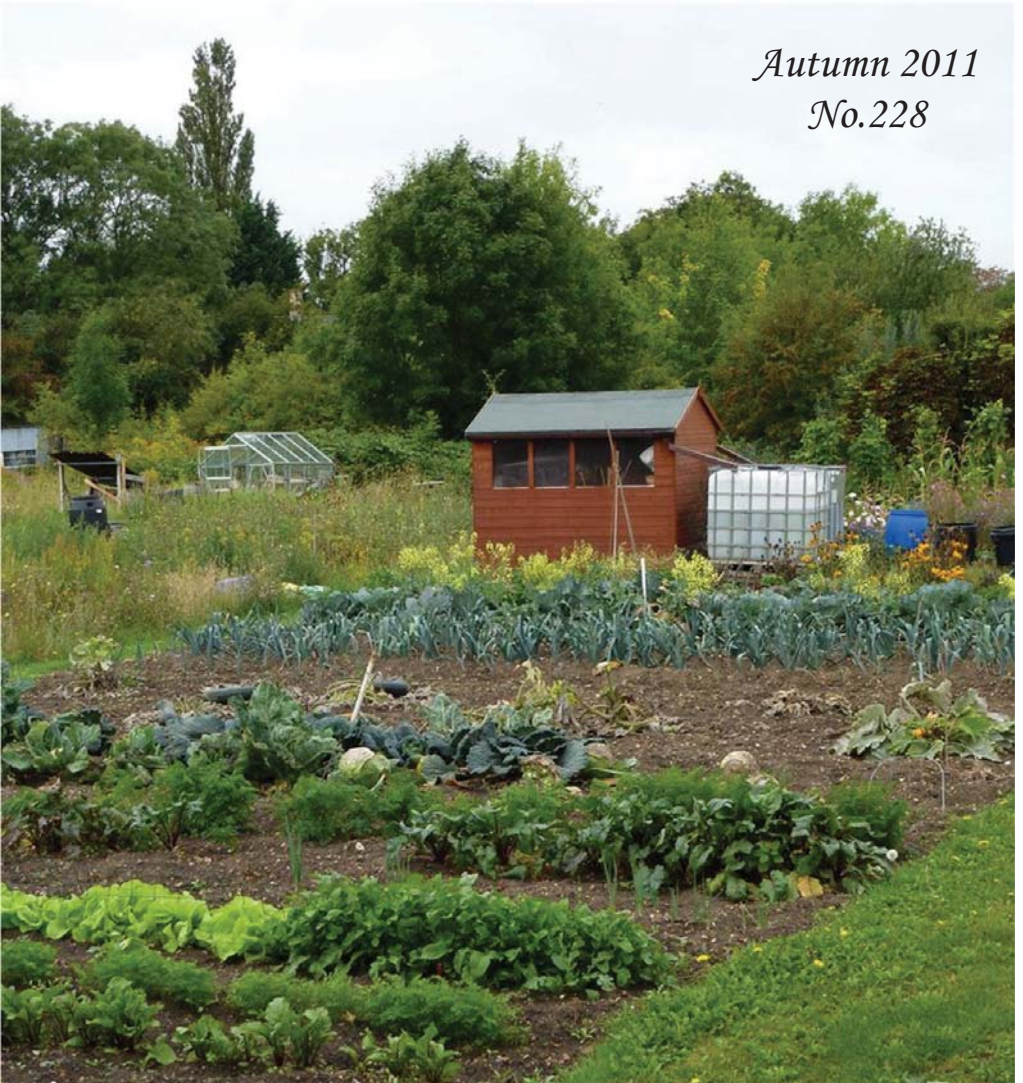
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# Community Association



**AGM** - The Community Association AGM was held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September in the Community Room. The Chair reported on the events organised during the year including Carols on the Green on Christmas Eve, the 60 Plus Lunch Party in February and the Feast. Last year it became very apparent that more help is needed with the organisation of Feast Day and volunteers were requested to assist before, during and after the event. The committee express their gratitude to all those who came forward, it made a huge difference!

The officers were elected; Chairperson - Jacqui Rabbett, Treasurer - Mike Sharp and the post of Secretary will be shared by Pam Clack and Jacqui Rabbett.

**Noticeboards** - Early this year we replaced the Community Association noticeboard on Waterbeach Green and installed a new board on the Hive, Cody Road. We also wanted to replace the noticeboard at the front entrance of the school and to erect a new one near the Post Office. Planning permission for these boards has now been granted and they will be installed shortly. Posters detailing one off local events should be sent to 5 Spurgeons Avenue, Waterbeach (4 copies maximum size A4 in portrait format).

**Feast 2012** – Next year, due to the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, Waterbeach Feast will be slightly later than normal on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2012.

**Big Lunch** - To celebrate the Diamond Jubilee in our community we are holding a 'Big Lunch' party on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2012. This will be held on Waterbeach Recreation Ground and you are all welcome. You are invited to bring a picnic and join in with the celebrations. Further details to follow.

# Feast 2011

On Saturday June 11<sup>th</sup> the sun came out and drew the crowds to the Green for Waterbeach Feast.

The afternoon started with the parade lead by Cambridgeshire Army Cadet Force Corps of Drums who looked very smart in their bright red uniforms. We were also joined by a newly formed junior Samba Band. The children had just six weeks training to prepare them for their performance and did an amazing job.

The theme this year was 'Something beginning with E...' and we saw explorers, exercise, Easter eggs and Elmer the Elephant. There were joint winners for the infant float, 'Elves 'R' Us' from the Buchanan Children's Centre and 'Egyptians' from Waterbeach Community Playgroup.

The shield for the best decorated junior float went to the 'Eco Warriors' by Waterbeach Primary School. The adult category was won by Tony Shipp and the Friends and Family award went to Pam Clack, Deborah Watts and Abi Rabbett all disguised as 'Elephants'. The Green was also covered in 'E's' and the winners of the best decorated stalls were Waterbeach Toddler Playgroup for the juniors and The Salvation Army for the adults.



This year we introduced a new Cake Competition. Adults had to bake a cake, large or small, fancy or plain, and decorate it in their own individual way. Cakes were judged on appearance and taste. Children had to decorate a cup cake in an imaginative and original way and these were judged on appearance only. The winner of the 5-11year olds was Evie Buchan, 12-17year olds was Bridget Johnson and the Over 18's was Jude Sutton. The trophy for the Overall Winner was awarded to Jude Sutton.

Congratulations to all our winners and a big thank you to our judges, Dave Halsey and Roz Hill.

In the arena we saw a variety of displays from bands to Vikings! There was a performance by Waterbeach Brass, a demonstration by the ladies from Jazzercise, a Viking re-enactment, the Cambridgeshire Army Cadet Force

Corps of Drums performed again after they had got their breath back from the parade, the Pink Panther Cheerleaders and Sekani Street Dancers showed us what they could do and the 39 Engineer gave a splendid display of their bridge building.

A huge thanks must go to John Raynham of Panther Taxis for his active support during Feast preparations and generous donation with Richer Sounds of two TV's and a mini Hi-Fi system for the raffle. We would also like to thank Donarbon (now AmeyCespa), Bannolds and all the local clubs and groups who gave donations and prizes. Thanks also go to the Army for all their continued support in making Feast Day very much a community event. This year we requested additional support to help with the organisation of the Feast and we would like to express our thanks to all those who assisted before, during and after. We couldn't have done it without you!



## **Buchanan Children's Centre**

The Buchanan Children's Centre would like to welcome everybody back to the setting after the summer break. We are very pleased to announce that we are under new management and would like to welcome Heather Walker to the setting as the new Nursery Manager. Heather has had lots of previous childcare experience and has lots of fresh and exciting ideas to bring to the setting.

All of the Nursery staff have given dedicated time over the summer to clean and prepare the classrooms ready for the new term and both classrooms look fantastic. We have lots of new children starting so we hope everyone settles in well.

We will be having a Garage Sale soon to help raise money for the Nursery. We have numerous amounts of toys to sell so watch this space for a date to be confirmed and come and grab a bargain!

We shall be busy celebrating many occasions this term, some including Halloween, Bonfire Night, Diwali, Remembrance Day and of course getting ready for all of our Christmas celebrations!

We currently have vacancies in all groups from age 1-4 years and also hold lunchtime sessions. The morning session is from 9.30-12.00 and the afternoon session is from 12.00-2.30. Lunchtime sessions are from 12.00-12.45 extended from the morning session. Please contact the centre manager Heather for further details and to come for a look around on 01223 204435.

# Waterbeach Community Players

Did you know Waterbeach has its very own drama group?

Waterbeach Community Players are your local drama group, performing at Waterbeach School three times a year (January, May and November)

Waterbeach Community Players is an award winning group. Formed in 1978, we have now presented over 140 productions and we also compete in one-act drama festivals every year. We are a really nice bunch of people and are always on the lookout for new members.

Are you an actor? Would you like to be? Do you hide from the limelight but may be interested in working backstage or even just help to build and paint the scenery? Then why not think about joining us...? We rehearse Mondays and Thursdays 7:30pm to 9:30pm.

Contact our secretary Julie Petrucci on 01223 880023 or by email: [julie.petrucci@btinternet.com](mailto:julie.petrucci@btinternet.com) for more information and maybe arrange to come along to watch a rehearsal.

Our next production is 'Woman in Mind'; a fantastic comedy by Alan Ayckbourn at Waterbeach School from 9 - 12 November. The cast includes Wendy Croft, Chris Shinn, Cath Perkins, Tim Heath, Alan Maltby, Paul Lockwood, Alice Blaine and David Mullenger and is directed by David Morris. Advance box office is now open. Ring Linda on 01223 507109 or if you prefer to book online it is even easier to do so now with our new on line booking service [www.wcp.ticketsource.co.uk](http://www.wcp.ticketsource.co.uk).

Our 2012 pantomime from 19 - 21 January will be 'Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves' written especially for the group by Chris Shinn and Julie Petrucci. The auditions for the pantomime are on Wednesday 12th October at 7.30pm at Waterbeach School, ring 01223 880023 for more details.

Don't miss out on any of our forthcoming productions: to keep in the know why not become a Friend of Waterbeach Community Players? There is no cost involved: email FOWCP Mailing List Secretary [chrisjshinn@btinternet.com](mailto:chrisjshinn@btinternet.com) or phone him on 01223 880023.

We look forward to welcoming you either as a new member or as a patron.

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

*£1500 was raised*

*Many Thanks*

*Keith and Doris Taylor*



# WISE (Waterbeach Sustainable Energy Group)

The Waterbeach Initiative for Sustainable Energy Group known as WISE has been launched. The new group is working to help villagers on 2 levels - firstly by benefiting individuals through energy saving schemes and secondly by researching, planning and delivering potential community based schemes.

WISE will be holding presentation evenings every couple of months which are free to attend on a variety of subjects including ways to save energy (and money), reduce your carbon footprint, possible community projects in the village and ways to generate energy. The evenings will have speakers offering expert advice and a chance to discuss a variety of ideas from car sharing to installing solar PV panels.

The group is also looking for village residents to join up to help organise and participate in the Group's activities. It is also currently looking for a Volunteer Communications Officer to develop an ongoing programme to raise the profile of the organisation in the locality and communicate its objectives through various channels including online, social media, partnerships, posters and articles in parish magazines.

WISE is supported by the Sustainable Parish Energy Partnership (SPEP) which is run by South Cambridgeshire District Council. Part of this support includes the free loan of electricity usage monitors to Waterbeach residents. If you are interested in borrowing a monitor or finding out more about future WISE meetings please visit Facebook.com and type in WISE or contact Andrew Ashworth on 01223 860389

# 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. At the time of writing we do have an electric wheelchair available.

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

All personal applications are confidential.

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

# WAY - Auction of Promises



WAY runs our local Youth Club and we have just moved into our new home in the Tillage Hall (on the recreation ground).

To celebrate our new home and raise funds for the project, which is a registered charity, we are holding an Auction of Promises on Friday 14 October.

So if you fancy having the use of a top of the range BMW sports car for yourself (or a convertible sports saloon for the family) for a whole weekend, want to delve into the mysteries of steam engines or have always thought you'd make a great pilot, but never taken a flying lesson, come and make your bid. If your children love Frankie & Bennys, we have a voucher which means you can take them there for free for the next year.

Alongside these great offers, we have baby-sitting, car washing, keep fit classes of (and for!) many shapes and sizes, a 16" flat view TV with free-view, an archery lesson, a hair and make-up session for a teenager and lots more.

Get it in your diary 14 October 2011, Tillage Hall, Auction starts at 7.30 p.m. Full catalogue will be available in early October; please contact Shelagh Robertson on 860445 or e-mail: [shelagh@oldbarn.primex.co.uk](mailto:shelagh@oldbarn.primex.co.uk)

## The Salvation Army



As part of the Corps' 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations, a Flower Festival and Photograph Exhibition was held over three days. The theme for the flower exhibits was 'There is a time for...' based on Ecclesiastes chapter 3 with various Salvation Army Corps and local Churches contributing exhibits depicting the different verses of Scripture. The photograph Exhibition consisted of photographs dating back to the early days of the

Army in Waterbeach up to and including the present day and many newspaper clippings and other memorabilia including various styles of uniforms from 1920s to a SA polo shirt and Beanie hat!

Many people visited during the three days and several new contacts were made, the exhibition concluded with Sunday evening worship under the banner 'A Time for Everything' where the hall was full with



Salvationists and Church members attending from the local area.



# News from Cllr. Peter Johnson

When I heard the terrible news that the Barracks may close in 2015 I was horrified but with my fellow District Councillor James Hockney we immediately launched a campaign to try and reverse this decision. We also have a page on Facebook so if you haven't already seen this please have a look and help us move this campaign on. There are campaign sheets in most of the shops in the village so please ensure your signature is there, to date we have over 1200 signatures but we need more.

The Tillage Hall is now complete and the Youth Club will be moving in very shortly much to every ones delight. Four years ago at the WAY AGM I felt embarrassed at the conditions the youth club were operating in and I told Dave Beasley, I will help you get a new building. It has been a while getting there but I am sure that the finished article will be well received by all the residents of our village. This will also create a place for new groups to form and give a place to meet which previously has been a problem.

The Waterbeach Cultural Collective are going from strength to strength as their numbers steadily grow and a sense of direction has become quite defined. This group was formed as a result of Public Art money being received from the Cam Locks development and has brought people together that may not have met otherwise.

The provision of a crossing point near the Pharmacy is still under consultation, there have been meetings with Parish Councillors, County Councillor, myself and James Hockney. Several schemes have been looked at and it is a case of getting prices for the various schemes and which seems to be best value for money.

The car parking issue at the station does get a little nearer to being resolved. The old goods yard would make an ideal car park and the present lease holder wants to do just that, make it into a car park. Enforcement at South Cambs District Council are in touch with the lease holder, who has been told he has to get planning permission to make it an official car park. I have been given to understand he has applied for pre-planning application which will highlight any major issues that may prevent this happening. The main concern is turning right immediately over the crossing but that could be resolved by making cars turn right in the main car park and then follow through back to the right and it is then a simple left turn. I would appreciate people's views on this please and my contact details are below.

Please contact me by whatever means you prefer, telephone 01223 560918 (Home), 07947475549 (Mobile), e-mail [cllr.Johnson@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.Johnson@scambs.gov.uk) , or knock on my door, and please remember I am here for all of you

# The Story of 'The Stone'

## AND HOW IT RETURNED TO THE NUNS . . .

It was in May 1975 when my family and I moved into 'The Star' pub on Station Road, Waterbeach and right away I realised that this was no ordinary village public house. Having a history going back to about 1812 (the year of Napoleon's retreat from Moscow!) The Star had been serving the needs of the community for years. The boatmen off the fen lighters which tied up in the dock which stood opposite the pub (now a mobile home park) stayed overnight with their towing horses until the coming of the railway in 1845 severed the link with the river. During the war the Air Force and then much later the Army used 'The Star', as did commuters from the railway when the nearby 'Railway Tavern' closed and local farm workers and passing trade kept the pub just about alive. This, then, was the situation when we moved in and began to look around our adopted village. The first attraction to my daughter Sue, then 9 years old, was the stables within the pub which had been left just as the last horse vacated his stall all those years ago. It wasn't long before she wanted a pony of her own and very soon after that Zebedee joined the family. Suitable grazing was rented from a local farmer at the rear of the church on the site of Waterbeach Abbey. This had been founded in 1294 as a Franciscan nunnery by Denise Munchensey, but only had a relatively short life until the nuns were driven out by continual flooding and by 1359 the abbey was derelict and the nuns had been moved to Denny Abbey. Due to the remains of the foundations of the abbey buildings under the ground and a hasty archaeological dig in the 1960's, the field surface was rather uneven and care had to be taken to avoid accidents. One day I happened to trip over a piece of masonry sticking out of the ground which, on investigation turned out to be a round piece of stone about eight inches in diameter and six inches long with a half-inch hole through the middle. I carefully eased it out of the ground and took it home, hoping that a knowledgeable customer could tell me more about the find. He quickly identified it as part of a pillar of one of the gateways to the abbey and it found a home at the side of the fireplace at the pub. There it remained until one morning an elegant lady arrived in the bar just after opening time and introduced herself as Maria Ingham, a friend of the Poor Clare nuns who lived in their monastery at Arkley in Hertfordshire. The nuns there were of the same order of St Francis as was established at Waterbeach and they followed an enclosed life of work and prayer. She had come on a mission to find the site of their original foundation and to take back photographs of the area. I explained that the site was an almost flat

field with no buildings or even ruins to photograph and she was rather sad that it seemed she would be returning home empty handed. I then thought of the stone on the fireplace and suggested that she might like to take it to the nuns as a tangible piece of their original foundation. She was highly delighted and a week or so later I received a parcel which contained a beautifully illuminated letter of thanks from the whole community and an invitation from Sister Mary Assumpta, the abbess, to visit the monastery should I ever be in the area. Also enclosed was a small parcel containing a beautiful



*The site of the Abbey*

piece of pottery in the form of a mare and foal with a note to explain why the foal's legs were the wrong shape, which was due to the 90 year-old potter not having seen a live horse for 70 years! On my next visit to the field I took my camera and found a point which covered most of the abbey site including the remains of the waterway which led from the river to the watergate of the abbey. This can still be clearly seen from the London platform of Waterbeach station. A few months later I was able to arrange a visit and arrived carrying an enlarged and framed picture of the abbey site with the church in the background which was received with many thanks. The order is still an enclosed one and contact with the outside world is limited so there is no visitor access to the inside of the monastery, although a special room is set aside for visitors. Hospitality to visitors is dispensed over a low wall across the middle of the room over which were passed cups of tea and home-baked cakes, thus allowing the sisters, dressed in the brown habits of their order, to keep to 'their' world whilst the visitors occupy the other side. The conversation range was wide and full of laughter and I was shown photographs of the Waterbeach stone which had been incorporated into a base for a statue of Our Lady in one of the inside gardens. Thus a piece of stone which was once looked upon by those first Franciscan nuns brought from France to Waterbeach in 1294 forms a link to their successors, who still follow their enclosed lives of prayer and work in Hertfordshire in a much changed world.

*Dave Halsey*

# Waterbeach WI



After a successful summer season with interesting talks from Emmaus and the Farmland Museum we are looking forward to the autumn months and also making plans for 2012. Last year we held a 'Tea at Three' in aid of Arthur Rank Hospice which was well supported by non-members and members. As a result of this we have a speaker from the Hospice joining us on the 13<sup>th</sup> October. Anybody interested in the work of the Hospice is welcome to join us. Also in October we are joining the village churches campaign for operation Christmas Child to fill decorated shoe boxes with suitable gifts for girls and boys of all ages. On the 10<sup>th</sup> November we have a return visit from Christopher and Janet South This is a talk with a slight difference. It is called Snap out of it and out of a list of subjects Christopher and Janet present a verbal picture for our entertainment. There are serious and humorous choices which give a very varied evening. December brings our Christmas Party which we all enjoy, but before then we will have also had our annual trip to The Cambridge Regional College for a Christmas Lunch. This is a highly recommended venue but be warned early booking is advisable.

Visitors are always welcome at our meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday in the month in St John's Church room at 7-30pm. Car Park behind church  
If you would any further information about the Waterbeach W.I. please contact Jane Gibb, President on 01223 721194

## Gardening Club

The Summer Season started with a great Feast Day. The Community Association produced a fine day, a good programme and a very high attendance and we thank them very much for all their hard work. The Club stand had been restored and repainted to support a larger decorative fascia and side wings on the theme of An English Country Garden. The side wings supported two 'mini garden sheds' showing a selection of vintage garden hand tools from the Club's collection. The stand was stocked with a wide variety of plants for sale and we wish to thank all those who so generously donated on the amount, variety and quality – we sold out! We have now exhibited, over the last two shows, our collection of hand tools. Can you help to extend our range? Visit your garden shed with a firm determination to 'Tidy it Up'. Old tools, now superseded, 'never did work' or just broken and tired, whatever the condition, may be restorable – if you can bear to part with them give Peter Dixon a ring on 01223 860280 and we will do our best to bring them back to life.



On Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June the Club took its annual coach trip to the much publicised Plant Fair and Gardens at Cottesbrooke Hall, Northants. This was a Hampton Court Show in miniature. Gardening kit, tools, 'Art in the Garden' and a vast array of plants at reasonable prices tempted the members to extend collections with modern varieties or to start with something new. The new American varieties of Coral Flowers (*Heuchera*) and Day Lilies (*Hemerocallis*) were well represented (at the last count there were 165,000 varieties of Day Lilies – not all on show!) The Gardens of the Hall were organised in a set of small pretty gardens with woodland walks. The food was excellent and members were slow to return to the coach.

On the evening of 21<sup>st</sup> July Robinson College opened their gardens for a guided tour with Head Gardener Guy Fuller. The College Garden has been constructed from ten interlinked Edwardian gardens with splendid plantings of fine specimen trees. The tour was extensive, covered the history of the site, special plants were shown off and the whole presentation was given by a true expert in an entertaining way.

The social whirl continued with the Summer Barbecue on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September in the garden of 'Miss Hatley's', the old thatched cottage adjacent to the village Green. The Chef du Cuisine, David Lynn, produced a great cookout and the members excelled in the variety and yumminess of their 'Bring and Share'. The gazebos did not blow away, the thatch did not catch fire...in all 'a bit of a grand do'.

The serious business of the year, the Annual Show, took place on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at Waterbeach School. The pupils produced a bumper crop of entries (165) for the Show Poster. Six were selected and formed the artwork on the posters. These were set- out round the village during August to advertise the Show. Our six Poster Pupils are: Evie Buchan Yr.2; Mei Greater Yr.3/4; Nuno Hart Yr.1; Digi Newark Yr.1; Maisie Wesson Yr.3/4; Abigail Wooley Yr.2.

The drought, early in the season, has given many hopeful exhibitors cause for concern. Fortunately there was no hosepipe ban so we anticipate a good display.



*"Hallo! That's a big leak!!!!"*

Forthcoming Events in the Church Hall Waterbeach at 7.45 pm on:  
*Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October* - AGM and 'Demonstration of Flower Arranging'.  
*Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November* - 'Gardeners Question Time' Peter Jackson - Scotsdales Garden Centre

We welcome all with an interest in gardening – please come along.

**Important Notice:** Do not forget to set your daffodil bulbs for the Spring Show. Same schedule as last year (see Beach News No.225 Winter 2010, p6).

# Waterbeach Scout Group



The Scouts and Explorers enjoyed a pirate themed summer camp with the Guide group from Chelmsford we met six years ago. Cubs went back in time with their theme based on the old style camping. They were doing knots and flags etc.

Unfortunately camps are over for another year, back to doing some fund raising to keep us going. Bingo started again in September. The next Bingo will be on *Friday October 14<sup>th</sup>* at our new time of 19-00 until 20-30. The next dates are *November 11<sup>th</sup>*, *December 16<sup>th</sup>* and *January 13<sup>th</sup> 2012*.

Our Christmas Fayre will take place in the Scout Hut on *Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November* 10-00 until 14-00. We will be serving the 'Big Breakfast' along with the healthier option of baked potato with fillings. Santa will be in residence in his grotto and there will also be a raffle, book stall, crafts etc.

Santa will be coming to your street again on *Monday 5<sup>th</sup>*, *Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>* and *Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December*. Watch out for the posters around the village with details of the roads to be visited on each evening, from 18-00 until 20-00.

While having your Christmas clear out please keep in mind that we will be having our annual Jumble Sale on *Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2012*. More information will follow nearer the time.

## Children's Centre

We would like to welcome you to our new home, based on the Waterbeach Community Primary School site. A new centre deserves a new name. A competition was sent out to all pre-schools and primary schools in our reach area and the winning name was 'Dolphin'. The winner has been invited to our grand opening (date to be confirmed) and has won a voucher to use in a shop of their choice.

To accompany our move, we are introducing a new timetable of activities for Autumn – including Busy Feet, Twilight sessions (for working parents or those needing support at teatime 5 -7pm, ring us for details), Baby Massage and a Breastfeeding café. We will of course be keeping the old favourites: Stay and Play (starting again Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Sept, 1-3pm), Playdayz and the long awaited second set of 'Welly Walks' at Milton Country Park.

Our office hours are Monday – Wednesday 9am- 12.30pm. Feel free to pop by and have a chat, seek information or ask for support.

For more information and to hear about other activities we have going on, please contact us at Dolphin Children's Centre: 01223 472791 or [waterbeachchildrenscentre@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:waterbeachchildrenscentre@cambridgeshire.gov.uk) Information can also be found at [www.cambridgeshirechildrenscentres.org.uk](http://www.cambridgeshirechildrenscentres.org.uk)

# WASPS



Thank you again to everybody who took part in our 10km Run on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March at the Waterbeach Barracks Airfield; we raised an amazing total of £820. Our Feast stall raised around £213, so we would also like to thank everybody who visited our stall or helped us in any way with any of our smaller fundraising events during the year. These funds are vital to help re-stock or update our equipment and resources for all of the children who use WASPS.

As the 2011/12 school year begins we look forward to meeting our new children just starting school. We have also planned a joint fundraising Christmas Fair with the Waterbeach Community Playgroup (WCP) on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November. Further details will follow, but please come along to start your Christmas shopping and join us for a mince pie and/or glass of mulled wine!



WASPS and WCP are both based in the Waterbeach Playhouse, next to the Primary School. This year we need to replace all of our fire doors, which will be a huge expense for both groups. To help us, Tim Gent, one of our parents, is Canoeing the River Cam from Source to Sea and plans to kindly donate his sponsor money to WASPS. If you would like to support us

please visit: <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/canoethecam> (Tim's page) <https://mydonate.bt.com/charities/waterbeachafterschoolplayschemewasps> (WASPS page)

For those of you not familiar with WASPS, we have been running since 1997 and are a registered charity managed by a small voluntary Management Committee made up of mainly working parents/carers who use the Clubs. We are regulated and inspected by Ofsted. We have a great team in place led by our Joint Co-ordinators Zoe and Wayne and two Holiday Club Co-ordinators, Sy and Tracey.

We aim to provide a home from home atmosphere for our children who are aged 4-11. We facilitate play by creating an environment where the children can play freely with a variety of resources.

*Breakfast Club* opens at 7:45am before school. After school WASPS runs until 6pm.

*Holiday Club* opens for most of the school holidays from 8am-6pm with additional activities on offer every day. We are now planning for half term

(Monday 24<sup>th</sup> until Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October) and will have plenty of activities, some Halloween-based, available. Our Christmas Holiday Club will be open from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> until Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> or Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December. Even if you do not use WASPS on a regular basis or your children do not attend Waterbeach Primary School, please contact us if you are interested in registering with us and joining our Holiday Club.

If you would like any information about WASPS please look on our website: [www.waterbeach-wasps.org.uk](http://www.waterbeach-wasps.org.uk), email: [playhouse@waterbeach-wasps.org.uk](mailto:playhouse@waterbeach-wasps.org.uk) or call 01223 861140.

## The Living Museum

The Living Museum is developing a collection in the form of an on-line archive that will document objects, artefacts, and buildings of interest in Waterbeach. The aim of the archive is to create a contemporary collection that tells us about life in Waterbeach and that can be shared by everyone in the village.

Residents are invited to submit drawings or photographs of their objects / artefacts / buildings to the archive. Owners can also elect in what capacity their donation exists within the collection: as a private object only visible on the



online archive, available to view by appointment, or visible from a place of public access (as in the case of a building).

To launch the collection The Living Museum and Denny Abbey and Farmland Museum will co-host a *FREE* art activity day led by Waterbeach artist in residence Emma Smith. Activities will include drawing carbon designs of your own objects, artefacts and buildings to add to The Living Museum Collection as well as the chance to contribute to a giant collaborative drawing based on the Abbey and Farmland Museum collection. *Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September at Denny Abbey and Farmland Museum 12-4pm* Free art activities and Free Entry to the museum.

For more information please visit : [www.thelivingmuseum.co.uk](http://www.thelivingmuseum.co.uk)



# Waterbeach Village Society

Village Society members who visited the Military Museum on the camp were impressed with the quality of the artefacts and photographs demonstrating the history of the base from its inception as a WWII aerodrome until its present home to the military. It was intriguing to learn that Norman Tebbit (Lord Tebbit) whilst visiting Waterbeach as an auxiliary air force pilot, horrifically crashed on takeoff, skidded across the Car Dyke and the A10, and nearly burned to death in the field opposite.

The visit to Bletchley Park will go ahead on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September. The first of the season's talks is on Tuesday September 27<sup>th</sup> when Dr. Smith will talk about Oliver Cromwell and the following month, Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October, Avril Hayter-Smith, Town Crier of Ely expound some hilarious experiences. Nearby residents should keep earplugs handy!

For more information on the above and the rest of the Society's programme, contact Adrian Wright, Chairman, on [adrianj.wright@ntlworld.com](mailto:adrianj.wright@ntlworld.com) Tele. C. 861846, Ray Rice, Secretary, on [raythefingers@aol.com](mailto:raythefingers@aol.com) Tele. C 860663 or David Armstrong, Treasurer, Tele C. 861586.

The Society aims to stimulate interest in, and care for the attractiveness, history and character of Waterbeach and its surroundings. Meetings take place on the fourth Tuesday of the month in the Community School Library at 7.45pm. Visitors are welcome at all meetings.

## Congratulations!

Feast Day 2011 – well most certainly the best Feast Day ever, the sun shone, people arrived in droves and fun was had by one and all.

Having lived in the village for over 30 years I have experienced many a Feast Day, but only this year did I actually realise what a small band of village folk work together for months, ensuring the day is a success. Until I attended a Feast meeting I was also ignorant about the amount of work involved behind the scenes from : booking events for the ring, checking endless risk assessments forms, putting out bollards, laminating signs, booking toilets, emptying bins, collection of skips (oh the glamour) ! . We are so very lucky to have such a dedicated, committed and hard working bunch of villagers, so a huge thank you to Mike Sharp, Jacqui Rabbett, Pam and Mark Clack and everyone else involved.

I very much doubt this appreciation will make it into Beach News, as the people concerned do not court publicity for their work but I felt someone should acknowledge their commitment and contribution to village life.

Thank you.

*Sandra Papworth*

# Waterbeach Infant School c.1951



*Back row from left:-* Janice Denson, Gary Wye, Kathleen....., Graham Jones, Ann.....

*2<sup>nd</sup> row from back -* Celia Mullucks, Charlotte Jackson, ....., ....., Barry Brookes, Michael....., Valerie Haynes, Rita .....

*3<sup>rd</sup> row from back:-* Barry Smith, Carol....., Brian Camps?, Jacqueline....., Diane Mott, Maureen Coulson, Robert....., Jancis....., John Doggett

*Front row:-* John Impey, Vivien Sanderson, Gillian Holmes, Sandra Bavester, John Parkhouse

This is the best I can do. I may have some names wrong and others may be able to help fill in the gaps.

I remember this being taken. It was spring and that afternoon it was warmer and I was allowed to wear my summer dress. I was upset that I wasn't wearing it for the photo.

Watching the way my grandchildren have been eased into school shows how different it was for my generation. Not for us the preliminary visits: my introduction consisted of my father taking me to the school, a few weeks before I started, and letting me look over the wall at the playground.

Miss Handley from Landbeach was my first teacher. She was a quiet and gentle soul. Every morning started with activities which meant choosing from water play, the Wendy House, the sand tray, jigsaw puzzles, painting, plasticine, picture blocks and sometimes clay. We learnt letters by copying from a poster size example shown at the front. We wrote the letters on our

mini blackboards- they weren't really slates- and went over them again and again. Reading was in groups and we read John and Mary books, Old Lob and Beacon readers.

I can't remember too much about maths. We had individual work cards but I don't recall any text books. We certainly had weighing and measuring activities. The only book I can remember Miss Handley reading was about the Brown family- and it was well before Paddington Bear! If we were good we were allowed to do gardening i.e. given a pair of scissors and sent out to snip the grass of the front lawn. Other treats included nature walks. These were often up the back stile or by the river. There were no Health and Safety issues to consider and I still have a scar to remind me of some barbed wire I encountered.

We had to clear away before lunch and cover the tables with oilskin cloths. Lunch seemed to be mainly mince and stew, but I'm sure we must have had other dishes. Mrs Whiterod would announce 'For afters today we have jam tart'. She was a well-spoken lady who, I think, carried on working at the new school. She also used to collect the dinner money and sell savings stamps. She was a school secretary/ teaching assistant and lunch time supervisor.

Just after the war playground games involved boys playing aeroplanes and shooting the enemy. We girls played the witches and fairies, mummies and daddies and chasing games. We skipped on our own or with a long rope. I think there was a patch of grass at the back and some bike sheds. One day we had a new slide delivered. It was quite usual for infant school children to go to and from school without an adult. We used to call for each other on the way.

The school building only had two classrooms. The toilets were outside and didn't flush. They were emptied once a week. You can imagine the smell. Many houses didn't have flush toilets so we didn't mind too much.

Of course Christmas was exciting. We made paper lanterns and paper chains. One year I remember the girls from RAF families having lovely angel dresses whilst we village girls had robes converted from our mothers' slips and nighties.

Miss Hatley took the older infants and learning became more formal. She was strict, but we expected that. By the time we transferred to the Junior School by the Green we were expected to know all our multiplication tables. Mrs Wilson was the head and Miss Miles was my teacher in what is now Year 4. If a child failed to answer a tables question correctly they were often struck on the hand with a ruler. It certainly concentrated the mind. I believe Miss Miles married a Polish man and had twins. Or did I just imagine that?

*Celia Rawlings (nee Mullucks)*

# Beach Music Sessions

The Beach Sessions is a new monthly event to be held in Waterbeach featuring solo artists, duos and bands who write and perform original music. The sessions offer a chance to hear high quality music in an intimate location.

The new programme of events are being organised by Atomised, a band which features 3 musicians from the village and 4 more from further afield. Music will be mainly indie, rock with a bit of alternative country/folk thrown in. The first Beach Session takes place at The Sun on Saturday October 15th and features Cambridge-based band Cinematic Kiss, which includes band member Nic Newark from Chittering. A taste of the band's music can be heard by visiting [www.cinematickiss.co.uk](http://www.cinematickiss.co.uk).

They will be joined by Atomised who released their first album Dreamlands in 2009 and are currently recording their follow up record. The band have been playing regular gigs at the Haymakers and Cornerhouse in Cambridge and are looking forward to playing in their own village. To find out more go to [atomised.eu](http://atomised.eu) and [myspace.com/atomisedtheband](http://myspace.com/atomisedtheband).

A second Beach Session will take place at The Sun on Saturday November 19th. Any musicians who perform original music who would like to send a demo for consideration to play future sessions please email [info@atomised.eu](mailto:info@atomised.eu) for information.

# 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 30 November 2011*

# Waterbeach Brass

It has been another busy summer season for Waterbeach Brass, as we serenaded the public at parks and gardens throughout Cambridgeshire. We've also been pleased to return to Waterbeach for our rehearsals, and would like to thank Adrian and Lucy at St Johns Church for putting us up at short notice.

**New Conductor** - During the past few months the band has been in the process of recruiting for a new conductor, and we were pleasantly surprised to have had such a great response to our adverts. After several auditions and a vote, we were pleased to welcome David Minchin as our new conductor. David is currently Arts Development Officer at Bottisham Village College, and has been an active professional brass musician and conductor for many years. Waterbeach Brass are very much looking forward to this next chapter of our history and are proud that the band has continued to play and perform throughout the summer, despite it being a turbulent time.

**Autumn Season** - You'll be able to hear Waterbeach Brass perform brand new repertoire at the following events this autumn:

*Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September* - Wimpole at War 1940s weekend, Wimpole Hall from 1:30 – 4:00pm

*Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October* - Concert at St Andrews Church, Cherry Hinton at 7.30pm

*Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October* - Autumn Contest - Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone, bands on from 9.00am

*Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November* - Concert at Wesley Methodist Church, Cambridge – with guests, 7.30pm.

**Christmas Season** - For those of you who have already begun organising your Christmas plans, don't forget to make time to listen to Waterbeach Brass during our busy Christmas season. It's a great way to make you feel all Christmassy...

*Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November* - Concert at Milton Bowls Club, Milton, 7.30pm

*Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December* - Aldreth Church Hall Concert, Aldreth at 7.30pm

*Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December* - Carols at Wimpole Hall, 1.30 – 5.30pm

*Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December* - Carols at Landbeach Village Hall, 7.00pm

*Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December* - Carols at Wimpole Hall, 1.30pm – 5.30pm

*Annual Christmas Concert* - Waterbeach School, date still to be announced. Further details of our annual Christmas Concert will feature in the Winter edition of the Beach News.

*Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December* - 'Carols on the Green' – Waterbeach Green

# Library Facilities

Waterbeach Independent Lending Library, on the Waterbeach School site, is your local Library Access Point (LAP) for Cambridgeshire Libraries, where you can use your Cambridgeshire Libraries ticket (or join), return books borrowed from other libraries, request books from other libraries, etc. The library is open on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays - see our display advertisement for details.

Waterbeach library now has its own Facebook page; this can easily be found by clicking on the link at the village web site ([www.waterbeach.org.uk](http://www.waterbeach.org.uk)) The Library benefits from donations and access to surplus books from the County Council stock so that there are frequently books “new to the library” available. Of course you can request books from any Cambridgeshire County Council library and have them delivered to Waterbeach. This is a particularly useful facility when you want to read a complete series, find additional books by a particular author, or have access to books on a specific topic.

**Waterbeach Feast and yard sales** - Thank you to all those who visited our book stall at the Feast – we raised £165.56. Additionally we raised some money at the yard sales which was used to provide stickers, activity sheets and medal ribbons to support the reading challenge.

**Summer reading challenge - “Circus Stars”** - This started on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July with some immediate registrations on the night that the new books were unveiled. All the books bought by the Parish Council to support the reading challenge were catalogued and displayed on the night and provide a lasting addition to the children’s section. The challenge has proved popular, with many children participating and building the circus stage and populating it with stickers as they read the weekly books

**Volunteers sought** - We would welcome more volunteers to help in the library. If you could assist for two hours once a month, or more frequently (particularly on Monday mornings or Friday afternoons), please contact Kate Grant (511455 or [kate@ninetiles.com](mailto:kate@ninetiles.com)) for more information.

**Mobile library visits to Waterbeach and Landbeach** - The mobile library now calls just once a month, on the second Monday, so forthcoming dates are 10<sup>th</sup> October and 14<sup>th</sup> November.

Timings are: Waterbeach – Denson Close 13:30-14:00; Waterbeach – The Green 14:05-14:25; Waterbeach – Chapel Close 14:30-14:50; Waterbeach – Buchanan Centre 14:55-15:30; Landbeach – 9 High Street 15:40-16:20.

For more information, see <http://hipweb.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/mobiles/>, or ask at any library.

# Toddler Playgroup



The Summer Term has been a busy one at Waterbeach Toddler Playgroup. We all greatly enjoyed the Feast Day, where we decided on Explorers as our interpretation of the Letter E. The older children had a great time walking the route and the visitors to our stall loved exploring the gloop!



At the end of term, the playgroup committee organised its annual end of term trip out. The rain held off until it was time to leave and playgroup members, siblings and their parents thoroughly enjoyed their day at Shepreth Wildlife Park. We were treated to a “Mini Beasts” talk by the Education Team and daring children were able

to handle Giant Snails, Stick Insects, Snakes and even stroke a Skunk. The next couple of months will be busy ones in our fundraising calendar – most notably our Nearly New Sale on 5<sup>th</sup> November. Keep an eye on our website ([www.waterbeachtoddlerplaygroup.org.uk](http://www.waterbeachtoddlerplaygroup.org.uk)) for more details about the event and how to sign up as a seller!

Waterbeach Toddler Playgroup has been running for over 20 years, and we are based on Burgess Road. Children are welcome from aged 2 ½ to 4 (pre-school year). We offer specialised pre-school sessions on a Monday and Wednesday afternoon from 12.00 till 3.00pm, with sessions for the younger age group (2 ½ - 3 ½) from 9.00 till 11.30am on Monday and Wednesday mornings. On Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings we hold mixed sessions, which are open to both age groups, from 9.00am till 12.00pm (with optional lunch sessions from 12.00 till 1.00pm at a small extra charge). Thanks to Nursery Funding money from the government, our fees are free to parents from the term after your child is three.

If you want to know more about the playgroup, please check out the website or contact our Play Leader, Wayne Badcock on 07808 357729 or [wayne@waterbeachtoddlerplaygroup.org.uk](mailto:wayne@waterbeachtoddlerplaygroup.org.uk). Alternatively, any of our Committee Members would be please to talk to you!

# Message from Cllr. James Hockney

It continues to be a real privilege to be one of your District Councillors. Many of you have contacted me with problems and issues to address. I will always do my best to help. My contact details are listed at the end of the article if you need to get in touch with me.

**'Waterbeach Barracks – No New Town' petition campaign** - There has already been a great response to the petition campaign with (at the time of writing) already over 1,300 signing the petition. I am sure this will be higher by the time you read this.

Over the last 10 years Waterbeach Barracks has been cited for development. One developer has stated that as far back as 1998 MOD estates have wanted to realise the value of the land.

Both in 2004 and 2008, I launched successful petition campaigns against the Waterbeach Barracks being developed into a town with great support from Peter Johnson and local residents. We now must fight this fight again.

The Barracks are an important part of our community.

The Barracks has many key local facilities including the swimming pool, golf club and fishing lake. I am clear that whatever happens, these facilities must be protected for the community.

There will be a public meeting in November with our local MP, Jim Paice. This will be publicised locally nearer to the time.

The petition can be found in many Waterbeach shops including; North's Bakery, Waterbeach Pharmacy, Spar Village Stores, Post Office, Chip Shop, JB's Hair Salon, Rosemary Newsagents and Bollywood Spice.

There is also a Facebook campaign page that I have set-up, simply search under 'Waterbeach Barracks – No New Town Campaign'.

I will continue to work closely with Cllr Johnson, Jim Paice MP and the local community on this issue.

If you would like to be involved with the petition campaign then please let me know.

**Improving A10 road safety** - Since 2003 I have been campaigning for the real need to make the A10 road much safer. There has been success with the 'Better Roads, Safer Roads' campaign resulting in action for the Denny End junction with the street lights and traffic lights –which we have had since 2005. But clearly more needs to be done. Many residents that live along the A10 road in Waterbeach Ward have contacted me to say how dangerous it is coming off the A10 to their homes with the speed of traffic.

Back in April I called meeting with the Highways Department on how we could make the A10 safer given the current funding situation. From the meeting it was agreed that a cost effective way of making the Slap-up



junction safer was to put down a new road marking scheme. Although I am still awaiting the draft scheme plans. To improve road safety on the A10 a reduced 50mph speed limit was discussed. This speed limit reduction is due to go out to consultation and could be implemented next year.

**Waterbeach safer crossing campaign** - I remain committed to seeing action on improving road safety on Chapel Street as many residents use the local shops like the Spar Village Stores and Waterbeach Pharmacy. As many of you know I have been campaigning with Cllr Johnson and local residents for over 6 years now. I appreciate it has been a long journey but we are now starting to see light at the end of the tunnel.

The Parish Highways Committee have endorsed the 3<sup>rd</sup> set of plans (apart from the mini-roundabout on St Andrew Hills/Station Road) produced by the County Council Highways Department. This will now be put forward to the Parish Council.

Although road safety is a County Council related issue. As your District Councillor I will always campaign on both District and County issues for the good of the community.

I am, as always, very grateful to everyone that signed the 'Pedestrian Road Safety' petition which led to the plans being produced. It does now mean that there is a real opportunity to see road safety improvements on Chapel Street.

**Landbeach Affordable Housing** - Great progress is being made with the new affordable homes on the old Walnut Farm site in Landbeach. It is now expected the properties will all be completed by November this year. Like the Chapman's Close housing, the Walnut Farm affordable properties will be prioritised for those with a strong Landbeach connection. This will give a real lifeline to those who value being part of the community but would not be able to afford the current high house prices locally.

Please contact me if you need to raise any local issues:

Tel: 01223-864891 Mob: 07958-389713 E-Mail: [j\\_hockney@btinternet.com](mailto:j_hockney@btinternet.com)

## Yard Sales

Thank you very much to those who took part in the Yard Sales in July and to Waterbeach Wives Group for all their support at the Church Room. We hope you all had a great day.

We raised £500 which has been split between various local groups;

Breathe Easy Group - £100

Scouts & Guides - £150

Waterbeach Toddler Playgroup - £150

Waterbeach Colts - £100

Thanks everyone for supporting us and hope to do it all again next year!

*Jan Gilzean*

# Moving On

This autumn sees a change of personnel at two churches in Waterbeach. Robin Giles has been the Baptist Minister in Waterbeach for 19 years. He is now retiring and he and his wife Elizabeth are moving to Cambridge. As well as leading the congregation of Spurgeon's Baptist Chapel in Chapel Street and being an Industrial Chaplain in Cambridge, Robin has been involved in the development Beach Churches Together. Members of the three churches in Waterbeach now come together for a number of united events during the year. Also, between them, the churches provide a wide programme of events and activities such as coffee mornings, lunch clubs, mother and baby groups, and children's groups, for the whole community. Robin was also actively involved in setting up Waterbeach and Landbeach Action for Youth (WAY), which is responsible for providing the very successful Youth club in Waterbeach which gives so much fun and support to the young people in our two villages. It is because of WAY that the village still has an outstanding Youth worker and Youth Club when many other communities have lost theirs because of cuts in funding.

Lucy Cleland's stay in the village has been rather shorter. She has been priest in charge of the parishes of St John's Church Waterbeach and All Saints Landbeach for nearly three years and is now moving on to be the Bishop's Chaplain to the Bishop of Southwell in Nottinghamshire. Lucy was the first woman vicar of Waterbeach and Rector of Landbeach. As the churches date back to the twelfth and thirteenth centuries respectively this is quite a significant achievement. She has contributed a lot to the village in the very short time she has been here and she and her dog Brodie will be missed.

Thank you Robin, Elizabeth and Lucy for all you have contributed to the communities of Waterbeach and Landbeach, and best wishes for the future, Lucy as you start on the next stage of your career and Robin and Elizabeth as you look forward to some well deserved rest and the opportunity to do all those things you haven't had time for yet.

## **Influenza Clinics**

**Starting October 2011**

**If you are over 65 years have Diabetes, Poor Immune System,  
Chronic – Lung, Heart, Kidney or Liver disease**

**Please book an appointment. Books open mid September**

**Waterbeach Surgery**

**Rosalind Franklin House, Bannold Road, Waterbeach CB25 9LQ**

**Tel: 01223 860387 Fax: 01223 576259**

# Beach Social Club

Well if that was summer, we have had it! Now we have Christmas to look forward to, just think on the day of publication of this Beach News it will be 3 months until Christmas!

We had a great trip to see Tom Jones, all that attended thoroughly enjoyed it, and to top it all there was a delicious curry waiting for us at the club on our return.

Our next event will be our open day on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2011 combined with our charity cheque presentation. This is 12 hours of quality entertainment from 12 – 12, free to all. Food will be available and as always our drinks are still the cheapest in the village. The cheques will be presented at about 8.30pm to our supported charities this year – Arthur Rank House and REA Waterbeach, two very deserving causes.

Our AGM will be held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2011 – 8.00pm start. If you would like to join the Committee, there are several spaces. The nomination forms for these positions will go up at the beginning of October on the Club notice boards. At our AGM we will be deciding on our supported charities (must be registered) for the following year, any nominations should be received by The Committee no later than Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October. The same applies to any matters for discussion at the AGM.

There will be several events on at the club throughout November and December, these will be advertised on the notice boards in and outside the club, and on the Community Association notice boards around the village.

We are hoping to put together something special for 11/11/11, which falls on a Friday this year, we will keep you posted of events.

The Children's party will be on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2011, commencing at 3.00pm, names of children under 11 should be put on the list by 27<sup>th</sup> November, this is open to children of members only.

Our Christmas draw night will be on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December with live entertainment.

We are pleased to welcome Waterbeach F.C. back into the club, and along with all of our other groups, Pool, Crib, Darts, Snooker, Tennis, wish them every success for the coming year.

The Crib team are always looking for new team members, as are the bowls team, if you are interested, contact the club in the first instance and we will happily pass your information on.

Don't forget if you have a special occasion coming up and need to hire a venue, we have all you need at the club. The hire is available to members only, but don't let that put you off, our membership fee is still very reasonable, we are taking new memberships from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2011.

# Fen Edge Twinning Association

Avrille, our twin town in the Loire, was sunny and hot for this long weekend visit in May. We were greeted with refreshments at the Town Hall before going off to our host's houses for dinner and a few glasses of wine. For many of us this was a chance to exchange news with old friends, but for the new families on both sides a beginning of firm friendships to come.



Saturday's main event was a visit to a new local attraction – Terra Botanica. This is a botanical garden as you have not seen it before. Interactive displays to equal the best of Disney kept young and old alike fascinated. Beautiful gardens, water features, greenhouses and plants of all types to delight the gardeners among us. In the evening we were treated to an excellent dinner in the garden's conference centre.

There was a demonstration of the game 'Boule de Fort'\* on Sunday morning followed by a very leisurely picnic under the trees in one of Avrille's many parks. The afternoon finished with a petanque match which, I am delighted to say was won by the British!! I am sure there will be a return match planned during the weekend our French guests visit us next spring. The majority of us travelled by coach and with this being subsidised by the association, cost only £60 per adult (children free) – a very inexpensive weekend as the French twinning association covered the costs for everything else!

We have started preparing the next exchange and families from Avrillé will be visiting us over the weekend 14/15 April 2012. Twinning is open to everyone within the Fen Edge villages and I know that there were French families who were unable to take part last year as we did not have enough people here – so why not make 2012 the year you decide to get involved!

With our fund raising and grant money received from the EU the weekends in England are no more expensive than those of travelling to France.

**Quiz Night** - We will be holding another of our very popular quiz nights this Autumn on Friday 7 October. As usual the venue is Cottenham Village College. The doors open at 7.30 and the quiz will start at 8.00pm. Supper is included in the price of your ticket and there will be a pay bar.

If you are interested in getting involved or would like to come to one of our quiz nights please contact: Anna Vining on 01954 252432 or [panda@vining.co.uk](mailto:panda@vining.co.uk) or Julia Gwilt on 07815 780586 or [juliagwilt@gmail.com](mailto:juliagwilt@gmail.com).

(\*Boule de Fort has some resemblance to lawn bowls but is played indoors on a smooth hard surface rink with curved sides. It is only played in this part of France where there are three to four hundred clubs.)

# Advice from Trading Standards

## A SPOTLIGHT ON ENERGY

We all want to do our bit to save energy around the home - to be 'green' and to save money. However, at Cambridgeshire County Council's Trading Standards Service we have seen an increase in queries from residents about 'cold callers' selling energy saving schemes, particularly loft insulation and solar energy, so below we offer some advice to help you.

**Solar Energy** - Before you start it's worth taking a look at the information provided by the Energy Saving Trust on [www.energysavingtrust.org.uk](http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk) or speaking to an advisor on 0800 512012.

For supplier/installer information, the Microgeneration Certification Scheme can provide a list of members online or by calling 0207 0901082. Membership is not compulsory, but you will need to use a member if you plan to use the Feed-in Tariff scheme (a government-backed initiative paying you for the electricity you generate).

Obtain three quotes to ensure the price and projected savings are competitive and realistic. Arrange a technical survey, rather than a sales visit, so the quote is accurate, and ensure all quotes are in writing, detailing what's included. Once you've chosen your installer read the contract carefully and ensure their claims about savings and maintenance costs are included before signing so that you have evidence of what you were told.

Remember! If you sign an agreement at home for solar energy, you should be given 7 days to cancel. If you need advice on this, ring Consumer Direct on 0845 4040506.

**Loft and cavity insulation** - When it comes to insulation, the Energy Saving Trust can provide information on grants and offers that can help you cover

the cost of it. They can also provide a list of installers. It is advisable to use a member of the National Insulation Association, the Cavity Insulation Guarantee Agency or the British Board of Agreement, ideally who has signed up to a professional code of practice and provides a 25 year guarantee.

**Reducing your energy bills** - Start by checking with your current gas and electricity supplier that you are on their best rate. Then compare the prices of other suppliers in case you can get it cheaper – switching supplier could save you around £237 a year if you haven't changed before. You can compare prices on Consumer Focus's weekly pricing factsheets at [www.consumerfocus.org.uk](http://www.consumerfocus.org.uk) or by contacting Consumer Direct on 0845 4040506 for a paper copy. Also, most suppliers offer cheaper tariffs for 'vulnerable' customers, so it is worth enquiring about these 'social tariffs' if you are over 60, are on means tested benefits or are on low income. In addition, your District Council could offer you advice on how to reduce the amount of energy you use in your home by offering a home visit, or you can get tips by calling the Energy Saving Trust.

**Support if you are struggling to pay your energy bills** - If you are struggling to keep on top of energy bills, seek help from your local Citizens Advice Bureau, either in person or on the phone on 08444 111 444.

Finally, if you feel that you have been mis-sold any product or service – energy or otherwise - or have any other kind of consumer issue, contact our partner Consumer Direct for advice.

## Witchford Voices' Waterbeach Première

Witchford Voices have certainly made a name for themselves in the short time since they were formed in 2009. Not only have they performed their unique blend of singing styles locally in Witchford and Ely, they have also taken it on a European tour and produced a CD.

Now they are bringing their mixture of music to Waterbeach for the first time. Led by their conductor Naomi Da Cunha their repertoire includes challenging pieces from overseas as well as more familiar songs from musicals and the charts - professionally performed and most entertaining. And, of course, for this performance, seasonal pieces as well.

The concert takes place on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 7.45pm in St John's Church. Tickets are £7 each to include a glass of wine in the interval and are available from the box office, on 864345.

A great start to your Christmas.

# The Salvation Army



## Christmas Day at the Salvation Army

Due to the response and success of last year's Christmas Day Dinner, the Salvation Army at Waterbeach will once again this year provide Christmas Day Meals for those who will be on their own. This was only possible because of the generosity of members of the community and Waterbeach Community Association. We are again asking for your help and support, this could be through donations of money, time or gifts.

If you would like to help in any way or would like further information please contact Kevin or Wendy, either by popping in and seeing us at the hall on Station Road, you can phone us on 01223 506217 or e-mail us at [waterbeach@salvationarmy.org.uk](mailto:waterbeach@salvationarmy.org.uk). Similarly, if you know of anyone in the village who lives on their own and has no family, who would appreciate an invitation on Christmas Day let us know.



## COFFEE MORNING CRAFT AND GIFT FAIR Landbeach Village Hall

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**08 October 2011**

**10.00a.m - 3.00p.m**

**Admission;**

**50p Adults**

**20p concessions**

**Accompanied children under 16 Free**

*Bacon Butties*

*Light Lunches*

*Home made*

*Jams and*

*Cakes*

*Refreshments*

*Jewellery*

*Homemade*

*Cards*

*Arts and crafts*

*Stalls*

*Gift stalls*

*COME ALONG AND HELP US TO  
HELP "OUR" HEROES*

*FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO MAKE A DONATION*

*PLEASE CONTACT  
JAYNE - 07771 798477  
LINDA - 07759 309092  
JENNY - 01223 860682*

# Message from PCSO John Mason

Well here we are again Christmas fast approaching, in the meantime we have Halloween and Bonfire Night on the way and I would like to take the opportunity to try and help your Halloween and Bonfire Night to be a safe one. I realise that for some, and especially for many elderly residents this time of year can be a worrying time. The Neighbourhood Policing Team will be proactively patrolling on both Halloween and Bonfire Night.

**Halloween** - Unfortunately Halloween has become famous for eggs and flour being thrown at properties and other forms of anti-social behaviour rather than the harmless fun it is meant to be. We have posters available asking trick and treaters not to call at your property, please get in touch if you require one.

**Bonfire Night** - Fireworks being used in an anti-social manner can result in the following fines.

Throwing Fireworks in a public place = £80.00 fine.

Under 18s carrying fireworks in a public place = £80.00 fine

Lighting fireworks after midnight = £80.00 fine

Each year many people become a statistic through injury, it is fun let's keep it that way!

I would also like to make you aware of a problem that occurs all year round which is that of Rogue Trading. We have had reports of possible rogue traders calling on residents in the local villages. These traders especially target elderly and vulnerable people, offering to carryout work that is usually not required. If you agree to the work they generally charge an excessive amount and produce poor results. It is not advisable to agree to have work done when you are put on the spot and have not carried out any research into your options. Age UK have a very useful website which contains very good advice for all of us. Their web address is [www.ageuk.org.uk](http://www.ageuk.org.uk). You can also call and speak to Age UK on 01223 221921 or 01354 696677, they are very helpful and can provide a list of Traders which have been vetted.

Please be aware that there are people prepared to carry out this type of crime and particularly target the elderly and vulnerable. If you have neighbours or family that maybe possible victims please make them aware and if you see anything suspicious please take note of any vehicles details including reg numbers, and descriptions of persons involved and you can inform us on the non-emergency number 0345 4564564

If you have any information regarding any incidents and feel you can help please contact us on 0345 456 456 4 or call Crimestoppers, an independent charity, anonymously on 0800 555 111.



# Wicken Fen

The fen was a hive of activity at the end of July as we geared up to launch cycle hire from 1 August. We have an impressive range of adult, children's, tandem, tag bikes and cycle buggies available for hire. Hire rates for adult / children's bikes range from £7/ £5 for two hours or £14/£10 for all day hire. We have also produced a new leaflet with themed cycle rides ranging from short Family Discovery Rides to discover our herds of konik ponies and highland cattle, Wildlife Watching, Village Explorer to a more adventurous Off-Road route. We have also been busy installing a number of National Trust Community Cycle Hoops throughout the Vision lands and local communities where visitors and residents alike can secure their cycles.

One of our next projects is to re-create a traditional Eel catchers and Fenman's workshop equipped with authentic tools, nets and traps, to bring alive the unique social history of the fen for the thousands of visitors and school children who visit each year. Peter Carter, the last commercial eel catcher in the fens is providing expert advice for the project. In order for the building to be authentic, we are hoping to use reclaimed and well weathered building materials. If you have any old bits of timber buildings, doors, windows or roofing you would like to donate or if you would like to help with the project , please contact Assistant Warden, Tim Fisher on 01353 720274 or e-mail [tim.fisher@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:tim.fisher@nationaltrust.org.uk)

This Autumn the Trust is holding its first ever Walking Festival to encourage people to get out and enjoy the great outdoors from 22 -30 October. We are organising a series of walks at Wicken Fen and our sister property Anglesey Abbey ranging from Little Amble's, jolly Ramble's to Big Challenges. Highlights include *Children's Garden Discovery Walk* (Anglesey Abbey 24 Oct, 10.30-4.30pm, *Statues of Anglesey Abbey* (Fri 28 Oct, 11.30 & 2pm) *Five Miles from Anywhere Walk* (Wicken Fen, Sat 22 Oct, 11am). The highlight of the festival will be the *Lodes Way Walk* – a 16 mile guided walk along the Lodes Way from Anglesey Abbey to Wicken Fen and back. Details of all walks in Cambridgeshire and beyond can be found at [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/gonewalking](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/gonewalking)

Events taking place at Wicken this Autumn include *Basket Making Workshop* - A chance to learn the traditional art of frame basket making under the guidance of local basket maker Nadine Anderson (Fri 7 Oct, 9.45am -5.30pm £60 includes all materials); *Mucky Pups Do....Creepy Crawlies* - Pre-school fun trails and crafts all about bugs (Wed 19 Oct, 10.30-12noon £3.75); *Autumn Adventure* - How does the changing season affect plants and animals? Games and craft inspired by all things autumnal

(Tues 25 Oct, 10.30 -12.30 or 2-4pm £4.50); *Batty Halloween* - Spooky games, ghostly goings on and terrible tales ((Fri 28 Oct, 10.30-12.30 or 2-4pm £4.50); *Ghost Walk* - Scare yourself silly on our infamous Ghost Walk - just you, in the dark, with the ghouls of Wicken Fen (Sat 29 Oct, start time between 6.30-7.30pm £5.25). Tickets for all events are available from the Wicken Fen Visitor Centre on 01353 720274 - advance recommended as numbers are limited.

## **WAY - WAY needs friends like you!**



Government slashes youth service funding' ran the recent national news headlines, and WAY has felt the impact. While government funding has all but evaporated, there is also a knock-on effect as non-government funding bodies, on which WAY has relied, are inundated with applications. This makes it difficult for WAY to bring in the funds we need to maintain the excellent youth work in the villages. And it is not only young people who benefit: our villages enjoy the lowest levels of youth crime and anti-social behaviour in the locality which the police attribute to WAY's work.

Where do you come in? Already, more than a third of WAY's funding comes from local individuals and organisations. WAY needs to raise a significant sum this year (£17,000) in order to maintain the current youth provision. Many local people are 'Friends of WAY' and commit to support WAY with a monthly standing order, which may be as little as £5 or £10 a month, but makes a huge difference to our work. Friends receive a twice yearly newsletter on WAY's work.

Why don't you consider becoming a friend of WAY. Please contact me, Quentin Harmer, on 861396 or by email at [WaterbeachWAY@gmail.com](mailto:WaterbeachWAY@gmail.com)

## **Waterbeach United Charities** (Reg No 201528)

### **(Clause 4 (2) grant)**

Organisations are invited to apply for a grant from the above Charity subject to funds being available at the end of the financial year (December 2011).

Applications to be submitted in writing clearly stating the reasons for the grant and they should include details of any fund raising efforts that have been made. Closing date will be *31 December 2011*. These grants will be considered early in the New Year.

Not all applications may be successful and the Trustees' decision will be final.

Please send details to:

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

# COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

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<b>Other useful numbers:</b>	
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	Deborah Watts - 01223 860712
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