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# **Community Association**



#### Feast - June 11th

Feast is fast approaching and we hope you are all proceeding well with your preparations for floats and stalls. This year's theme is "Something beginning with E...." – we're hoping to see many floats, walking groups and individuals to make a spectacular and colourful parade. We need to remind you that any vehicle in the parade must be road legal and appropriately insured by the owner.

We would like to encourage spectators on the parade route to join in by cheering, clapping and waving. Bring your whistles, rattles and hooters and let's all make it a lively parade.

Please note that the roads around the village will be congested on Feast Day and we ask that you please be careful and try to avoid driving through the village between 2 – 3pm. Thank you

There will be a varied programme of events in the arena including a performance by Waterbeach Brass, a Viking re-enactment, and displays from the Cambridgeshire ACF South Corps of Drums and Jazzercise and a demonstration of bridge building from the Army. There will also be a wide range of stalls including refreshments, children's activities and an opportunity to meet some rare and unusual creatures from the 'Animal Experience'.

Once again we are holding a Feast Raffle to raise funds for this, and future Feasts. There are some fantastic prizes to be won - a Sony 32" LCD TV, Sony 22" LCD TV and a Sony Mini Hi-Fi and these have all been generously donated by Panther Taxis, Waterbeach and Richer Sounds, Hills Road. Cambridge. We also have many other prizes including a Center Parcs

voucher, a hamper, bowling voucher, various bottles and more. Tickets are available through Community Association member groups and will also be on sale in the Community Association tent on Feast Day. Please support the Feast by buying some tickets and you never know you may win a prize!

This year's Feast Competition will be cake decorating for children and cake baking for adults. More details and an entry form can be found on page 21 or on our website www.waterbeach.org.

#### Feast Collection

It was decided that this year's collection at the Feast should be used to support local groups and to assist those wishing to form new groups. The Army Cadets will carry collection buckets along the parade route, so please bring your loose change and give generously. There will also be a collection bucket in the Community Association tent on the Green.

#### Date for your diary

Waterbeach Community Association AGM is on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2011 in the Community Building, Waterbeach School at 7.30pm.

# Waterbeach Village Society

The Society kicks off its 2011-2012 programme on Tuesday September 27th, when Dr. David Smith of Cambridge University will talk on Oliver Cromwell and his possible connections with Waterbeach. Dr. Smith is an academic authority on Cromwell. Tuesday October 25<sup>th</sup> will see (hear?) Avril Hayter-Smith talk about her hilarious experiences as the Town Crier for Ely. At the November meeting, Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>, well-known local history authority Mike Petty, will talk about World War 1.

It is planned to visit Bletchley Park, home of the Codebreakers, Enigma, Colossus, Bombe and other WW11 artefacts on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September. We would welcome non-members on what promises to be an interesting experience.

For more information on the above and the rest of the Society's programme, contact Adrian Wright, Chairman, on <a href="mailto:adrianj.wright@ntlworld.com">adrianj.wright@ntlworld.com</a> Tel. C. 861846, Ray Rice, Secretary, on <a href="mailto:raythefingers@aol.com">raythefingers@aol.com</a> Tel. C 860663 or David Armstrong, Treasurer, Tel. C. 861586. Please visit the Society's stand on Feast Day for a chat.

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

## **WASPS**



Thank you to everybody who took part in our first 10km Run on Sunday 27 March at the Waterbeach Barracks Airfield to raise money for WASPS. The day was a huge success, everybody had a great time and the weather brightened up just in time for the start of the run. Special thanks to Major Hornby, Sappers Pete Anderson and Kieran Marshall, PTI Jack Haines of

Waterbeach Barracks, all the parent helpers from WASPS and of course the runners!

Thirty five runners took part, many setting new personal bests. At present the total amount raised is not known as sponsorship money is still



being collected, but we plan to re-stock/update our outdoor equipment for the summer and a replacement table football game has been suggested. Thank you again to all those who helped raise funds and those that sponsored a runner, it is very much appreciated.

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

We are based in the Waterbeach Playhouse, next to the Primary School. We aim to provide a home from home atmosphere for our children who are aged 4-11. We facilitate play by creating an environment where the children can play freely with a variety of resources. Our Breakfast Club opens at 7:45am before school and after school WASPS runs until 6pm.

Our Holiday Club opens for most of the school holidays from 8am-6pm with additional activities on offer every day. We are now planning for half term (Friday 27 May and then Tuesday 31 May – Friday 3 June). Our summer Holiday Club will be open for three weeks from Monday 25 July. Even if you do not use WASPS on a regular basis or your children do not attend Waterbeach Primary School, please contact us if you are interested in registering with us and joining our Holiday Club.

If you would like any information about WASPS please look on our website: www.waterbeach-wasps.org.uk,

email:playhouse@waterbeach-wasps.org.uk or call 01223 861140.

# **Community Playgroup**

Here at playgroup we have spent the spring term thinking about different kinds of transport.

Community Playgroup

On a particularly cold February morning we all enjoyed a train trip to Planet Zoom where children, parents/carers and staff had a lovely time on the play equipment, and more recently we were very excited to have a visit from the local fire station. I think everyone loved seeing what a fireman wears, how they help us and also having a look around a fire engine, the lights and sirens were a particular highlight!

On the Children's Page (page 23) you will find a picture of a fire engine for you to colour.

The spring term closed with our ever popular Easter cake sale where we raised the fabulous sum of £141.56 and the "smartie challenge" for all the children who attend to take part in over the holidays.

Waterbeach Community Playgroup provides a safe fun environment with the emphasis on learning through play and experiences. Children are welcomed from their second birthday with sessions as follows.

**Bunnies** – For children aged between 2 and 3 years on a Monday and Friday between 12:30 and 2:30pm

**Playgroup** – For children aged 3 years to rising 5's every day from 9am to 12pm

**Rabbits** – Supervised lunch sessions for children starting school in the following September on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:00 till 1:00pm Due to government funding your child's playgroup fees are fully covered from the start of term after their third birthday.\*

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

We also offer weekly French lessons to children attending playgroup.

If you would like to visit please call in during any of our sessions where you will be warmly welcomed by a team of happy well qualified staff.

Alternatively please contact Diana Morgan on 01223 861398

website www.waterbeachplaygroup.co.uk

<sup>\*</sup> With the exception of additional Rabbit session

<sup>\*\*</sup> shared only with WASPS - Waterbeach After School Club

## Waterbeach WI

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We look forward to the summer season of our W.I meetings and events. First on the list will be the Feast

where we hope you will visit our stall and look for our "Elephants". Our June meeting 9<sup>th</sup> June takes us on a visit to the Cambridge News office followed by a meal out. On July 14<sup>th</sup> we have a speaker from "Emmaus" who will give us an update of what is happening on the site. August 11<sup>th</sup> we hear a talk by Lorna Delanoy "Forty Years On at the Farmland Museum" The collection of old objects was started by the Delanoy children at their home in Haddenham, it grew and grew and a new home was found for it at Denny Abbey. This is a local success story and it is very popular with all ages. This will be a very entertaining evening.

Visitors are always welcome at our meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday in the month in St John's Church room at 7-30pm. Car Park behind church

If you would any further information about the Waterbeach W.I. please contact Jane Gibb, President on 01223 721194

# Waterbeach Scout Group



The Cubs and their guardians had a great time on their medieval themed weekend at Belchamps campsite in Essex this spring. The guardians were certainly more competitive than the Cubs when it came to the chariot racing! Scouts and Explorers equally had a wonderful time on their backwoods camp weekend at Abington campsite. The Explorers set off in the morning to walk to the site and the Scouts met them there later. Everyone went home rather smelly after cooking all their meals on open fires!

The Explorers' have been working hard on their Community badge. After being approached about the slippery path down the Back Stiles, they set to work and cleared the path of leaves. This will help towards the fifty hours they need to achieve the badge.

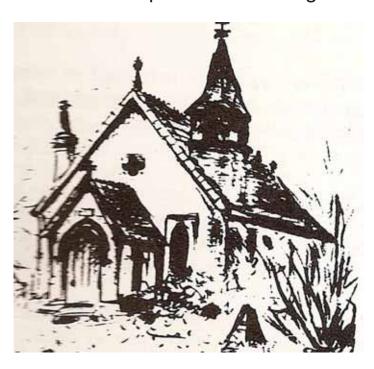
On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April the Friends of the Princess of Wales Hospital come along to Scouts to receive a cheque for their share of the money we collected when we had our door-to-door collection with Santa before Christmas. They were extremely pleased. Thank you.

Time to start planning our summer camps now, see what the weatherman brings us this year!

## The Fen Church

Many years ago, before the Chapel Close was built, a small shop stood on what is now the corner of Chapel Close and Chapel Street. In about 1973, the flower shop which was there closed, and an enterprising group of young mums decided to organise a week long sale in aid of Oxfam. The village responded with enthusiasm turning out cupboards, lofts and garages to provide a vast quantity of bric-a-brac, nearly new clothes, books, toys and pictures. The stock was stored in the Baptist schoolroom behind Spurgeon's Chapel, supervised under the eagle eye of Miss Hatley, retired head teacher of Waterbeach School, District and Parish Councillor and with indomitable character. She rationed out the stock so that each day there was a new supply of good quality items to keep the customers coming. A lot of money was raised that week.

Amongst the stock and the source of inspiration for this article were a number of copies of a drawing of an attractive and unusual little church. It



was the start I think of my interest and fascination with the history of the village as it developed during the late 19<sup>th</sup> and the twentieth centuries. On inquiry it turned out that the picture was of the Fen Church which had been built near the end of Long Drove in 1883 to serve the outskirts Swaffham Waterbeach. Wicken and to provide a Church of England alternative to the Methodist chapel just over the river at Upware. This description may surprise the reader who knows that it takes about 30 minutes to drive from the end of

Long Drove in Waterbeach to the Fen Chapel in Upware and does not know that until the 1940's there was a chain ferry across the river at the end of Long Drove, which was well used. As late as the mid 1980's there were people who would reminisce about it. Dr Hartley claimed to have lost his medical bag during one crossing, George Jones would go over to play football and George Mullucks crossed with groceries for the homes on the other side of the river. They painted a picture of a very different way of life in the Fen.

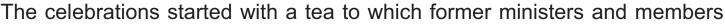
During the Second World War there were still monthly services held in the

Fen church and one Sunday a young boy forgot that the bells should only be rung if there was an invasion. The sound of bells heard over the river resulted in the Home Guard being mobilised and the matter ended up in court. However, the Vicar of the time (Reverend Swann) refused to say who the culprit was and the matter was closed. The culprit still lives to tell the tale today.

Sadly, the Fen church no longer exists, the floor collapsed during a Harvest Festival service in the early 1960's and the church was subsequently demolished. All that can be found today is a small pile of rubble with few clues to say what it once was. In St John's Church there is a painting of the interior, a copy of the drawing of the exterior, the bell and the altar which stand in the south aisle. The stone font is in a garden and the lectern was until recently stored in the vicarage garage. It had a brief moment of fame when it starred in a sketch by the Waterbeach Community Players at the Feast one year. The Fen Chapel in Upware still stands, lovingly maintained by a small group of trustees. Once a year a Harvest Festival service is held there when the chapel is packed to overflowing with people from both sides of the river; a reminder that neighbours, who are now separated by a long drive, are still part of the same community.

# **The Salvation Army**

The weekend of 7/8<sup>th</sup> May, The Salvation Army celebrated 125 years of ministry and witness in the community of Waterbeach.





of the Church, community group members, other ministers and current membership of the Church were invited. During the tea a large birthday cake was cut by Ruth Cupit who is the longest serving member of the Army Church and Colonel Brian Peddle who was the guest leader alongside his wife Colonel Rosalie Peddle for the weekend.

A 'Celebration of Praise' was held in the local primary school with the local Army Band and

choir taking part as well as a soloist for the evening Christine Robertson. Many people from within the community of Waterbeach attended and Colonel Brian Peddle spoke about 'No holding back – The best is yet to be', reminding us that as we give thanks to God for the past 125 years, The Salvation Army still has a vital role to play within the community in the future.

On the Sunday, two worship meetings were held at the Hall on Station Road, again under the leadership of Colonels Brian & Rosalie Peddle, with both band and choir participating. So many people came to the evening that more chairs had to be put out and the hall was full to capacity.

During the weekend it was acknowledged that The Salvation Army was grateful for the help and support of the local community groups, local churches and their membership, which without them the work of the Army would have been impossible.

It was a great weekend of celebration and thanksgiving and the Army has several more 'Special Events' throughout the year to come.

The next two events to watch out for are a 'Songs of Praise' which will be held on the village green on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June at 4pm and a Flower/Photograph Exhibition on 12/13<sup>th</sup> August.

## Waterbeach United Charities (Reg No 201528)

#### Student and Apprenticeship Grants

Waterbeach United Charities invite applications from individual students who might benefit from some help with their studies. We consider grants for equipment for students undertaking vocational training, tools, clothing, books etc; or grants for students who may appreciate help with the costs of books. We also consider applications for help with travel costs.

Students Grants are only awarded once a year, in September and applications need to be made by 1 September 2011. No applications will be considered after this date. The trustees will consider all applications at a meeting in early September. If you think we may be able to help please complete an application form, obtainable by writing to the address below. We will acknowledge your letter and send you an application form.

#### **General Grants**

In general terms Waterbeach United Charities provide financial support for local residents of all ages and who may be "in need or distress".

#### Electric Wheelchairs

Waterbeach United Charities also continue to provide electric wheelchairs for those people who find it difficult to get about, so if you would like to be considered please get in touch at the address below.

Sometimes short term help can make a real difference, if you are unsure if we would be able to help please ask.

All personal applications are confidential.

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

## Children's Centre

Have you noticed the building work taking place at the front of Waterbeach Primary School? This will be the new Milton and Waterbeach Children's Centre and work is now well under way with an expected completion date of June 2011. Look out for news of our free summer programme starting in the centre on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2011.

Milton and Waterbeach Children's Centre, in conjunction with the rangers at Milton Country Park, have been enjoying the delights of mud sculpture, den building and pirate ship fun, during our 'Welly Walk' sessions...

Back in the warmth and shelter of Waterbeach Scout Hut we have been enjoying cultural themed 'Stay and Play' sessions (free activities for 0-5's 9am-1pm every Tuesday). The didgeridoo decorating for Native Australia, chop stick trials for Chinese New Year, and oatmeal lace cookie baking for St Patrick's Day were just some of the highlights. The last Stay and Play session in the Scout Hut before our move to the new centre will be Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2011.

April saw the beginning of a five week Baby Massage course in Milton, held during the Milton Mothers and Baby group, on Wednesday afternoons. This is to be followed by a course in Waterbeach (dates to be confirmed) over the summer.

For more information and to hear about other activities we have going on, please contact us at Milton and Waterbeach Children's Centre: 01223 714564 or <a href="mailto:waterbeachchildrenscentre@cambridgeshire.gov.uk">waterbeachchildrenscentre@cambridgeshire.gov.uk</a> Information can also been found at <a href="mailto:www.cambridgeshirechildrenscentres.org.uk">www.cambridgeshirechildrenscentres.org.uk</a>

## Waterbeach Cultural Collective

On Wednesday 6th July, at 6.30pm for 7.00pm, Waterbeach Cultural Collective will hold its Annual General Meeting. This will take place at the Tillage Hall. All are invited.

A summary of progress so far will be given with an opportunity for questions and discussion. Nominations will be solicited and a vote taken to elect members of the committee, so if anyone would like to become more closely involved, here is the chance. Please come along and take part.

WCC will also be taking a pitch at the Village Feast in order to meet people, show what's been happening, and hopefully enthuse people to take part in new projects. We look forward to seeing you there.

Don't forget- if you feel you have an interesting idea, or a story or anecdote to tell, or the Muse inspires you to poesy, please write and send your contribution to Chris Evans 49 Way Lane, or to <a href="mailto:info@thelivingmuseum.co.uk">info@thelivingmuseum.co.uk</a>

For more information, visit the project website: www.thelivingmuseum.co.uk

# Waterbeach Community Players

Thanks to everyone who came along to support our pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk in January. £165 was raised from the sale of programmes for ARC (Arthritis Research Campaign) so thanks to all who purchased a programme.

Our May production, Stephen Smith's new trilogy about the Williams family *Births, Deaths and Marriages* will have finished its run (18-21 May) by the time you read this, but we hope many of you came along to see it and enjoyed it too.

We now take a break to so 'social' things such as participating at Waterbeach Feast, running our annual car rally and hopefully enjoy some summer sun ready for rehearsals to commence once again in September.

Our Autumn production from 9 to 12 November 2011 will be Alan Ayckbourn's *WOMAN IN MIND* directed by David Morris. More about that in the next edition of Beach News.

Meanwhile you can keep up to date and find all about WCP productions and activities on <a href="www.wcponline.org.uk">www.wcponline.org.uk</a>

## **Waterbeach Brass**

It's been another busy spring for Waterbeach Brass. We have competed locally in the London & Southern Counties regional contest, as part of the National Brass Band Championships of Great Britain. We took to the streets and greens of local villages for the Cottenham Yesteryear Run, which we deemed to be one of the best ever and on Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> May, Waterbeach School was resident to our Spring Concert, as the band performed works from our current repertoire, and we would like to thank all of you who came and supported us at this concert.

For those of you who were unable to attend on the 14<sup>th</sup> May, the band would like to share with you the sad news that James Utting (who has conducted Waterbeach Brass for 7 years) has now left the band, as James and his family have relocated abroad to Malta. The band, and all who have had the pleasure of working with James over recent years wish both him and his family all the best for the future, and we'd like to thank James for all his hard work at Waterbeach Brass during his time as conductor. The band has

grown from strength to strength under his direction, and we wish to continue building upon our successes of recent years.

As a result of James' departure, have we been in the process of recruiting for a new conductor, and the next few vears will prove to be an exciting time for the band, as we settle in under the baton of our new musical director.



Please see below for our summer programme as it stands - more dates will be announced, so do keep a look out on our website.

#### 2011 - Summer Concerts

Sunday 5th June - Ely Bandstand, Jubilee Gardens - 2.30pm

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June - Waterbeach Feast - We will be performing on the Green, and we'll also be fundraising at our stall, so please do pay us a visit.

Saturday 25th June - Concert, Bluntisham Baptist Church - 7.30pm

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July - Cherry Hinton Hall - 3.00pm

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September - Harvest Auction at the Beach Social Club.

Sunday 25th September - Wimpole Hall for the Wimpole at War weekend.

We very much look forward to seeing you at one (or more!) of our summer concerts this season, so butter those buns, slice those cucumbers and pack up a picnic. There is no better way to enjoy a sunny afternoon, than to relax in a park and listen to Waterbeach Brass perform all your favourite brass band classics!

## **New Book - At The 'Beach**

Last year John Hamlin was awarded a certificate by the County Association of Local History for his excellent book telling the history of RAF Oakington, entitled By Day and By Night. This year his up-to-date story of Waterbeach airfield and Barracks shows again his meticulous research and eye for detail, and of course this latest book will be of particular interest to readers of Beach News.

In 1939 work commenced on the Winfold Farm fields to create one of the many airfields in the Cambridgeshire countryside and for the past seven decades the community of Waterbeach has been very aware of the MoD presence in both RAF (1940 to 1966) and Army (1966 to the present day), all of which John has carefully detailed, ably assisted by Oliver Merrington. The book is well illustrated with black and white and colour photos, many of which are on display in the Barracks Museum. Special events, such as the visit of HM King George with his wife and elder daughter in 1943, followed by the bomb explosion causing havoc far and wide a year later, are happenings which older residents can recall even today.

The airfield was 'home' not only to service people and their families but to other diverse organisations: in 1947 the National Fire Service had a base there while pumping water from the flooded fens; Marshalls of Cambridge used some of the hangars for storage, and in 1953 shelter was given to 180 families made homeless by the East Coast floods. Even UFO sightings have been recorded!



Control Tower

Members of the public in thousands their have attended Battle of Britain displays at RAF Waterbeach and even an programme was made there (incidentally, well-known media the entertainer, Roy Hudd. **National** did his Service here); many have their own stories to tell of "the 'Beach" but the main function of this book is to record for posterity the importance

of RAF Waterbeach and Barracks and this has been achieved in a very thorough way.

Wellingtons, Stirlings, Lancasters and Liberators will bring back memories to many service men and women; all played their part both in enemy action and in peace time transportation. Hunters, Swifts and Vampires replaced earlier aircraft to fly over the wide Fen skies, using the dominant tower of Ely Cathedral, a few miles to the north, as a familiar navigation point.

The transfer from RAF to Royal Engineers took place officially on 1 July 1966, and it is therefore very fitting that this July there is to be a presentation and march past in the village. An earlier link was made when children from Waterbeach Community School made visits to the Barracks and Farmland Museums - entitled "Conflict and Community" - it too traces the history over the last seven decades.

This new book will appeal both to local historians and to others whose families have had connections with "the 'Beach" either through work or leisure. Copies may be obtained, price £9.95, at the Spar Shop, the Post Office, Rosemary Newsagents, the Barracks and Farmland Museums - or by post via the Hon Curator, Barracks Museum, Oliver Merrington.

The Barracks Museum, to which an element of any profits will be donated, is looking for volunteers and is currently open to the public by appointment only from April to September, by calling the Guardroom 01223 204421 or by email to rafwaterbeach.museum@gmail.com

## The October Fund

The October Fund offers small grants (£100-£500) to local voluntary and community organisations based in and around Waterbeach and Landbeach. The groups can deliver sporting, social, educational or other community activities and the grants can be for running costs or small capital items.

Recent grant awards include Waterbeach FC who received a small grant to purchase trophies for the Season's matches and the Waterbeach Day Centre who have received a grant to help with costs for their 2010 Christmas lunch and party.

To apply, please submit an online application – please visit <a href="https://www.cambscf.org.uk/October-Fund.html">www.cambscf.org.uk/October-Fund.html</a>

There is no set deadline for submission of an application.

Cambridgeshire Community Foundation (charity number 1103314)

Telephone: 01223 410535 www.cambscf.org.uk

### Emmaus – 20 Years in Landbeach

This summer local charity Emmaus Cambridge will be holding two very special events to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of its founding and we would like to invite as many people as possible to join us on these occasions.

The first event will be an Open Day on Saturday 18 June which will give everyone the chance to see just how far we have come on our journey. In addition to the normal Saturday shop opening, we will be conducting tours of the private accommodation block to show people just what life in the Community is like. We will also have a display showing the history and development of Emmaus in the UK and its plans for the future. Music throughout the main part of the day, plus a selection of stalls promoting either activities or people connected with Emmaus will complete the programme for the day.

The second event will be a One Day Half Price Solidarity Sale with a truly International flavour on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July. People may remember that last year we held a one day sale and invited other Emmaus communities from the UK to join us. This year we hope to go one better and to include communities from Europe as well, which would be another first for the Community!

The charity, which provides home and work for previously homeless people and those wanting to live in a community environment is hoping that people involved over the years will join in the celebrations by coming to at least one, but preferably both of these exciting events this summer! For those of you who have not yet visited us, we would encourage you to come and see what you are missing. For those people who have supported us over the last twenty years we would like to say a huge thank you!

More information will be available on our posters or at the shop so please come and join us at the Community on Green End, Landbeach, Cambridge CB25 9FD from 9am to 5pm. Call us on 01223 863657 or email info@emmauscambridge if you have any questions.

## **Yard Sales**

Back due to popular demand, the Waterbeach Yard Sales will be taking place this year on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July from 10am – 4pm. Pitches £5.00 Maps can be picked up St. John's Church Room from 10am and

refreshments will be available from 11am.

Please park considerately around the village.

For more information contact Jan on 01223 512903

## **Buchanan Children's Centre**

All of the children have returned to The Centre refreshed after enjoying the Easter break. We hope the Easter Bunny was kind to you all!

We had an exciting Spring Term learning about animals and their babies and would like to say a big 'Thank you' for all those who took part in our 'Pancake Toss' at Waterbeach Barracks on Shrove Tuesday. We had a fantastic turn out and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Furthermore, we raised almost £300 which will be put towards improving our outside areas.

This term the children will be celebrating the Royal Wedding in style by having a themed fancy dress party; all the children have been encouraged to come to nursery dressed up as a king or queen to enjoy a party to celebrate the big day.

Preparations have begun for The Waterbeach Feast on June 11<sup>th</sup>. We are going to be very busy having lots of fun making costumes and hats and have lots of decorating to do to prepare ourselves and our float for the parade. We are looking forward to joining everyone in the village on this special day and we are sure that a good time will be had by all.

We are also busily preparing for our stalls at The Waterbeach Station Open Day which is on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. Please come to our stall and have a chat whilst sampling our strawberries or try to win a prize on our tombola.

After half term the children will be encouraged to take part in a sports day at The Centre where all parents and carers will be welcome to attend and join in the fun! Finally, in July we shall be having a leaver's assembly for all of the children who will be going to school in September, with a presentation of certificates to those children who will be moving on. We also hope to have an end of term party with entertainment for all the children to enjoy before the term ends for the summer.

We will be recruiting for cover staff as well as a new manager this term as the previous manager has recently left the setting. We look forward to welcoming all new members to our team very soon.

The Buchanan Children's Centre is open to all local children and there are still some vacancies at the setting on certain days for children aged 1-4 years. We are also taking bookings for children to start in September. Please phone us on 01223 204435 and ask for Sarah Hay who will be more than happy to help with any queries or information you may need.

We all look forward to a lovely summer term.

## **Beach Social Club**

Since our last report, we have had some refurbishments in our bar area, with some new seating and a new 50" TV. These changes seem to be very popular, why not come and check them out for yourself.

Our pool team were very successful in the Winter Pool League, they were unbeaten in their league, the first team in 38 years of the league to achieve this, and they were presented with a framed copy of all of their score cards. As well as this, they won their league and Ashley Shipp won the hotshots for division 7, winning the most games. At one point he was 28 games unbeaten, well done Ash.

Congratulations must also go to the winner of our St George's Day sausage competition. This year the successful entrant was Beaumonts of Fulbourn, with their farmhouse sausage. A big thank you must go to our other entrants. We raised £215 for our charities, Arthur Rank and the REA.

The Royal Wedding Day saw 60 guests for our champagne breakfast, and we all shared the special occasion on the big screen.

Feast week kicks off this year on Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup> with the fantastic GREENJAM band at the Club, starting at 8.30pm.

The events for the Waterbeach Watering Hole Olympics week are as follows:-

Sun	June 5 <sup>th</sup>	3.00pm	Relay Race	Start @ Social Club
Mon	June 6 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Pool	Social Club
Tue	June 7 <sup>th</sup>	8.30pm	Quiz	White Horse
Wed	June 8 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Darts	The Sun
Thu	June 9 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Rounders	The Rec
Fri	June 10 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	Tug of war	The Green
Fri	June 10 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Victoria sponge competition	Social Club

If you would like to represent the Club in any of these events, please put your name on the lists at the club. If we have too many they will be drawn from a hat.

This year we are going to Newmarket Nights on 12<sup>th</sup> August to see Tom Jones. We have a 48 seater coach, which will leave the Club at 4.00pm and will leave Newmarket at 11.00pm. If you would like to join us, the evening will cost £30 all in, this includes a curry at the Club on our return. The tickets will be sold on a first come first served basis.

Other events will be arranged throughout the summer, keep an eye out for our posters in the Club, on the noticeboard outside and the Community Association boards around the village. We also have a website <a href="https://www.beachsocialclub.com">www.beachsocialclub.com</a>, join now to keep up to date with all of the Club news.

# **Toddler Playgroup**



We had a very successful Spring Term with our Nearly New Sale and Mothers' Day Cake Stall bringing in a fantastic amount of fundraising for the Playgroup. The children are already enjoying the new outdoor equipment that has arrived and everyone is excited about all the new changes that the new funds will bring.

We are very much looking forward to Feast Day, and preparations are already underway for the stall and the float and all of the costumes and games involved! We hope that you can pay us a visit on the day.

For those of you who want to learn more about us, our website has been remodelled and we now also have a blog at http://waterbeachtoddlerplaygroup.blogspot.com as well as a Facebook page. These are great places to find out about our recent news and fundraising events and to get into contact with us. We have also started to recycle inkjet cartridges and mobile phones, so please drop them into Playgroup if you have some laying about!

Our team is led by Wayne Badcock who is assisted by Lesley Moxon, Tricia Palmer, Gina Clark and Ceri Hill. The team between them have many years of service at Waterbeach Toddler Playgroup.

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 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 Alternatively you can contact Wayne Badcock on times listed above. 07808357729 or wayne@waterbeachtoddlerplaygroup.org.uk.

# **Library Facilities**

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

Waterbeach library now has its own Facebook page; this can easily be found by clicking on the link at the village web site (www.waterbeach.org.uk) Waterbeach Feast - We hope again to have a book stall at the Feast - any donations for this would be most welcome.

Summer reading challenge - This year's challenge is themed around circus stars. Enrolment for the six-week challenge will commence on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July

Monday Book Club - A few places are still available in the book club that meets on Monday mornings (10-12). For further information please contact Jill Briggs (860969)

Volunteers sought - We would welcome more volunteers to help in the library. If you could assist for two hours once a month, or more frequently, please contact Jill Briggs (860969) or Kate Grant (511455) for more information.

Mobile library visits to Waterbeach and Landbeach

The mobile library now calls just once a month, on the second Monday, so forthcoming dates are 13<sup>th</sup> June, 11<sup>th</sup> July, 8<sup>th</sup> August, and 12<sup>th</sup> September. Timings are: Waterbeach – Denson Close 13:30-14:00; Waterbeach – The Green 14:05-14:25; Waterbeach – Chapel Close 14:30-14:50; Waterbeach – Buchanan Centre 14:55-15:30; Landbeach – 9 High Street 15:40-16:20.

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

# **Beach Bowls Club**

We are currently looking for new members.

Anyone interested in joining, please contact:



A. Reuben (Tony)

01223 861001

# **Gardening Club**

The April meeting of the Club featured the new addition of the

Show calendar the 'Have-a-Go Spring Show'. All the classes were contested: 'Pot of five bulbs of Daffodils', winner Annel Spencer; 'Singles and Sets of three blooms', winner David Lynn; and a special class for the bulb less, a 'Arrangement of Spring Flowers', winner Angels Argyle. The event showed how difficult it was to produce a pot of five bulbs, to a given date, all growing to the same height and all bearing perfect flowers. The chairman totally failed the test, but hopes the enthusiastic response of the other entrants will carry over to the upcoming Annual Show and to the next Spring Show.

The 2011 season of meetings in the Church Hall closes in May, with a presentation by Roy Nunn, an expert on the cultivation of three important groups of garden plants which have been subject of modern selection and genetic development: Hardy Geraniums, Lilies and Hellebores. The modern cultivars of Hellebores, the Christmas roses, are essential Spring flowers used in all contemporary garden designs. The Geraniums have become the main space fillers in the modern border and the enormous range of Lilies, derived from crosses between species from around the world, give height and brilliant colour both in the border and in containers.

The Summer programme of events and garden visits will include: the Garden Club stand at the Feast with plants for sale and a competition, a June visit to the gardens of Cottesbrooke Castle, an evening visit in July to the Edwardian Gardens of Robinson College, a Summer Barbecue in August, and the Grand Finale, the September Show, in the School Hall showing fruit, vegetables and flowers, cakes and jams and other delicacies, handicrafts, photographs\* and art work and classes from children. All entries are judged and there are cups and trophies to be won. Donarbon sponsor the event and provide the overall Championship Cup. The event is open to all – come and support us and show your skills.

Following the appeal in the last issue of Beach News, the Club wishes to thank the donors of plants for the new Waterbeach Primary School Garden, being developed after the completion of the new building work. The plants are being held in beds until required, at 2 Station Road, there is plenty of space – please keep them coming! The Club is sponsoring a Poster Competition for the School on the theme of 'English Country Gardens'

\*Photographic subjects: 'Sunsets', 'Fen Scenes', 'Wheels'.

Future Events:

Sat 11<sup>th</sup> June Feast Day

Sat 25<sup>th</sup> June Cottesbrooke Castle Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> July Robinson College

Sun 7<sup>th</sup> August Lunchtime Barbecue at 2 Station Road, Waterbeach

Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> September Annual Show at Waterbeach Primary School

## The Farmland Museum



# Health, Happiness and Well-being Day Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June, 10.30am to 5.00pm

At the Farmland Museum & Denny Abbey we are not just listening to government talk about increasing the nation's happiness: we are putting it

into effect!

In the beautiful relaxing and setting of the Abbey and Farmland Museum, just north of Waterbeach off the A10, we are offering people the chance to add to their happiness and well-being by taking part in a day of new experiences.



The day is aimed at the over-55's, and a variety of taster sessions is available to introduce participants to a range of new interests and skills that will not only provide a fun and satisfying day out, but also, possibly, be the start of new leisure and lifestyle choices.

For those of a (slightly) energetic mind, there will be opportunities to try out Tai Chi, Yoga and aerobics, while there are also sessions in singing, painting, and creative collage, not to mention a guided tour of the abbey and museum, and a farm walk. Tips on beauty products will also be available. Sessions are led by professional demonstrators and are aimed at total beginners.

The cost is £25, to include a choice of 4 sessions, buffet lunch and afternoon tea, and free refreshments throughout the day.

Tickets, bookable in advance, can be purchased from Chris Leuchars, Education Officer, at Denny Abbey and Farmland Museum, Ely Road, Waterbeach, Cambs, CB25 9PQ; Tel: 01223 860988, email: education@farmlandmuseum.org.uk

#### Waterbeach Feast Cake Competition 2011

All *amateur* bakers who live in Waterbeach, Landbeach and Chittering are invited to join in. There will be two categories – Adult and Children

**Adults** - Bake a cake, large or small, fancy or plain, decorated if you wish in your own individual way. Cakes will be judged on appearance and taste.

**Children** – Decorate a cup cake in an imaginative and original way. Cupcakes will be judged on appearance only.

Prizes will be awarded on Feast Day to the best cake in each group and then an overall winner. Details and entry form also available on <a href="https://www.waterbeach.org">www.waterbeach.org</a>

#### **Terms & Conditions**

- 1. Entries should be delivered to the Waterbeach Community Association stand on Waterbeach Green between 10:30am and 11:30am on Feast Day, 11<sup>th</sup> June 2011.
- 2. Entries must be accompanied by a completed entry form. An entry number will be allocated on the day.
- 3. Entries must be presented on a non-returnable disposable plate with entrants name on the underside.
- 4. Adults Entry is FREE By entering, the cakes are donated to Waterbeach Community Association to be sold at the Feast or donated locally after judging.
- 5. Children Entry is FREE Cupcakes may be collected from the WCA stand between 4:30pm and 5:00pm. After this time they will donated locally.
- 6. Under 18's must have their parent or guardians permission before entering the competition.
- 7. Professional bakers, cake decorators, judges and their families are not eligible to enter.
- 8. Adults entries must be entirely your own work. Cakes will be judged on appearance and taste.
- 9. Children the decoration must be entirely your own work. Cakes will be judged on appearance only.
- 10. All ingredients must be listed on the entry form for allergy purposes.
- 11. We ask you not to use fresh cream as there are no refrigeration facilities.
- 12. By entering you are agreeing to have your cake photographed.
- 13. Waterbeach Community Association reserves the right to disqualify any entry without notice.
- 14. The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

Name
Address
TelephoneEmail
Category (Please tick) Adult Children (Please indicate age of child)years
Ingredients
Please write your name on the underside of the plate. I certify that my entry complies with the terms and conditions above.
SignatureDate
Parent/Guardians signature (if under 18 years old)
For organisers use) ENTRY NUMBER

## artsMASH

This summer the all new artsMASH programme offers a range of creative holidays workshops for young people age 8 – 19. The sessions are run by a great team of artists and practitioners who are all CRB checked. For a full programme of activities running across South Cambridgeshire please visit www.start-arts.org.uk/artsmash/ - or read on to find out about workshops happening in your area:

#### On Stage!

Monday 1 – Wednesday 3 August at Impington Village College Join Elle Lyons and William Tombs for a 3 day workshop in theatre, puppetry, mask and music. If you loved the Academy – you'll love this! For age 8+.

#### Circus Skills workshop

Thursday 11 August, 10am – 4pm at Cottenham Village College A day of juggling, diabolo and much more circus madness! Sharing for family and friends from 3.30pm. For age 8+.

#### Stage Make-up

Thursday 11 August, 10am – 4pm at Cottenham Village College Spend the day working with professional make-up artists Avril Iles covering lots of different aspects – including special effects and character make-up. For age 11+.

#### Make Me a Movie Monster

Friday 12 August, 10am – 4pm at Cottenham Village College
Design and create your own movie monster, apply the special effects and shoot your own horror film with assistance from professional filmmaker Peter Harmer. Not for the faint-hearted. All participants get a DVD copy of the film they make. For age 8+.

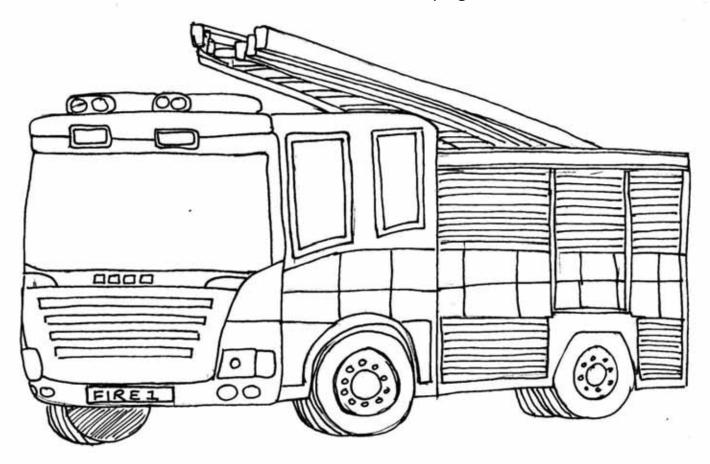
#### Manga drawing workshop

Friday 12 August, 10am – 4pm at Cottenham Village College Discover more about the Japanese cartoon art form of Manga and draw your own characters. For age 11+.

For more details or to book on any of the courses running in Cottenham and Impington please contact local Arts Development Manager Amy Wormald on 01954 288748 or amy@start-arts.org.uk

# Children's Page

Time to get your colouring pens and pencils ready to colour this picture of a fire engine. We would really like to see your completed pictures, so please send them to the address at the bottom of the page.



Here is a recipe for a quick and nutritious snack.

#### **Ants on Boats**

You will need:

**Apples** 

Peanut Butter or Cream Cheese

Raisins or Sultanas

Instructions:

Cut the apples into wedges and spread thinly with peanut butter or cream cheese. Sprinkle a few raisins over, and enjoy.

You could even make small flags with your name on, for your boats, using paper and cocktail sticks.

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.

## Wicken Fen

The Lodes Way which opened last September is proving very popular, with a growing stream of visitors now arriving at the fen by bicycle. Cycle hire will be available at Wicken Fen the end of July and we are currently working on a new cycling leaflet with themed cycle rides around the Vision lands and surrounding communities.

Planting began this winter on the Lode with Longmeadow Community Woodland on White Fen, near Lode. The woodland is part of the planting parishes' initiative aimed at increasing tree cover in Cambridgeshire (one of the least wooded counties in the England) by around 5-10%. Nearly 3000 trees were planted over the winter with further planting planned for next winter.

The recent period of dry sunny weather has allowed work on the Burwell Fen habitat restoration project to re-commence. Ironically the construction of a low level earth bund to assist the creation of floodplain grazing marsh, a priority UK Biodiversity Action Plan habitat, was delayed due to excessive rainfall over the winter period. The project is part of the Climate Proof Areas study, a European Union funded INTERREG project to investigate practical low cost initiatives to help climate proof areas of Northern Europe against the adverse effects of global warming.

Wicken Fen is one of the best places in the country to see Dragonflies with an amazing 21 species found on the fen. To officially launch National Dragonfly Week we are holding a Dragonfly Discovery Day on Saturday 11 June. The day will include a range of exciting free activities for all the family including pond dipping, larva-feeding demonstrations, children's worksheets and dragonfly craft activities. Wicken is home to the National Dragonfly Centre which is open at weekends throughout the summer. The Centre will be running its popular Dragonfly Safaris over the summer on 12 June, 2, 3, 23, 24 July and 27, 28, 29 August. For those who would like to improve their dragonfly identification skills the Centre organises a number of beginners advanced courses. details which found of can www.dragonflyproject.org.uk

If you fancy a good workout and a walk in the countryside then why not have a go at Nordic walking. The technique uses lightweight poles to enhance normal walking meaning you can walk longer and further, whilst burning around 46% more calories than normal walking. Swaffham Prior based instructor, Oliver Gynn will be leading one hour walks at Wicken Fen on Thursdays 9 & 23 June and 7 & 23 July. The walks cost £5 per person which

includes equipment hire and instruction. To book a walk please contact Oliver on 07767 324365 or e-mail info@nordicwalking.co.uk

For those who would like to explore the fens by water we will be running our popular three hour paddleboard safaris on 13 -14 August and 10-11 September. Safaris cost £50 per person and include equipment hire and instruction.

Hopefully we can look forward to a long hot summer and we have an exciting range of events and activities planned for the summer. Throughout the holiday's we are *Pond Dipping / Minibeast Hunting* every Tuesday and running one hour *Paddleboarding* sessions on Wicken Lode every Wednesday. Other popular events include *Wicken Warriors* on 25 July, 10 & 26 Aug; *Mud Glorious Mud* on 27 July, 12 & 22 Aug; *Fairies and Pixies* 29 July, 8 & 24 Aug; *Den Building* 1, 17 Aug & 2 Sept; *Wild Boutique* on 3, 19 and 31 Aug. Activities are extremely popular so please book early to avoid disappointment. Tickets / information are available from the Visitor Centre on 01353 720274.

Finally, Wicken Fen will have a display at the forthcoming Waterbeach Feast on 11 June, so please come along and say hello.

# Summer School Courses At Cottenham Village College 1st – 5th August 2011

www.cvcweb.net Email: community@cvcweb.net Tel: 01954 288751

We're running 26 courses and below are a selection of courses that might be of interest. For full details, visit our website

**BOTANICAL ILLUSTRATION (5 days)** – learn how to produce a botanical watercolour drawing from pencil studies to a finished watercolour. Beginners welcome.

**INTRODUCTION TO FELT MAKING (5 days)** – learn to make nuno felt and produce some beautiful items to keep.

**WEAVING ON A TABLE LOOM (5 days)** – learn to weave on a 4 shaft table loom with different yarns and colour combinations

**GUITAR ADVENTURES (4 days)** – a blues infused workshop to enliven and expand your guitar skills. Suitable for those who already know basic chords.

**SILVER JEWELLERY (5 days)**— make an item of jewellery each day. For beginners and the more experienced.

**FLOWER ARRANGING (3 days)** – relax and have fun working with plant material making different designs each day. Beginners welcome.

**START TO DRESSMAKE (5 days)** – make a well fitted garment - learn a variety of techniques and develop confidence to help you create your own clothes.

## Message from Cllr. James Hockney

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

Improving A10 road safety - There is a certainly a real need to make both the A10 and the Slap-up junction safer. Numerous times we have missed out on funding for the junction to other higher accident rate County junctions. Many residents living on the A10 have contacted me to raise how dangerous it can be turning onto their properties with the speed of traffic. I recently called meeting with the Highways Department on look at how we improve both the Slap-Up junction and safety on the A10 overall. From that meeting it was agreed that a cost effective way of making the junction safer was to put down new road markings. To improve road safety on the A10 a reduced speed limit was discussed. Highways will now seriously consider looking at a reduced 50mph speed limit along the A10 up to Stretham.

Waterbeach safer crossing - I have been campaigning on this issue with the local community for some six or more years. This includes a lot of work on three separate road safety petitions (once again thank you to everyone that signed the petitions), campaign leaflets and media coverage. I have pressed the Highways Department very hard for action. I am committed to working with my fellow District Councillor Peter Johnson, your County Councillor and the Parish Council in seeing action on this issue.

**Affordable Housing -** I am delighted that the work to build new affordable homes on the old Walnut Farm site in Landbeach is well underway. It is expected that the buildings will all be completed by sometime towards the end of the year/early next year. Like the Chapman's Close housing, the Walnut Farm affordable properties will be prioritised for those with a strong Landbeach connection.

**Landbeach Village Hall Grant** - South Cambridgeshire District Council has now put forward a total of £31,000 in grants to the Village Hall extension project. The Village Hall committee should be very proud as they have done a fantastic job in raising the significant sums of money needed for the project. The Village Hall is the essential hub of Landbeach. A project like this moving forward to competition is certainly great news.

Cllr. James Hockney

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

Tel: 01223-864891 Mob: 07958-389713 E-Mail: j\_hockney@btinternet.com

# **Advice from Trading Standards**

#### Shutting the door on bogus prize draws

Many of us receive junk mail through the post, with the vast majority going straight in the recycling bin. However for some it can be tempting to try your luck on a 'prize draw' letter that comes through the letterbox.

The cost of this temptation can be seen in figures released from the Office of Fair Trading which shows that last year, 1 in 25 people lost money to a scam, be it bogus prize draws, foreign lotteries, miracle health cures or money transfer scams. Seven per cent of those lost £4000 or more and those are only the ones that were reported.

The organisers of these scams are smart – the letters look professional, they are often personalised so they have your name throughout (sometimes appearing to be handwritten), and there is often a short deadline to respond so that you don't have time to think.

By replying to just one of these letters, your information will be shared by other scammers who will then write to you, inundating you with letters.

The message from Trading Standards is simple: if it looks too good to be true it probably is and if it asks for money upfront, even in the form of an admin charge for processing your winnings, it is almost certainly a scam.

If you are in any doubt or think you may have responded to a scam, speak to friends, family or Consumer Direct for advice. Consumer Direct provides advice on behalf of Trading Standards and can be contacted on 0845 4040506.

Most of the scams we come across have affected older residents, many of whom experience loneliness. If you are over 60 and could do with having someone visit you for a chat on a regular basis, or perhaps you know someone who would benefit from this, then Age UK (Age Concern and Help the Aged combined) may be able to help you. They offer a voluntary visiting scheme for residents across the County, to find out more ring 0845 5213481. You can register with the Mailing Preference Service which is free. It won't cut out all scams but it should significantly reduce the amount of marketing mail you receive. Their phone number is 0845 7034599, you can register online at <a href="https://www.mpsonline.org.uk">www.mpsonline.org.uk</a> or you can write to Mailing Preference Service, Freepost 29 LON20771, London, W1E 0ZT.

If you are tempted by prize draws because you are struggling financially, speak to your local Citizens Advice Bureau. They can provide you with free, confidential and impartial advice and check you are receiving all the financial benefits and allowances that are available to you. You can telephone 0844 411 1444 or visit <a href="https://www.adviceguide.org.uk">www.adviceguide.org.uk</a> to find your local bureau.

# **Hearing Dogs for Deaf People**

Your local branch is now planning to try and raise both awareness and funds needed to support the charity with its very worthwhile and much needed work during 2011. We will be attending some local village fetes and feasts as well as putting on our own events to which you are all invited. So far this year I have taken part in "The Grim Challenge", which is an 8.5-mile run over an army vehicle testing range through mud and water, and the Adidas Silverstone Half Marathon. The charity can provide places in many challenging events and I have my sights set on the Hadrian's Wall Walk and the Coast-to-Coast Bike Ride or maybe a mountain challenge. For details of the challenges that you could undertake please check out our website <a href="https://www.hearingdogs.org.uk">www.hearingdogs.org.uk</a>. Alternatively if you would like to sponsor me to take part in one of the events please let me know.

Locally we are planning a sponsored event in Milton Country Park on Sunday 5 June. In addition to taking part in a sponsored "Stroll in the Park", there will also be a chance to "Jog with your Dog" - this part of the event will take place at 10.00am and entries for this must be made in advance. The whole event will take place between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm. We would like to encourage you to come along with your dogs and family and enjoy the event whilst raising much-needed funds for our charity. There will be medals for those who complete the course and a treat for dogs at the finish point. On the day there will be a giant tombola, Hearing Dogs merchandise, puppies in training, working partnerships and much more. There is an excellent café where, after your walk, you can sit back and enjoy some refreshments or alternatively stock up at the café before you start so that you can enjoy a picnic en route. There are plenty of seats along the way so that you can stop and enjoy the scenery and all that the park has to offer. The site is very child and dog friendly. The routes of 2 miles and approximately 5 miles will be well marked and maps will be available. The majority of the route is very wheelchair and pushchair friendly and is generally flat. Cost per participant is just £2.00 for either the jog or the stroll but we hope that you will obtain sponsorship to increase the amount raised for the charity. Car parking charges of £2.00 will also apply. Please come along and support us.

Finally, we have a network of speakers available to come and talk to groups – if you would like to hear more about the work of our charity or would like to help us in any way please give me a call.

Jenny Parker - Branch Organiser and Speaker

01223 833562 (evenings only please) jennifer.parker5@btopenworld.com

#### **COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEMBERS**

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1 <sup>ST</sup> WATERBEACH RAINBOWS	Diana Morgan - 01223 861398
32 <sup>ND</sup> CAMBRIDGE (WATERBEACH) SCOUT GF	ROUP William Moon – 01223 440259
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WATERBEACH DAY CENTRE FOR THE ELDER	RLY William Bullivant – 01223 862506

WATERBEACH FOOTBALL CLUB	Margaret Harris - 01223 861206
WATERBEACH INDEPENDENT LENDING LIBRARY	Sarah Smart – 01223 440018
WATERBEACH SALVATION ARMY	Wendy Brown - 01223 506217
WATERBEACH SCHOOL P.T.A	Cressi Downing - 07976 635774
WATERBEACH TODDLER PLAYGROUP	Wayne Badcock - 07808 357729
WATERBEACH VILLAGE SOCIETY	Adrian Wright - 01223 861846
WATERBEACH WI	Jane Gibb - 01223 721194

#### 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 Emergence	cy Calls 01223 376217
LANDBEACH VILLAGE HALL	Deborah Watts - 01223 860712
PARISH COUNCIL	Sarah Smart - 01223 440018
PARISH PATHS GROUP	D. Armstrong - 01223 861586
POLICE - Non Emergency Calls	0345 456 4564
ST LAWRENCES CATHOLIC CHURCH	01223 704640
VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT	Janice Maltby - 01223 861191
WATERBEACH BARRACKS-STATION STA	FF OFFICER Dave Hornby - 01223 204406
WATERBEACH SCHOOL	01223 718988
WATERBEACH TURBARY CHARITY	Pam Gooding - 01223 861003
WATERBEACH UNITED CHARITIES	Pam Gooding - 01223 861003
YOUTH OUTREACH WORKER	David Beasley - 07790 930191