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Front cover – Landbeach (2003)

Community Association

THE YEAR AHEAD



Christmas - Although Christmas is long gone and all the tinsel and lights have been put away, we must say thank you to all those who contributed to making the Green look so festive. Firstly a huge thank you must go to the Langley family for providing and maintaining the lights around the Green. Each year they appear as if by magic, but we know and recognise how much hard work and commitment is involved in keeping our village so festive, so thank you again. To the Blackaby family for providing the tree and to Ian MacKriell, Nick Blackaby, Mike Sharp and Mark Clack for putting it up and decorating it with our new lights and then taking it all down again in the new year, ably assisted by Tony Shipp. Unfortunately during the Christmas period the tree lights were vandalised and consequently the tree became a little bare. Emma Knights from the Salvation Army was invited to lead the service around the tree on Christmas Eve, but unfortunately due to poor health she had to pass the role to Robin Giles from the Baptist Chapel. We are most grateful to Robin and all those involved on the evening, making a great start to family Christmas festivities. The collection this year was for the Waterbeach Toddler Playgroup and raised £597.98, which will be presented to them at the 60 Plus Party in March along with donations from the Feast collection, to Denson Close and Denson Close Day Centre for the Elderly.

60 Plus Party - We have extended the deadline for place confirmation to 7th March (booking form on page 24). The party is for village residents over 60. Carers are welcome, but please let us know when you send your reply. Come and join us for an afternoon of entertainment, food and drink.

Feast - Feast Day this year is 6th June and the theme is 'Something beginning with C'. All organisations who would like to have a pitch on the Green or the Gault need to book now (booking form on page 12). Book early to avoid disappointment, closing date is 17th April 2009.

Feast day is for everyone. It's not just for Community Association members everyone is invited to take part, young and old. The parade is free to enter and is open to groups, clubs, families and individuals, just dress up and join in the fun.

This year we would like everyone to enter our new Feast event, we are introducing a photo competition. The subject of your photo should be in line with this year's theme 'Something beginning with C'. Entries must be in by 22nd May 2009 and will be judged by a local photographer. Winners will be announced on Feast Day and prizes awarded. More information on page 20.

Waterbeach Community Playgroup

LOOKING FORWARD TO CREEPY CRAWLIES!

I am three and a little bit. I like to play and make a lot of mess! Apparently I am very good at it and that is why mummy takes me to Waterbeach Community Playgroup. I only go a couple of mornings at the moment (mummy was a little worried at first) but I love it so much, she said I can go every morning after Easter – I can't wait!!!



The leaders are always so pleased to see me - I really like them and I don't get cross or frustrated when I can't do something because they are always there to help. Unfortunately, this term we will be saying goodbye to Jenny Plumb who has worked at playgroup for 16 years. She is my 'key person', which means she has to watch me play and make a note of all the things I can do, ready to pass on to my big school. Me and my friends are very sad to see her go, but we are hoping she might pop back to help us with our feast day preparations (she's even better than me at painting!)

I have also heard that we are going on an adventure to 'Planet Zoom' in Ely this term. This is the best trip ever because all of us (staff, children, some mummies, daddies, grannies, younger brothers and sisters!!) travel together on the train. The train staff are very helpful and put extra conductors on Waterbeach station to make sure we all get on the train safely. The best part for me however, is watching all the leaders trying to squeeze themselves through small tunnels and down bumpy slides – I'm sure there's an upper age limit!!!

Finally, even though we have fantastic outside play areas with great climbing frames, lots of space to drive our trikes at full speed and two playhouses, we have one thing missing – a wildlife area. I love creepy crawlies nearly as much as I love painting, so I think it is great that the staff, committee and parent volunteers are going to be working very hard this term, to turn a small piece of wasteland at the side of the building, into a wildlife haven – watch out Alan Titchmarsh! In fact we are fortunate to have just won a grant for £2501 to help us on our way. Watch that space!!

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 (from January onwards) 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

*With the exception of additional rabbits lunchtime sessions

**Shared only with WASPS – Waterbeach After School Playscheme

Young Wives

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

Young Wives meet on the first Wednesday and the third Wednesday of the month at St John's Church Hall. Our meetings start at 8pm and usually if there is a demonstration or a speaker it lasts about an hour with any questions, a chat and a cuppa after. We are a happy bunch and always welcome new members. If anyone is interested in coming to join us if only for the odd occasion we will be happy to see you. Our new programme ranges from Team Quiz, Music and Movement, Slides Shows and various speakers. We also have a trip to London to see a show once a year and lots of other activities like involvement in our local Feast and trips out now and again. If you would like a programme put through your door then please let us know. Everyone is welcome.

Brenda Johnson Tel: 560918

Waterbeach School Pool

POOL NEWS



I am writing to thank you all once again for your support during the Peoples Millions Campaign. A very special thank you must go to the Swimming Pool Committee and our helpers whose hard work and commitment got us through. They are Nigel Seamarks, Karen Graves, Terry Gilzean, Karen Langley, Donna Lavender, Caroline Ward, Caroline Rutherford, Jenny Bell and Julie Chester.

Since our People's Millions win in November we have also received funding from the Cambridgeshire County Council from funds made available by the Bannold Road development. The Parish Council have been working on our behalf with the County Council to secure some of the funding available for from the Section 106 fund generated from the housing development on Bannold Road. This means we are now able to include the changing rooms in our pool refurbishment plans much earlier than expected. This is a massive achievement as we have raised over £50,000 in 9 months something which we had expected to take at least 2 years. We are over the moon and would like to thank the Parish Council for their support.

In addition we have received a substantial donation from a local resident who remembers the pool first being built, many thanks to him and his family who have supported us enormously throughout our fundraising efforts.

We are progressing with plans for the Swimming Pool. It is a huge undertaking and we want to make sure that everything slots into place and the work is carried out with as little disruption to school life as possible.

The support and encouragement from the whole community has been unbelievable and very heart warming, none of the committee ever dreamed of doing this well in such a short space of time. Thank you to all of you who have donated money and time to the fund during 2008 we hope you have enjoyed our events and fundraisers. Once work is completed we will be continuing with the fund to ensure maintenance costs can be covered in the future and supply new teaching equipment. Let's hope we can keep our pool for our children for another 50 years or more!!

We will keep you updated! Many thanks again to you all.

For more information on the project please contact Ali Fish on 07734902399 or leave a message at the school office.

Updates From South Cambs

A MESSAGE FROM COUNCILLOR PETER JOHNSON

Well the New Year has started and I would like to think that we have had a good start, the bin collections were more organised this year and as I haven't had any phone calls I guess most people were satisfied with the service. It did take quite a bit of organising to get the collections done, but as everyone was determined not to see last year's chaos repeated we pulled out all the stops. The biggest thanks should go to the actual refuse collectors who worked on what should have been time off for them as it was for most of us.

Visitors to the Recreation ground will maybe notice work going on at the Car Dyke end, this is where the new Grounds man's shed is going and is being built to accommodate all the equipment associated with the maintenance and upkeep of Parish Council property. There will also be storage for sports equipment that has at times been stored outside; this will help to slow down the rate of deterioration of the equipment and make for safer storage. At present some of the equipment is stored in the two containers, which are located at the Car Park end of the field, but when the new shed is completed these containers will be removed. To get this new Grounds man's shed took almost 11 months of consulting with planners, various plans being looked at, and many hours of Parish Council time and my time to get this passed, but we were all determined this was going to happen and persistence has paid off.

Work has started on the Bannold Road site and 5 houses have been built and this has now triggered off a contribution to the Public Art section of the S106 by the property developers. Public Art is something that we need clarification on, how the money can be spent and on what, some see it as being spent on such things as "The Angel of the North" but that is not the case. I did arrange for a public meeting on 4th February so that people could attend and hear officers from South Cambs District Council explain more fully how this money can and will be spent. This meeting was attended by about 25 residents of the village and some have volunteered to form an "Action Team" to get this moving. If anyone in the village was unable to attend the meeting but would like to possibly be involved, or would like to put ideas forward please contact me. I am still looking for people with traditional fen skills, i.e. thatching for example, also people with great knowledge of the history of Waterbeach. I know there are several books on the history of

Waterbeach, but to hear it from elderly residents recapping their early memories of sights, sounds, and smells of our village does make Waterbeach history special. Any early photos would also be appreciated, I can copy these and return the originals. So 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.

Waterbeach Scout Group

BRIGHT NEW LOOK AT SCOUT & GUIDE H.Q

As you can see work has now finish on replacing window, cladding, fascia boards, and guttering to the outside of the hut. Next on the list is to renew the kitchen and redecorate the main hall.

A big thank you to everyone for your generous donations when we came round collecting with Father Christmas. For many years we went round with the Friends of the Princess of Wales Hospital carol van, unfortunately they could no longer come, so last year we applied for a licence to carry on the tradition. We have donated half of the collection to them and the other half is going towards the upkeep of the Scout and Guide HQ. We hope to see you again in December! We will keep you posted as to the dates we will be round.

At the moment we are busy getting organised and looking forward to our Guardian and Scout/Cub weekends camps.

We are still holding our monthly Family Bingo Nights. Our next one is Friday 13th March and then the Easter one Friday 10th April. Anyone is welcome to come along and join in. Eyes down 20-00hrs.

Fancy an evening out? Come along and join us for an evening meal with Horse Racing for entertainment Saturday 18th April, starting 19-30hrs. Tickets will be available from section leaders or contact Bill on 07879626682 or Shirley on 07767793505.

May Fun Day. We will be holding our annual Fun, Sports and Games Day on Sunday 3rd May starting 14-00hrs. Those of you wanting to do the Fun Run or join in the team sports events, please sign up from 13-30hrs. Everyone is welcome to come and join in; you do not have to be connected to the group.

Mobile Library

VISITS TO WATERBEACH AND LANDBEACH

The mobile libraries are an extension of the ordinary library service and, like that, are free to join and use and are open to everyone. The vans have stocks of books, videos, DVDs, and audio books for children and adults. As at other libraries, you can request items held by any Cambridgeshire library and return items borrowed from other libraries. Note that charges are made for borrowing videos and DVDs, requesting adult books, and returning books late (books are issued for 4 weeks).

Forthcoming visits:

Alternate Wednesdays (March 11, 25; April 8, 22; May 6, 20):

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

Waterbeach - Buchanan Centre 16:25 - 17:00

Alternate Thursdays (March 5, 19; April 2, 16, 30; May 14, 28):

Waterbeach - The Green 16:30 - 17:30

Four-weekly, Tuesdays (March 10, April 7, May 5):

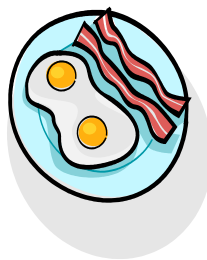
Waterbeach - Chapel Close 10:35 - 11:05

Four-weekly, Thursdays (March 12, April 9, May 7):

Waterbeach - Denson Close 12:30 - 12:55

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

Scout and Guide Spring Fair



28th March 2009

10am – 12 noon

At Waterbeach Scout Hut
(on the school site)

Full English Breakfast £3.50

(egg, bacon, sausage, beans, toast, drinks)



Selection of Home Made Cakes and Cookies

Plants, Flowers and Garden Gifts

Come and support your local Beaver, Rainbow, Brownie, Cub, Scout, Guide, Ranger and Explorer Units

Waterbeach Charities

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

Waterbeach PTA

FUNDRAISING NEWS



Update on recent events

Christmas Fayre – a BIG thank you to everybody who helped the Christmas Fayre to be a tremendous success. All the stallholders were fantastically supportive, as were staff, parents, carers and children who gave their time and energies for the Fayre, and of course all those in and around Waterbeach who showed their support by visiting on the day – thank you! Highlights included creative stalls and beautiful hampers designed by the children and teachers, face painting, crazy sand, a gift tombola, ‘*the secrets room*’ for children to buy presents for family and friends, and of course Father Christmas and his assistant elves! The Fayre raised just over £1611.00. We were also fortunate to receive a very generous matching gift of £432.00 for the BBQ from Barclays, bringing our total to £2043.00. Thank you to those who helped make this happen.

Dates for your diary

Auction of Promises – Friday 8th May. Waterbeach School's Grand Auction Night will take place at Waterbeach Social Club, from 7.00pm. We will have a range of promises and items for auction, from those at the "bargain basement" level to several luxurious treats. If you or your workplace would like to offer something for auction, perhaps a beauty treatment, cook a meal for somebody, or do their ironing for a month - all and any ideas welcome - please contact Elly Ruston (Email: elly@searchandprosper.co.uk / Tel:01223 502509). We appreciate these are hard times, but we would love to see you there on the night – please come along if you can, pick up a bargain and help your local school!

Summer Fayre – Saturday 4th July. This year our theme will be American Independence Day.... Colours are red, white and blue. Activities will include a demonstration from a group of CheerLeaders, as well as a range of rides and games. We are also looking forward to a number of local visitors, including the birds of prey from the Raptor Foundation near St Ives. We hope to see you there, all are very welcome. Why not bring friends and family with you for a fun day out?

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. In the last few months some of the money raised has been spent on new trikes for Foundation Year, aprons for Year 1, and a trip for Year 6 to see Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* in Kings Lynn.

We couldn't do any of this without you, so **thank you** to all parents, carers, staff, children and other friends and supporters of the school.

Beach Bowls Club



We are currently looking for new members.

Anyone interested in joining, please contact either of the following:

A. Rueben (Tony) 01223 861001

K. White (Ken) 01223 864152

Waterbeach Toddler Playgroup

DO I HEAR £40 FROM THE CORNER?



Did you come? It was our fourth annual Auction of Promises on Thursday 5th February – and despite snowy weather and the credit crunch – we raised a record £2,225!!!! Our professional auctioneer David Palmer (who you may recognise from such programmes as Cash in the Attic and Flog It!) was his usual lively self. Don't come next year unless you are prepared to be insulted, teased, and generally have a really good time!

The saucy Valentine's Day Hamper and Half a Pig were both hugely popular items! Thanks again to all the parents who provided promises, all the local companies that supported us – and a special thank you to Jools at the White Horse for her ongoing and excellent support.

We also owe a thank you to everyone who came to the Carols on the Green. The Community Association kindly nominated us as the charity for the collection – and with the money raised we are going to give the outside of our building a long over-due face-lift. Like all the playgroups in the village, we rely on fundraising to meet our financial gap, and keep going, so thank you everyone for the support we've had – it has meant we can continue to provide the excellent care that the staff work so hard at.

Now – the dragon – the children have been finding out about Chinese New Year this term, and got to dance a dragon dance outside which they enjoyed very much! They also had some Chinese food. Prawn crackers met with universal approval. The rest (chow mein, fried rice etc) got – shall we say – a mixed reaction!

Waterbeach Toddler Playgroup, is a small playgroup, based down Burgess Road, that takes children aged 2 and a half till school age. It is run by Wayne Badcock, with Tricia Palmer, Lesley Moxon and Nikko Thomas. We have mixed sessions on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings from 9am till 12 (with optional lunch sessions from 12 till 1pm) and younger age sessions on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9am till 11.30 (from 2.5 to 3.5), and older (pre-school year) sessions on Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 12.00 till 3.00pm.

We take the Nursery Funding money from the government, so our fees are free to parents from the term after your child is three. We are quite full at the moment, but if you'd like to discuss fitting your child in to any of those sessions, do give Wayne a call. Also, if you want to use the playgroup in the

Summer term – or even Autumn 09 – consider dropping in now, as places are filling up quickly.

Keep an eye out for our next fundraising events – we have our popular *Mother's Day Cake and Flowers stall* outside the post-office on Saturday 21st March, and a *Nearly New Sale* booked for Saturday 25th April. Watch out for posters nearer the time.

Gardening Club

THE GARDENING YEAR AHEAD



We had a very convivial Christmas Social with a wide variety of delicious food. Alan Wyatt of Landbeach entertained us with an amazing fund of fascinating and amusing stories about his life in this area in the 20th century. Then, in January, we enjoyed a very well-attended New Year Dinner at The Lazy Otter.

Now we turn our attention to the important function of the club.....the subject of Gardening. The rest of the year's meetings deal with a range of topics, from Garden Design to Pruning, as you will see from the appended programme. If you are not already a member, do pop in and sample one of the meetings (£1, including tea and biscuits). You will be very welcome.

Although it seems a long way off, we are already beginning to prepare for the summer events. The first is THE FEAST on June 6th; members and non-members are always generous with their garden produce for our stall.

Then the Annual Show is on Saturday, September 5th; this is an opportunity for not only gardeners but also for cooks, artists, photographers, crafts-people and lots of clever children to show off their skills.

This year's outing will be to the famous Bressingham Gardens. Look out for details at a later date.

Thursday March 19th

Wild Flowers of East Anglia
Jenny Edrich, Botanist

Thursday April 16th

Wildlife In The Garden
Barry Kaufman-Wright, Police Wildlife Crime Officer

Thursday May 21st

Vegetable Growing, Traditional and Modern
Mark Elkin, College of West Anglia

Thursday Sept 17th

Pruning - Making it Simple
Geoff Hodge, Writer and Broadcaster

FEAST DAY 6th JUNE 2009 – PITCH BOOKING FORM

Please complete and return to 9 Providence Way, Waterbeach, by 17th April 2009.

Please note the conditions that we would like you to conform to on the day.

- All stalls / equipment must be erected by noon and vehicles moved from the area.
- The limits of the marked pitch are not to be exceeded. **Please ensure you order the correct amount of pitches to fit your tent. Mistakes cannot be rectified on the day.**
- All stalls / equipment must be removed by 6pm.
- Prices for all the rides / stalls **must** be clearly advertised.
- All rubbish to be removed from your pitch (and taken to the skip provided, **not** left with the bins around the ring) at the end of the day.
- Please inform us if you are unable to attend the Feast at the last moment.
- Pitches are a standard width (frontage) of 12ft for a single pitch.
- No tents, gazebos, tables or chairs will be provided.

PITCH FEES

Community Association Members	Single 12ft pitch - £10 Additional 12ft pitch - £20 each
Charity Stalls	Single 12ft pitch - £30 Additional 12ft pitch - £30 each
Trade Stalls	Single 12ft pitch - £40 Additional 12ft pitch - £50 each

For Health and Safety reasons the Waterbeach Community Association is required to hold Risk Assessments from each pitch user before Feast Day. Therefore

ALL Pitch users are required to submit a Risk Assessment by 16th May 2009.

If you require a Risk Assessment form please leave a message on 01223 476601

We would like to book a pitch: (confirmation of pitches will be forwarded subject to availability).

Organisation / trade name:

Number of pitches: Adjoining: YES / NO

Use of stall:

Float being entered: YES / NO Risk Assessment attached: YES / NO

PLEASE STATE (charity, member or trade)

Contact details – Name.....

Address.....

.....Telephone.....

Email.....

PLEASE ENCLOSE PAYMENT WITH BOOKING FORM

SIGNED:

DATE:

Rangers

NEW GROUP FOR TEENAGE GIRLS

Are you aged 14-18, and interested in trying out new activities? Do you fancy having a go at canoeing or climbing, chocolate-tasting or camping, chatting or beauty therapy? Are you keen to travel and meet new people? Would you like to work for awards and learn leadership skills?

If so, then you might be interested in the new Ranger group starting in Waterbeach. Rangers is part of GirlGuiding's Senior Section for young women aged 14-25 years old. Like Brownies and Guides, Rangers can enjoy a wide range of activities - but are expected to choose and plan them themselves, with the guidance and support of three trained leaders. All that choosing and planning usually involves quite a lot of tea (or chocolate) drinking and chatting along the way too!

At the moment, we are trying to find out how many girls locally might be interested in this group, so we can organise a first meeting in late February. We will agree with you when is the best day, time for regular meetings because we know you will have other activities and this needs to work for you! Some groups meet weekly, others find that working for exams means they meet a bit less often - it really is up to you. So, if you would like to find out more, get in touch with us on rangers.seniorsection@googlemail.com

Rangers is open to all girls - you don't have to have been a Brownie or Guide before (although those who were are very welcome) - and if you think girlguiding is all about tying knots ... come along and be surprised!

SALVATION ARMY MAMMOTH CHARITY SALE

TUESDAY 21ST APRIL to SATURDAY 25TH APRIL

*Please bring your donations on Saturday 18th April
to The Salvation Army Hall, 7 Station Road, Waterbeach.*

*We can sell anything except beds and electrical goods.
Sofas, chairs, etc MUST have the British Standards Kite Mark.*

We can collect on 18th, please telephone 01223 571477

Waterbeach Brass

SPRING AND SUMMER ENGAGEMENTS

♪ *National Brass Band Regional Contest in Stevenage*

Saturday 21st March sees the band travel once again to compete in the annual regional contest at Stevenage. It's an important event that decides our position in the brass band movement. All bands are placed in one of five divisions dependent on ability: Championship, Division One, Two, Three and Four. Each division is given one piece of music and all bands in that division practice and then play it at the contest before an adjudicator, who then puts the bands in order of merit. Waterbeach Brass is currently in Division Three; a good result at this event will help us towards our next goal of moving into division two.

♪ *Joint Concert with Fodens Band*

On Saturday May 23rd Waterbeach Brass will perform a joint concert with the world famous Fodens Richardson Band. For those not familiar with Brass Bands, the Fodens Band is currently ranked 3rd in the world, above perhaps more familiar names such as Black Dyke and Brighouse and Rastrick, so this concert will be a real treat. It will be held at Wesley Methodist Church in Cambridge, commencing at 7.30pm.

♪ *Summer Engagements*

Our summer engagements are filling up quickly. If you'd like to book the band for a weekend event during the summer, then please contact our band secretary, Jim Pringle on Cambridge 368952. Don't leave it too late, it's best to give at least a couple of months notice.

♪ *St James's Park, London, Sunday 19th July*

Last year, the band was honoured in being invited to play at Greenwich Park. This summer we have been honoured a second time: Waterbeach Brass will play at St James's Park Bandstand, next to Buckingham Palace, London on Sunday 19th July.

♪ *Forthcoming Engagements for Spring and Summer*

- *Saturday 21st March:* Annual regional Brass Band Concert, Stevenage
- *Sunday 19th April:* Yesteryear Run, commencing at Cottenham Green
- *Saturday 23rd May:* Concert with Fodens, Wesley Methodist Church Cambridge
- *Saturday 6th June:* Waterbeach Feast
- *Sunday 21st June:* Wimpole Hall Fete
- *Sunday 19th July:* St James's Park, London

♪ *Looking for a Second Percussionist*

We are looking for another percussionist to join the band to:

- give us more regular personnel in the percussion department for contests and concerts.
- allow the band to broaden and include some timpani & tuned percussion in its repertoire.

If you are interested, call Richard on Cambridge 355987.

♪ *Interested in Playing with us?*

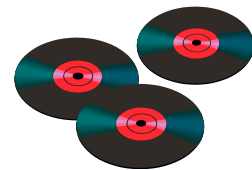
Our band meets at 7.30pm on Monday evenings at the Waterbeach Barracks Cinema and welcomes new brass and percussion players. If you'd like to know more, please contact Richard Dean on Cambridge 355987.

Landbeach Event Committee

We are a small committee of volunteers that work together to put on various events for Landbeach and the surrounding villages. We still have some energy left following the success of the Party in the Park last year, so we thought you might like to know what we have planned for 2009.

Saturday 21st March

'Mamma Mia alla Landbeach style'



This will be an evening of 70/80's music with DJ Steve, featuring an 'Abba' tribute section. So why not dig out those 'boogie shoes' and make this 'a night to remember' whilst you 'dance the night away'.

Tickets £6. Landbeach Village Hall. Licensed bar.

Saturday 18th July

Traditional Village Fete 2:00pm



Fun for all the family

This year there will be music, games, stalls, animals, ring Entertainment and Children's races. So why not come along and join in the fun!

For further information or for tickets, please contact:
Anne Hinkins (861553) or Pat Attwood (861282)

The WAY Project

UPDATE ON WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUTH CLUB

Waterbeach Youth Club, which is provided by the WAY Project, offers 3 evening youth club sessions, these are held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 7pm until 9pm in the Youth Club on Waterbeach Recreation Ground. Many activities are on offer, including regular weekly craft sessions, Nintendo wii, wireless internet enabled laptops, pool tables, air hockey and frequent outdoor sports opportunities. Monday evenings are 'Healthy Living' evenings and all attendees are provided with FREE fresh fruit. Other agencies are invited in to give advice and guidance on issues which may affect young people, such as alcohol and drugs. During 2008 we had visits from the Raptor Foundation, Shepreth Wildlife Park and the Reptile Experience, the young people had the opportunity to handle some of the 'visitors' including an Albino Burmese Python and a tarantula spider! In school holidays Youth Club is open 5 evening each week, with many planned activities and the opportunity to socialise with friends. On Mondays and Wednesdays, from 3pm until 5pm, Waterbeach Youth Club is open for drop-in sessions to help with training, education and employment issues.

Just before Christmas, a group of young people delivered boxes of festive goodies to the residents of Jimmy's Night Shelter, a hostel for the homeless in Cambridge. The household items were collected over a number of weeks by the youth club members, who also donated 50p each to buy some treats for the residents. It's always great to see young people doing something to help others.

By the time you read this many young people will have attended a FREE half term dance workshop, this was funded as part of our Healthy Living project. Sincru, a nationwide dance crew, based in Cambridge, came along to teach a variety of dance styles. Thanks to Waterbeach Primary School for use of the school facilities.

The WAY project employs 7 staff and has 2 regular volunteers. The opportunities offered during the regular Youth Club sessions are only a part of what we do. Dave Beasley, the Lead Youth Worker also spends a number of hours each week offering support to some of the 'harder to reach' families and young people living in our community. He works closely with the local police, Cottenham Village College and Connexions.

The WAY Project, and the opportunities it offers via Waterbeach Youth Club, has been widely recognised and praised as a successful model for working

with young people. A letter from the Arts Development Manager said, "The young people show real pride in their village". Cambridgeshire County Council Youth Service said, "There is a real need to support this ongoing work and dedication to young people and families in Waterbeach and this should be mirrored with better facilities that the young people and local community can celebrate."

We are delighted that the plans for the new Youth and Community Building are progressing, and would urge you to lend your support to the parish council as they endeavour to raise necessary funds to build it. This new facility will be of benefit to the whole community and we are delighted that the young people are themselves lending their support by delivering leaflets and assisting with funding bids, where they can. A group of young people are currently awaiting a decision on a funding bid they have submitted for £100,000 towards the cost of the building. The young people are proud of their efforts and are keen to show their support to the parish council.

The WAY Project is a registered charity, number 1095181, and relies on grants and local donations to continue this vital work with young people. The current financial uncertainty has already had an impact on our fundraising.

For more information on activities/opening hours etc please contact Dave Beasley on 077909 30191 or for information on the work of the WAY Project or our fundraising, please contact Suzy Kay on (01223) 502620 or email: suzy.kay@btinternet.com

Letter from Australia

A TRIP TO WATERBEACH

In October of 2008 my son Nicholas, my partner Beverly and myself caught a train from London for Cambridge. This was a journey that had originated from Melbourne, Australia to my ancestral village of Waterbeach. It was with excitement that we hired bikes from Cambridge Station, rode along the path beside the beautiful Cam River, through the 23-degree sunshine to Waterbeach. This was a trip from drought stricken Australia through the beautiful green fields of Cambridgeshire, and had it not been for my son following the well trodden trek from Australia to the UK in search of his roots and the working holiday of lifetime, a trip that I never thought I would ever take. Finally, this was the home of my great, great grandfather, Edward Frost and we were about to walk in his footsteps. As the Census of 1850 had indicated that my family had resided in "The Pieces" we sought assistance

from a lovely lady at the General Store who pointed us in the right direction. On finding The Pieces we met another lovely couple in Jan and Peter Robinson whose knowledge of Waterbeach and their guidance was, and still is, invaluable to us. We quickly realised our English “cousins” from Waterbeach were not only warm, but generous with their time to us complete strangers.

It was with some feelings of sadness that we were to realise that “The Pieces” had changed somewhat since 1850 – we would have loved to have stood on the threshold of the original Frost family home, but that was not to be. I guess progress waits for no man. With some further eagerness we moved on to the St John’s Church, which we found to be unlocked and open to all. We enjoyed the serenity and historical beauty of its surrounds – this Church had been providing comfort to its villager’s years before white Australia had even been found by Captain Cook. This realisation could have made us feel small in this historical ambiance – it did not as we felt welcome in a place that our antecedents may well have equally been welcomed. We left some money in the box and brought home with us Denis Cheason’s history of St John’s. Sadly we had been informed by Jan Robinson, that the same great Waterbeach and Cambridgeshire historian had only recently died. I have since been trying to locate some of his writings as I would dearly like to understand more about the social life of Waterbeach in 1852 and the strings that tugged Edward Frost and his family away to the unknown of Australia.

Edward, aged 26, his wife Lucy, nee Speed, aged 21 and their son John aged 1 sailed from Gravesend on 10/10/1852 and arrived at Portland 1/1/1853 on the ship "Anne Milne" after 83 days at sea. Neither Edward nor Lucy could read or write, were of Church of England religion and came as assisted migrants. One cannot imagine the hardships and sadness of their voyage into the relative unknown.

They were accompanied on the voyage by Edward’s sister, Susan, her husband Richard Dawkins and their 3 children. It is interesting that Edward had a double wedding with his sister Susan; they all sailed for Portland, Australia, 6 weeks later. All their children were born out of wedlock, which I would have thought was unusual for the times. Benjamin & Sarah Knights also sailed to Portland with the Frost's - they had "lodged" with the Dawkins on 'Riverside', Waterbeach.

Edward, who probably started out in abject poverty, was illiterate, ultimately resided in his architecturally designed home and died at the age of 95 reportedly as a much-respected market gardener. Edward & Lucy are survived by numerous descendants some of which are doctors, school

principals and CEO's. I guess this could be best described as part of the "Australian Dream" that must have flowed through the veins of those early 60 brave souls who immigrated from Waterbeach to Victoria, Australia between 1840 and 1867.

Since our return to Australia I am consistently saddened and joyous of our visit to your, and my, village of Waterbeach. Saddened because I didn't get to know it better, but joyful that I "walked" there.

I would very much like to communicate with villagers so I may learn more about Waterbeach, its people and its history. *David Frost.*

Email - david.frost@optusnet.com.au

Safer Homes Scheme

COULD WE HELP YOU?

The Safer Homes Scheme is a *FREE* service provided by the Primary Care Trust and Cambridge City council for residents of Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire who are over 60 years of age.

There is no means testing and each case is assessed on the individual needs of the applicant. The services we can offer are as follows.

Fit light bulbs

Fit / repair battery operated doorbells

Repair front access / path

Clear gutters if the wet or ice is causing slip hazards (Does not include repairs to guttering)

Put up curtain rails

Move furniture to support hospital discharge and safer mobilising indoors

Install grab rails

Install second banister rails

Install half steps

Secure mats / carpets / floor coverings

Make safe trailing wires

Fit key safes

Extend telephone sockets

Test electrical appliances

Refer onwards for more specialist help / services

Anyone interested can call me on 01223 506061 or mobile 07788899966 between 0900 & 1500 daily Monday to Friday. Terry Thompson, Safer Homes Assessor, Cherry Trees Centre, St Matthews St. Cambridge

Waterbeach Feast Photo Competition 2009

All amateur photographers who live in Waterbeach, Landbeach and Chittering are invited to submit photographs on the theme of 'Something beginning with C'. Prizes will be awarded on Feast Day to the best photograph in each group and then an overall winner. So get clicking your cameras and capture those cats, clouds and clowns. Details and entry form also available on www.waterbeach.org

Conditions of Entry

1. Entries may be colour or black & white in hard copy print form, up to A5 size (no larger than 148mm x 210mm).
2. Entry fee is 50 pence per photograph and must be enclosed with entry.
3. A maximum of 4 entries will be accepted per person and entries will not be returned.
4. Under 18's must have their parent or guardians permission before entering the competition.
5. Where people in photographs can be clearly identified their permission to allow the image to be used in the competition must be obtained by the entrant.
6. Your entry must be entirely your own original work, and not breach any copyright.
7. Professional photographers, judges and their families are not eligible to enter.
8. Entries should be sent to 5 Spurgeons Avenue, Waterbeach, Cambridge CB25 9NU.
9. Deadline for receiving entries is 5pm on Friday 22nd May 2009.
10. By submitting your photograph to Waterbeach Community Association you agree to grant them, free of charge, the right to publish the photograph online and in all media as required.
11. Waterbeach Community Association reserves the right to disqualify any entry without notice
12. The judges decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

Name.....

Address.....

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Telephone.....Email

Category *(Please tick)* Age 5 – 11 yrs ☐ 12 – 17 yrs ☐ 18 yrs and over ☐

50 pence per entry - Total enclosed £.....

Photographs must be enclosed in an envelope, together with entry fee. Please write your name, address and title of image on the rear of each print.

I certify that my entry complies with the terms and conditions above, in particular that I have permission of the people appearing in my photographs as per condition No. 5 above.

Signature.....Date.....

Parent/Guardians signature *(if under 18 years old)*

Waterbeach Community Players

FOR STARTERS

Our January pantomime *Babes in the Wood* played to good houses and was well received. Thanks to everyone who came along and joined in the fun and purchased a raffle ticket. The raffle raised £260 for ARC (Arthritis Research Campaign) and this has been passed to Shirley Randall to forward to the society.

WCP's 2009 festival entry is to be *FOR STARTERS* a one-act play written by Cambridge playwright Nick Warburton. This will be entered in both the Sawston Drama Festival (Sawston Youth Centre, New Road, Sawston 26-28 March) and the Cambridge Drama Festival (Mumford Theatre, East Road Cambridge 19-25 April). *For Starters* has a cast of two made up of our father and daughter combo Kattreya and Stephen Smith and will be directed by Julie Petrucci. Your support at both or either venue would be much appreciated.

In May, following the success of *Teechers!* last November we present another John Godber play this time *LUCKY SODS* directed by Chris Shinn. When Morris and Jean win the National Lottery - to the tune of 2 million pounds - they can't believe their luck. But the cracks in their marriage widen, their past catches up with them and their relatives become increasingly resentful. Jean keeps winning and Morris takes off to Amsterdam with an old flame, but will his prophecy that bad luck always follows good turn out to be true?

Box office for advance bookings is 01223 570109.

Wicken Fen Vision

10TH ANNIVERSARY

The Wicken Fen Vision marks its 10th anniversary in 2009, a good opportunity to reflect on what has been achieved during the past decade. Land under conservation management has more than doubled to 755 hectares, an extensive grazing programme introduced and significant progress towards the re-creation of a mosaic of fenland habitats for wildlife and people to enjoy on the Vision lands. Recent research indicates that we

are already seeing the migration of species from the ancient Sedge Fen to the Vision lands. Public access to the countryside has been significantly enhanced and the spine route linking Waterbeach and Anglesey Abbey to Wicken Fen is on course to be completed in the next two years. Whilst much has been achieved it must be remembered that the Vision is a long term project and is expected to take at least another 90 years to implement in full. The inaugural meeting of the Wicken Fen Vision User Forum was held in early December. The forum is an advisory group made up of representatives of User groups such as walkers, cyclists, horse riders, bird watcher's and anglers. The forum will look at plans and proposals from the User's perspective to help make sure that new facilities and infrastructure, such as way marked walks, bridges, gates, meet the needs and requirements of as many different users as possible. Subjects discussed at the first meeting included, the provision of additional gateways and the design for a new bird hide on Tubney Fen, the design and provision of mounting blocks for horse riders and access across Guinea Hall Farm. The Trust would welcome suggestions for items to be considered by the forum, please contact David Dench, Countryside and Community Manager at Wicken Fen – Tel 01353 720274 or e-mail david.dench@nationaltrust.org.uk The wonder of Wicken Fen has recently been captured on six short video films which can be found on the Wicken Fen website www.wicken.org.uk The films cover topics such as the Wicken Fen Vision, management of the Fen, the extensive grazing project and the wildlife of Wicken Fen. The videos can be viewed by clicking the link from the homepage.

Hopefully many readers will have seen the documentary, Cuckoo, broadcast as part of the BBC Natural World series early in the New Year. Filming took place at Wicken Fen over the last two summers under the direction of Professor Nick Davies of Cambridge University, the worlds leading expert on Cuckoos. Although nationally Cuckoo numbers have declined by about 60% over the last 30 years, Wicken Fen remains a stronghold for Cuckoos with about 8 breeding female's resident on the Fen each summer. After the harsh Winter we are eagerly awaiting the first Cuckoo of spring, which last year arrived on the 18th April.

This year we have an exciting range of events and activities to suit all age groups and interests, ranging from guided wildlife walks, boat trips, art activities, nature trails, dragonfly safaris to the ever popular pond dipping and minibeast hunting. Copies of our events leaflet are available from the Wicken Fen Visitor Centre or by calling 01353 720274 or visit www.wicken.org.uk .

Fen Edge Twinning Association

The Fen Edge Twinning Association (FETA) is a thriving group of around 50 or so families. There are also links between the primary schools in Cottenham and Willingham and two schools in Avrillé. Students of these schools correspond and Willingham is linked with a website where the children can communicate. This facility will follow in Cottenham soon.

The Fen Edge Villages of Cottenham, Landbeach, Rampton, Waterbeach and Willingham, are twinned with the town of Avrillé in France. Avrillé is a small town next to the city of Angers close to the Loire valley, just south of Le Mans. We have a real mixture of members so whether you are single, a couple, a family, young, old, new to the villages or a born and bred here you will find this an interesting group.

The twinning association arranges annual visits with members of the Avrillé group. Once every two years we go to visit them and then in the alternate year members from France come to visit us here.

These exchanges take place over a weekend, usually one of the May bank holidays. Various group activities are planned for the visits giving you a good chance to meet others in the group, both from France and the other Fen Edge villages.

Our last visit to Avrillé was in May 2007. We were given an enthusiastic welcome on our arrival and spent the weekend immersed in French hospitality - a concert by local French schoolchildren from the primary school which is linked with Willingham primary school, a stroll around the local market, a tour of a beautiful cathedral featuring a thought provoking photographic exhibition. We all met up in the evening and were entertained by local musicians and dined on traditional local cuisine.

In May last year (2008), French families arrived in England and spent a fabulous weekend with their English host families, celebrating the 10th anniversary of the twinning between our two communities.

The next visit to France is this May over the weekend of 23 and 24 May. The weekend will start when we arrive in Avrillé on the evening of Friday 22 May. There will be a number of activities arranged during the weekend and we will all return on Monday 25 May which is the bank holiday. If any families with children at the primary schools wish to join us we will make sure that we arrange to visit the schools in Avrillé and meet with some of the children. So if you are interested in joining us and taking part in this weekend please contact me at the details below. We would love to welcome new members to our association, please contact Anna Vining on 01954 252432 or panda@vining.co.uk for more information.

Club 60 *Plus* Party



INVITATION

You are invited to the Community Association Club 60 *Plus* Party on

Saturday 21st March 2009

from 2.00pm until 5.00pm

at Waterbeach School Hall.

There will be entertainment, tea and a raffle. This is all *free*, but we do ask you to return the slip below to book a place. Please return the slip below to Mark Clack, 5 Spurgeons Avenue, Waterbeach or to Jacqui Rabbett, 9 Providence Way, Waterbeach by **Saturday 7th March 2009**.

I am afraid that we cannot provide transport, so please talk to your friends to arrange a lift. If you will be in a wheel chair for the afternoon, please let us know so that we give you plenty of room.

Unfortunately we are unable to cater for special dietary requirements.

For further information Tel. 01223 860993

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CLUB 60 *PLUS* PARTY- PLACE CONFIRMATION

Please reserve place(s) at the Club 60 Plus Party on **21st March 2009**

Name(s) :

Contact Address

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Telephone

Please tick if you will be in a wheelchair ☐

*Please return by **Saturday 7th March 2009***

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

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1ST WATERBEACH GUIDES	Lorraine Warburton - 01223 575792
1ST WATERBEACH RAINBOWS	Diana Morgan - 01223 861398
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BEACH SOCIAL CLUB	Richard Hall - 01223 860033
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COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION CHAIRPERSON	Jacqui Rabbett - 01223 860993
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FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE - Non Emergency Calls	01223 376217
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