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Front cover – Feast 2007

Community Association



FEAST DAY IS APPROACHING FAST!

Party for the young at heart!.....A hot afternoon in May this year and not a cold frosty February day. Our senior citizens enjoyed an afternoon of music and dancing – entertained by medieval dancers, children from Mrs Evan’s Foundation class, a large group of singers and finishing with a musical quiz. The afternoon was rounded off with a tea of cold meat and salad and some delicious desserts. Many thanks to all who made the desserts from the WI and Young Wives and a huge thank you to the few who turned up to help. Thanks also to Shirley Randall for organising the raffle and for all the prizes that were donated.

Waterbeach Feast – Saturday 14th June 2008 Feast Day is always a great day for everyone, and so much part of our village life.

The annual Feast Day should be the Community Associations main fundraising event. Unfortunately over the last few years the Community Association has struggled to raise enough to make the Feast financially viable, cover the cost of insurance and other community commitments. Therefore, this year it has been decided that the Feast Day parade collection should be for the Waterbeach Community Association. You will also notice, that due to lack of support in previous years, we have decided not to run a raffle or balloon race this year and hope that you will support us generously in the parade collection, to ensure the continuation of Waterbeach Feast.

As much as we want to keep Feast Day going, it can’t be done without preparation and helping hands – please come and help us on the day with setting up in the morning, clearing up afterwards from 5pm onwards and also collecting the rubbish on Sunday morning at 9am.

This year’s theme is “Something beginning with B” – we’re hoping to see lots of floats and decorated stalls with bears, bananas, buses and boats. If you have not booked your pitch yet please complete the form and return by 23rd May. Booking forms can be found on the Waterbeach Community Association website www.waterbeach.org or telephone 01223 860993.

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.

Date for your diary-Waterbeach Community Association AGM is on Monday 15th September in the Community Building, Waterbeach School at 7.30pm.

Waterbeach Community Players

FESTIVAL WINNERS!



ONE MISTAKE, one half of this spring production double-bill, directed by Mark Easterfield and written by Stephen Smith, pulled off a storming victory at Cambridge drama festival this year, winning first prize against stiff opposition. Adjudicator Jill Colby described it as a truly charming piece. And the awards didn't stop there - Kattreya Smith took the award for best actress (under 18)... And the whole team (the cast and director, plus Julie Petrucci, Cath Perkins and Iain Renfrew) took the backstage crew award, awarded by the festival backstage crew. In addition, the other members of the cast (Stephen Smith and Christine Easterfield) got nominated in the best actor category, and we were also nominated for the stage presentation award.



The cast and crew with the silverware.

More new writing this time from the pen of Stephen Smith. Our 2008 Spring Production is called *BAR TALK* and will run from Wednesday May 14th to Saturday May 17th. The production will see two new plays set on Saturday and Sunday night in the bar of a country hotel. Our Festival Winning entry, *ONE MISTAKE*, set on the Sunday night, is directed by Mark Easterfield with a cast of Christine Easterfield, Kattreya Smith and Stephen Smith. *PSYCHIC BABBLE* will open *BAR TALK* with three ladies attempting to win the hotel quiz by using the help of self-proclaimed psychic Jim, with a cast comprising David Morris, Wendy Croft, Caroline Blair, Valmai Furness and Kattreya Smith.

Waterbeach Parish Council

ARNOLD SCRIVENER CUP 2008

Waterbeach Parish Council invites your organisation to the Arnold Scrivener Cup 2008.

The tournament matches mixed teams, mixed ages (8 to 80 in previous years) and mixed ability to find the ultimate Rounders team in the Waterbeach Area. Previous entrants have included Waterbeach Colts, Scouts, Youth Club, Whitmore Way residents as well as many other teams of friends and families. Teams should be of 9 players (although other people can be substituted in between games).

This year's tournament will take place on Sunday May 18th at 2pm on the Recreation Ground, following the completion of the Waterbeach Colts' Football/Beer Festival.

To enter please contact Will Grant or the Parish Clerk on 01223 440018 or council@waterbeach.org

If anyone could help with umpiring and marshalling please let us know!

News From The PCSO

BUS SHELTER

I am sure that you have all seen the graffiti in the bus shelter on the edge of the Green in the middle of Waterbeach and the group of youths that constantly shelter from the elements in there. It was put to two of the "usual" crowd who we strongly believed were the culprits and they very kindly offered to repaint the bus shelter, with the permission of the Parish Council, during half term in a dark paint to prevent future offences occurring and also pass the message to their friends that this kind of behaviour will not be tolerated.

Waterbeach School Pool Appeal

DID YOU LEARN TO SWIM IN OUR POOL?

If you have attended Waterbeach Primary School at any time since 1960 then the chances are you have either learnt to swim or improved your swimming in our pool. We are very lucky to have the facility to offer our children the chance to swim during the summer term at our school. Swimming is part of the National Curriculum which requires that children should be able to swim 25 metres unaided and show various water skills by the end of the primary school education, and we pride ourselves in the fact that the majority of our children can do this in that time. Of course a lot of children attend swimming lessons out of school which are paid for by their parents, however for some children the only chance they get to swim is during our swimming season at school.



We want to be able to provide the environment in which we can teach and expose all our children to this fun fulfilling sport. In the area in which we live we have many water hazards such as the river, drainage ditches and the proposed rowing lake. We need to provide our children with the tools and skills to be safe and be involved with our beautiful fenland environment.

Our swimming pool was the vision of local business man Jack Branch who's yard was where Providence Way now stands on Denny End Road. Jack was a resident of Waterbeach and couldn't swim himself, he wanted to enable all the Waterbeach children to learn to swim and so in 1960, with the help of other local residents he decided to build the school a pool.

Over the years there have been extras added such as heating and work has been done. Some of the swimming pools pipe work was replaced in the late 1980's. The pool has a concrete lining which has a life expectancy of around 20-25 years and so it lasted for a lot longer than expected! Unfortunately over the past 5 years we have had problems with leaks from cracks in the concrete and from the aging pipes. To bring the pool up to date we need to give it some T.L.C.

As a school we do not get any funding from the Local Education Authority or County Council to run the pool and we fear that if we cannot raise the funds we will have to close our wonderful swimming pool. With the help of the School governors, staff, PTA committee, the children, parents and the White Horse in Waterbeach we have managed to set up a sub-committee and fund raising appeal to raise the funds needed to refurbish our swimming pool and the surrounding area to bring it into the 21st century and **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

We have decided to break the cost into 3 phases. The 1st phase is the re-lining of the pool and improving the filtration, the 2nd phase is to build bigger and better changing facilities and finally phase 3 is to replace the fencing and grassed area. Phase 1 is going to be a massive £25,000 with Phase 2 and 3 an estimated £15,000 combined.

We are appealing to the residents and businesses of the Waterbeach area to help us by making a donation to our fund. A donation however small is a step closer to our goal. If your place of work has a regular fundraising event please think of us. It really would be very much appreciated. If anyone has any photographs of the pool or would like to share their memories with us we would be very interested.

It would be wonderful if something built for our children by the local community could be saved by the local community nearly 50 years on and preserved for our future children.

To make a donation you can;
Bring to the school office cheques payable to Waterbeach School PTA and marked swimming pool fund on the back.

Log on to our just giving website page
<http://www.justgiving.com/waterbeachschool/supportus>

Details of the campaign and the events can be found on the School website www.waterbeach.cambs.sch.uk or visit our Facebook site, Waterbeach Pool Group, and upload photos etc.

For any more information please contact Ali Fish on 07734902399 or Karen Graves PTA chairperson via the school office.

Gardening Club

SUMMER ACTIVITIES



We are almost at the end of our spring programme and are looking forward, now, to summer activities. In February we heard a heartening talk by Richard Ayres who made it plain that retirement need not diminish life's interests and hardly lightens the workload. Retiring from his distinguished career as Head Gardener at Anglesey Abbey, he is, now, consultant to several gardens.

The March meeting coincided with the early Easter holiday so attendance was lower than usual. Even so, we had an interesting Gardeners' Question Time with Peter Jackson and colleague from Scotsdale's. We are grateful to The Beach Social Club for the use of their very pleasant premises for that one night.

In April Bob Lemmon came with pots of honey from his own bees. Formerly a resident of Waterbeach, he is President of the Bee-Keepers Association and a font of knowledge on the subject. He is a witty raconteur and kept us all chuckling. An officer from RSPB will be the speaker at the May meeting.

Feast Day is an important date for the summer, of course. Our members work hard to produce plants for our stall and we are always grateful to the non-members who add to our output. If you need us to pick up any plants, please ring 571421 to make arrangements.

For June we are to have an evening trip to Lode when Richard Ayres will guide us round his own garden and others and entertain us to tea and cake.

In July we have a full day outing to RHS Wisley. This is proving very popular and booking is brisk but, if there are any spare places after May 15th, we can offer them to non-members. Ring 441980 if you are interested. In August there will be a barbeque, but this has not yet been arranged.

That brings us to the Annual Show. This is something in which the whole village participates, either by competing or coming along to view the exhibits and enjoy cup of tea. Look out for the Show Schedules in the usual venues – shops, library, Post Office etc. – and join us at this very enjoyable event.

<i>June 5th</i>	Evening outing to Lode
<i>July 5th</i>	All day outing to Wisley
<i>August</i>	Barbeque (to be arranged)
<i>September 6th</i>	Annual Show

Young Wives

SUMMER CALENDAR

- 21st May* Come join us for an evening of games and show your skill and determination.
- 4th June* Painting for the Feast Preparation. (Bring your apron as very messy fun)
- 18th June* Childbirth in the 1940's, 50's and 60's by author Yvonne Barlow.
- 2nd July* Come and have a go at Line Dancing with Lyn Bennett.

If any of the above interest any one of you please come along. You do not have to be a member to come and enjoy an evening with us. Everyone is welcome.

Jazzercise

LIVE FIT! LIVE GREEN! IS THE MESSAGE FOR 2008

Wow so many of us living fit and living green in Waterbeach with Jazzercise!

The Junior Jazzercisers are really shining at class with fitness levels soaring, skipping skills in the class are fantastic our 'Pom Pom' skills are coming along as well, whilst moving to some of the latest sounds.

You will see the Juniors at the Waterbeach Feast along with the Regular Jazzercisers who will be wearing the Live Fit, Live Green tops.

Some of the students from Waterbeach took part in a mini workout at the front of Sainsbury's in Cambridge and raised about £400 for Sports Relief.

1/2 Term Holiday! Keep *THE KIDS ACTIVE* send them along to the Junior Jazzercise session on Wednesday May 28th 10am -12noon. Please contact Bev on 01223 861656 for more information.

Jazzercise are also doing a class on the 22nd June to fundraise for the School - PTA have all the information.

You are all welcome at any of the classes so come along and have some fun whilst keeping fit! All information about Jazzercise classes can be found on the advert in the Beach News.

Wicken Fen

BRIDGING THE GAP

After the dull and dank winter months spring is bursting into life at the Fen as the days draw out. Most of our winter visitors have now departed for home and our native wildfowl are busy nesting or already sitting on eggs. Excited visitors reported sighting the first Cuckoo on 18 April.

The last few weeks have been busy for our grazing warden, Carol Laidlaw, as firstly the Highland Cattle began calving and more recently the Konik ponies started to foal. To date eight Highland calves and three Konik foals have arrived.

The Wicken Fen Vision consultation is progressing and a big thank you to residents who attended the meeting at Waterbeach Primary School on 13 March and those who have completed the Vision consultation questionnaire. We are aware that many households did not receive a copy of the consultation document for which we apologise. A copy of the questionnaire is attached to the new style Wicken Fen Newsletter which has recently been circulated around Waterbeach. Please do take time to complete the questionnaire and post it to the Freepost address. Alternatively the questionnaire can be completed on-line at www.wicken.org.uk We are pleased that returned questionnaires to-date reveal widespread support for the Vision.

Development of the Spine Route linking Waterbeach and Anglesey Abbey to Wicken Fen is progressing. The route from Waterbeach is currently being considered by Waterbeach Parish Council. Elsewhere a new bridge over Swaffham Bulbeck Lode has been installed linking public rights of way on the Northern and Southern Banks of the Lode. A bridleway and surfaced foot / cycleway across Bottisham Fen linking up with White Fen Drove way to the South of the bridge have also been installed.

Implementation of the Vision received a significant boost with a major grant from Viridor, one of the UK's leading waste management companies. The grant has enabled the Trust to purchase the 103 acre Hurdle Hall Farm next to Burwell Fen, enabling the Trust to undertake habitat management works to restore over 500 acres to grazing marsh, wet woodland and fen. Hopefully it won't be long before Water Vole, Skylark, Brown Hare and Hen Harrier are

seen there. A new way marked walk from the Wicken Fen Visitor Centre taking in Sedge, Baker's and Burwell Fens together with Hurdle Hall is planned for later this year.

Please don't forget that we have a full programme of events over the summer months including dusk chorus and Dragonfly safaris. Full details are in the Wicken Fen Newsletter or please telephone the Visitor Centre (01353 720274) for more information.



Swaffham Bulbeck Lode Bridge being moved into position

We would like to say thank you to the organisers of the "St Johns Outings Group". My wife and I have had the good fortune over several years to go on many of their outings and holidays, but also we've enjoyed their good company and friendship.

Thank You

Oswald and Joan Brown, Horningsea

Waterbeach PTA



SUMMER UPDATE

Quiz Night – A big thank you to Dave Jenkinson for compiling the questions and being our exceptional quizmaster. What a great night we had raising just over £350.00. We had a record number of 21 teams and it was brilliant to see lots of new faces. The winning team were Quiz Team Aguilera.

Bags2school – We raised £180.00. Thank you to everyone who brought their bags in to us. Our next collection is 22nd October. So get collecting and if you have any bags you would like to get rid of before then, please contact Karen Graves (PTA Chair) 861690.

Murder Mystery – On Saturday 19th April a murder was committed at Oakington Hall (formally known as Waterbeach School Hall). The deceased was one Oscar Oakington, but who could have committed the crime? Was it Julia (his wife), Marie Enry (his mistress), his sons or even his housekeeper?...The evening was a huge success with members of the audience participating in some of the acting. There was also a 2-course meal to enjoy through the evening as well as the ongoing brain teasing clues to think about. We managed to raise just over £400.00 and an enjoyable night was had by all.

Jazzathon – On Saturday 22nd June we are holding a charity Jazzercise event in aid of the 'School Swimming Pool Fund'. So dig out your trainers and join us on Waterbeach School Field from 10.30am -11.30am for an hour of fun & fitness. This event is open to everyone and all we ask is that you make a donation on arrival. For more information please contact Karen Graves (PTA Chair) 861690.

Summer Fayre – Saturday 5th July is the date for our annual summer fayre. There will be bouncy castles, go-karts, slides, the climbing wall, and refreshments. There will also be an assortment of stalls including the ever-popular children's class stalls and a raffle to win the class hampers. We have live music brought to us by 'The Wayback Band' as well as entertainment from the local dance groups. There is something for everyone so come along to the school field between 2.00pm –5.00pm and enjoy a great afternoon.

Wish list – With all the money raised so far this year we have been able to purchase 2 digital cameras and some outdoor play equipment for Foundation Stage 2. We have installed new playground games/lines in the KS2 playground. We have purchased some numeracy resources to complement what is already being used in class and we have paid for Year 6 to experience the theatre to see Hamlet.

We couldn't have achieved any of this without the valued help and support from the parents/carers of the school and we are truly grateful to you all.

Thank you for your continued support.

Waterbeach Charities

WATERBEACH UNITED CHARITIES

(REG NO 201528)

Waterbeach United Charities provide financial support or pays for services that help to alleviate individuals who are “in need or distress”. They also provide assistance for apprentices or students who are studying.

Student Grant Applications/Apprenticeships-ADVANCE NOTIFICATION

Grants for students are only considered once a year, in September. Students wishing to make an application for a Student Grant/Apprenticeship Grant towards books/tools etc. are asked to submit their application before the **end of August 2008**. All applications will then be considered together at a meeting to be held by the Trustees in early September. Applications in writing can now be obtained from the address below. An acknowledgement will then be sent and an application form forwarded to the applicant.

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

If you think we could help, and to find out whether you are eligible for assistance, whether it be loaning equipment to you, or providing financial support, please contact:

All personal applications are confidential.

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

Updates From South Cambs

A MESSAGE FROM COUNCILLOR PETER JOHNSON

Railway Station

After lengthy talks with First Capital Connect they agreed to install a second ticket machine, which should help to make life a bit easier and also safer for users of the railway station. This machine is on the Northbound platform so stops the dangerous situation where you bought a ticket on the Southbound platform but had to cross the line then to catch a northbound train. We have all seen what can happen when crossing the line in a hurry; the two young girls at Elsenham were tragically killed so I hope this extra ticket machine will help to ensure we never witness a tragedy like that here at Waterbeach Station.

Bus service

Our bus service has deteriorated and so Stagecoach have been contacted to see what can be done to improve matters. They have decided to implement a service No 8, which will commence on the 27th May and will run from Waterbeach, with stops at the Green, the Railway Station, then on to Horningsea, Fen Ditton, Ditton Walk and finally Drummer Street. I will place timetables for this service in the Library and the Post Office and of course I will have some at home, so if you would like one just let me know and I will make sure you do get one. This service will have no support from the County Council so is purely a commercial venture by Stagecoach and is to be trialled over a 6 month period on a “use it or lose it” basis, so I sincerely hope that people will use it, as it has taken a lot of persuading to get Stagecoach to do this. I do understand that a lot of you want to see the half-hourly service re-introduced and I will continue to fight for this, but by using this other new service we will show Stagecoach that a reliable bus service is necessary and needed.

Safer Roads in Waterbeach

Hopefully by now the new interactive speed limit signs for 30mph will be in place and operating along with the 20 mph limit in place by the front entrance to the school. Red tarmac has also been applied to the road surface to give drivers an indication that this an area that requires drivers to take extra care and to drive with caution. These safety measures do take a long time to get implemented and this is as a result of constant campaigning

and working with the Parish Council and the County Council, but it does show that if we keep on long enough things do happen. Obviously we need to look at the other end of the village with the Car Dyke entrance along Cambridge Road where some drivers do drive too fast and so this is my next objective to try and slow the traffic down in this area.

Proposed Sports Lakes

The 10th draft of the planning conditions is now in circulation and I consider our concerns have been addressed sufficiently for our village to have no fears that this proposed venture will cause problems for us. Before any event can take place the Slap Up junction has to have traffic lights installed which will mean making this a safer junction for everyone, a new footpath and a cycle path to be laid along the Car Dyke Road, so again these are improvements to what we have at present.

ECO-Town

I am sure that you will all be pleased to hear that Waterbeach is not on the short list for the site of a new eco-town, many thanks go to all of those who helped to oppose this venture including the Parish Council, County Council, District Council, our M.P. Jim Paice, and of course all our residents who gathered outside the Post Office to help show this new town was not wanted here in Waterbeach. Many residents also sent letters opposing this venture and together this has shown the Government to look elsewhere.

Plastic Recycling

I am sure that a great many of you will be pleased to hear that kerbside collection of plastics for recycling will commence in the autumn. This did meet with opposition initially, but persistence paid off and as so many of you said you wanted to see this implemented I was determined to take your views forward. South Cambs is one of the best counties in the UK for recycling and this is down to the residents of our villages making that extra effort to reduce what goes into landfill and recycling as much as we can, and I say "Thank You" to all of you for thinking about our environment and what we can do to help save our planet.

If anyone has any other issues that you would like addressed by all means contact me and I will see what I can do. I do promise as always that I will do my best to help resolve problems to make our villages a safe and happy place to live.

Telephone 01223 560918 or 07947 475549

Waterbeach Scout Group



MOVING FORWARD

At last our Explorer Unit is getting into uniform. Our first five were invested on Tuesday 29th April.



From left to right:

Back row –

hiding is Matt, Dave - A.E.L,
and Steve - E.L.

Front row –

Max, Ashish, Arran and Phil

Explorers are the relatively new section that follows on from Scouts for boys and girls aged 14 -18 years. If you are interested in joining you can contact Bill Moon G.S.L., on 07879626682 or Email to address below.

The first weekend of March the Scouts went off to Paselswood for their winter camp. Mind you, some were not at all impressed when the fire alarm went off just before eight Sunday morning! Other than that a good time was had by all.

Unfortunately Cubs were not able to hold their Winter Camp due to a lack in the number of Cubs we have this year. We have had a lot of Cubs go up to Scouts, but very few stay after Beavers and move up to Cubs. If you are between the ages of 8 – 10 and would like to join us just come along to the Scout Hut on a Thursday evening at 6.30pm.

In the last Beach News we mentioned the fact that in November Scouting in Waterbeach will be 80 years old. We thought it would be a nice idea to put together some memories of Scouting in Waterbeach over the years. If you would like to contribute by writing about your time in Scouting we would love to hear from you. Please send to Bill Moon, 13 Pryor Close, Milton, Cambs, CB24 6BU or Email: William.moon1@ntlworld.com.

Rotary Club For North Cambridge

GOOD COMPANY, GOOD CAUSES



Everyone is familiar with the Rotary 'wheel' logo, appearing as it does in so many places from Christmas charity collection buckets to hotel foyers, but who are Rotarians and what do they actually do?

People who live or work in the North of Cambridge are finding out more, thanks to an initiative to establish a new Rotary group – the fifth in the Cambridge locality.

'Rotary is all about serving the community, with people from all walks of life getting together in a sociable group and meeting regularly to enjoy a meal and plan projects to raise money for charity, or to help others in a multitude of ways,' explains Gordon Hannah of the Rotary Club of Cambridge Rutherford, an established group helping the embryonic club get off the ground.

'Rotary groups normally hold meetings once a week, and members aim to get to two or three meetings a month, where we're likely to have a short talk from a guest speaker over breakfast, lunch or dinner. Members also take part in one of four committees: either developing membership; assisting a local or international good cause; planning interchange visits with overseas Rotaries; or arranging learning visits for foreign students, who are counselled throughout their Cambridge stay by Rotarians. They change annually between committees, to ensure ideas and projects are kept fresh.'

Mike Hellowell, also of the Rutherford club, adds: 'Cambridge's Rotary groups often hit the local headlines. For example, Rutherford recently organised a 'rubber duck race' on the river and Golf Day in aid of the Teenage Cancer Trust at Addenbrooke's and the Cancer Help Centre at Scotsdales. We also regularly raise money to supply 'shelter boxes' to disaster areas worldwide, and it is fascinating to note that, over the last 20 years, it is primarily the efforts of Rotary working internationally that have wiped out Polio from most of the world.'

'Every Rotary has a 'home base' and for the new North Cambridge one this is the Holiday Inn at Impington,' says founder member Trevor Kartupelis, who is involved in getting the venture off the ground. 'There is no such thing as a typical member, in terms of age, employment, or interests. The

essential thing is to be willing to commit some time and lots of enthusiasm! The Rotary motto is 'Service above Self', and members put this into action in numerous ways, while also having fun and enjoying good company.'

If you are interested in finding out more, call Gordon Hannah on 01223 890654 or email cambridgenorthrotary@hotmail.co.uk

Waterbeach School

GOVERNOR NEWS

Once again, the past few months have been really busy for the school and the governors. The new budget has been agreed formally by the governing body and with it we hope to build further on the school's recent "outstanding" status from OFSTED. In other news: the new School Improvement Plan (SIP) has been completed (with additional contributions from the governors), and we're sure it will re-invigorate the coming school year. Meanwhile, we're very proud that the school has achieved both 'Health Promoting Schools' and sports accreditation status. Work on revamping the school website is actively underway, so watch this space!

Also, in amongst all this, the Governing Body has welcomed not only the addition of a new Parent Governor but also the introduction of a notice board which details the profiles and activities of the all the governors within the school; so do please take the time to have a look!

As ever, the governors wish to thank staff, pupils and parents for all their hard work and support.



John Whyte
Parent Governor

John Whyte is the newest member of the Board of Governors having joined during the last election in March. John and his family have been resident in Waterbeach for the last 12 years. His daughter is currently in Reception class, and his son will start at Waterbeach Community Primary School in 2009.

After obtaining his degree he has worked in the Internet and Computer

networking industry for over 10 years. Professionally, he has held various technical and management positions which have given him great experience in trying to achieve goals while working to tight financial constraints. In addition he has spent time developing policies and processes at both operational and strategic levels.

Outside of work John enjoys reading and cooking, and travel when he can. John also admits to being a fair-weather cyclist!

John was keen to put some of these skills and lessons to some productive use within his local community and saw becoming a Governor as an opportunity to do this. "As a parent governor I feel that I can bring valuable lessons, skills and enthusiasm to the group of governors and to help continue and advance the great work already done by the current Head and Board". John has already provided valuable input to discussions and decision making. He has joined both the Curriculum and Premises Committees.

Please feel free to contact John via the school office 01223 718988 or directly at john@thewhytehouse.org.uk

This is the first of our Governor profiles, we hope to introduce you to all our Governors over the coming months.

Breathe Easy Group Cambridge
Part of the British Lung Foundation

Meet on the second Monday of the month
from 2.15pm to 4.15 pm
at The Salvation Army Hall, Station Road, Waterbeach

Everyone welcome
Find out more over a cup of tea or coffee

Your local patient support group for anyone affected by lung disease

Contact Norma on 01223 882011

WASPS

10TH BIRTHDAY PARTY



During this academic year (2007/2008) everybody at WASPS has been celebrating the clubs 10th Birthday! WASPS run a Breakfast Club, After School Club and Holiday Playscheme for children aged 4-11 years from Waterbeach Playhouse, situated on the school site.

On Saturday 12th April we had a Birthday Party in the school hall. The children at WASPS had been helping to get ready for the party for some time taking part in a competition to design the invitation, being creative and decorating huge 'Happy Birthday' signs and making paper chains (in black and yellow of course!). The party was a huge success, approximately 90 people attended. Despite some rain showers the children still managed to enjoy the bouncy castle, kindly provided by the White Horse, Waterbeach. The children also enjoyed colouring and drawing with friends, a slideshow of photographs from the past 10-years (some embarrassing!) and a singsong on the Karaoke during the afternoon.



People and organisations were so generous, thank you to everybody that

provided such wonderful food for our buffet on the day and also to those of you that donated money and time to our celebrations, it is really appreciated.

We had a small subcommittee working on the party preparations and we would like to thank them all for their hard work, in particular thank you to Ben Nicholas, Ashish Patel and Cleo Wiltshire (who all used to attend WASPS) for coming on board to help.

We were pleased that so many children, parents and carers, from past and present were able to join us. Everybody had a really enjoyable afternoon.

Our birthday theme is continuing at Waterbeach Feast. If any past children or parents would like to join us in the parade we would love to see you!

If you would like to find out more about WASPS please contact the club Co-ordinators Zoe or Louisa on 07889 233229 (7:30-8:30am / 3:00-6:00pm or voicemail)

Peace Of Mind

HOLIDAY MESSAGE FROM THE PCSO

Everyone needs a holiday some time, and however much you like your home, there's nothing like a change of surroundings. But you want to come home and find everything as you left it. Four out of five burglaries occur when a house or flat is empty; so don't advertise that you are away on holiday. Use the checklist to help you keep your home secure.

Holiday Checklist

- Cut the lawn before you go.
- Arrange for pets to be properly looked after.
- Register your property on www.immobilise.com. If your property is then stolen and later recovered it would help police identify the rightful owner.
- Cancel deliveries of milk, newspapers etc, discreetly don't announce your departure to a shop full of people. Only tell people who need to know you're going away.
- Make sure your house looks occupied. A closed curtain in the daytime

makes it look as if no one is at home. It is worthwhile getting automatic time-switches to switch lights, and a radio, on and off in downstairs rooms.

- Don't leave valuable items like TV s, videos or hi-fi visible through windows.
- Lock your garage and shed with proper security locks, after putting all your tools safely away so they cannot be used to break into your house.
- Don't have your home address showing on your luggage for the outward journey.
- Finally lock all outside doors and windows. If you have a burglar alarm, make sure it is set and that your key holder knows how to operate it.

And just before you actually set off, it's worth allowing a quiet couple of minutes on the doorstep to check you've done all you had to do and taken everything you need with you.

Have a safe journey, a great holiday and return home not a victim of crime

Party in the Park **on Landbeach Recreation Ground** **Saturday 19th July 2008**

**A full evening of entertainment from 6.00-11.45pm including
Children's entertainment, jazz band,
belly dancers, acrobatic rock 'n'roll and
fantastic live band – The Soul Searchers**

**Tickets include a Hog Roast and are on sale from 2nd June
£12 adult/ £6 child**

Tel: Pat on 861282 or Anne 861553 for further details

Bring your own picnic tables & chairs

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