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DISTRICT COUNCILLOR	James Hockney - C. 861419

Club 60 Plus Party

INVITATION



You are invited to the Community Association Club 60 Plus Party on

Saturday 22nd March 2008

from 2.00pm until 5.00pm

at Waterbeach School Hall.

There will be entertainment, tea and a raffle. This is all *free*, but we do ask you to return the slip below to book a place. Please return the slip below to Trudi Osler, 4 Mill Road, Waterbeach or to Mark Clack, 5 Spurgeons Avenue, Waterbeach by **Friday 7th March 2008**.

I am afraid that 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.

Trudi Osler, Community Association Secretary, Tel. 01223 441920

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CLUB 60 PLUS PARTY- PLACE CONFIRMATION

Please reserve place(s) at the Club 60 Plus Party on **22nd March 2008**

Name(s) :

Contact Address

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Telephone

Please tick if you will be in a wheelchair

Please return by **Friday 7th March 2008**

Waterbeach Community Association



“GOD REST YE MERRY.....”

As this is the last edition of Beach News for 2007 the editorial committee would like to wish all our readers and contributors a very 'Merry Christmas' and a 'Happy New Year' for 2008. It has been a busy year for the Community Association with all our usual annual events, plus the first Waterbeach Summer Ball. As always we would not be able to do so much without the great support that we get from the Waterbeach community.

Before we get to the New Year we still have some community events to tell you about and to look forward to seeing you at!

Christmas Eve, Monday, 24th December at 6.30pm – start your Christmas in a traditional way with Christmas Carols on the Waterbeach Green led by Robin Giles of the Baptist Church. A carol sheet is included in this edition so that you can brush up your singing! Please also bring a lantern, or torch so that you can read your carol sheets. We're also hoping that the service will include a Christmas tableaux. The Christmas tree has been kindly donated by Mr & Mrs N Blackaby. We've bought new lights (after the others were vandalised last year!) and the Langley family will do their magic and have everything looking festive - very many thanks to all of them. This year's Charity collection will be for the Cambridge Joint Playschemes which provides playschemes for children up to 14 years old with learning difficulties.

Looking into 2008 our first event will be the **60+ Party on Saturday, 22nd March**. If you haven't been to this before, this a great 'get together' with entertainment, good food, drinks – and all provided free for our senior citizens! A booking form is included on page 16 of this edition.

Waterbeach Feast – Saturday, 14th June. This year's theme will be 'Something beginning with B' (Bakers, Balloonists, Balancing, Ballet, Brer Rabbit, Betty Boo, Bugs – here's a few to start you off). Get thinking about your floats and stalls now!

From the start of 2008, there will be four editions of Beach News a year (down from the current six). Obviously we are sorry to have to reduce the number, but the editing and copying is a huge job and rests on just a few hardworking people (thanks Mark, Pam and Trudi). As always a huge thank you to our team of folders and deliverers!

“LET NOTHING YE DISMAY”



Waterbeach Mobility Scheme

HAPPY CHRISTMAS FROM THE VILLAGE ELDERLY

The end of another year draws nigh, heralding the onset of both the season of good will to all men and the cold, wet, windy weather of the winter. The one, we look forward to with joy and happiness, the other with acute trepidation.

Yes it's the mobility scheme still seeking a volunteer to revive and co-ordinate the running of the scheme.

If you are thinking of a gift that would make many people happy at this time, all that is asked for is a little or as much of your time as you are willing to donate. An individual or a group of volunteers would make an enormous difference to the well being and self respect of a greatly appreciative section of our community.

Please don't wait to make it a New Year's resolution, call now on 440361 and find out more about how you could make a difference.

In anticipation we wish you all the best of season greetings, whatever it may mean to you.

Waterbeach WI



Women's
Institute

YOU WOULD BE SURPRISED WHAT YOU CAN LEARN

We spent a fabulous evening on the eve of Diwali in November, learning about Hindu costume and culture. We were most surprised to learn that the symbol used by Hitler and known to most of us as the Swastika was in fact stolen by him from the Hindu culture where it has been used for many years prior to the 1930's. It is really called the Svasti (sv = well and asti = is) meaning good luck, fortune and well being. It is very commonly used in Hindu art, architecture and decoration. We felt it was important that this information was publicised more as lack of understanding can clearly lead to perceptions that are not justified if we see these decorations displayed by Hindu communities.

In October we were visited by Iain Green from the environmental department at South Cambs District Council. Iain provided us with many tips on energy efficiency to help us over the coming winter months.

The Farmland Museum



SPECIAL CHRISTMAS OPENING!

December 9th, 2-4pm

A Very Denny Christmas

Special children's drop-in activity-Victorian Christmas decorations and cards, atmospheric winter story telling in the decorated 1940s cottage, café open for mince pies and gift shop open for those last minute stocking fillers and Christmas cards. Suitable for ages 4+, all children to be accompanied by an adult. Normal Admission Prices apply.

Preview of Workshops 2008

April 12 th & 13 th	Garden Willow Workshop
June 7 th & 8 th	Art Workshop
August 17 th	Plant Dyeing Workshop
September 6 th & 7 th	Art Workshop
September 14 th	Plant Dyeing Workshop
September 21 st	Basketmaking Workshop
October 19 th	Basketmaking Workshop

Preview of Events 2008

Geological Hazards: Earthquakes, Volcanoes and Landslides

8 meetings on Thursdays at 2.00-4.30pm starting on 10 January 2008, Tutor: Dr Mike Tuke. This course looks at the causes, effects, distribution and prediction of these hazards. This is a hands-on course and there will be practical activities in most sessions.

Open Sunday March 16th

Easter Event

March 23rd & 24th

12-5pm Easter Egg Giant Treasure Trail

To book any of the workshops or for further information please contact the museum on 01223 860988, write: The Farmland Museum, Denny Abbey, Ely Road, Waterbeach, Cambridge CB25 9PQ, email: info@farmlandmuseum.org.uk

"ANGELS"

A Christmas Celebration for the Ladies of Waterbeach

*Waterbeach WI and Waterbeach Young Wives invite you to
A celebration of Christmas in "Words and Music"
on Wednesday 5th December at St John's Church, Waterbeach
starting at 7.30pm.*

This will be followed by "Christmas Cheer" in the Church room.

District County News

SEASONS GREETINGS FROM COUNCILLOR JAMES HOCKNEY

For the last three years it has been a real privilege to be your local District Councillor. Many of you have contacted with problems and issues to address, and I will continue to always do my level best to help.

Since the last Beach News there have been a number of new developments on issues to report as detailed below;

DENSON CLOSE COMMUNITY CENTRE

As previously reported the refurbishment to the community centre, has taken much longer than expected. I have been working with the Housing Portfolio Holder at the District Council on this issue and are delighted that the refurbishment is now complete and the Community Centre re-opened.

WATERBEACH ROAD SAFETY

The Highways Department have put forward plans for two Interactive Speed Signs on Denny End Road and 20 mph speed limit signs on the High Street. These measures have been a long time coming, but I think we are starting to see progress on the issue of road safety.

SLAP-UP JUNCTION

With the proposed Rowing Lake on the way, it is crucial that we have significant safety improvements to this junction. I will continue to work with the Parish Councils as well as Cllr Johnson & Williamson to press for action as soon as possible. The work that has taken place recently, although making the junction clearer, does not address the serious safety issues with this junction.

MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE

Thank you to all the hundreds of local residents that signed the petition, in all over four hundred people. It is planned for the Mobile Library service to continue in Landbeach and Waterbeach, which will be a relief to many as the service is a real lifeline to many local residents, especially those with mobility problems.

BUS SERVICE

Many of you have contacted me to raise your concerns about the cut backs and changes to the local bus service. Cllr Johnson has come up with an excellent proposal to increase the level of service, which will go before the South Cambs District Councils Scrutiny Committee, I will be happy to give my full support to such improvements.

I would like to wish all the residents of Waterbeach, Landbeach & Chittering a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

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

Tel:01223-861419 E-Mail:cllr.hockney@scambs.gov.uk

On December 5th, we will be joining the Young Wives for our Christmas words and music which you will find advertised elsewhere in Beach News, please join us to celebrate. We will be having a fun evening in January, catching up on holiday news, followed in February by our Annual General Meeting and a presentation on the Ouse Valley Way.

We are currently planning our programme for 08/09 and have the delights of a glass blowing demonstration, researching wills, wildlife, craft and health evenings, a full and diverse programme with something for everyone. Look out for more details on local notice boards and in the Beach News.

Our meetings are held in the St Johns Church Hall at 7.30pm on the second Thursday in each month unless we are going on an outing. We would love to welcome new or returning members and if something catches your eye from the upcoming events please give our President, Betty Jones, a call or just drop by when you would receive a friendly greeting.

South Cambs District Council

CHRISTMAS RECYCLING & WASTE COLLECTIONS

Bin Collections

Wednesday 19 th December	-	Black Bin
Wednesday 26 th December	-	No collection
Thursday 3 rd January	-	Black Bin
Wednesday 9 th January	-	Green Bin and Green Box
Thereafter	-	Normal collections

For further information call 08450 450 063 or visit www.scambs.gov.uk

Christmas cards

Place all Christmas cards in the green box for recycling. Alternatively use old cards to make present tags for next year or send an ecard instead.

Christmas trees

If they are more than 3' high – they need to go to the local household waste site, unless they can be chopped up and composted at home.

Wrapping paper

Open presents carefully, fold the paper and use it again next year. Thicker better quality paper can be recycled, but the thinner papers can't. If in doubt please dispose of it in the black bin.

Excess waste

Bags of rubbish left by the side of wheeled bins will not be collected under any circumstances. Please recycle all you can. Any excess waste should be taken to the household waste and recycling centres at Milton and Thriplow.

District County News

SEASONS GREETINGS FROM COUNCILLOR PETER JOHNSON

Firstly I would like to wish all the residents of our villages a Very Happy Christmas and may the New Year be a good one for all.

I would also like to remind you all that I am always available to receive your thoughts and ideas, concerns and issues that you consider I should be aware of and dealing with.

I am sure that most of you have noticed our bus service has deteriorated to the extent where our Sunday service is a joke. I have taken this up with the South Cambs District Council Bus Scrutiny Sub-Group explaining the effects this has on our villages. I have also devised a new timetable to be presented to Stagecoach which will only have a marginal effect on their timings and I consider this should be acceptable to them. I eagerly await their decision, which I hope will be favourable to us all, but we may have a little battle first.

Bus Passes, the forms for the new bus passes are not available from the Post Office this time so I have plenty at home. I have also placed some in the library for your convenience. If anyone needs help or advice on these new forms please contact me and I will sort it out. Getting to Cambourne can also be a problem for some, so again contact me and I will deal with this for you.

I am very hopeful that we will see traffic calming measures in the village very soon, not speed bumps I may add. Many of you have contacted me with real worries about speeding in Waterbeach and by working with the County Council and the Parish Council I believe we have at last found something which is acceptable to all, watch this space.....

At last the Denson Close Community room is back in use after a refurbishment that has taken far too long. A long awaited meeting of the Waddelow Resident's Group will now take place on 13th December, the first one for twelve months and it is hoped that this will be well patronised. Although this group was initially formed for the Waddelow Road area the tenants of Coronation Close and Cambridge Road will be made most welcome if they would like to come and join in.

Many thanks to you all who gave me the chance to represent you at South Cambs, I continue to work for everyone in our villages and please contact me by whatever means you choose, telephone, e-mail, or knock on my door, don't forget I am here to serve you all.

Tel: 560918, email: Cllr.Johnson@scambs.gov.uk

Waterbeach Toddler Playgroup

MINI BEASTS (INSECTS AND CHILDREN!)

Do you know anything that creeps, flies, slithers or crawls? Thanks to the playgroups activities this half term, our household certainly does now! They have been doing mini-beasts, so each week has been an interesting exercise in parental self-restraint. Picture the scene... A small boy runs in enthusiastically waving something. You bend down to ask 'What lovely thing have you made today darling?' only to try not to recoil as a spider/slug/snail is waved close to your nose!



Ladybird

Thankfully that topic is over now, and the next half-term is being taken up with the theme of Celebrations (or how to get a child ready for Christmas in October!)

Waterbeach Toddler Playgroup, is a small playgroup, based down Burgess Road, that takes children aged 2 and a half till school age. It is run by Wayne Badcock, with Tricia Palmer, Lesley Moxon and Laura Akroyd. We have mixed sessions on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings (with optional lunch sessions) and younger age sessions on Monday and Wednesday mornings (from 2.5 to 3.5), and older (pre-school year) sessions on Monday and Wednesday afternoons.



Snail

As always, we are fundraising to cover our costs, and keep the playgroup up to date with equipment and toys for the children. Can I take this chance to thank all the staff, parents and committee members for their efforts last year? We did brilliantly and its down to everyones hard work!

We sent the children out to find leaves and conkers and other autumnal items for a sponsored search, which took up half-term. (Despite my sons best efforts, no extra points for finding a dead hedgehog sadly). We are supporting the schools Xmas Fayre, and will have a stand, so look out for us there – come and say hello – it will be manned by parent volunteers.

And – STOP PRESS!!! - Our Auction of Promises is scheduled for 31st January at 8pm at the White Horse pub (who are once again kindly providing their room, and a meal as one of the lots). David Palmer, the professional auctioneer who hosted it for us for the last two years, is actually looking forward to seeing 'the fun crowd' again! So, you've been flattered now - dust off your bidding hand, get your cheque-book ready, and we'll see you there!

Thank you for reading about our Toddler Playgroups activities this term, and we look forward to telling you more in the next issue. Cressi Downing.

Waterbeach Surgery

APPOINTMENTS

Urgent Appointments

If you feel that you need to see a doctor urgently, please telephone 01223 860387 between 8.30-10am. A nurse is available for triage/assessment at this time, and if your problem is assessed as urgent, you will be given an appointment, with a doctor, after morning surgery, that same day.

Please remember, in extreme emergencies, you may need to make a judgement and Telephone 999 for an ambulance

Routine Appointments

Routine appointments with a doctor may be booked up to 4 weeks in advance. Please Telephone 01223 860387 after 10am if possible, to allow us to deal with urgent queries first. Should you have more than one problem to discuss, please ask the receptionist to book a double slot

More appointments become available every day, including some for just two working days ahead. Should you be unable to keep, your appointment, please kindly inform the surgery....as there are others waiting

Home Visits

A doctor will do a home visit if medically necessary, after morning surgery. Please contact the reception preferably before 10am

A Very Merry Christmas to you all from the
Doctors and staff at Waterbeach Surgery

Waterbeach United Charities (Reg No 201528)

GRANTS (Clause 4(2)grants)

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 2007).

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 2007. 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, CB25 9NS

Fen Edge Twinning Association

10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

In May 2007 a group of people from Cottenham, Rampton, Landbeach and Waterbeach, all members of the Fen Edge Twinning Association (FETA) set off to spend a long weekend with French families of a beautiful town called Avrille, situated close to the Loire Valley.

We were given a warm welcome on our arrival, not to mention a glass (or two) of wine. This was the beginning of a weekend spent immersed in French hospitality – including a concert by French schoolchildren, a stroll around the local market, and a tour of a beautiful cathedral. We all met up in the evening and were entertained by a group of young musicians and dined on traditional local cuisine.

A walk along the banks of a river had been planned for Sunday, but we woke up in the morning to torrential rain. Both French and English families donned waterproofs, put their 'best feet forward' and had a great walk through wonderful countryside. After a lunch prepared by our hosts we all went off in different directions to visit other places of interest. A vineyard to sample more wine. A rose garden with over one hundred varieties, and a slate mine just to mention a few.

Next year it is our turn to host and we will be celebrating 10 years of twinning between FETA and Avrille, the weekend of 9th to 12th May.

We are already busy planning a special weekend for our French guests; including taking part in the Cottenham Fun Run, a dinner at Queens College and a guided tour around the Cambridge Colleges, a traditional English cream tea and some free time to perhaps indulge in punting on the River Cam.

To be able to maintain our unique links with our French friends we have to fundraise in order to make their weekend stay with us as special as we can.

Due to its previous success, we have organised another Quiz Night at Cottenham Village College on Friday 29 February 2008 at 8 pm. The cost, including supper will be £6 per person. You are welcome to bring your own nibbles. There will be a licensed bar and because of this, we would ask that you don't bring your own drinks. Please contact Anna Vining on 01954 252432 to reserve your table (up to 6 people). Tickets to be paid for on the door.

FETA is always keen to welcome new members. If you would like to know more about the association, or are previous members of FETA and would like to be involved in our special 2008 10th Anniversary celebrations, please contact Anna Vining on 01954 252432 (email. panda@vining.co.uk) or Julia Gwilt on 01223 570045 (email. julia.gwilt@ntlworld.com)

Jazzercise

PROFESSIONALLY CHOREOGRAPHED

Junior Jazzercise and Reg Jazzercise is professionally choreographed to cater for all fitness levels and all ages.

It's primary aim is to provide an effective workout in a fun environment for the whole community. Options will always be shown for students who do not want to work at a high impact level.

Junior Jazzercise caters for kids aged 4-11, with an afterschool club on a Monday at Waterbeach School for the kids of the school and sessions to community groups and parties as well! The kids really do have fun whilst being active.

If you wish to attend the Reg Jazzercise classes don't forget we offer a free week to new students so why not come along for a free session.

From us all at Jazzercise have a wonderful Christmas and hope to see you in class soon.

Waterbeach Community Players

30 YEARS OF AMATEUR THEATRE

2008 sees WCP celebrating 30 years of bringing amateur theatre to Waterbeach. At the time of writing we are in the throes of our latest production, an Alan Ayckbourn comedy. In 2008 we will yet again, be entering the one-act drama festivals with a new play written by Stephen Smith. In May 2008, Stephen adds a second new play to our festival offering which will be premiered, as all of his plays are, at Waterbeach. In November 2008 (a year from now!) we plan another comedy, this time by John Godber.

However, our anniversary year begins with our annual pantomime: this time it is MOTHER GOOSE written once again by Julie Petrucci and Chris Shinn.

MOTHER GOOSE will run from Thursday January 17th - Saturday January 19th. With a cast of 34 that stars *Chris Shinn* as Mother Goose, *James Dowson* as The Demon King, *Kattreya Smith* as Fairy Starlight, *Stephen Smith* as Squire Squint and *Caroline Blair* as Priscilla the Goose, it is expected to sell out fast, particularly the matinee, so it is advisable to book tickets as soon as possible. Our advance box office number is 01223 570109

All at WCP wish you the compliments of the season and to all our patrons over the years, thank you for supporting us. We look forward to welcoming you all in 2008 to help celebrate our 30th year.

Waterbeach Brass

COME AND JOIN US FOR OUR:

“Christmas Concert”

Waterbeach School

Friday 14th December at 8pm

Tickets from: Waterbeach Post Office, Rosemary Road Farm Shop or On the Door

Our Christmas and New Year events are as follows:

Sat 1 st	December:	Aldreth Concert 7.30pm
Sat 8 th	December:	Bluntisham Baptist Church Concert 7.30pm
Sun 9 th	December:	Carols at Wimpole Hall “Victorian Christmas” 1pm
Fri 14 th	December:	Waterbeach Christmas Concert at the School, 8pm
Sun 16 th	December:	Carols at Wimpole Hall “Victorian Christmas” 1pm
Wed 19 th	December:	Landbeach Carol Concert. 7pm
Mon 24 th	December:	Carols on Waterbeach Green with the Salvation Army starting at 6:30pm

Summer engagements 2008

Our summer engagements are now over for another year, but it is not too early to book the band for next year.

If you would like the band to play at an event, then please contact our band secretary, Jim Pringle on Cambridge 368952. It's best to give a few months notice; most of our members have full time jobs during the week, so we prefer to play weekend events.

For more information please contact: Richard Dean on Cambridge 355987.

Waterbeach School PTA

NEWS

The year 2007 has been very busy again for our Committee Members and helpers, raising as much as we can for our children's school as possible. Thank you to everyone who helped organise events and to those who came along and supported us.

Partly through applying for a grant and our PTA fundraising, the school is in the process of improving the KS2 Playground for the children.

Date for your diary:

Wednesday 27th February 2008 - Bag2school by 9.30am

You can find out more about our events by checking the School Website or contacting our Chair, Karen Graves on 01223 861 690

Waterbeach Primary School

‘OUTSTANDING!’

Having only been Chair of Governors for some 7 days when the telephone call to say that an OFSTED inspection team were to visit Waterbeach Community Primary School, I was in a state of shock and I wanted to make sure I did my best for the school. Three inspectors spent two days looking at every aspect of school life; they talked to the children, the teachers, the office and support staff, parents and myself and other governors. They judged the school against 20 different criteria. But I did not have to worry as Helen Williams and team have been working really hard since the last inspection and the school is in great shape.

So what did they find?.....We are delighted to share with you that they judged our school to be OUTSTANDING.

Here are some of the things they said.....

“The strength of the school lies in the high quality of all its staff, who are united in their professionalism and purpose and share the headteacher’s commitment and vision for the school.”

“Teaching is excellent because pupils have consistently good and often outstanding classroom experiences. Pupils are both stimulated and motivated to learn because lessons are taught with high levels of classroom and subject expertise, coupled with real zeal and enthusiasm.”

“A particular strength of the school is the provision for pupils’ personal development, which is outstanding. Pupils are taught very effectively how to live safely and healthily and to reflect sensitively on their own and others’ feelings and emotions.”

Pupils were highlighted for their behaviour and hard work. “Pupils enjoy school a great deal and take advantage of the opportunities it provides. They play and work hard with zest and enthusiasm. They behave well and behaviour improves as they move through the school.”

As governors we are very proud of our school and the hard work Helen Williams and her team put in, day in, day out. Outstanding is an accurate description of the school not only with regard to the standards of teaching but also in respect of the deeply caring nature of the staff who provide a fantastic environment for all children at the school. Our community has a school of which to be very proud. Well Done to all at Waterbeach Community Primary School!

The full report is on the Ofsted website: (www.ofsted.gov.uk/inspectionreports).

Naomi Wright, Chair of Governors

Neighbourhood Watch

BE SAFE, BE CAREFUL

Lock your bikes

There has been an increase in the number of bicycle thefts. Remember to lock your bikes and keep them out of sight if possible. Property can be registered on www.immobilise.com you just need to register the frame number, this may make it easier to trace stolen items. You can also register mobile phones and other items which have serial numbers.

Dark nights

If your household is out at work all day and no-one gets home in the light, can you put some lights on a time switch which comes on when it gets dark? Then it is not obvious that no-one is at home.

Phone Scam

If you receive a phone call on your mobile from any person, saying that he or she is a company engineer, or telling you that they’re checking your mobile line, and you have to press #90 or #09 or any other number END this call immediately without pressing any numbers. There is a fraud company using a device which means that once you press #90 or #09 they can access your “SIM” card and make calls at your expense.

Gardening Club



WINTER EVENTS

We began the Gardening Club year with the AGM on October 18th. It was a pleasure to see a large attendance, including some very welcome new members. The business of the evening resulted in some changes to the committee as some long-termers stood down and others were elected.

Afterwards, we settled down to a fascinating demonstration of flower arranging given by three of our own members, Ann, Brenda and Maureen. Between them they produced six beautiful arrangements which were later raffled.

Now we are looking forward to the two winter social events for Christmas and New Year.

December 20th - Christmas Social (Not December 15th as previously stated in error)

January - New Year Dinner (Date and venue to be arranged)

February 21st - “Gardening in Retirement” - Richard Ayres

Waterbeach Village Society

A NEW YEAR HAS STARTED...

A new year has started for the Waterbeach Village Society with a visit from Diana Boston the Granddaughter of the late Lucy Boston.

Lucy Boston became famous as a writer of children's books whilst she lived at Hemmingford Manor near St Ives. It was most interesting listening to Diana relate how Lucy Boston came upon Hemmingford Manor, a house that was built in part several centuries ago. Eventually arriving at its present condition and with a well laid out garden.

During her time at Hemmingford Lucy Boston also allowed service personnel during the war years to relax at Hemmingford Manor during off duty periods. She also became famous for the craft of patchwork quilts etc.

In all a very interesting and amusing evening and start to yet another year. During October a full house turned out to listen to the 'Confessions of a Pyrotechnic Parson' and how Kimbolton Fireworks came into being under the guidance of the Rev. Ron Lancaster.

Starting with a film of musical displays of fireworks from some of his organised events. We were taken back to his younger days in the north of England where as a child he first became interested in fireworks. Maintaining his interest as he went to college and eventually ended up at Kimbolton School, where he negotiated for premises to build up his family firework business remaining there until his retirement.

During his years at Kimbolton he did not allow the business to interfere with his schoolwork. However, he has undoubtedly enjoyed and still is enjoying a very interesting and worldwide travel existence setting up displays and acting as an adviser to many famous International Firework Displays.

The last event was on Tuesday 27th November and saw Jennifer Day introducing the subject of Traidcraft and a Traidcraft Christmas stall with Jane Williams.

Future events will be :

- Tuesday 11th December - Christmas Party
- Tuesday 22nd January 2008 - Hyacinths: Their history and varieties with Alan Shipp
- Tuesday 26th February 2008 - Ede and Ravenscroft telling us about 'A history of service and tradition'

Waterbeach Day Centre for the Elderly

MOVING BACK HOME

At the end of November the Day Centre will be moving back from Chapel Close into our newly refurbished community rooms at Denson Close. We have been made very welcome in our temporary home but are now looking forward to more space and, for many of us, less travel.

The Centre caters for up to 30 people and currently has some vacancies. People from Chittering and Landbeach as well as Waterbeach are welcome to attend. The Centre is open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 11.00 am until about 3.00 pm. Transport is available for those who find it difficult to get to Denson Close on their own.

The Day Centre is an opportunity for people to get together – to chat, read, play games and make new friends Those attending receive tea and coffee on arrival, a two-course lunch cooked on the premises and afternoon tea/ coffee and cakes. Games such as cards and dominoes can be played. After lunch, it is possible to join in a bingo session for which each person contributes a small prize. All this for only £3.00 per day! Fundraising enables us to provide outings and parties at various times of the year.

The Day Centre is not a care facility and those who attend must be able to attend to personal needs independently.

Our limited numbers of volunteer helpers assist with driving and meal preparation. We are always looking for more people of all ages to join this cheerful band – lunches and petrol expenses are provided.

If you would like to join us – as a member of the Day Centre, or as a volunteer helper – please contact me, Bill Bullivant on 01223 862506 or the chairperson, Mary Longstaff on 01223 564666.

**Carols on Waterbeach Green
Christmas Eve
starting at 6:30pm**

**Remember to bring your carol
sheet, lantern or torch with you.**

