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Community Association



Christmas - As usual Waterbeach Community Association will be holding the annual 'Carols on the Green' on Christmas Eve at 6.30pm. The carol sheet will be available on the evening or you can download a copy in advance from www.waterbeach.org. Please remember to bring your 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.

The Christmas lights around the Green have been installed and maintained by Brian Langley and family for the past 12 years. Sadly Brian passed away at the end of October after suffering from Mesothelioma, a rare form of cancer, usually developing in the lung lining, caused by exposure to asbestos. In memory of Brian the collection on Christmas Eve will be donated to the Mesothelioma UK charity. This charity provides information about the disease, strives to improve patient care and treatment, and offers support to those with the disease and their families. Please give generously to support this charity.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Combined Churches of Waterbeach for their assistance in 'Carols on the Green' 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.

Feast 2011 - June 11th. Over recent years it has become very apparent that more help is needed with the organisation of Feast Day, before, during and after. There are many and varied areas that we need assistance with

and even help with one of the smaller tasks will alleviate the pressure on the current committee of just five. A Feast Committee meeting has been arranged for Monday 17th January 2011 at 7.30pm in the Community Room at Waterbeach School. This meeting is open to anyone who feels they can assist in helping to organise next year's Feast. It is not just for Community Association members everyone is welcome. Without additional help and support the continuation of the Feast in its present form, is at risk.

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.

60 Plus Lunch Party - Following the success of the 60 Plus Lunch Party in January 2010, we have once again joined with Waterbeach Primary School and would like to invite all residents of Waterbeach, Landbeach and Chittering aged 60 plus, into the school for lunch with the children, on Thursday 3rd February 2011. 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 3 and 4 who will perform Scheherazade (Tales of the 1001 Arabian Nights). The afternoon will be rounded off with tea and cakes.

Please note that as the party will be held during a normal school day there will be no admission before 1pm and entrance will be via High Street only, as the back gate on Way Lane will be locked.

You will find your invitation and place confirmation form on page 24. This needs to be returned by Friday 7th January 2011. 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.

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.

39 Engineer Rgt. Charity Marathon

During the week 1st - 5th November ten members of 39 Engineer Regiment undertook to run ten marathons in five days in aid of St Dunstan's, the charity which supports blind ex-military personnel.

A team of ten men from the Regiment successfully carried out the marathons in the allotted five days. The total amount pledged was £20,000. The event attracted coverage from the national press, including the ITV "Daybreak" programme.

“Heroes” Lunch

On Wednesday 10th November the children of Waterbeach Primary were joined by some very special guests for a *"HEROES" LUNCH*. What started off as a simple lunch invitation soon turned into a day that was sure to be one that both old and young would remember for a long time. The idea behind the day was a very personal one to myself, being the daughter of a soldier and now being married to one for over 17 years. I wanted to do something to highlight the fact that Remembrance Day is not just about remembering the past, which we must never forget, but also about the work and sacrifices that our Armed Forces are facing today. So the call went out, first to Waterbeach Barracks, who promised me four of their finest, and then to Mr Norman Foster, the secretary of the Waterbeach and Landbeach Branch of the Royal British Legion who promised to "rally" the troops.

The week before the lunch the children helped me and my colleagues, Carol Norris and Sue Pascu decorate and sell poppy biscuits around the school, (the ingredients had all been kindly donated by Cambridge Catering Services). The biscuits were so popular that as fast as we made them, the children sold them!

The day finally arrived, the hall was decorated, Union Jacks, poppy table decorations and carefully drawn pictures filled the walls, and then our guests arrived. Veterans from WW2, a medic from the Polish forces, RAF, Navy and the Engineers from the Barracks filed into school, with their standards

held high and medals proudly displayed on their chests. They spent the morning going round the classrooms, sharing their memories and answering the



many questions the children were eager to ask. Then followed a lunch of roast chicken and all the trimmings with a dessert of apple crumble and custard, and still the conversation flowed.

The day ended with an assembly to thank our guests for coming and the children sang a special song, I don't think there was a dry eye in the room after that! It was then my great pleasure to announce the total raised from

the biscuit sale, an amazing £206.50, which was split between the Royal British Legion and Help For Heroes. A wonderful and at times emotional day was had by all and I'm not sure who enjoyed it more, the children or our



"Heroes" and as we waved goodbye to our guests, with echoes of "when can we do it again" ringing in my ears I couldn't help but smile and think that when tomorrow comes and the school holds their two minutes silence at 11.00, the children will have a greater understanding of why "we must never forget".

A big thank you to our Head teacher Jane Green for letting me organise this event, to the teachers and lunchtime supervisors especially Tracy and Emma for their help and support on the day and, not forgetting the wonderful children of Waterbeach Primary for helping to make the day so special. But the biggest thanks must go to our "HEROES". Thank you for coming to our school, it was an honour and a privilege to share the day with you all.

- Jo Swift - Waterbeach School Caterer

Grit Our Children's Bus Routes!

Cambridgeshire County Council has stated that they may not be gritting school bus routes this year. One of the routes at risk is the road from Landbeach to Cottenham which affects school children from Waterbeach, Landbeach and Chittering travelling to Cottenham Village College. We believe that every child should be able to travel to school safely!

Please help us raise the Councils awareness of our concerns over this decision by completing and returning the slip below to The Chairperson, Waterbeach Community Association, 9 Providence Way, Waterbeach, Cambridge CB25 9QH, by 17th December 2010.

Grit Our Children's Bus Routes

I/we want our children to be safe travelling to school.

Name.....Signature.....

Address.....

.....Date.....

Waterbeach Primary School

This is my first contribution to the Beach News and I would like to say a big “Thank you” for the welcome I have received since joining the school in September as the new Headteacher. I have met many friendly and smiling faces and, despite forgetting as many names as I have remembered, I have really enjoyed my first half term.

I know that this is a very proactive community and I am looking forward to meeting as many of the local groups as I can. I think that it is important that the school remains a key part of your community, so if there is anything we can do please do not hesitate to ask!

The school has been as busy as ever with the new reception children settling into the school really well! The reception team have worked very hard in setting up their routines and making them feel secure in the school environment.

We had two training days at the start of term and the teachers looked very carefully at the curriculum. They have produced long term plans for a creative and exciting curriculum, based on topics. This work had been started last year in selected year groups. Due to its success it was felt that getting the children excited about a topic was a great way to make them want to learn. Now the whole school are working on this way!

This year all the classes are named after endangered animals and every class has taken time to explore the world of their chosen animal.

The PTA has bought atlases for all the children in the two new reception classes as a memento of their new school life. They also organised a very successful “International Food Festival” in the school hall on Saturday, 9 October. This was great fun and very tasty!!

On a final note I would like to say “Well done, Waterbeach Community Primary School”, we have received The International School Award. This is thanks to the hard work of all the staff, but most especially Mrs Gibbard, during the last year. Something to be very proud of!

Jane Green – Headteacher

Gardening Club

The Annual General Meeting, held on 21st October, completed the 25th Anniversary Year. In the Chairman’s Report David Lynn thanked the Committee for guiding the Club through the



Anniversary celebrations and particularly thanked the members for their enthusiastic support of the series of talks, outings, social events and for the quality of their entries at the Annual Show. The accounts were accepted and the Club expressed their thanks to the retiring Treasurer, Ann Brown, for her careful control of the Club's finances over the last six years. The 2010-2011 Programme was presented by the new Programme Secretary and Nan Hutchinson, the retiring Programme Secretary was thanked for her long and valued service in the post. The following Officers were elected: Chairman - Peter Dixon; Secretary - Julie Galliard; Treasurer - Pat Murfitt; Programme Secretary - Helen Parsons; Trade Secretary - Bill Spencer. The following Committee members were elected: Ann Brown, Terry Chapman, Sylvia Lock, David Lynn, and Joy Mortar.

The AGM was adjourned and a talk on 'My Secret Garden' was given by Herbie Collen, who showed how a small garden in a housing estate could become a secluded haven with a lush planting of plants, trees and shrubs, statuary, winding paths and choice specimen roses to highlight shaded corners.

The AGM resumed to discuss a trial run for a ***Have-a-Go Spring Show*** to be held as part of the meeting on Thursday 17th March 2011. Four categories of dwarf Narcissi (readily obtainable from Garden Centres) were selected for the initial trial. The RHS divides the Daffodils into 13 divisions and four were selected: Div. 5 Triandrus e.g. Thalia; Div.6 Cyclamineus e.g. Tete-a-Tete, Jet Fire; Div.7 Jonquilla e.g. Baby Moon; Div 8 Tazetta e.g. Minnow. The basic exhibition units, pots of five bulbs of the same variety, will have to be planted in the Autumn. They will require a period of cool root growth (14-15 weeks) followed by forcing to flowering in the warm. It will help us learn the tricks of Growing and Showing for the Show date and potential exhibitors are encouraged to keep a diary so that we can all share the information next March and really compete for a new Spring Cup in 2012. A Schedule for the ***Have-a-Go Spring Show*** is set out below:

Class 1. Pot of 5 bulbs, of a single variety from Divs.5-8

Class 2. A vase of 3 blooms of a single variety from Divs. 5-8

Class 3. Three vases of 3 Blooms, of 3 varieties from Divs. 5-8

Class 4. For the bulbless a small vase/arrangement of Spring flowers.

Forthcoming programme (in the Church Hall at 7.45pm)

Thursday 16th December "Christmas Social"

January "New Year Meal". Venue to be announced.

Thursday 17th February Sylvia Newman (Bannolds Garden Designer)
"Designs with Hard Landscaping"

The Salvation Army



Christmas at the Salvation Army

Christmas can be a time of loneliness and isolation for many people. For those who have no family to share in the festivities, Christmas can be a particularly difficult time. This is where we hope to make a difference: this year on Christmas Day our hall will be open to provide a Christmas dinner for those within our community who have no family and perhaps live alone. However, we need your help – perhaps you would like to volunteer for a couple of hours or make a donation of a gift or a monetary gift. If you would like to help in any way or would like further information please contact Kevin or Wendy, either by popping in and seeing us at the hall on Station Road, or you can phone us on 01223 506217.

If you know anyone who perhaps would enjoy spending Christmas Day with us we would love to hear about them.

We would also like to thank Waterbeach Community Association for their generous donation to support this event.

Forthcoming Events at the Army

Christmas can be a busy time for everyone and we are no exception at the Salvation Army in Waterbeach. Our Band and Songsters (choir) can be seen in various locations: supermarkets, villages & centres for the elderly and disabled throughout December bringing the Christmas message through our music. If you see us on your travels why not come and say hello we would love to meet you.

Also during December we are holding 4 very different Carol Services, the first being a 'Pram Service' for young parents/carers and their toddlers to share in activities and singing, this is on Wednesday 8th at 2pm in our hall; the second is our Children's Carol Service, very much an interactive service and this is on Sunday 12th Dec. at 4pm; thirdly we have our Community Carol Service on Sunday 19th Dec. at 5pm which will include the involvement of the Pink Panthers Cheerleading Group who use our hall on a Friday evening. Finally on Christmas Day we have a short Family Service commencing at 10.30am. All these Services are open to anyone to attend and we offer you a warm and friendly welcome, so why not come along this Christmas and share it with us at the Salvation Army.

We will also be supporting the 'Carols on the Green' event on Christmas Eve, with our Band providing the music.

We will also be holding our Burns Supper with dance/quiz on Saturday 22nd January at 7.00pm, tickets at £3.00 each or family of four £10.00. For further details on any of these events contact Kevin or Wendy on 01223 506217.

News From Cllr. Peter Johnson

I wish all the residents of Waterbeach, Landbeach, and Chittering a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Work goes on to find the way to get a pedestrian crossing in the Village Stores/Pharmacy area, the County Council have been asked to put a proposal before the Parish Council by the 1st December. There was a meeting earlier this year when Parish, County, and District Councillors met with County Council officers to discuss a proposal which is thought to be what everyone is looking for and once this has been presented we will decide on the next step. By all working together like this we have a better chance of achieving the desired effect which is a safe means of crossing the road before we have any accidents.

Our bus service is still not as good as it could be and Cllr.Hockney and I did have a meeting with Andy Campbell MD at Stagecoach to discuss how it could be improved. He explained that manning issues were being resolved which was one cause of late buses so it was hoped that we would see an improvement in timings. We also asked about the Sunday service which is abysmal, I suggested that occasionally the CITI 2 that goes to Milton could run into Waterbeach and Landbeach which would be a great improvement and he has agreed to think about it. In the New Year we will ask if there is any movement on this.

The Tillage Hall progresses to completion at a rapid rate and we all look forward to this being put to good use early next year, hopefully springtime.

Blue Bins, yet another bin but how much more is being recycled? The answer is much, much more as I am sure that most people will notice that not much goes in the black bin now. Maybe it will be that the blue bin will have to be emptied more often and the black bin a lot less, which has to be great for the environment as it means less to go to landfill.

It is a real privilege and an honour to be elected as a District Councillor to represent you all at South Cambs District Council and for that I say Thank You. Please remember I work for everyone in our villages so if you have any problems or issues you would like to talk to me about please contact me by whatever means you prefer, telephone, e-mail, or knock on my door, don't forget I am here for all of you.

Telephone 01223 560918 (Home), 07947475549 (Mobile)
e-mail - cllr.Johnson@scambs.gov.uk

Waterbeach Brass

It has been a very busy and successful year for Waterbeach Brass, and we would like to thank all of you in the community for your continued support over the year. The band is sounding better than ever, following a great year competing as a second section band in contests and competitions across the country.

Why not judge for yourselves? We would love you to join us at one (or more!) of our annual Christmas concerts and carol services. We're hard at work jingling our bells, and warming up our tubas to bring you our series of classic Christmas concerts, full of traditional carols and popular classics to get you in the mood.

<i>Saturday 4th December</i>	Aldreth Church Hall Concert, 7.30pm
<i>Saturday 11th December</i>	Bluntisham Baptist Church Concert, 7.30pm
<i>Sunday 12th December</i>	Carols at Wimpole Hall, 1.30 – 3.30pm
<i>Wednesday 15th December</i>	Landbeach Village Hall Concert, 7.00pm
<i>Friday 17th December</i>	Waterbeach Christmas Concert - Waterbeach Community Primary School, 7.30pm
<i>Friday 24th December</i>	Carols on Waterbeach Green, 6.30pm.

We are also hoping to return to Waterbeach for our weekly Monday night rehearsals. At present, we are rehearsing at Manor Community College on Arbury Road in Cambridge, and we're missing home. If you know of anywhere suitable for 25-35 musicians to hold a weekly rehearsal (and with storage space for equipment, music and percussion) please do get in touch with us, as we'd love to hear from you.

Beach Social Club

Our supported charities for 2009/10 were East Anglian Air Ambulance and Waterbeach Toddler Playgroup and at our cheque presentation night they each received a cheque for £1525. Thank you to our members for their generosity, especially at the Harvest Festival Auction hosted by Waterbeach Brass, a homemade jar of pickled onions made £18, hope they were good!!

The supported charities for 2010/11 will be Arthur Rank Hospice & The Royal Engineers Association (Waterbeach).

Since the last issue, we have had our AGM, with 6 new General Committee members being elected, and a new Chairperson, Brenda Donovan.

A new secretary was appointed, but due to unforeseen circumstances has had to resign from the post. Julie Chester who has been on the Committee for 4 years has agreed to cover this post until the next AGM. We would like to thank Richard Hall for his hard work over the last 3 years in his role as Secretary, and also Jim MacDonald who has served the committee over the last 9 years, the last 3 years in the capacity of Chairman.

As you may be aware we have coffee mornings on Wednesday and Friday with cakes and fresh ground coffee. On Fridays we also have different people coming in and selling gifts, beauty products, jewellery, so why not come and have a coffee and a browse.

On 30th October, we had our Annual Open Day, it was well attended and we had live music from 12 – 12, who needs the X Factor when we have so many talented people on our door step! A massive thank you to Steve from Fenland Jam who co-ordinated the whole day and provided all of the equipment, we couldn't have done it without you.

Memberships were due for renewal on 1st November, if you still haven't done yours don't panic, it can be renewed on your next visit, but don't leave it too long as you may have to reapply. New members are always welcome, a form is available from behind the bar.

Our festive events are as follows:-

<i>Saturday 4th December</i>	Christmas Disco
<i>Sunday 5th December</i>	Members Children's Xmas Party
<i>Saturday 18th December</i>	Christmas Draw with Entertainment from Run 4 Cover
<i>Friday 24th December</i>	Christmas Eve Drinkies & Disco, children welcome until 9.30pm
<i>Saturday 25th December</i>	Lunchtime Christmas Drink
<i>Friday 31st December</i>	New Year's Eve extravaganza, 8 - next year, ticket only, £10 members £15 Guests - Band, Disco, Food and the essential party poppers.

Pre bookable Sunday Roasts are available for £6.00

Mexican Menu available on Tuesday nights.

Buffets and lunches available on request.

Function Room Hire available.

We would like to wish all of our customers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and thank you for your continued support.

Winter Carp Fishing

Leland winter carp fishing got off to a good start. Waterbeach football star Ashley Shipp took time off the pitch to sample winter carp fishing on Waterbeach AC's Leland Water and banked a personal best 25lb 5oz



Ashley Shipp



Dave Badcock

fully scaled mirror. Ashley fished as a guest of his mentor Dave Badcock who, not to be outdone contributed a 25lb 10oz mirror. Leland day tickets are available pre-booked from Tony Leadley on 07966487320.

Waterbeach United Charities (Reg No 201528)

Waterbeach United Charities provide financial support or pays for services that help to alleviate individuals who are "in need or distress" who are residents of Waterbeach Parish.

Electric Wheelchairs

We also continue to provide electric wheelchairs for those in need. If you would like to be considered please let us know. At the time of writing we do have an electric wheelchair available.

Distress Grants

The Trustees would like to hear from individuals who may be IN NEED OR DISTRESS. If you think we could help, and to find out whether you are eligible for assistance, whether it be loaning equipment to you, or providing financial support, please contact:

All personal applications are confidential.

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

Waterbeach WI



The Autumn season has been quieter than the Summer, but we have continued to enjoy good speakers at our regular meetings and our new ventures and outings are proving popular. We had a lovely walk on the QI Nature Reserve (Thank you Beach News for the information about this hidden gem). New this year is an extra Outings Group, for our first venture we went to Donarbon for a conducted tour of the waste facility. This is a very informative tour and really worth any group enquiring about a visit. There are plans to visit the Cambridge News Office and Scotsdales in the Spring.

Our Darts team have finished until next summer but some members have enjoyed a get together in the Beach Social Club. I think they are secretly practising for the next season.

December will see us having our traditional Christmas meeting at a member's house, followed by our Christmas Lunch at Cambridge Regional College. In January we welcome Bev Briggs to talk about her job as a personal shopper and Stylist. Bev comes highly recommended from other W.Is so if you feel like a makeover after Christmas, why not join us on Thursday 13th January. Visitors are always welcome at any meeting in St. John's Church Room at 7-30pm, car park behind church.

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

Cottenham Village College

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Email: community@cvcweb.net

Web: www.cvcweb.net

EVENING AND DAYTIME ADULT COURSES

New Year New Skill New Course

Our programme starts again in early January 2011. If you haven't received our course information through your door, you can view it at www.cvcweb.net

In addition to our normal programme we have added some new courses:

Mondays

Holiday Spanish – starts 9th May 7-9pm – 5 weeks

Tuesdays

Zumba (exercise to latin music) – starts 11th Jan 7-8pm – 10 weeks

Basic Silversmithing – starts 18th Jan 7-9pm – 10 weeks

British Sign Language Taster – starts 18th Jan 7-9pm – 5 weeks

Wednesdays

Free Machine Embroidery for Beginners (*daytime*) starts 2nd March – 5 weeks

Saturdays

Ukulele for the complete novice – Saturday 5th February 10am-2pm

First Aid for Childcarers – 2 Saturdays 22nd Jan & 5th Feb (*total 12 hours*)

To enrol on any of our courses, please get in touch by phone or email or download an enrolment form from the website and post it in to us.

Toddler Playgroup



The beginning of the school year has gone off to a flying start with successful fundraising activities and lots of plans for the Christmas period. We would like to thank the Beach Social Club for a very generous donation of £1500. This gift has been allocated to help with some work on the outside environment to ensure that it is weather proof and looks great. This will help us to make the most of outdoor time with the children, which they particularly enjoy.

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 clocked up 40 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 three. Committee members, staff, and parents are always happy to talk about their experiences of the playgroup, and our door is always open to parents wanting to have a look around, just turn up during one of the session times listed above. Alternatively you can contact Wayne Badcock on 07808357729 or wayne@waterbeachtoddlerplaygroup.org.uk.



Waterbeach Community Association
Carols on Waterbeach Green

Christmas Eve
6.30pm

Please remember to bring your
lights. lanterns and torches



The Farmland Museum



A Medieval Christmas at Denny Abbey

Saturday December 11th, 12-5pm

Visit Denny Abbey and The Farmland Museum for a Christmas family event with a Medieval Flavour full of festivities reflecting the ancient heritage of Denny Abbey.

Make a wassailing cup from clay, construct a mini wreath for your front door, listen to some story telling and follow the mummers play trail around the museum.

Join in with carols by candlelight in the intimate setting of Denny Abbey from 4pm-dress warmly and bring a torch or lantern.

Cafe open for Medieval hot spiced apple juice and the usual tea, coffee, scones and cakes. Shop open for stocking fillers.

Event Admission Prices: Adults £5, Concessions £4, Children over 5 £3, Family ticket £15. For further details see the museum's website at www.dennyfarmlandmuseum.org.uk



Waterbeach Scout Group



At our A.G.M. in October, Bob Benton retired from the position of 'Akela' after 40 years. He will continue as an assistant Cub Scout Leader. The role of 'Akela' has been passed onto Michelle Pitkin.

Scouts, Explorers and Cubs had good summer camps that couldn't have been more different. Scout and Explorer camp at Thriftwood was very dry and dusty while Cub camp at Phasels was rather wet and very muddy.

Santa will be visiting your street either Monday 6th, Tuesday 7th or Wednesday 8th December. Please check posters in notice boards for more details.

Christmas family prize bingo will be on Friday 17th December at the Scout Hut starting at 8pm, anyone is welcome.

When having your clear out over Christmas please bear in mind that we will be having our annual Jumble sale on January 29th 2011.

Village Society

Michael Knight entertained a goodly number of the Waterbeach Village Society members with his knowledge on Milestone and Turnpike Roads.

This particularly related to the area around Waterbeach. He went back several centuries describing how they came about with the development of trade locally and the financing originally by landowners.

So if you find local villagers scrabbling around the hedgerow and ditches in your travels, it will probably be to find hidden milestone. He finished his talk with an appeal for members to seek these out and restore them for the benefit of all.

On Tuesday 23rd. November we heard from Robert Stripe who told us about the 'History of the Liverpool Street – King's Lynn Railway Line '.

December 14th we shall be entertained by Peter Dixon who will enlighten us about the 'Fen Rush': Waterbeach after the Enclosure.

By way of a change the Society will not be holding their Christmas Party but instead will hold a New Year festive social on Tuesday 25th January 2011 after the AGM.

All our sessions commence at 7.45p.m. when refreshments are provided and all are welcome.

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.

Waterbeach safer crossing - I remain firmly committed to making crossing the road safer by the Village Stores/Pharmacy. A real step forward was taken when three Highways officers came out to meet myself, Councillor Johnson, your County Councillor and Parish Highways Chairman earlier this year.

From this onsite meeting Highways are working on a revised plan for improving road safety around the Village Stores/Pharmacy area. This plan is expected to be ready for the Parish Highways Committee meeting on December 2nd.

Landbeach Affordable Housing - I am delighted to report that planning permission has been granted for an affordable housing scheme in Landbeach. The plan is to build eight affordable houses and two market

value properties on the land at Walnut Farm on the High Street. The affordable housing will be prioritized for those with a strong Landbeach connection.

This is great news. The community has been waiting for this scheme for many years. I am always being contacted on the lack of affordable housing in Landbeach.

I can also confirm that the next step has also been achieved. This is that the Housing Association ensuring has the necessary funding from central government for the scheme. I will keep you updated you on the progress of this project.

Bannold Road repairs - Many residents have contacted me regarding the appalling state of Bannold Road in Waterbeach following the drainage works for the Morris Homes development. I have been pressing this matter with the enforcement departments at both the District Council and County Council for action. At the time of writing I am pleased to report that Morris Homes have recognised the need to carry out corrective works. The County Council local Street Works supervisor has meet with all parties concerned and has confirmed the corrective works will be completed in the near future.

One resident said that it was not possible to ride a mobility scooter along certain sections of the pavement. So I hope the by the time you read this, that the road and pavements are put back to a proper condition.

Waterbeach Station lighting - Between late September and early November a number of lights at Waterbeach Station car-park were not working properly. The community successfully worked together pressing for the County Council for action to be taken (including; myself, Cllr Johnson, the Parish Council, Fenline Users Group, your County Councillor). I am sure we all want the car-park to be as safe and secure as possible so that commuters have the confidence to park there and not in Waterbeach village itself.

During the week the car-park tends to be full to overflowing with cars. So in the longer term it is clear that the station car-park needs to be expanded. We will continue to press those involved, like the County Council and First Capital Connect for action. There has been talk of converting the old storage yard into extra car-parking with a ramp up from the existing car-park. This may take some time to achieve, but I will work with the community to campaign for this to happen.

Landbeach Village Hall 'turning the earth' celebration - I was delighted to attend the Landbeach Village Hall 'turning the earth' celebration on October 22nd to mark the start of the extension work.

The Village Hall committee has already raised a total £259,000 for the project. This is an immense achievement for a village with a population of

around 800 residents. Funding secured so far includes: £25,000 from South Cambs District Council, £50,000 WREN (Waste Recycling Environmental Limited who administer the Landfill Communities Fund of Waste Recycling Group), £5000 Landbeach Parish Council, Fund-raising £9,000 and £170,000 from the Lynn Landbeach Village Trust Fund.

The Village Hall committee should be very proud. They have done a fantastic job in raising £259,000 and getting the project to where they have. Landbeach does not have any shops, so the Village Hall is the essential hub of the Village. A project like this moving forward is certainly great news.

Finally I would like to wish all the readers of the Beach News a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

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

Tel: 01223-864891 or 07958-389713 E-Mail: j_hockney@btinternet.com

Web: www.waterbeachconservatives.com

Waterbeach Community Players

Waterbeach Community Players present *Jack and the Beanstalk*, 20 - 22 January 2011.

Things are not at all well in Candlerise. As if a spate of robberies in nearby Larkford wasn't bad enough the robbers now seem to have moved closer to home. Constable Dunstable has his suspicions about who the culprits are but cannot catch the masters of disguise Grabbit and Leggit (Jane Stewart) in the act. But help may be at hand in the form of a new Trainee Community Police Officer.

Meanwhile there is more bad news for the Candlerisers: there is to be a guided busway built which will pass right through the village. The mysterious Laurence Loada-Lolly has the plans and it's definitely going ahead, in fact straight through Dame Trott's cottage. Desperate measures are called for and it looks as if Buttercup the cow will have to go. This leads her son Jack and the Mayor's daughter Annie into an adventure that will change the lives of everyone.

Will they escape the giant's clutches? How can housekeeper Mrs Big help them? Why is an old lady so insistent on giving Jack a few beans? And where does a talking chicken fit into it all?

To find the answers and join in the fun come along to Waterbeach School between January 20-22 at 7.30.p.m. with a Saturday matinee at 2.30 p.m.

With Chris Shinn as Dame Trott, Stephen Smith and James Dowson as the Giant.

Advance box office: 01223 50109 or email wcpticketline@btinternet.com

The WAY Project

Tillage Hall nears completion

The village's fabulous new community and youth building is really taking shape, with the roof now completed. The project is due for completion next March. Everyone at WAY is very excited about the new opportunities the building will open up for young people locally, and we are grateful for the work of the parish council in pushing the project forward.

WAY in the news

Bobbie Martin from the village was the subject of a feature in the Cambridge News entitled "back from the brink". Bobbie told her story of how she had turned her life around with the help of Dave Beasley and the Waterbeach youth club. If you missed the article and would like to see a copy please contact Suzy Kay on (01223) 502620 or email suzy.kay@btinternet.com

Funding squeeze

Cuts in funding by government are now having an impact on our ability to raise funds from our regular grant making bodies. All of them are reporting that their funds have been heavily oversubscribed. Support from local people has always been important for WAY and is even more so now.

Please think about supporting The WAY Project, either by a regular monthly payment or a one-off donation.

For more information please contact Suzy Kay, or to make a donation online visit www.localgiving.com/thewayproject

A generous donor has promised to match online donations up to £1000 so every pound you donate is doubled for the WAY project.

Waterbeach School Governors

The biggest challenge we faced this year was to appoint a new Head Teacher. By now, many of you will have met Jane Green, who we welcomed as the new Head in September. Miss Green arrived with an infectious sense of enthusiasm and lots of positive ideas for taking the school forward. She has certainly hit the ground running and we'd like to congratulate her on completing her first full term with us. Please do continue to give her your support.

Elsewhere, we're very proud to have received an "Intermediate International Schools Award (ISA)" for our partnership with a school in Malawi, plus our curriculum work focusing on what being part of an international community

means. If you'd like to know more about the award, there are further details on the school website (www.waterbeach.cambs.sch.uk).

Local community links remain important too and in November, the school received a special visit from a group of war veterans who spoke to the children about their experiences and answered their questions. You may even have seen it on TV, as the event was filmed for 'BBC Look East'! It was a fascinating day and during the visit, the children handed over cheques totalling £206.50, from the sale of biscuits they'd made. The money raised was in aid of the 'Help for Heroes' and 'Royal British Legion' charities. Thank you to everyone who made the day such a success but especially to Mrs Swift, who suggested the whole idea.

The governing body continues to work hard alongside the new Head and her team. As always, there is plenty to do. The committees are busy reviewing school policies and there is much on going work around the school development plan. You may even have noticed the solar panels on the roof, which the governors and others worked hard to have installed, and which are already saving energy for the school.

We're always on the look-out for new governors and we currently have vacancies for 1 parent and 1 community governor. If you'd like further information, please contact the school office on 01223 718988 or speak to an existing governor.

Finally, it remains for us to thank all the staff, parents and pupils who have worked so hard this year and given the school so much support.

Wicken Fen

We were delighted to welcome the BBC Countryfile camera's to Wicken Fen at the end of September. Thankfully the fen was bathed in glorious sunshine as Julia Bradbury and Matt Baker filmed sequences on the Wicken Fen Vision, Lodes Way, Sedge harvesting, extensive grazing, stand-up paddle boarding and eel catching. It was fantastic coverage and a perfect opportunity to showcase our beautiful part of Cambridgeshire to a national audience.



Since its opening in September, the Lodes Way cycleway is proving extremely popular with a growing number of visitors arriving by bicycle from Cambridge, Ely and surrounding communities. We hope to introduce cycle hire at Wicken Fen from Easter next year.

A major project is underway to help protect the delicate plant communities of Wicken's ancient Sedge Fen, one of the most important wetland habitats in Europe. Historically the fen was frequently flooded with calcareous water which had filtered through the



chalk of the Newmarket ridge before flowing towards Wicken. Today the main source of water is acidic rainwater which is having an adverse effect on the fens plant communities. A small tunnel is being bored under Wicken Lode to take chalk rich water from Monk's Lode; a small wind pump which will be installed on the edge of Sedge Fen towards the end of January, will lift the water into a ditch from where it will gradually spread out across Sedge Fen.

Wicken Fen needs your vote! - Bovril, manufacturer's of that well known beefy spread have donated a massive £100,000 to the National Trust to help encourage people to experience and enjoy the great outdoors. A competition is being held where the public can vote for their favourite project, with the five most popular projects each receiving a whopping £20K each. At Wicken Fen we would like to hold wild camping weekends where children could learn about conservation and outdoor skills in a safe friendly environment. The money would be used to create a wild campsite consisting simple log structures to provide shelter against the elements, eco toilets and controlled fire pit whilst an existing outdoor shelter would be renovated to provide a weather proof shelter and communal meeting place. We're facing lots of competition from other National Trust properties so your support would be greatly appreciated. To register a vote for Wicken Fen, please visit www.bovril.co.uk/revival and enter the post code for Wicken Fen, CB7 5XP.

The clocks may have gone back and the days are growing shorter – but the fen becomes a hive of activity as many of our resident species are joined by winter migrants. Head to Adventurer's Fen to see herons, little egrets, lapwing and waders including red and greenshank and black tailed godwit,

whilst the air will be filled with the site and sounds of hundreds of wigeon and teal. Hen Harriers, Britain's rarest bird of prey, returned to the fen from their summer breeding grounds in the North of Britain towards the end of October. The best time to see the harriers is at dusk when they can regularly be seen coming into roost on Sedge Fen. It's fascinating to watch these majestic birds glide on the breeze checking for predators before plunging into the sedge. You can even watch them from the warmth of the Visitor Centre if you wish.

Christmas is nearly upon us and we would be delighted if you could join us for a Lantern Lit Christmas Carols and Chestnuts evening on Friday 10 December. Why not make a Christmas lantern, belt out some traditional carols and enjoy mulled wine and chestnuts whilst shopping for those last minute Christmas presents. For youngsters, Father Christmas will be in his secret grotto at the Fen on Saturday and Sunday 11th, 12th, 18th and 19th December. Please phone the Visitor Centre to book an appointment with Santa as spaces are limited -Tickets cost £6.75 which includes a present for each child.

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.

Library Service Review - In the last issue of Beach News we reported on Cambridgeshire County Council's Library Service Review. To find out how this review is progressing visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/leisure/libraries.

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 upcoming dates are 13th December, 10th January, and 14th February and March. 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.

Shut The Door On High Pressure Selling

High pressure selling is something that we all want to avoid, and whilst it is quite easy to say 'no' to salespeople that call you on the phone, it is far harder to say 'no' to people once they are in your home

At Cambridgeshire County Council's Trading Standards Service we frequently come across people who have been pressured into having work done or buying products having been called on out of the blue. It can relate to anything from tree felling, driveways, roofing and fascias and soffits, to mobility aids, home alarm systems and beds.

Typical high pressure sales techniques include calling through to their manager for 'the very best price', saying that that price is only available on that day, overstaying their welcome, all used to put extra pressure on you.

We want you to avoid such problems, so below we offer a few tips:

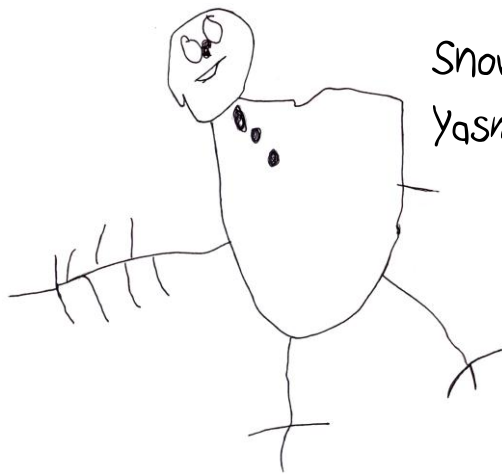
- Where possible, when looking for a trader, go on recommendation from someone you know
- Get three quotes so that you know the price you are paying is reasonable and fair.
- Always get quotes in writing and make sure they set out what exactly you will receive for that price
- If a trader needs to visit you in your home and you will be alone, see if you can arrange for someone else to be there for extra support in case the trader puts pressure on you.
- If the contract is signed in your home and is for over £35, make sure you are given a 7 days cancellation notice – you will almost certainly be entitled to this in law and means that you can change your mind up to 7 days after signing the agreement.
- If you are given terms and conditions, make sure you read them before signing the contract. Be careful if you are asked to sign something to say that work can start there and then – this will impact on your right to cancel the contract.
- If possible, look for a trader that is a member of a Trade Association as many of these will operate a Code of Practice for their members and some also offer a mediation scheme in case of problems.

In addition, you can get a free 'We're not buying it' sticker for your front door to discourage salespeople from calling on you at home in the first place. Simply contact Consumer Direct for one of these (details below).

If you need advice on this or any other consumer issue, contact our partner organisation, Consumer Direct, on 0845 4040506 for free, impartial and confidential advice. Calls cost no more than 4p a minute for BT customers - other networks may vary.

Children's Page

Waterbeach Toddler Playgroup has sent in some lovely drawings by Hannah and Yasmine.



Snowman by
Yasmine aged 3



Santa by
Hannah aged 4

Here's a recipe for you to make some tasty Christmas snacks.

Rudolph's Santa Snacks

Makes about 14

Prep time 15 minutes

Cooking time 15 minutes

Ingredients

50g cornflakes

100g butter or margarine softened

75g caster sugar

1 egg yolk

few drops vanilla essence

125g self-raising flour

25g corn flour

7 glace cherries, sliced in half to decorate

- 1) Set the oven to 190C, line baking sheet with baking paper.
- 2) Put the cornflakes in a plastic bag, crush by hand or with a rolling pin and tip on a plate for later.
- 3) Put the butter and sugar into a mixing bowl and cream together with a wooden spoon until pale and fluffy.
- 4) Add the egg yolk and vanilla essence and stir in, sieve the flour and corn flour into the same bowl and stir.
- 5) Wetting your hands so that the mixture doesn't stick, take walnut sized amounts of mixture and roll them in to about 14 balls.
- 6) Roll the balls through the crushed cornflakes until covered and place on to baking sheet, leaving enough room for them to spread.
- 7) Decorate each one with half a cherry (Rudolph's nose!)
- 8) Bake for 15 minutes until a light golden brown and remove from oven and allow to cool before transferring to cooling rack.

60 Plus Lunch Party



INVITATION

You are invited to the Community Association 60 Plus Lunch Party on
Thursday 3rd February 2011
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 3 and 4 who will perform *Scheherazade* (Tales of the 1001 Arabian Nights). 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 **Friday 7th January 2011**.

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 that as the party will be held during a normal school day there will be no admission before 1pm and entrance will be via High Street only, as the back gate on Way Lane will be locked.

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 **3rd February 2011**

Name(s) :

Contact Address

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Telephone.....

Please tick if you will be in a wheelchair ☐

Please tick if vegetarian meal required ☐

*Please return by **Friday 7th January 2011***

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1 ST WATERBEACH GUIDES	Lorraine Warburton - 01223 575792
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BEACH SOCIAL CLUB	Julie Chester - 01223 860033
BUCHANAN CHILDREN'S CENTRE	Caroline Osborne - 01223 204435
CATS PROTECTION - CAMBRIDGE BRANCH	Information Line - 01223 441880
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION CHAIRPERSON	Jacqui Rabbett - 01223 860993
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WATERBEACH BRASS	David Pell - 01223 860396
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WATERBEACH COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP	Diana Morgan - 01223 861398
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WATERBEACH FOOTBALL CLUB	Margaret Harris – 01223 861206

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WATERBEACH TODDLER PLAYGROUP	Wayne Badcock - 07808 357729
WATERBEACH VILLAGE SOCIETY	Adrian Wright - 01223 860329
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 Emergency Calls	01223 376217
LANDBEACH VILLAGE HALL	Mrs. Bullman - 01223 860692
PARISH COUNCIL	Sarah Smart - 01223 440018
PARISH PATHS GROUP	D. Armstrong - 01223 861586
POLICE - Non Emergency Calls	0345 456 4564
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