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Community Association



Collections – A few years ago the Community Association decided that we would like to support local clubs, groups, charities and other worthy causes. It was felt that the amount collected would be of substantial use to those closer to home.

We have been asked how the charity for the collections is chosen. Worthy causes can be nominated by Community Association groups or can write in asking to be considered. These nominations are discussed at a Community Association meeting and then voted upon.

The chosen charity for 2009 was Waterbeach After School Play Scheme (WASPS) to fund improvements to their IT equipment. The collection at 'Carols on the Green' on Christmas Eve raised £600 and added to the collection at the Feast earlier in the year gave them a total of £1000. This was presented at the 60 Plus Party in January, to Wayne Badcock and some of the children who attend WASPS.



60 Plus Party – This year we decided to try something different for our residents over 60. In collaboration with Waterbeach School we invited guests into the school to have lunch with the children from year 6. They were then entertained with a pantomime performed by



children in years 2 and 5, and the afternoon was rounded off with tea and cakes, kindly provided by the ladies from Young Wives.

By the amount of thank you letters and cards received by the school and ourselves, it appears that everyone thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon. We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped to make this such a successful event.

Feast - 12th June - This year's Feast Day clashes with an England football match, however, kick off is not until 7.30pm in the evening, so should not pose a problem or interfere in any way with Feast Day.

As you know we had considered extending the Feast into a weeklong event and asked for ideas and support. However, very little interest was shown and therefore we cannot continue and Feast will be a one day event as usual on 12th June.

We are continuing through the alphabet and the theme this year is 'Something beginning with D...'. In this edition of Beach News you will find the various forms needed to join in the activities. Pitch Booking form, page 21, Photo Competition, page 17, and this year we also have a Parade Entry form, page 11, for all entries into the parade – floats, family & friends groups, walking groups etc. These forms can also be found on our website www.waterbeach.org

Please note that this is the only edition of Beach News to contain the forms, as the next edition will be published after the closing date for entries.

To support Feast Day we are looking for people/businesses to donate prizes, large or small, to support our Feast Day fundraising. If you are able to help in any way please contact 01223 860993, leave a message on 01223 476601 or email feast@waterbeach.org

WASPS



Thank you from WASPS (Waterbeach After School Play Scheme).

Children, staff and committee members were thrilled to be nominated as the Community Association charity for last year, and, were enormously grateful for the cheque we received in January.

Waterbeach After School Play Scheme (WASPS) shares the building with Waterbeach Community Playgroup within the school grounds. Although in the school grounds we are a separate entity. We have a small, but dedicated team of 7 staff. We are a registered charity and are Ofsted inspected (a copy of our most recent report is on our website).

WASPS provides child care, for children aged 4 – 11. In the twelve years we have been open we have gradually increased our provision, starting with the after school club, then the breakfast club and finally a holiday club during the school holidays. We have a dedicated and experienced staff team whose primary concern is the welfare of the children in their care. Their philosophy is one of play being child lead. Our joint co-ordinators are responsible for the day to day running of the clubs with overall responsibility taken by the management committee.

Last year, we approached the Community Association to ask whether we would be considered for their charity of the year. Our reason for this request was that we were keen to improve our IT provision for both running the club and for the children. We wanted to set up a website, to get a phone connection into The Playhouse and to put our fees and booking facilities on line to provide easy access for our parents. Fortunately for us one of our committee members had experience of this and therefore gave a lot of her time voluntarily with assistance from our co-ordinators to complete the project. We are now at the stage where we have asked the children how they would like the remainder of the money to be used.

We are very proud of our website and our achievements relating to this over the last year. If you have time, and you have access to a computer, please have a look at our website at www.waterbeach-wasps.org.uk, it's the ideal way to find out more about what we do.

As we have a small staff team we do have to plan for any absences, therefore, we are always looking for people to join us as a Bank Playworker, i.e. to be called upon as and when needed. If you think this is something that you might be interested in doing please contact Zoe or Wayne on 01223 861140 (3-6 pm or voicemail) or e-mail playhouse@waterbeach-wasps.org.uk

News From Cllr. Peter Johnson

Work has now started on the new Youth Club/Community Building, it is a little later than anticipated but we needed to have a project manager to ensure all went to plan. It is hoped that completion will be late October and I am sure that we all look forward to having this new building in use for all the village to enjoy. It is hoped that new groups that previously had nowhere to meet will form and use the facilities that the new building will offer.

The Public Art Committee that was formed following a public meeting in February has now moved on to form the Waterbeach Cultural Collective (WCC). The WCC is a constituted voluntary group and includes individuals with skills in arts management, education and arts practice and is chaired by the director of a visual arts centre. I am sure that this will make the best use of the S106 Public Art contribution to the benefit of all of the village.

This year we will see a change in the view of the High Street as a result of a planning application, No.19 High Street will be demolished to make way for 4 small houses and a bungalow at the rear of the land. It is times like this I hope that someone takes photos of our village to record the changes that keep happening.

There has been lots of talk about local recycling sites such as the Butt Lane site being closed in the near future due to the new recycling plant at Donarbon coming into operation. This is not the case and the Butt Lane site will be open for the foreseeable future.

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 WI



Women's
Institute

We meet on the second Thursday of each month in St. John's Church room and would welcome new members. We are a friendly group. We have interesting speakers and lively discussions, followed by coffee and biscuits.

We arrange meals out and other trips. There is a dedicated darts team which has matches against other W.I.'s in the county.

The County committee arranges various activities - lunches, often with speaker. Also outings to places of interest

Come and give us a try!

Crafts At Denny

Monday 3rd May 2010

Last year, while chatting to visitors at Denny Abbey and the Farmland Museum – just minutes up the road towards Chittering – I was amazed at the number of people, especially from Waterbeach itself, who said it was the first

time they had visited this attractive site. Visitors were impressed by the range of displays and artefacts, the atmospheric ambience of the Abbey and the workshops and buildings that featured large in the lives of generations of country folk. Those visitors ‘of a certain age’ were overheard saying delightedly ‘My mother had one of those....’ when they recognised familiar household objects from the 1920s and 1930s in Walnut Tree Cottage; some treated themselves to a quarter of pear drops or a sherbet fountain when they visited the shop – treats which reminded them of the carefree days of their childhood, even if inflation had reached even there and they had to fork out 5p for a liquorice stick!

What has all this got to do with the title of this piece? An attempt to lure you to visit your local historic site ... true ... but also to inform you that in May, you can visit the Farmland Museum and enjoy all its attractions with the added bonus of enjoying crafts old and new. (Normal admission prices apply). The Friends of the Farmland Museum are organising a day of demonstrations and displays of traditional crafts such as spinning, weaving, knitting, rag rug making and patchwork, as well as a Craft Fair at which a range of local crafts people will be displaying and selling their hand crafted items – everything from artwork, candles and cards to woodwork, preserves, handmade toys.... and many more besides. There will be opportunities to purchase unique gifts and to ‘have-a-go’ at some traditional crafts, together with specially designed activities for children – a real family day out.

If you make and sell craft work and would like to have a stall on Monday 3rd May at Denny Abbey, please contact the Chairman of the Friends of the Farmland Museum, Julie Galliard on 01223 710088 or julie.galliard1@ntlworld.com by the end of March.



Beach Community Car Service

May I through the pages of Beach News thank the Beach Community Car Service for their excellent services? Now no longer able to drive this is a great help in our frequent doctor's appointments. A great help!

Thanks again, Oswald & Joan Brown, Horningsea

Busy Bees at Waterbeach School

Last year, our school organised a highly successful environment week which introduced the children to reasons why we need to care for our world both locally and globally. Children, staff and parents all felt this was an important part of life in the school and we have continued to work on lessening our impact on the environment and to build links with a school in Malawi.

In May we are organising another 'environment' week this time with the focus on bees. Around the world bees are dying. In the UK about one fifth of hives were lost in 2008/09. Around the world bee populations are in decline. This is serious as globally bees are responsible for pollinating a third of all the food we eat! Reasons for this decline are unclear, it could be weather, nutrition or pesticide poison.

Whatever the reason, Waterbeach Community Primary School has decided to take action! Our Bee Week is going to be BIG and we need your help. Throughout the week we will be constructing 'bee hotels', planting bee friendly flowers and fruit trees and looking at the different uses of honey. We will be working with our link school in Malawi to find out what environment bees need in both countries and how honey is collected and used. As a reminder to look after our world we would like a sculpture that shows how we care for even the smallest creatures on the planet.

To make this week a great success we need help. Do you have a skill or interest related to bees that would enlighten the children? Are you an artist or sculptor? We would like children to work with you to design a sculpture for our school and another one to send to Malawi. Can you plant trees? We shall be organising a community tree planting day for volunteers to come and help us.

Already on board are local bee keepers, the National Trust and our PTA but any other ideas or suggestions for bee activities would be much appreciated. Please keep an eye on our website which will be posting dates, times and activities as they become available.

Please help us to make Bee Week a buzzing success!

Contact me at school or by e-mail at FJohnstone@waterbeach.cambs.sch.uk
Our website is www.waterbeach.cambs.sch.uk

Many thanks,
Fiona Johnstone. Sustainable Schools Coordinator.

Did You Know.....?

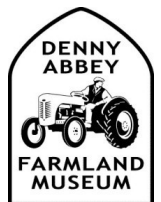


Some older residents might remember that the Victorian post-box in Station Road was originally on the opposite side of the road to its present location. It was built into a brick pillar at the entrance of the old Burial Ground.

In the 1950's the pillar was demolished by a vehicle. The post-box was then taken to the Post Office in High Street where it laid in the backyard thereof for a while.

At about this time Mr Frank Billett, the owner of Station Road Bakery (demolished in 1986 and replaced with two houses), was replacing a large, black, wooden, slate-roofed barn with a brick built garage for his delivery vans. He contacted Mr Frank Pye, the Sub-Postmaster at the time, suggesting that the post-box be built into the wall of the garage. The Postal Authorities agreed. Consequently, the post-box has remained in this location to this day.

The Farmland Museum



The Farmland Museum and Denny Abbey are holding a special Easter event to open the 2010 season.

Sunday 4 & Monday 5 April 10.30am-5pm - Abbey Easter Treasure Trail!

Make an Easter egg cosy and an egg cup to go with it, weave some willow, make your own fluffy Easter bunny, create and colour an Easter hanging decoration and add colour to our Spring tree mural. Complete three or more eggciting Easter activities on offer and find your way to the treasure!

The Farmland Museum & Denny Abbey is open every day from 1st April, 12-5pm weekdays and 10.30am-5pm weekends and bank holiday Mondays until 31st October. It is situated on the A10 between Cambridge and Ely. Admission prices are Adults £4.00, Concessions £3.00, Children £2 (under 5s are free) and family tickets £10, with reduced admission to the Farmland Museum for English Heritage members.

For further information contact Corrina Bower on 01223 860988 or email info@farmlandmuseum.org.uk

Waterbeach PTA

Update on recent events

Christmas Fair – Thank you to all of you who helped make our Winter Wonderland Fair go smoothly last November – either by volunteering with your help, or by visiting the Fair and having a go on the Ice Rink – or all of these! We raised over £1500.00, which is terrific! Well done everybody.

Dates for your diary

Bring and Buy Sale – Weds 24th March. Please bring in outgrown school uniform, sports kits, Brownie/Beaver/football kits into the school on Monday 22nd March and we will sell them on Weds 24th March, from 3.30pm to 4.30pm, at extremely cheap prices! You can get rid of clothes that are too small, find a bargain for your children, and we'll raise a bit of money for the school at the same time! (Anything we can't sell will go to Bags2School).

Bags2School – Thurs 22nd April. Another opportunity to recycle any good clothes or other items you no longer need such as bedding, curtains, soft toys, shoes, belts and handbags to raise money for the school. Please place your items in a bag – any colour or type of bag will do – and bring them to the school on the 22nd April **before** 12 noon. If you are not able to bring them to the school, or if you have any questions about this, please call Elly Ruston on Tel:01223 502509. The bags are collected by the Bags2School company, which donate money according to the weight of all the bags.

Bee Week in May. Are you interested in the environment and nature? Puzzled about the decline in our bee populations? During Bee Week the children will be very busy engaged in a whole host of activities to encourage and learn about bees, organised by our Sustainable Schools Co-ordinator, Fiona Johnstone. If this is something you would like to be involved in, please read her article in this edition of Beach News, and contact her on FJohnstone@waterbeach.cambs.sch.uk

Summer Fair – Saturday 3rd July. More details to follow.

Ways you can help for free

Here are some ways you can help us for free this year

Do you shop online? Try going through the shopping portal at www.easyfundraising.org.uk – you can shop at many popular retailers such as Amazon, M&S and Tesco, AND raise money for us at the same time! Don't forget to register yourself on the site as a supporter of Waterbeach School PTA – thank you.

Do you eat Flora? We are signed up to their cooking equipment cash back scheme. Find us on the website at www.cookingwithschools.com and register your token numbers off any packs of Flora you buy. The more tokens which are registered, the more cooking equipment we can buy for the children.

If you haven't already recycled your Christmas cards, please bring them into the school office. Our team of fantastic volunteers - ably led by the artistic Holli Bielby – are recycling them by turning them into gift tags for sale at the next Christmas Fair.

Thank you

Thank you to all of you who have supported PTA events through volunteering your time, skills, gifts in kind, turning up and spending your money. Your help makes a huge difference to the children's learning and enjoyment at school. Money raised recently has been spent on a trip for Year 6 to see Shakespeare's Macbeth; new resources for the Year One outdoor play area; and books and other teaching resources which will be used by the whole school to help pupils learn about environmental issues and be inspired to take actions.

If you have any fundraising ideas that you would like to share, or if you would like to volunteer some of your time by joining the PTA committee or by helping at school fundraising events, please contact the PTA Chair, Cressi Downing on cressi@thebookanalyst.co.uk – all help is very welcome!

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 Charities

(Reg No 201528 and 201529)

We are looking to fill a vacancy for a Trustee, below is a brief summary of the Charities and the type of applicant we are seeking.

Waterbeach United Charities

The income is distributed in the form of grants to individuals in need or distress in the Parish also grants to students and apprentices.

The Charity Commission approved a new scheme in 1998, which allows the Trustees to make grants to groups, subject to certain conditions.

Waterbeach Turbary Charity

The object was to provide fuel to parishioners in the form of peat, then coal and now monetary grants to help with heating bills once a year.

Personal Specification

- Aged over 18 years
- Resident of the Parish of Waterbeach for at least 2 years
- Knowledge of the villages and people of Chittering and Waterbeach
- Available to attend approximately six formal meetings per year
- Interested in the welfare of all people in the Parish
- The post is voluntary and unpaid
- Ability to respect confidential matters essential

If you are interested and wish to be considered for the position of trustee please write with supporting information to:

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

Closing date for applications: 14 April 2010

Waterbeach Yard Sales

Due to popular interest and the success of last year, we will be repeating the village Yard Sales again in 2010.

They will be taking place on Saturday 10th July from 10am-4pm. The fee will be £5 per stall and will be going to a local cause to be decided.

If you would like to take part please complete the form below and return by 3rd July, to Jan Gilzean, 16 Waddelow Rd, Waterbeach or drop into the Bakery addressed to the above. Contact 01223 512903 for more information

Name.....

Address.....

Phone No.....

Waterbeach Feast Parade Entry 2010

The theme for this year's Feast is 'Something beginning with D....' If you would like to join in the parade please complete and return the form below by 1st June 2010 to register your entry. The parade is open to open to floats, walking groups and individuals and there is **no** entry fee. There are 4 categories and the best in each category will be awarded with a trophy.

Infant

Junior

Adult

Friends and Family

Please note

- All registered parade entries are to gather on the field behind the Scout Hut at Waterbeach School
- Judging will commence at approximately 1.45pm and all entries need to be in position prior to this time
- Judging will also take place during the parade
- Parade will leave the school grounds at 2pm
- The Parade will travel via; High Street, Greenside, Chapel Street, St Andrews Hill, Way Lane, Cattells Lane, High Street, Greenside.
- Parade Presentations will be made in the Ring on the Green at the end of the parade at approx 2.45pm
- Please could every entry nominate a parade marshal/s. Hi-Vis vests can be provided.
- All vehicles must be road worthy and have appropriate insurance

The Feast Committee would like to emphasise how important it is to ensure that there are no accidents whilst the procession is in motion. The Feast Committee cannot accept liability for negligence on the part of organisers of parade entries. Please ensure your own safety and that of members of your group.



Please complete and return to 5 Spurgeons Avenue, Waterbeach, Cambridge CB25 9NU by 1st June 2010 to register your entry.

I/we wish to enter the Waterbeach Feast Day Parade.

Entry will be (*please tick*) Float ☐ Float & walking group ☐ Walking group ☐ Other ☐

Organisation/Group Name.....

Name of entry.....

Contact name.....

Address.....

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PhoneEmail.....

Category (*please tick*) Infant ☐ Junior ☐ Adult ☐ Friends & Family ☐

Number of people taking part.....

Nominated marshal/s.....

Signed.....Date.....

Waterbeach Toddler Playgroup

What have we been up to?

Well, Christmas seemed to go very quickly this year, with the staff and children even more excited than ever!



The Rising 5's group went on their annual 'Road Show', performing the Christmas Story (with added extras!) to residents at Denson Close and Hatley Court. Unfortunately, due to the inclement weather, our end of term party scheduled for the last day of term was cancelled – due to the locks being frozen, let alone the amount of snow! However, Wayne did his best to help out Father Christmas by delivering presents to the children at home instead! This term's theme of "Space" has seen a Space Station created in the role play area of the playgroup, complete with R2-D2 & Yoda cardboard cut-outs, and all sorts of Alien creatures designed by the children!

The new term has seen us welcome 2 new staff members to the team; Ceri Hill joins us for the remainder of the year, and brings with her a wealth of experience to our team and has settled in well. Gina Clark also joined us in October as a playgroup assistant, working with the rapidly-growing Advancing 4's group and providing cover for other sessions. Our team is led by Wayne Badcock, assisted by Lesley Moxon and Tricia Palmer; the team between them have clocked up 40 years of service at Waterbeach Toddler Playgroup.



During July last year, 3 of our dedicated parents took part in the London to Cambridge bike ride to raise money for WTP and the School Pool fund. Pictured are (L-R) Gina Clark, Jon Geater and Sarah Bearpark, who have also all sat on the WTP committee at one time or another! We hope to spend the money they raised on new tables and chairs for the playgroup.

WTP held its 5th *Annual Charity Auction of Promises* at the White Horse in February, with it once again being a great success and a thoroughly enjoyable night out. Each year we run the Auction we are overwhelmed by the generosity of members of the community, local business people, Jools and Dan at the White Horse, and of course all the parents, committee and friends of the playgroup who come along to spend their hard-earned cash!

Thanks once again for all your support! The *Mother's Day Cake & Flowers Stall* will once again take place this year, on *Saturday 13th March 9am – 11am* outside the Post Office. The next *Nearly New Sale* will be back in Waterbeach CP School Hall on *Saturday 24th April* from 1-3pm - offering bargains galore for shoppers! Details of upcoming events can be found on our website or in the "What's On" section of the Community Association website; and also look out for posters and signs around the village closer to the dates throughout the year.

Waterbeach Toddler Playgroup has been running for over 20 years, and we are based down Burgess Road (off Way Lane). 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. Committee members, staff, and parents are always happy to talk about their experiences of the playgroup, and our door is always open to parents wanting to have a look around, just turn up during one of the session times listed above. Alternatively you can contact Wayne Badcock on 07808357729 or wayne@waterbeachtoddlerplaygroup.org.uk

Swing/Jazz Night

The Fen Edge Community Association and Ladybird Pre-School, Cottenham would like to invite you all to a Swing/Jazz night with live music from "Caxton Swing" at Cottenham Village College on Saturday 20th March.

Tickets cost £10 per person (this includes a chip supper) and are available from Ladybirds, The Corner Shop and Cambridge Building Society in Cottenham as well as CVC. The night will start at 7.30pm with a dancing demonstration and chance to learn some steps, before the live band swings into action. We will be selling beer, wine and soft drinks at the bar all night until 11.30pm.

We do hope you will join us for this exciting night of entertainment for the whole of the Fen Edge - come with friends, have some food and drink, dust off those dancing shoes and enjoy a night of fabulous music. We look forward to seeing you there!

Art In Waterbeach

On 15th February 2009 a public meeting was held in Waterbeach School to announce that, in line with South Cambs District Council policy, Morris Homes, builders of the Bannold Road development, had contributed £50,000 towards public arts provision for the village.

Over the next few months further meetings took place, chaired by Andy O'Hanlon, District Council Arts Officer, representatives of Waterbeach Parish Council and a group of interested villagers. It was decided to solicit ideas at the 2009 Waterbeach Feast for using the provision, and a number of useful and interesting contributions were received that demonstrated people in the village wanted active participation in arts activities.

As a result, over the following months, an organisation, the Waterbeach Cultural Collective [WCC], was formally constituted to work with the other stakeholders: the Parish Council, the District Council and Morris Homes on the direction of the provision. An interim committee was appointed comprising: Donna Lynas, Chair; Pam Pfrommer, Treasurer; Kate D'Arcy, Secretary; and Chris Evans.

A brief was drafted for the selection of an artist with a view to possible physical interventions [artworks] in Waterbeach, but also to conduct a skills audit and to lead, enable and encourage contributions to the cultural life of the village, in various disciplines and through various forums, by the villagers themselves.

We are now holding a second public meeting in Waterbeach School on 17th March at 7.00pm to encourage people living in Waterbeach and the surrounding villages to join the WCC: it is a great way to meet new people and a unique opportunity to generate creative activity in the village. One of the first jobs to do will be to help judge artists' submissions in response to the brief, which we will talk through with you at the meeting. We also want to choose a date for an Annual General Meeting, so that we can formally widen our membership and re-elect Committee membership.. Please come and support us and be part of steering arts activity in Waterbeach into the future.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our friends and family for all their kind wishes and support following Lee's recent 'football blunder' at Waterbeach Rec. on Saturday 30th January. Everybody's kindness has been overwhelming and it is nice to know that people care.

Thank you all once again, from Lesley, Lee, Danny & Alfie Newman

Waterbeach Football Club



It's been a bit quiet over the Recreation Ground on a Saturday for the last few weeks, first snow, then frozen pitches, then water-logged pitches then back to more snow – it's turning out to be quite a Season with all teams having a lot of catching up to do, which will most certainly include evening matches as the Season draws to a close.

All three Waterbeach teams – The Kershaw Premier, the Reserves and our newly arrived 'A' Team are doing fairly well this Season and are enjoying their football.

The 'A' team is a very welcome addition to Waterbeach Football Club, it's the next step up from Colts so that when the young people reach the highest age group within the Colts system and they wish to continue with their football they can enter the world of Adult football through the 'A' team.

We have been extremely lucky this year to receive Sponsorship in the form of a great new kit for the Premier League side from Bowler Power Services which is a local village company, as well as great support and sponsorship from The Sun Inn who welcome us every Saturday with food and a friendly, relaxed atmosphere. The 'A' team have received sponsorship from Falcon Printing Services who have also provided them with a kit but, we do need more sponsorship in the way of an injection of cash to help us sustain our position at the present time – times are really tough for everybody at the moment and fund raising is increasingly difficult.

Can you help? What would you get for your money? Tell us what you would like – you would obviously get advertising in our Match Day Programme, which is produced for every Premier Home Match by Gary Reynolds, which we are extremely grateful for. You could sponsor a Match Ball, get VIP treatment at the Premier Home Matches in the way of a free cup of tea and hot sausage roll (also a pint in the pub after the game). Tell us how much you are willing to invest and we'll negotiate a deal that will reflect your donation.

Remember this will benefit Waterbeach Village as well as the Football Club as we welcome more of our local youth and go from strength to strength ~ don't forget to visit the Recreation Ground on a Saturday afternoon and give us your support.

If you wish to get in contact please call 07850416503.

Gardening Club



THE GARDENING CLUB IN ITS 25th ANNIVERSARY YEAR

The Gardening Club has been in festive mood recently. It was the Christmas Social in December; we ate a delicious buffet meal to the strains of a varied selection of music and pondered over a not-too-taxing quiz. Stephen Flack joined us to give his expert advice on bee-keeping and the production of honey; this is very much a question of the moment, given the alarming depletion of the bee population.

Then, in January, we had a very enjoyable dinner at The Lazy Otter. Apart from all this, the committee has been considering the programme and special features for this 25th Anniversary year.

By the time this issue of Beach News is ready, we will have had a talk by the head gardener of Trinity College on the effects of Climate Change on our gardens. Another speaker will be Dr. Twigs Way, a very well-known garden historian and researcher whose subject is Allotments, a topical issue reflecting the present interest in 'Grow-Your-Own'. Herb growing is very popular too, even if it is only a pot on the window-sill, so the visit from the director of 'Herbal Haven' will be very interesting. Something quite different, though, will be the evening of 'Botanical Illustration'. Ms Marriot will be showing her authentic pictures of plants drawn from nature and actually demonstrating how this is done.

Of course we know that, while attending these Spring meetings, our members will be thinking of the next season, as all good gardeners do, and preparing plants for The Feast and The Annual Show. Many non-members also grow plants for these two events; if any of you would like to join in all the other activities, we would be delighted to welcome you as members (Annual subscription £5 single, £8 family plus £1 each meeting). This celebratory year of our Silver Anniversary would be a good time to join us.

Thursday 15th April

'Botanical Illustration'

Georita Marriott -Tutor in Botanical Illustration

Thursday 20th May

'Growing and propagating Herbs'

John Webster of Herbal Haven Saffron Walden

*Come and enjoy a full
cooked breakfast or just a
tea or coffee*

*Choose some home-made
cakes and cards for Easter*

**Scout and Guide
Spring Fair**
Saturday March 27th
10am - 2pm
Waterbeach Scout Hut

*Browse our second-hand
bookstall*

Get plants for your garden

*And support local
youngsters!*

Waterbeach Feast Photo Competition 2010

All amateur photographers who live in Waterbeach, Landbeach and Chittering are invited to submit photographs on the theme of 'Something beginning with D...' 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 dogs, dinners, daisies and diggers. 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). If possible also send a copy in JPEG format to feast@waterbeach.org
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 21st May 2010.
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*) Under 5 yrs ☐ 5-11 yrs ☐ 12-17 yrs ☐ 18 yrs and over ☐

50 pence per entry – No. of entries enclosedTotal enclosed £.....

Photographs must be enclosed in an envelope, together with entry form and 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*)

Library Facilities

Your local Cambridgeshire Library Access Point is Waterbeach Independent Lending Library, on the Waterbeach School site. It is open on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays - see our display advertisement for details.

The library continues to provide a much appreciated facility for the community. In addition to visits from the Community Playgroup, the two reception classes from the school are now also frequent visitors, which has helped to give us over 420 regular users.

Volunteers sought: The library is run by a small group of volunteers and we would welcome additional help. Could you spare a couple of hours once or twice a month? If you would like to learn more please ring Kate Grant on 511455 or Jill Briggs on 860969.

Books on prescription: We have a stock of self-help books, supplied under this community health initiative, covering a wide range of topics, including anxiety, back pain, and depression. They may also be borrowed without a prescription.

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

Alternate Thursdays (Mar 4, 18; Apr 1, 15, 29; May 13, 27; June 10, 24):
Waterbeach - The Green 16:30 – 17:30

Alternate Thursdays (Mar 11, 25; Apr 8, 22; May 6, 20; June 3, 17):
Landbeach - 9 High Street 12:00 – 12:50;
Waterbeach - Denson Close 14:00 – 14:25
Waterbeach - Chapel Close 14:30 – 14:55
Waterbeach - Buchanan Centre 15:00 – 16:00

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

Beach Bowls Club



We are currently looking for new members.

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

A. Reuben (Tony)	01223 861001
K. White (Ken)	01223 864152

Children's Page

Lately I have been watching the sad news about the terrible earthquake in Haiti and decided that I really wanted to do something to help. I thought about the idea of doing a bike ride and then asked my parents what they thought. They agreed that it was a great idea and arranged a date that my dad and I could do the ride. We started collecting sponsor money and were pleased by the number of people who wanted to kindly sponsor me. Finally the day came and on



the 6th February my dad and I set off to start our 15 mile ride. The ride to Cottenham through Landbeach was tough as it was a very windy day. Even though it was cold my t-shirt was sticking to my back with sweat. We carried on to Histon and Impington and then to Kings Hedges, finally making our way back home along the River Cam. Occasionally we stopped to take photographic evidence! Unfortunately when we were very close to Waterbeach, riding along the river, I got a puncture! But we were determined to finish so we walked to The Bridge (a pub near the river) where my mum met us. She took my bike home in the car but me and dad cycled on, I sat on his saddle and he pedalled. I was very tired by the time we reached home! I am very pleased to say that we have raised over £500! Thank you very much if you were one of the generous people who sponsored me!

If you would like to make a donation please go to www.justgiving.com/Millie-Cotton

Written by Millie Cotton - Age 9

Do you have something for the Children's Page? Please send in your stories, poems, pictures and comments. Email your article to beachnews@waterbeach.org or send to 5 Spurgeons Avenue, Waterbeach, Cambridge CB25 9NU.

60 *Plus* Party

What happy memories do you have of your schooldays, the sort that make you smile in recollection? Perhaps it was being on the winning team in an inter-school football match or enjoying a Christmas party when even the teachers became human and joined in the fun. Maybe it was tapping a triangle in the school band or singing your heart out in the choir. For me, it was being in the school play and hearing the laughter and applause. So it is good to know that, in spite of SATS tests, league tables and all the demands of the curriculum, the staff at Waterbeach School are still giving our children the chance to gain such lasting memories of their own.

This was very evident at the 60+Party. This year the school joined the Community Association to host this annual event and this proved to be a very successful partnership. As we sat down to a lunch cooked by the school cook and her staff, served by Community Association helpers, we were joined at the tables by some of the children who made the meal even more pleasant with their cheerful chatter.

Then came the entertainment - a musical version of Cinderella with all the usual pantomime features. From the endearing little elves having trouble with their pom-pom hats to the ugly sisters obviously loving their knock-about roles, from the charming Good Fairy to the Wicked Witch trying to make her pretty face look ugly, from the enthusiastic dancers to the cheery Buttons and to romantic Cinderella herself, all knew the words, actions and songs perfectly and played their parts with panache and gusto. They gave a joyous, rollicking, riotous triumph of a performance and - what is most important - they were enjoying every minute of it. We, the guests, absolutely loved it.

What an afternoon; the Young entertaining the Elderly, the hard-working Ages-in-Between putting it all together and everyone having a great time. Community Spirit at its very best!

Many Thanks to all involved – *From a grateful guest*

Junior Cricket Club

Waterbeach Junior Cricket Club - the cricket season is nearly upon us and the Waterbeach Junior club continues to go from strength to strength. We have qualified coaches and will be running teams at Under 14, Under 12 and Under 11 age groups this summer. There are also practice sessions, indoor and outdoor, in the build-up to the season and once matches start. Boys and Girls of most ages are welcome to join us. For further information please contact: Chris Nelson (01223 86334)

FEAST DAY 12th JUNE 2010 – PITCH BOOKING FORM

Please complete and return to 9 Providence Way, Waterbeach, Cambridge, CB25 9QH by 16th April 2010
Please note the conditions that you should 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.
- The sale or supply of alcohol to under 18's is an offence under the licensing act 2003.
A notice stating this must be displayed on any stall supplying alcohol. Please remember this includes prizes from draws, raffles, tombola's etc.

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 14th May 2010.

A pitch will not be allocated unless a signed & dated Risk Assessment is received.

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

ALL Charity and Trade stalls must also submit a copy of their Public Liability Insurance.

I/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:

Risk Assessment attached: YES / NO Fee Enclosed..£.....

PLEASE STATE (WCA Member, Charity or Trade)

Contact details – Name.....

Address.....

..... Telephone.....

Email.....

PLEASE ENCLOSE PAYMENT WITH BOOKING FORM (Cheques payable to "Waterbeach Community Association")

SIGNED: DATE:

Waterbeach Community Players

Thanks to everyone who came to support the pantomime. We hope you enjoyed an evening of family fun. Thanks also to all those of you who purchased a raffle ticket which resulted in the Players being able to hand over a donation to Shirley Randall to pass on to ARC (Arthritis Research Campaign) of £251. We are always pleased to support ARC as they receive no public funding but couldn't do it without the help of your support.

March and April 2010 FESTIVAL PLAY

Stephen Smith is to direct his latest one-act play *ANNIVERSARY* with a cast of David Morris, Tim Boden, Wendy Croft, Christine Easterfield and Valmai Furness. This will be entered for the Sawston and Cambridge Drama Festivals and premiered at the Sawston Festival on 26 March. For further information and ticket details about the festival go to www.bawds.org/mainmenu.htm and follow the link to Sawston Drama Festival.

Due to a culmination of circumstances the planned production of *We Found Love and an Exquisite Set of Porcelain Figurines aboard the SS Farndale Avenue* has been moved to 10 – 13 November.

Wednesday May 19th to Saturday May 22nd - Two plays by local authors
FOR STARTERS - *WE MAKE BABIES*
by Nick Warburton by Sean Abbs

Following WCP's normal practice of supporting new writing we will present a new play by Sean Abbs *We Make Babies* a comedy about a couple deciding whether or not they would like a child. *For Starters* by Nick Warburton was our award winning 2009 festival entry. Both play star Kattreya Smith who is joined in the first play by dad Stephen and in the second play by writer, actor and director Sean Abbs from Bar Hill. A new member of WCP.

10–13 November - The Farndale Ladies are back with another of their hilarious offerings this time they are aboard a cruise ship presenting a play a la Noel & Gertie entitled: *WE FOUND LOVE AND AN EXQUISITE SET OF PORCELAIN FIGURINES ABOARD THE SS FARNDALE AVENUE*.

Written by David McGillivray & Walter Zerlin Jnr. Directed by Julie Petrucci.

Our 2011 programme is taking shape with our panto *JACK AND THE BEANSTALK* in January and *BIRTHS, DEATHS & MARRIAGES* Stephen Smith's latest trilogy of plays under for our May production. This will include our drama festival play *ARRIVAL*.

The WAY Project

Waterbeach Youth Club, which is provided by the WAY (Waterbeach and Landbeach Action for Youth) Project, is the most well attended youth club in South Cambridgeshire. Youth club sessions for 11-19 year olds are held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 7pm until 9pm in the Youth Club building on the Recreation Ground, and the club is additionally open on Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 3pm until 5pm for drop-in sessions to help with training, education, employment and personal issues.

Let's Clean Up Our Village

Many of the Youth Club members recently took to the streets in Waterbeach to help clear some of the litter. They set off in small groups and tackled many areas of the village including the station and Denny End Road area. More than 20 bags of rubbish were collected and the young people were



delighted to know that their efforts were appreciated by the wider community.

Award from O2 It's your community

Money awarded from 'O2 It's your community' enabled us to buy a new set of mixing decks. These are used for the aspiring DJ's amongst those attending youth club and enable us to continue to provide a broad range of exciting and innovative activities for young people. Thank you O2.

Arts and crafts

We see around 40 young people at our evening youth clubs at the moment and, with the help of some very willing young volunteers, (more in the next edition) we provide an interesting variety of 'arty crafty' things to do. We are seeking funding to help pay for this very popular activity but are struggling to find a donor. Might you be able to help? A regular donation of just £5 per month could make all the difference.

WAYS to help

The WAY Project is a local voluntary organisation working to improve the lives of many young people living in our community. The ongoing financial uncertainty within the economy continues to have an impact on our funding which means that sourcing and securing sufficient monies to sustain this

work continues to be a challenge. Being able to demonstrate to funding bodies that we have the support of the local community adds real weight to the funding applications we submit, and we are therefore very grateful to the many individual supporters (Friends of WAY) who provide us with regular financial assistance. If you would like to find out more about the WAY Project, or if you are able to offer any financial support, either as an individual or as a local business, please get in touch.

Suzy (01223) 502620 or email me at Suzy.kay@btinternet.com

Message from Cllr. Hockney

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

Road Resurfacing

With the recent bad weather, more roads and paths need attention in Landbeach, Waterbeach and Chittering. If you have any areas that need particular urgent attention please let me know and I will do my level best to get action for the Highways Department.

On better news it was great to see that Burgess Road and Waddelow Road have been completely resurfaced for the first time in decades. This has followed years of campaigning through the Better Roads, Safer Roads campaign.

Waterbeach Pedestrian Crossing

The campaign to make crossing by the Pharmacy/Village Stores safer continues. As a result of the Pedestrian Road Safety petition campaign ran by myself and Cllr Peter Johnson, Highways finally agreed to work up a proposed scheme. The initial suggestion from Highways includes two mini roundabouts, one at the junction of Cambridge Road/Greenside and the other on Chapel Street/St Andrews Hill. In addition to three sets of traffic calming cushions in-between. Although it is welcome a scheme has been drawn up, it gets away from what residents have been clearly calling for - a pedestrian crossing. There should be a couple of schemes drawn up to consider. I remain committed to working with my fellow District Councillor Peter Johnson, the Parish Council and County Councillor to make this area of Waterbeach safer for residents to cross.

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

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COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

1ST WATERBEACH BROWNIES	Rowena Small - 01223 570850
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1ST WATERBEACH RAINBOWS	Diana Morgan - 01223 861398
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BEACH BOWLS CLUB	Tony Reuben - 01223 861001
BEACH SOCIAL CLUB	Richard Hall - 01223 860033
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Other useful numbers:

BEACHES COMMUNITY CAR SERVICE	07807 875878
COUNTY COUNCILLOR	Michael Williamson - 01223 860899
DISTRICT COUNCILLOR	Peter Johnson - 01223 560918 or 07947 475549
DISTRICT COUNCILLOR	James Hockney - 01223 864891
DOCTORS SURGERY – WATERBEACH	01223 860387
FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE - Non Emergency Calls	01223 376217
LANDBEACH VILLAGE HALL	Mrs. Bullman - 01223 860692
PARISH COUNCIL	Sarah Smart - 01223 440018
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POLICE - Non Emergency Calls	0345 456 4564
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