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*Front cover – 25 Engineer Regiment Work Out for Children in Need – November 2009*



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# Community Association



**60 *Plus* Lunch Party** - Waterbeach Community Association in conjunction with Waterbeach Primary School would like to invite all residents of Waterbeach, Landbeach and Chittering aged 60 plus, into the school for lunch with the children, on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2010. Guests will enjoy a roast dinner funded by the Community Association and the children from Year 6 will dine with their visitors. In the afternoon there will be entertainment from the children in Years 2 and 5 who will perform their pantomime. The afternoon will be rounded off with tea and cakes. This will replace the usual 60 *Plus* party and provide a valuable link with the young and the not so young.

You will find your invitation and place confirmation form on page 14. This needs to be returned by Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2010. If you book a place and are then unable to attend, please ring 01223 860993 or leave a message on 01223 476601 as soon as possible, so that we can adjust the numbers and are not using Waterbeach Community Association funds unnecessarily.

**Feast 2010** - 12<sup>th</sup> June. The theme for 2010 is 'Something beginning with D....', so get those thinking caps on, it's never too early to start! Over the past couple of years there has been an increasing interest from the community to extend the Feast into a weeklong event. This was also highlighted through the recent Parish Plan questionnaire. We have therefore been looking at the feasibility of introducing some additional events for 2010. If we proceed with these plans, Feast Day, 12<sup>th</sup> June, will be our opening event. Other events we have discussed include;

- Fun Run - starting from the Buchanan Centre/Beach Hut (Married Quarters) around the Fen and back.
- Music Evening - please forward your ideas.
- Sports Taster Session - to be held on the Recreation Ground where all of the local sports clubs and groups would be invited to promote their activities.

It will be necessary for Waterbeach Community Association member groups to assist in the organisation of these events for them to be successful. We welcome your thoughts on this proposal and would be interested in any other ideas you may have.

**Beach News** - Thank you to everyone who has made our village publication so varied and interesting throughout the year. We really appreciate all your contributions. A special thank you to our team of Beach News folders who turn up four times a year to collate and fold the magazine, and also to those who then deliver it throughout the area.

We have introduced a new 'Children's Page' to Beach News (see page 16), so come on children please send in your stories, poems, pictures and comments. Please email your article to [beachnews@waterbeach.org](mailto:beachnews@waterbeach.org) or send to 5 Spurgeons Avenue, Waterbeach.

**Website** – We now publish Beach News on the Waterbeach Community Association website, please visit [www.waterbeach.org](http://www.waterbeach.org) You can also find previous editions and view the publications in colour.

**Christmas** - As usual Waterbeach Community Association will be holding the annual 'Carols on the Green' on Christmas Eve at 6.30pm. The carol sheet is enclosed, please remember to bring it along on the evening, together with lights, torches, lanterns etc. as lighting is limited on the Green. This is always a popular and well supported event and a fantastic way to start your Christmas celebrations whilst helping our local charity which this year is WASPS (Waterbeach After School Play Scheme).

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Combined Churches of Waterbeach for their assistance in the event and also the bands of the Salvation Army and Waterbeach Brass.

We also thank Mr & Mrs Blackaby who kindly donated the tree and the Langley family for doing their magic with the lights and having everything looking festive – many thanks to them all.

It just leaves me to say, on behalf of all the committee of the Community Association, have a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

# 25 Engineer Regiment Workout

Waterbeach Village Green was transformed into an outdoor dance studio on Friday, 20th November, when 150 soldiers from Waterbeach Barracks took part in an outdoor aerobics class to raise money for Children in Need.



The soldiers from 25 Engineer Regiment began the hour long session at 1030hrs, led by six aerobics instructors from Jazzercise. The idea for the event came from the wives of some of the soldiers who are Jazzercise instructors and teach classes locally. Jazzercise provided 6

instructors to help run the event. The event organiser Staff Sergeant Si Stevenson said: "We wanted to get as many people from the Regiment involved as we could and we also wanted to do something where the local community could come along, join in and show support."

The soldiers who were slightly sceptical about doing something as 'easy' as aerobics soon discovered that it actually involved a lot more effort and co-ordination than just bouncing around and had to work hard not to be shown up by the children of Waterbeach Primary School, who came along to take part.

The event was a great success and everybody had a good time trying to keep in step with the instructor and the music! A big thank you to all of the local community who came along to support, and to Steph Harris and the girls from Jazzercise for running the event.

Overall £800.00 for Children in Need was raised at the event via donations from the participants, spectators, 25 Engineer Regiment and Jazzercise.





# Waterbeach School Governors

It's the end of a busy year in the life of Waterbeach School and one that has seen a great deal of change for staff, pupils and governors alike.

The biggest change occurred in the summer when, as many of you know, head teacher Helen Williams, left in order to pursue an opportunity at another school. Everyone was very sad to see her go but we look to the future, and it's a tribute to Helen's superb leadership that she has left behind a school that is officially classed by OFSTED as "outstanding".

In achieving that status, Helen developed an excellent team around her and it is this team who have begun to build on her solid foundations.

That team includes Miss Froggatt who has moved to become Acting Head and who now leads an excellent team including Acting Deputy, Mrs Ogilvie and new teachers: Ms Tamsitt, Ms Vollans and Ms Harrison. They are all working hard to forge ahead with the existing school improvement plan and develop a new vision for the school. Miss Froggatt is almost at the end of her first term as Acting Head and, while there are still challenges ahead, the future is looking exciting.

The Governing body has also undergone change. I took over from Naomi Wright as Chair of Governors earlier this year. More recently we have welcomed two new parent governors: Julian Ruston and Nik Newark.

Governors and staff are working more closely than ever before and we're already embarked on a new long-term strategy for the school. Our committees are looking at aspects of this future strategy and helping to develop it in line with the direction as laid out by the school's leadership team and OFSTED.

So on behalf of the governors, I send our thanks to the staff, pupils and parents for all your hard work and support this year. Have a wonderful Christmas and a very happy New Year. *John Whyte, Chair of Governors*



**Girlguiding UK**  
*girls in the lead*

## *Plea for Rainbow tabards*

If anyone has a blue Rainbow tabard that they no longer need, could you please return it to Rainbows?

We would like to continue wearing the tabards as our uniform, but unfortunately the production of them has been stopped

Thank you

*From the Rainbow Leaders*

# Neighbourhood Watch

After our recent Neighbourhood Watch meeting we discovered that we may need your help. We are looking for NHW coordinators for the following roads

Providence Way

Jubilee Close

Saxon Road

Rosemary Road

Capper Road

Cambridge Road

Waddelow Road

Winfold Road

Coronation Close

Glebe Road

Payton Way

Cody Road

Saberton Close

Station Road

If you live in these areas and you are interested in joining the NHW scheme as a co-ordinator then please contact Jane Williamson on 01223 440751 or email [jane275@btinternet.com](mailto:jane275@btinternet.com).

## Waterbeach Scout Group



Santa and his sleigh are coming to Waterbeach on 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> December. He will be visiting with his helpers between 6pm and 8pm each day and a licensed door to door collection will be made in aid of The Princess of Wales Hospital, Ely and the Scout Hut repair fund. Routes are as follows;

*Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December:* Denny End Rd, Kingsmead Park, Winfold Rd, Clare Close, Providence Way, Bannold Rd, Bannold Court, Camlocks Estate, Cody Rd, Kirby Rd, Kirby Terrace, Capper Rd, Fletcher Ave, Abbey Place, Park Crescent, Josiah Court, Way Lane, Fenleigh Close, Spurgeons Ave and Cattells Lane.

*Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December:* Way Lane, Pieces Lane, Hartley Close, Pieces Terrace, Woodpecker Way, Burgess Rd, Rosemary Rd, Payton Way, St. Andrews Hill, Station Rd, Lode Ave, Adams Court, Whitmore Way, St. John's Close, Chapel Close, Chapel St, Greenside, Wellington Close, Barker Close.

*Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December:* Waddelows Rd, Rookery Close, Jubilee Close, Wiles Close, Denson Close, Primrose Lane, High St, Vicarage Close, Greenside, Gibson Close, Cambridge Rd, Coronation Close, Glebe Rd, Mill Rd, Harding Close, Saxon Way, Poorsfield Rd .

There is still time to join in with our family Bingo. Our Christmas one will be on *Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December*. Eyes down 8pm. We're back again in the new year on *Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January*

*Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2010* we will be holding our annual Jumble Sale between 10am and 2pm.

# Waterbeach Village Society

The Village Society started its new season with a visit from that ever popular speaker Mike Petty. Who in his usual interesting knowledgeable way spoke on the subject of 'Six Hundred years of Fen Drainage'. Describing the many times the land had changed hands and been fraught with disasters, until finally being successfully drained.

In October Peter Dixon a member of the group went into how he was first introduced to his hobby of collecting 'The Hunting Jugs'. Initially they were drinking vessels depicting common every day scenes of local life, but expertly hand made in different shapes and sizes.

At the November meeting we will be listening to Marian Langley who will be talking on the subject of 'The Folklore of Plants and Trees'. The December meeting is due to hear about 'Eels, Punts and Willow - A Fenland Life' introduced by Peter Carter.

All these form part of an interesting programme that has been put together and is proving to be an attraction. The Society welcomes visitors and assures all of an interesting evening and refreshments.

January will see the year starting with the Annual General Meeting and a New Year Social.

All meetings are held in the Community Library Room on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7.45 p.m.

*February 23<sup>rd</sup>* One Thousand Years of English Churches - Chloe Cockerill

*March 23<sup>rd</sup>* Pargetting: An English Folk Art - Bill Sargent.

## Beach Social Club

On Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November, Beach Social Club held an Open House, where the usually members only club was open to all. We had a very successful day with live music from 12 - 12, most of which were musicians from the village. Who needs Britain's Got Talent when we have Waterbeach's Got Talent! The acts that appeared have been booked throughout the year, the next being 12<sup>th</sup> December with Slightly Reformed following that 30<sup>th</sup> January with Run 4 Cover, posters advertising these events will be displayed around the village. A huge thanks to The Jaguars who supplied the equipment and helped all day, they also took the final spot to finish up the night with some great Rock and Roll. Memberships are available, please call in for a membership form.



# Little Chapel In The Fen

The annual Harvest Service at 'The Little Chapel in The Fen,' near Upware, was held in perfect weather on Sunday, the 4th of October. Nearly one hundred people attended and the total of cash and cheques collected was £526.70.

The principal offering was for the Teenage Cancer Trust (TCT) appeal and this came to £365.00. There was also a retiring collection for the maintenance of the fabric of the Chapel and a further sum of £161.70 was raised. (The interior of the Chapel needs re-decoration).

Dr. Ray Gambell, O.B.E., of Landbeach, took the service, which is always held on the first Sunday in October. This was the 125th such service (the present Chapel having been built in 1884) and this fact was remarked upon by Mr Alan Wyatt, one of the Chapel's trustees.

The lessons were read by Mrs Jean Nash, of Swaffham Bulbeck, and Cllr. Allen Alderson, of Reach, and Mrs Shirley Randall, of Waterbeach, played the organ.

Another trustee, Mr Geoffrey Woollard, said that he was delighted with the outcome and reported that all of the produce - vegetables, fruit, flowers, eggs, preserves - much of it grown and harvested in and around the Cambridgeshire Fens, as well as a superb harvest loaf baked by Mr Gerry King, of Swaffham Prior, were to be delivered to the Burwell Day Centre on the Monday morning. The Day Centre makes good use of everything that is taken there.

'The Little Chapel in The Fen' has recently been re-roofed at a cost of over £8,000 and gratitude was expressed by Mr Wyatt to those who contributed so generously towards the success of this major work.



# The Salvation Army



## Thank You

The Salvation Army would like to thank the community of Waterbeach and Landbeach for their generosity in our recent Annual Door-to-Door Appeal. The total raised was over £1,600. This money will help to continue The Salvation Army's work among the homeless and the needy.

## Christmas at The Salvation Army

A warm welcome awaits you this Christmas at The Salvation Army in Waterbeach. Why not make this Christmas special by joining us in celebrating the Birth of Jesus Christ.

Our Services are as follows:-

<i>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup></i>	'Christingle' Service 5pm
<i>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup></i>	Children's Carol Service 4pm
<i>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup></i>	Community Carol Service 5pm
<i>Christmas Day</i>	Family Service 10.30am

Also if you are looking for an ideal Christmas present then why not purchase a CD of Christmas music by The Salvation Army Band 18 tracks only £2.50

## Forthcoming Events

*Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> January* 'Burns Supper & Scottish Music' 7pm  
Admission by ticket only, price £3 or family of four or more £10

*Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> February* 'An Evening of music & song with Mike & Jenny Clark' (Lay Evangelists) 7pm - £3

For more details about these events please contact: - Kevin or Wendy on 01223 506217 or see local posters.

# Great North Run

On the 20th September, Jean Sleaf and Susan Hughes both of Waterbeach, completed the Great North Run in Newcastle (half marathon).

It was a really fabulous day and one not to forget (especially the terrain!). We raised a total of £1,253.50 in aid of The British Lung Foundation and our local Cambridge Breathe Easy Group held in Waterbeach, and we would like to take this opportunity of thanking everyone who supported and sponsored us.



# Waterbeach PTA

## Update on recent events

*Bag2School – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October.* Thank you to all of you who brought your bags of recycling to the school. We raised £344.00 as a result.

*The Sara Noel Photography Sofa Photo shoot – 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> October.* Sara Noel very generously conducted a photo shoot for families over the entire weekend, to raise money for the PTA. This went tremendously well, and all 25 families who were photographed enjoyed themselves greatly (especially when the children got to jump on the sofa...)! Sara Noel worked tirelessly for two full days, and then for a further three days going through the nearly 3,000 images she had shot over the shoot. Due to her generosity, and that of the families being photographed, we have raised over £300! This is set to increase once last orders are in – a big thank you to Sara and her assistant Rachel.

*Our new logo and our new bags –* we have a new logo for the PTA. Entries to the competition came from Year 5/6, and the standard was very high. We were delighted to announce TWO winners! One was for our letterhead logo, the other for a design for our new reusable cotton bags. Two other pupils were Highly Commended. Look out for the reusable bags, which you should find on sale at outlets around the village soon.

*We have a new PTA Committee,* elected in September 2009. We are a busy and sociable group – and we welcome new members to the committee at any time during the year! If you are a parent at Waterbeach School and would like to get involved in activities to raise vital funds for the children, why not join us? Our new Chair is Cressi Downing and, if you have fundraising ideas that you would like to share, or some time that you can volunteer, she would love to hear from you. Please contact her on [cressi@thebookanalyst.co.uk](mailto:cressi@thebookanalyst.co.uk)

## Dates for your diary: 2010

*Quiz – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February.* We are pleased to announce our popular annual quiz will take place in the school again, hosted by Dave Jenkinson. Look forward to a fun evening to bring some cheer to a dark February night and some questions to tax the brain. Watch out for more details early in January.

*Bag2School – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April.* Another opportunity to recycle any good clothes or other items you no longer need such as bedding, curtains, soft toys, shoes, belts and handbags to raise money for the school. Please



place your items in a bag – any colour or type of bag will do – and bring them to the school on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April before 12 noon. If you are not able to bring them to the school, or if you have any questions about this, please call Elly Ruston on Tel: 01223 502509. The bags are collected by the Bag2School company, which donate money according to the weight of all the bags.

*Summer Fair – Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July.* More details to follow in 2010.

### **Thank you**

Thank you to all of you who have supported PTA events through volunteering your time, skills, gifts in kind, turning up and spending your money. Your help makes a huge difference, and enables the PTA to raise money for the school-children, so they can enjoy and benefit from extra learning materials, new play equipment, and educational trips.

## **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.

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

These are some of the ways in which we can offer help and assistance to the residents of Waterbeach Parish.

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 let us know. All personal applications are confidential.

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

Organisations are invited to apply for a grant from the above Charity subject to funds being available at the end of the financial year (December 2009).

Applications to be submitted in writing clearly stating the reasons for the grant and they should include details of any fund raising efforts that have been made. Closing date will be **31 December 2009**. These grants will be considered early in the New Year.

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

Please send details to:

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

# Waterbeach Community Players

## Our 2010 Productions

*Thursday January 21<sup>st</sup> to Saturday January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2010 at Waterbeach School*

### **THE PIED PIPER**

A family panto written especially for Waterbeach Community Players by Chris Shinn. With over 30 in the cast it features *James Dowson* as The Pied Piper, *Kattreya Smith* as Carl the woodcutter, *Kayleigh Orrock* as Maria, the Mayor's daughter and *Chris Shinn* as Dame Lottie.

Evening performances start at 7.30pm and Saturday matinee on 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 2.30pm.

Tickets £7.50. Concessions (under 16s and over 60s) £6. Family Ticket (2 full + 2 concessions) £25.

Advance Box Office 01223 570109.

You are advised to book matinee tickets in advance. For other performances tickets will be on sale at the door subject to availability.

### *March and April 2010* **FESTIVAL PLAY**

Stephen Smith is to direct his latest one-act play **ANNIVERSARY** with a cast of David Morris, Tim Boden, Wendy Croft, Christine Easterfield and Valmai Furness. This will be entered for the Sawston and Cambridge Drama Festivals.

*Wednesday May 19<sup>th</sup> to Saturday May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2010*

The Farndale Ladies are back with another of their hilarious offerings this time they are aboard a cruise ship presenting a play a la Noel & Gertie entitled:

### **WE FOUND LOVE AND AN EXQUISITE SET OF PORCELAIN FIGURINES ABOARD THE SS FARNDALE AVENUE.**

Written by David McGillivray & Walter Zerlin Jnr. Directed by Julie Petrucci, auditions will be held in January.

*10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> November* **BIRTHS, DEATHS & MARRIAGES**

Stephen Smith is to direct his latest trilogy of plays under the title *BIRTHS, DEATHS & MARRIAGES* for our Autumn production. This will include our drama festival play *ANNIVERSARY*.

# Landbeach Event Committee

The Landbeach Event Committee has lots of exciting things planned for 2010. We will be raising funds for our third 'Party in the Park' which will be on *July 17th*. We are busy working on the final details for this very popular event. Remember to put this date in your diary!

*Events not to be missed:*

*January 23<sup>rd</sup>* - Bangers & Mash

Why not come along and have lunch cooked for you. Catch up with friends and enjoy home cooked food with a selection of puddings too! All at the very reasonable price of £4 per adult and £2.50 for children under 12.

*March 6<sup>th</sup>* - Fun Music Quiz

A fun evening which is sure to get those feet tapping whilst giving the old grey matter a bit of a wake up! Family event with a variety of questions from the 50's to 00's. Teams of up to eight are invited, with a prize for the winning team. The ticket price of £7.50 includes a two course home cooked meal. What more could you ask for!

*April 24<sup>th</sup>* - Themed Disco

After the success of our Abba tribute disco we will be running a similar event in 2010 (the theme is still be announced). So why not come along and boogie the night away with music played by DJ Steve, including sounds from the 60's through to the 00's.

Final details of all the above will be advertised nearer the time.

If you would like more info please do not hesitate to contact either, Maggie 860384, Anne 861553 or Deborah 860712

## **Waterbeach Community Association Carols on Waterbeach Green**



**Christmas Eve  
6.30pm**



**Please remember to bring your carol sheet, lights, lanterns and torches.**



# Age Concern Visiting Scheme



The Age Concern Visiting Scheme is looking for Volunteers in Landbeach, Waterbeach and the surrounding villages.

The aim of the Visiting Scheme is to provide friendship and support to older people living alone in their own home who feel lonely and isolated. The commitment that we ask from our volunteers is to visit a client each week for an hour; for a cup of tea and a chat with the intention of a friendship developing. Previous experience is not essential, and age, education and background are irrelevant – volunteers are recruited on the basis of attitude. A free CRB check will be taken and travelling expenses will be paid. Once a volunteer has been introduced to an older person, the Scheme Organiser will provide on-going support and guidance and also regular volunteer support meetings, social events and information sharing opportunities take place.

If you would like more information then please contact Dee Potter, the Team Assistant, on 0845 521 3481 or email [dee.potter@accambs.org](mailto:dee.potter@accambs.org)

## Jazzercise

Jazzercise hosted an event on Friday 20th November for Children In Need (see page 3). A great day was had by all who took part as well as lots of funding being raised for Children in Need.

Jazzercise Waterbeach with the rest of the UK raised £65 thousand for Great Ormond Street Hospital in June by attending a national workout in London.

We have lots of fun whilst keeping Fit and Active, why not come along, your first class is free. For more information please contact Beverley Tumber on 01223 861656.

Last class before Christmas will be on Saturday 19th December and we will start again on Saturday 2nd January 2010!

Don't wait till after Christmas come and have a fun filled workout now!

Wow! Junior Jazzercise students have had a fantastic term putting their own routines together with the moves they have mastered in class.

Class is lively, fit active and fun.

*Classes are term time for Waterbeach School only (We do offer one off sessions which are open to non Waterbeach School students as well).*

# 60 *Plus* Lunch Party

## INVITATION



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

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2010**

from 1.00pm until 4.00pm

at Waterbeach School Hall.

Guests will enjoy a roast dinner and dine with children from Year 6. This will be followed by entertainment from the children in Years 2 and 5 who will perform their pantomime. The afternoon will be rounded off with tea and cakes.

This is all *free*, but we do ask you to return the slip below to book a place. Please return the slip below to Mark Clack, 5 Spurgeons Avenue, Waterbeach or to Jacqui Rabbett, 9 Providence Way, Waterbeach by **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2010**.

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

Unfortunately we are unable to cater for special dietary requirements other than vegetarian.

*Please note as it is a normal school day there will be no admission before 1pm*

For further information Tel. 01223 860993

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## 60 *PLUS* LUNCH PARTY- PLACE CONFIRMATION

Please reserve ..... place(s) at the 60 *Plus* Lunch Party on **26<sup>th</sup> January 2010**

Name(s) : .....

Contact Address .....

.....

Telephone.....

Please tick if you will be in a wheelchair ☐

Please tick if vegetarian meal required ☐

*Please return by **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2010***

# Gardening Club



This coming year will be the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Waterbeach and District Gardening Club and various ideas are being floated to make this a very special year.

The present year, however, has also been full of interesting events. Summer activities started at Feast Day when people flocked to our well-stocked stall, making it a very successful day for us. We are grateful to all those, members and non-members, who supplied us with plants and came to buy plants. Later in the month we were guided round Trinity College Gardens by the Head Gardener. It is amazing to find the tranquillity of an acre upon an acre of beautiful, carefully tended land right in the heart of a bustling city.

The Annual Outing in July was to Bressingham Gardens created by the Bloom family with several kinds of gardens on display, many of the plants being Bressingham raised varieties. Adding to the interest were the Steam Museum and the Dad's Army collection. Then in August we had a very enjoyable barbeque with good food, good company and a great social atmosphere.

The highlight of the year - and popular village event - is always the Annual Show. This year's Show was particularly good, the entries being of very high quality and more numerous than ever. A record number of people came to agree or disagree with the judges' awards and chat with friends over a cup of tea. Perhaps you were one of those people and are now considering joining the club. You would be very welcome; the annual subscription is £5 single and £8 family membership, plus £1 at each meeting. Meetings are held in St. John's Church Room at 7.45pm.

Now we are starting on a new Gardening Club year, having had the AGM in October at which one of our members, David Craig, gave a presentation of some of his exquisite photographs of gardens.

Below is the programme for the next few months;

<i>December 17<sup>th</sup></i>	Christmas Social
<i>January</i>	New Year meal
<i>February 18<sup>th</sup></i>	'Climate Change and Associated Planting' – George Thorpe – Head Gardener, Trinity College
<i>March 18<sup>th</sup></i>	'An Incentive to Early Marriage' – The Social History of Allotment – Twigs Way - Garden Historian, Lecturer and Researcher



# Children's Page



## *Chocolate Christmas Puddings*

*You will need:*

*110g golden syrup*

*110g rice krispies*

*55g drinking chocolate*

*55g margarine*

*200g icing sugar*

*25ml water*

*6 cherries*

*12 paper bun cases*

*Muffin tray*

- ❖ *Carefully melt margarine and syrup in a pan. (Ask a grown up to help).*
- ❖ *Add drinking chocolate and mix well.*
- ❖ *Remove from the heat and add rice krispies.*
- ❖ *Using an ice cream scoop roll a small ball of mixture and place into the bun cases.*
- ❖ *Leave to cool.*

*Meanwhile,*

- ❖ *Mix the icing sugar with water and chop the cherries in halves.*
- ❖ *Dribble icing sugar mixture over the cooled krispie buns.*
- ❖ *Place a cherry half on top.*

## **Waterbeach Barracks**

Recently the topic for Year 5 and 6 at Waterbeach School has been about Waterbeach Barracks. We have done a number of activities and have had a lot of fun. We are going to make an exhibition of all our work in the school, Denny Abbey and the Barracks Museum.

In the first activity each class had to interview someone. One class had a man who had been in service in the RAF, one class had a soldier who had been in WW2 and one class had two soldiers who are working at the Barracks nowadays. A lady called Elly, who works at Denny Abbey, also came in to school to ask questions of the visitors and then some of the children had the chance to ask questions, that we had thought of earlier. During the interview we were filmed and recorded.

We also enjoyed a trip to Waterbeach Barracks where we did three different activities. We went into the Barracks Museum and looked at all the old photos, chose our favourite photo and made up a story based on that photo. We then went into the Barracks Cemetery and took rubbings of the graves.

Our final activity was a tour around a part of the Barracks, including driving up the old runway and visiting the lake.

Back at school we had another visitor called Gilly, who helped us design panels about a specific aspect of the soldier's lives. We had to write about the aspect we had been given and try to make our panels eye catching. There were some pictures from the time the soldiers had been at the Barracks and we could choose a couple for our panels. Once we had finished them we were told that our work would be taken away and be made into real display panels.

I have really enjoyed doing this project and I think it would be great if we did something else a bit like this again.

*Written by Millie Cotton - Age 9*

## Update From Wicken Fen

As the year draws to a close its time to reflect on a successful year for the fen. Over the summer we welcomed over 35,000 visitors to the fen, 36% higher than in the previous year. In May, we celebrated the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Wicken Fen Vision, with hundreds of people enjoying a day of celebration on the fen, whilst in July our National Dragonfly Centre opened to the public.

A fantastic year for wildlife was topped off by the first ever breeding of Avocets on the reserve. The list of species recorded at Wicken Fen grew to an amazing 8230 species. New to the list this year are the Squacco Heron, 4 species of moth, 43 species of lichen and on the smaller and perhaps more obscure side, 35 species of nematode worm.

Access throughout the Vision lands will be significantly enhanced following recent planning approval for the construction of a crossing over Reach Lode and cycleway across Burwell Fen. The bridge and



cycleway are a vital element of the Wicken Fen Spine Route which will link Wicken to Anglesey Abbey and Bottisham. The Route will also form part of National Cycle Route 11 connecting Cambridge to Ely, whilst at the same time opening up the potential for circular walks and trails for local residents and visitors alike. Funding for the bridge has come from transport charity Sustrans from its Big Lottery Fund award for the development of sustainable transport links between communities and the Department for Communities and Local Government via its Growth Area Fund for the development of green infrastructure in Cambridgeshire. The bridge has been designed to blend into the surrounding landscape with gently sloping ramps providing easy access for walkers, cyclists and horse riders. Construction is expected to commence early in the New Year and should be completed by late spring.

Work has recently commenced on the construction of a hide overlooking the Mere on Tubney Fen, near Reach. Look out for lapwing and golden plover when visiting Tubney Fen. Back at Wicken Fen, improvements have been made to the Adventurers Trail to enhance access to Brett's and Trevelyan's Hides, which overlook scrapes by Wicken Mere. With the arrival of the colder winter weather now is the perfect time to see Wicken's amazing range of over wintering wildfowl, fieldfares and redwing feasting on red berries, and hen harriers coming in to roost on Sedge Fen at dusk.

If you are interested in archaeology, the Cambridge Archaeology Field Group will be leading a walk over Hurdle Hall, near Reach, on Sunday 13 December. A similar walk over Oily Hall to the south of Swaffham Bulbeck Lode last winter recovered 430 struck flints together with seven shards of pottery. The quantity and quality of the finds has raised considerable interest amongst archaeologists with a general consensus that the struck flints are late Mesolithic (8500 – 4000 BC) or early Neolithic (4000-2200 BC) with the pottery dating from the Neolithic period. To join the walk please meet on Reach Village Green at 1000, children under the age of 18 should be accompanied by an adult please. For further information please contact Community Warden, Emma Shepherd on 01353 720274

Father Christmas has promised to find time in his busy schedule to visit Wicken Fen on Saturday / Sunday 12, 13, 19 & 20 December, at 1030, 1115, 1300, 1345 & 1430 (£6.75 – Suitable for children aged 3-12 years). A Christmas Trail around the Boardwalk will lead you to Father Christmas in his secret grotto. Advanced booking is recommended – contact the Visitor Centre on 01353 720274

Don't forget Wicken Fen is open every day from Boxing Day to New Year's Day over the festival holiday for beautiful winter walks. What better way could there be to shift those extra Christmas pounds.



# Waterbeach Football Club

One of our Beach News readers has sent us this photograph of the Waterbeach Football Club from 1935/36.

If you can fill in any of the missing names, or indeed if you or someone you know are in the photograph, we would like to hear your stories about the Waterbeach Football Club from years gone by. Please contact us at Beach News, details inside front cover.



## *Back row*

Mr	Fred	Mr	Bill	Church	Fred
Baxter	Hemmins	Wye	Jones	Bavister	Davis

## *Middle row*

Derek	Doug	Cyril	Mr	Jack	Percy	Alf
Wye	Chapman	Andrews	Howard	Bavister	Flack	Bavister

## *Front row*

Jim	Ted	Bob	Hector	Alwyn
Lister	Missen	Garner	Garner	Wye

# Library Facilities

Waterbeach Independent Lending Library, on the Waterbeach School site, is open on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays (see our display advertisement for details).

**Free book requests:** There is now no charge for requesting books from other Cambridgeshire libraries (loans from libraries outside Cambridgeshire are £3). You can even order them from the comfort of your own home via the internet: please ask a librarian for details.

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

*Alternate Wednesdays (Dec 2, 16; Jan 13, 27; Feb 10, 24; Mar 10, 24):*

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

Waterbeach - Buchanan Centre 16:25 – 17:00

*Alternate Thursdays (Dec 10; Jan 7, 21; Feb 4, 18; Mar 4, 18):*

Waterbeach – The Green 16:30 – 17:30

*Four-weekly, Tuesdays (Dec 15; Jan 12; Feb 9; Mar 9):*

Waterbeach – Chapel Close 10:35 – 11:05

*Four-weekly, Thursdays (Dec 17; Jan 14; Feb 11; Mar 11):*

Waterbeach – Denson Close 12:30 – 12:55

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

## Beach Bowls Club



We are currently looking for new members.

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

**A. Reuben (Tony)      01223 861001**

**K. White (Ken)        01223 864152**

# COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

BEACH BOWLS CLUB	Tony Reuben - 01223 861001
BEACH SOCIAL CLUB	Richard Hall - 01223 860033
CATS PROTECTION - CAMBRIDGE BRANCH	Information Line - 01223 441880
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION CHAIRPERSON	Jacqui Rabbett - 01223 860993
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION SECRETARY	01223 860993
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION TREASURER	Mike Sharp - 01223 862969
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WATERBEACH BAPTIST CHAPEL	Robin Giles - 01223 862494
WATERBEACH BRASS	David Pell - 01223 860396
WATERBEACH COMMUNITY PLAYERS	Julie Petrucci - 01223 880023
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WATERBEACH DAY CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY	William Bullivant – 01223 862506
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WATERBEACH SALVATION ARMY	Kevin Brown - 01223 506217
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WATERBEACH TODDLER PLAYGROUP	Wayne Badcock - 07808 357729
WATERBEACH VILLAGE SOCIETY	David Craig - 01223 860684
YOUNG WIVES GROUP	Sheila Gill - 01223 861999



**Other useful numbers:**

1ST WATERBEACH BROWNIES	Rowena Small - 01223 570850
1ST WATERBEACH GUIDES	Lorraine Warburton - 01223 575792
1ST WATERBEACH RAINBOWS	Diana Morgan - 01223 861398
32ND CAMBRIDGE (WATERBEACH) SCOUT GROUP	Bill Moon – 01223 440259
BEACHES COMMUNITY CAR SERVICE	07807 875878
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DISTRICT COUNCILLOR	James Hockney - 01223 864891
DOCTORS SURGERY – WATERBEACH	01223 860387
FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE - Non Emergency Calls	01223 376217
LANDBEACH VILLAGE HALL	Mrs. Bullman - 01223 860692
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