

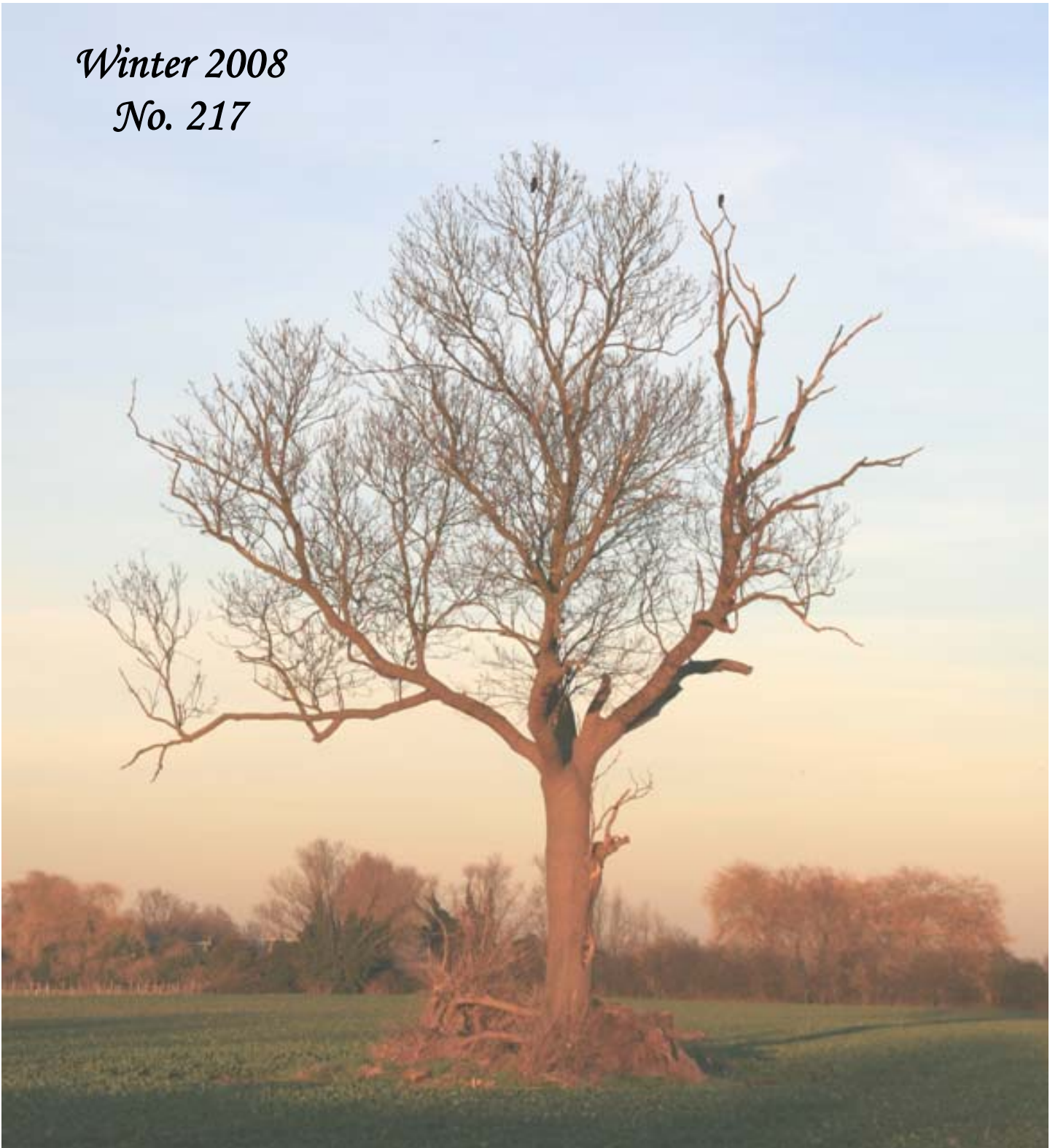
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Front cover – Burgess Drove, Waterbeach (2008)

Community Association



CHRISTMAS IS COMING

By the time you receive this edition of Beach News our Christmas tree and lights should have been erected on the Green. It's always a cheering sight at this time of year, even in these dull and dark winter evenings. Join us for Carols on The Green on Christmas Eve at 6.30pm. Captain Emma Knights from the Salvation Army will be leading this year, supported by our local band members. 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. The collection this year will be for Waterbeach Toddler Playgroup – so bring lots of change to go towards the refurbishment of their building.

We extend a welcome to our new vicar, Lucy Cleland, who was licensed at St John's Church earlier this month. We hope you will give her a warm, Waterbeach welcome when you see her around the village in the days to come. We hope she enjoys her time here.

The Community Association has agreed to donate £100 to Denson Close Day Centre for the Elderly, and to Denson Close. The cheques will be presented at the 60 Plus Party which will be on Saturday, 21st March 2009. Please find the booking form for this on page 20 of this edition. Returns should be made as soon as possible to give us a good idea of the numbers.

We now have a 'What's On' section on our website www.waterbeach.org. If you are organising an event and would like it published, please email *all* the details to whatson@waterbeach.org or send to 5 Spurgeons Avenue, Waterbeach, Cambridge CB25 9NU. It is hoped that this will avoid major events clashing on the same day.

Recently some people have been using the incorrect email address to send items for inclusion in Beach News. Please make a note of the correct address so that we can be sure of receiving your articles beachnews@waterbeach.org

If you are a local organisation or group of interested people and would like to join the Waterbeach Community Association, please ring Jacqui Rabbett on (01223) 860993.

Don't forget that Feast Day this year (yes, we are thinking about it already) is Saturday, 6th June 2009. Get the date in your diary now!

It just leaves me to wish you, on behalf of all the committee of the Community Association, a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Updates From South Cambs

SEASONAL GREETINGS FROM COUNCILLOR JOHNSON

I wish all the residents of Waterbeach, Landbeach, and Chittering a Very Happy Christmas and I hope the New Year is good for you all.

This has been a busy year behind the scenes and for all the people who have contacted me, I hope I have resolved the issues to your satisfaction. I never see your problems as an issue, but a challenge to get the answers you want to hear, sometimes it may take longer than we like, but I like to think we do get there in the end.

We saw the introduction of a new bus service, the No 8 which started at the end of May and this was on a "Use it or Lose it" trial as it was to be run on a profit making basis. Unfortunately not enough people did use the service and it is very likely that this service will cease very soon, but I will continue to work to get a bus service that is run at times more suitable for the residents of our villages.

Our traffic calming measures in Waterbeach have taken longer than expected to be completed, I understand that there have been technical issues, but these should have been sorted out by the time you are reading this. The 20 mph limit along the High Street in front of the school will help to reduce the possibility of the village children getting injured and the 30 mph flashing signs will help to remind drivers to slow down. I have had many comments about the one opposite the Brewery Tap, this is to remind drivers to keep to the limit because we have had a few cars going too fast round the corner and losing control and finishing upside down in a lady's garden.

Next year we can look forward to seeing a new Youth Club/Community building being built adjacent to the New Pavilion on the Recreation Ground. This has come about after attending the AGM of the Way Project and seeing how the Youth Workers and the children had a very limited and cramped space to work in and realising that something had to be done about it. A number of people have been involved in getting this project from an idea to becoming a reality and many hours have been spent with the architect and planners. Numerous meetings have taken place, but we have now received planning permission so next year all the efforts of myself, Parish Council, Kevin King our architect, and all the people who wrote letters of support for this project, we will see the fruit of our labours.

Please contact me by whatever means you prefer, telephone, e-mail, or knock on my door, don't forget I am here to serve you all.

Young Wives

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

This year young wives have had a variety of talks, speakers and demonstrations. On the 17th September we all enjoyed an evening with the Raptor Centre who brought some lovely well behaved owls for us to see and touch. They were all sizes from the tiny young barn owls to the large full grown. We have made our own earrings and listened to the Magistrate's work in the community. We have had our fireworks party with hot dogs and thanks go to Richard, Pat and James who were good enough to give us all a safe display. We are now nearing our last meeting for the year with our Xmas dinner, but before then we have also our Ladies Carol Service with the W I and all ladies of the village who would like to join us. It is being held at St John's Church on 10th December, all are welcome with refreshments served in the Church Hall after the service. We hope you have all enjoyed the year's events again and look forward to seeing anyone who would like to join us for the new programme on 21st January 2009.

Waterbeach Karate Club

A NEW DOJO

We are now in our third year at the club and have developed a friendly helpful environment to learn a traditional martial art. As with all things the club is evolving and changing as it grows.

I am pleased to announce from the early part of January we will be opening a new dojo on the Army Barracks, which will be run mainly by two Sensei who have joined us from the army. Everyone involved with the club will be able to train there on a Thursday night, as well as the current Tuesday night. Another development is our new belt system to further encourage our younger members.

We are still committed to our family ethos and as such have welcomed several new families over the year.

Everyone at the club would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Kenshou (good health)

If you would like more information please call Andrew Evans 01223 862069

Waterbeach Scout Group



NEW MINIBUS

As you may already know, we are now in possession of our new minibus.



We would like to say a big thank you to Waterbeach United Charity, as we would never have managed without their help.

Waterbeach United Charity passing over the keys to the Scout Group Chairperson

Camp News

Scouts had an enjoyable Summer camp at Thriftwood, with most of the boys earning themselves at least three badges each.

Unfortunately we had to cancel Cub camp due to still having a lack in numbers. If you are between 8 and 10½ years of age and wish to join us just come along on a Thursday evening. We meet from 18.30 to 20.00hrs. It's not just for boys, girls can come along too.

Beavers really enjoyed their activities day at Abington.

Christmas Bingo - Friday 12th December. A fun night out for all the family. Eyes down 20.00hrs, refreshments and raffle half way through the evening.

2009 Bingo Nights are on Friday 9th January and Friday 13th February.

Our annual Jumble sale will be on Saturday 31st January 2009.

Did you know?.....on November 28th 2008 Scouting in Waterbeach will be 80 years old. To celebrate we will be holding a camp fire party at the Hut for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts early next year.

The Buchanan Children's Centre

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Offers quality care and education for all children
from the age of One year to School Age

Flexible session times between 9.30am and 2.30pm during term time

If you would like to visit or would like an information booklet, please contact:

Nicki Butler on 01223 204435

Mobile 07983015395

Waterbeach School

NEW GOLDEN RULES

Some time ago we were talking with our children about our new Golden Rules. The children talked about what was important to them in school and we now have a new set of Rules:

- Always be polite and careful when you walk around the school
- Always try your best to listen, learn and have a go
- Eat and drink healthily, keep yourselves fit and have fun
- Be friendly and care for each other
- Play safely together, share things and have fun!

We try hard to use them in our everyday life in school.

Swimming Pool: our tireless Swimming Pool committee have been working hard to raise money to completely revamp and renovate our swimming pool. Some of you may remember the pool being built years ago by members of the village community, and it has been a wonderful resource for the school ever since then. Sadly, it now needs more than a facelift and we are faced with the prospect of raising enough money to put in a new liner, changing rooms, boiler and just about everything else to keep it going for our future generations of swimmers! The Pool Committee have made bid for funding from The People's Millions and we hope that as many people as possible voted for us on Thursday, 27th November when we appeared on Anglia TV – keep your fingers crossed that we have been successful! Several local people have also pledged money towards this worthy cause – and we are very grateful to them indeed!

Christmas shows: as always we will be celebrating Christmas in school with lots of different events - shows, carols, Christmas dinner, discos and lots more. Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 will be presenting their nativity play 'It's a Baby', on Tuesday and Wednesday, 9th & 10th December. Year 4/5 will be presenting their parents and carers an African based Christmas show, following their workshops on African music earlier this term. In the New Year, Years 2/3 will be presenting their own Christmas show. We will also be visiting the local churches to sing carols in the last week of term, and this year we will have our own Carol Service on the school field on Thursday, 18th December.

School Site: Over the summer holidays we had a new fence erected in the KS1 playground to increase security and cut down on casual vandalism in that area. We have also had the old Youth Club mobile finally removed from

the site and the area has been seeded. We have also installed a new play structure for the younger children in the KS1 playground.

Mrs Williams welcomed new Waterbeach vicar, Lucy Cleland at her induction this week. The School works closely with all the Waterbeach churches to prepare for all the major festivals throughout the year.

We have had a very busy time this term, and are looking forward to celebrating Christmas with all our children and their parents and carers.

Waterbeach Cricket Club

CRICKET FOR ALL

Thank you all for your support through a good season for WYCC. It has been a mixed year results wise, but overall a very successful one for the community as a whole.

The boy's have enjoyed both success and failure through the season but have gained a great deal from the experience and we are looking forward to an even more successful year in 2009.

This summer again we have been well supported at the village Feast thank you for all your help donating items helping on the stall or buying the Bric-a-Brac.

With this money and donations from the Parish Council amongst other grants we have now raised enough money to install a double net at the Rec which is now in progress. Thank you.

As a club we can offer 2 ECB level two coaches and 2 level one coaches, all of whom have the appropriate child protection and first aid requirements. We can also offer good facilities and a friendly environment to enjoy cricket.

We need players at all levels. At the moment we will be running an U13 and U15 side and hope to add to these with an U11 side. If your child would like to come along and try out cricket we would love to hear from you.

If you are over 16 and would like to play cricket, the adult teams would be grateful to hear from you, or if you would like to come and support us then we would love to see you at the games.

For more information please call 01223 862069 and ask for Andrew.

The History of Road Names

CAR DYKE ROAD

The short stretch of fairly new road connecting Cambridge Road to the Slap Up junction with the A10 takes its name from a most extensive waterway system stretching from the River Cam near Clayhithe to the River Trent in Lincolnshire. It seems certain that this was constructed by the Romans in the second century AD, and served both as a canal and as a catchwater drain.

From Waterbeach it crossed the A10 at Goose Hall and then passed north of Cottenham to Lockspit Hall where it joined the Old West River which then flowed the other way to Earith. There it linked with the now extinct West Water and then to Cnut's Dyke. Skirting Peterborough, it used part of the River Nene and then a channel cut to the River Welland. From there it ran to Thurlby and thence through Bourne along the edge of the Lincolnshire fens. This part of its course can be easily traced up to the point where it joined the River Witham just east of Lincoln. That river was then used to link the route to another Roman canal the Fosdyke, which leads to the River Trent at Torksey. This must have provided a most useful route for the transport of grain and materials to the Romans forces in the north, as well as providing a drainage channel, of which parts are still being used for that purpose in Lincolnshire and are called Car Dyke.

Day Centre For The Elderly

COME AND JOIN US

Do you live alone? Would you like to meet new friends once or twice a week?

You are invited to spend a Monday or a Wednesday at Denson Close Community Room where you will receive morning coffee, a two course hot lunch and afternoon tea – all for £3.50. There are opportunities to join in games or just to sit and read or chat in warm, comfortable surroundings. From time to time, outings are arranged.

Why not come along and give it a try? For more information, or to let us know you are coming, ring Mary Longstaff on 01223 564666

WASPS



FLYING HIGH!

WASPS is a popular Out of School Club based at Waterbeach Playhouse, situated on the school site. We care for children from 4-11 years at our *Breakfast Club* before school, our *After School Club* and during most of the school holidays at our *Holiday Club*.

We have had a very busy start to this academic year and have welcomed many new children to our club, who are settling in very well and enjoying their time with us. The children have recently enjoyed making paper aeroplanes at the club; they created their own designs and decorated them before flying the planes in our outside play area. During the October half term Holiday Club some of the children took part in a talent show, we saw some ballet, army skills and heard singing in Russian and German...the staff were very impressed! The children also made money boxes, built dens outside and took part in Halloween crafts. Our next Holiday Club is at Christmas; bookings are being taken for Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd December and for Monday 5th January 2009, please call into the Playhouse for a booking form if you are interested.

Do you have a few hours to spare each week?

Maybe you are retired or work part time?

Are you creative and good at thinking on your feet?

Do you enjoy spending time with young people?

If you answered, "Yes" to these questions then it may interest you to know that WASPS are looking for people to join their Bank Staff. We contact members of our Bank Staff (sometimes at short notice, but not always) to work if we need to cover staff absence/sickness and also when our sessions are very busy. We are also advertising for Playworkers to work at the Breakfast Club and/or After School Club. WASPS is family friendly and flexible, we offer one free child place to staff with school age children of their own.

If you are interested in finding out more about WASPS and our Bank Staff/Playworker roles then we are keen to hear from you. Please call Zoë/Louisa on the WASPS mobile number 07889233229 (7:30-8:30 a.m./3:00-6:00 p.m. or voicemail) to discuss or to arrange a visit!

Waterbeach Village Society

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR

The Village Society's October meeting encouraged a good turnout of members, no doubt with many hoping that Tom Phillips had some interesting tales to tell of local history. They were not altogether disappointed when disclosed that a settlement near the current Waste disposal site in Butt Lane was the site of settlements going back to before the Romans and adjacent to the Roman Road of Akeman Street. Workings had unravelled the remnants of posts from previous dwellings and wells.

December 16th will be the scene of the annual Christmas Party and a time of good cheer, laughter and frivolity.

The New Year's January meeting will see AGM time again, soon to be over one hopes, with the remains of the evening devoted to 'Thomas Hobson' the Cambridge Connection as told by Allan Brigham.

Future programmes:

Tuesday 24th February 2009 - 8 Hundred years of Education - History of Cambridge University as told by Honor Ridout

Tuesday 24th March 2009 - Wicken Fen Vision with David Dench.

All are welcome at the Community Library room starting at 7.45pm on meeting nights. Refreshments provided.

Best Wishes to all for Christmas and the New Year from Waterbeach Village Society.

More details can be obtained from Adrian on 01223 861846

Beach Bowls Club



We are currently looking for new members.

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

A. Rueben (Tony) 01223 861001

K. White (Ken) 01223 864152

Waterbeach PTA



FUNDRAISING NEWS

Update on recent events

Fashion Show – Our Children's Fashion Show on 11th October was hugely enjoyed and raised £249.00.

Design a Christmas Card – run by Cauliflower Cards, this project aims to encourage pupils' creativity and design skills whilst also raising funds for the school. The children create their own designs for a Christmas card which are then professionally printed to produce packs of cards with envelopes. For every pack of cards ordered, a percentage goes to the school. Wonderful for sending a really personal greeting to friends and family at this time of year. We have raised £400.00. A big thank you to everybody who helped administer this and also to those who signed up to buy the cards.

Dates for your diary

Bags2School – Wednesday 25th February 2009. This is where we invite you to donate adults' and children's clothing, bedding, curtains, soft toys, shoes, belts and handbags, all in good condition. An opportunity to ease storage issues, help the environment and raise money for the school. All by simply filling bags and dropping them off at the school. The bags are collected by the Bag2School company, which donate money according to the weight of all the bags. Our next Bag2School collection will be on 25th Feb. If you have items that you wish to donate, please place them in a bag (any colour or type of bag will do) and bring them to the school on the 25th Feb *before* 9.30am. If you have a bag but are not able to bring them to the school, or if you have any questions about this, please call Karen Graves on (01223) 861690. Our collection on 22nd October raised a fantastic £324.00 – our best ever yet - so well done and thanks to everybody!

Quiz Night – Friday 27th February from 7.00pm. If you wish to enter a team, please call Karen Graves on (01223) 861690. Remember to order your fish/chicken dinner too!

Finally, but most importantly, a huge thank you to all parents, carers, teachers, children and other friends and supporters of the school; your hard work and commitment ensures our events and activities are enjoyable and successful. We couldn't do it without you!

A View From Shire Hall

NEWS FROM MICHAEL WILLAIMSON

Park and Ride

As I am sure most of you know, the new Park and Ride is open at Butt Lane, Milton. I haven't used it yet, but I have driven through it and I am a bit concerned that some of the signposting is not as clear as it might be. I would welcome comments so that they can be passed on to the powers that be.

Mereham and Waterbeach (again!)

Just as we all thought these ideas for new development had gone away, they reappear in a different guise. Both have appeared on a list produced by the East of England Regional Assembly as sites for new developments in the period to 2031. It is very important to note that these are proposals from developers and have not been approved and I am frankly surprised that Mereham, a site that has recently been so resoundingly rejected by a Planning Inspector after a lengthy public enquiry, should have got anywhere near the list.

However, proposals for Waterbeach (or Denny St. Francis as the developers insist on calling it) with 12,750 dwellings, have not yet been subjected to such a thorough review, and so those of us who are unhappy with the idea of so many houses being built on the barracks site still need to be extremely vigilant. I'll keep you all in touch with what is going on.

Station Parking

The very high usage that our station gets means that we get an excellent rail service both north and south. However, many of you, especially those who live in Lode Avenue, have to put up with inconsiderate parking by some commuters. A couple of months ago, I called a meeting between the County Council, Network Rail and First Capital Connect where these issues were discussed, and it seems that there is a real possibility that the station car park may be doubled in size in the not too distant future. I'll keep up the pressure and hope to be able to report good news soon.

Michael Williamson, County Councillor www.michaelwilliamson.org.uk

Volunteer Car Scheme

COULD YOU HELP US?

Every effort is being made to re-launch the volunteer car scheme in the New Year.

We desperately need more volunteer drivers (even if you are only available for short periods or one am/pm)

For more information please contact Barbara Brown at Waterbeach Surgery

Email: barbara.brown@nhs.net

Tel: 01223 860387

Fax: 01223 576259

Salvation Army

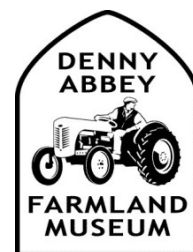
NATIVITY SCENE EXHIBITION

The Salvation Army would like to thank all those who helped with the Annual Appeal door to door collection in September. Some of you were kind in delivering envelopes, which saved us a double journey, others assisted by collecting their area of the village, which was also a big help, as we have 15 villages to collect from! We greatly appreciate all the help and support. To the residents of Waterbeach we say a huge thank you for your donations which amounted to £1619.73!

This money all goes to fund the Social Work of the Salvation Army in the UK. If you want information on this you can look on the website www.salvationarmy.org.uk or please ask at Waterbeach Salvation Army. Next to the government, the Salvation Army is the largest provider of Social Services in the UK.

Friday 5th and Saturday 6th December we have an exhibition of over 200 Nativity Scenes from around the world, in the Salvation Army Hall, 7 Station Road, Waterbeach from 10am – 3pm. Please come and have a look and of course tea and cakes will be available!

The Farmland Museum



SPECIAL WINTER EVENTS

The Farmland Museum and Denny Abbey is closed over the winter season until 1st April 2009, with the exception of two special open days in December and the February half term:

Saturday December 6th, 12-5pm

“Yuletide”, A Tudor Christmas at Denny

Join us for a Traditional Tudor Christmas with children's activities including making a fragrant pomander, mini Lords and Ladies craft activity, as well as, 1940s cottage decorated ready for Christmas and carols by candlelight from 4pm-4.30pm (bring a torch and dress warmly!). Cafe and shop open throughout the day.

Thursday February 19th, 12-4pm Drop-in Children’s Holiday Activity Day at the Farmland Museum and Denny Abbey.

Cosy Cottage - Our cottage mural is looking rather cold and empty - come

and add some colour and fill it up with drawings of what you might find in a 1940s home. Take home your own mini-mural too!

These informal days run by the education department during the holiday are aimed at children who are 4+ and accompanied by an adult. Normal admission prices apply. No need to book. Please contact Elly Wright for more details 01223 863036.

Fen Edge Community Association

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Christmas Soiree with Prime Brass

Saturday 13th December 2008, 7.30pm Cottenham Village College

Prime Brass are a nationally acclaimed ten piece ensemble. Start your Christmas celebrations by joining us in an evening of entertainment with seasonal favourites and classics from the world of mainstream music and jazz. Music for everyone and every age.

Tickets available from Cottenham Village College, Corner Shop and Cambridge Building Society, Cottenham priced: *Adults £10 - Concessions and children £8 - Family (two adults and two children) £25.*

All tickets include a glass of mulled wine and mince pie. Wine, soft drinks and seasonal snacks will be available for sale. Book a candle lit table (8 people) in advance.

Join the Dance

This February Cottenham Village College and Impington Village College are to host a festival of dance for the whole community. The Plug into Dance Celebration is all about excellence, integration and participation – aiming to offer something for all ages, interests and abilities.

Acclaimed dance company *New Art Club* will be working with students at Cottenham Village College towards a public performance. Other activities taking place at CVC include a Tea Dance on Friday 27th February, 2.30pm – 4.30pm, and an integrated salsa party with Cottenham Disability Youth Group. Please get in touch if you are a local club or group interested in hosting a dance event in February as part of the festival. Event ideas could include a Ceilidh, dance displays by local clubs or simply a village dance or disco.

To find out more contact Amy Wormald on 01954 288748

or amy@start-arts.org.uk

Waterbeach Charities

WATERBEACH UNITED CHARITIES

(REG NO 201528)

Waterbeach United Charities provide financial support or pays for services that help to alleviate individuals who are “in need or distress” 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.

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:

The Secretary, Waterbeach United Charities,
25 Payton Way, Waterbeach,
Cambridge CB5 9NS

All personal applications are confidential.

Waterbeach School Pool

WE WON!!!

The swimming pool committee, staff, governors and teachers would like to thank everybody who supported and voted for us in the Peoples Millions competition on ITV Anglia news. Our project received the most votes during the programme shown on Thursday 27th November, and therefore has won the £25,500 funding we needed for the refurbishment of our swimming pool at the school. This is fantastic news for the school, children and the community and we are all ‘over the moon’, we are already planning the first stages of work. We hope to start work in the spring so that the pool will be ready for use by the children in the summer. Once the pool is up and running we will continue to raise the funds needed for the next phase, which is to rebuild the changing rooms.

This has been a massive fundraising task and you have all been fantastic. The support from the community has been amazing. Thank you once again. For more information on the project please contact Ali Fish on 07734902399 or leave a message at the school office.



Waterbeach Toddler Playgroup

EXCITING NEW TERM



The new term has seen us welcome a new part-time play worker to the team; Nikko Thomas joins our friendly team which is led by Wayne Badcock, assisted by Lesley Moxon and Tricia Palmer; the team between them have clocked up 37 years of service at Waterbeach Toddler Playgroup. Before half term we looked at Diwali, the Hindu 'Festival of Lights'. We learned about the story of Rama and Sita, and how the 10-headed demon Ravana took Sita away, but was then rescued by Rama, his brother and Hanuman the monkey king. We made some clay Diva's and decorated them. We also looked at 'Megs Veg', painting pictures of Megs Veg, (carrots, peas and a pumpkin) and making stripy Mogs.

Now half term is over and we're starting to prepare for Christmas. The children are beginning to learn their Christmassongs, and the sultry sounds of 'Jingle Bells' and 'Away in a manger' are being heard everywhere! We will hopefully be going on our normal tour of the village, singing our songs at Denson Close and Hatley Court, as well as for the parents/carers. So get the glitter and tinsel at the ready, and let the fun begin!

We have kicked off the year with lots of good news which we would like to share:

The first is that we will soon be receiving a high tech ICT resource in the form of an Interactive White Board. Jagex Ltd, a Cambridge online games company, have kindly donated just over £3,000 for us to purchase the white board. We are extremely grateful for this donation, and we will be the only playgroup in the village to have one. We've seen them in use at the Early Years Centre in Histon; they are great fun, and it will also help the children to get used to using one prior to starting school. We are hoping that the installation will be taking place before the New Year, and the staff will be receiving training on this before we let the children loose on it!

The second piece of exciting information comes in the form of a nomination to the Cambridge Evening News 'Community Awards 2008'. One of our current parents has nominated the playgroup in the 'Children's Support' category. They felt they wanted the staff to be recognised for the work that we do at the playgroup. Since the nomination we have reached the final of the awards, and have been invited to the awards ceremony on 8th December. As you can imagine we are extremely excited about this. Both Wayne and Lesley will be attending the awards. Keep your fingers crossed,

and we will inform you of the outcome.

Thirdly, the Community Association has generously voted to raise money for the playgroup by way of a bucket collection at the Christmas Eve Carols on the Green, so please do come along to enjoy the event and show your support, and a few pennies in the buckets wouldn't go amiss either!

This year the Committee will be working hard to raise funds to "smarten up" the external appearance of our building, with a new coat of paint, a new sign and new doors all on our wish list. Fingers crossed if we are able to raise enough funds we will get some new windows too, and make some more improvements to the outside play area. WTP-led events throughout the year are fast becoming welcome fixtures in the village calendar. The Auction of Promises at the White Horse in January and the Mother's Day Cake & Flowers Stall outside the Post Office in March to name but a few. For the first time this year in August we held a Family Fun Day at the White Horse (jointly organised with the Community Playgroup) which was a great success (despite the torrential rain for the first part of the afternoon!), and by 5 o'clock the Bouncy Castle was up, the sun was shining and everyone was having a great time. The Nearly New Sale held in November was our most popular yet for both sellers and buyers, raising £600 for the playgroup, and offering bargains galore for shoppers! In fact it was such a success we now hope to hold it twice a year, so watch this space. Details of upcoming events can be found in the "What's On" on the Community Association website; and also look out for posters and signs around the village closer to the dates throughout the year.

Waterbeach Toddler Playgroup has been running for over 30 years, and we are based down Burgess Road (off Way Lane). Children are welcome from aged 2½ 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 (2½ - 3½) 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.

Day Centre For The Elderly

HAVE YOU THOUGHT OF VOLUNTEERING?

Do you have a few hours to spare on Mondays or Wednesdays in term time? Waterbeach Day Centre for the Elderly would welcome you between 11.00 am and 3.00 pm at Denson Close Community Room (just off the High Street near the Post Office in Waterbeach). You will be assured of a warm welcome by the friendly group of volunteers and receive a free lunch. Duties are light - serving and clearing lunch and afternoon tea for approximately 20 - 25 members.

Please phone Mary Longstaff on 01223 564666 for more information, or call into Denson Close Community Room in Denson Close one Monday or Wednesday.

Waterbeach United Charities

(CLAUSE 4 (2) GRANT)

(REG NO 201528)

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 2008).

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 31st December 2008. 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:

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

LEGO MYSTERY

Sunday afternoon, 23rd November, I went to go out into the garden only to find that someone had left a large box half full of old technical LEGO inside my back door. There is a label on the box 'this belongs to Stephen' so I can only assume that the LEGO belonged to my son, Stephen (now aged 36), I lent/gave it to someone for their younger child and that this person has now found it in the loft and decided to return it to me. The only problem is that I can't remember to whom I gave this LEGO and the person left no clue! If you are this person, please call Chris Strachan on 860498 and identify yourself, I would love to know who you are!

Waterbeach Community Players

IT'S PANTO TIME....OH YES IT IS!

Waterbeach Community Player's are now in rehearsal for their annual pantomime once more written especially for the group by Julie Petrucci and Chris Shinn this time –

BABES IN THE WOOD

Featuring *Keziah & Molly Poole* as The Babes; *Kayleigh Orrock* as Maid Marian; *Kattreya Smith* as Robin Hood; *James Dowson* as the Sheriff of Nottingham; *Jane Stewart* and *Stephen Smith* as 'the baddies'; *Wendy Croft* as Deefer the magic dog; *Chloe Chester* as the Spirit of Sherwood, *Bill Bullivant* as King Richard and the inimitable *Chris Shinn* as the Babes' Governess. Plus of course a band of Merry Men, a talented chorus of women and children of Sherwood and the famous WCP UV scene.

WCP's popular annual family pantomime is at Waterbeach School from Thursday January 22nd to Saturday January 24th 2009: 7.30pm nightly with a matinee on Saturday 24th at 2.30pm.

In true WCP tradition there will be a raffle at each performance the proceeds of which will be donated to ARC via our musical director Shirley Randall.

Tickets: £6 adult, £5 concessions, family tickets available at £20 (2 full + 2 concessions) available in advance from 01223 570109. Although you are advised to book matinee tickets in advance, tickets will be available at the door for all performances subject to availability.

Jazzercise

FRESH MOVES, NEW MUSIC, PURE MOTIVATION

We have had a fantastic year with Jazzercise in Waterbeach and look forward to another fun packed year in 2009!

Why not come along now and feel the benefits for yourself. A free week is offered with the advert in this magazine.

The last class before Christmas is on the 23rd December at 6.45pm (there is no late class on this day only)

We will then be back on the 6th January to kick off the new year 2009!

I would like to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you in class very soon. *Bev Tumber*

Waterbeach School

NEWS FROM THE CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

At the time of writing, governors, staff, children and many members of the community are excitedly awaiting the results of the lottery millions bid which was submitted by Ali Fish and the swimming pool committee for money to refurbish the pool. By the time this is printed we will know whether we have been successful after the television viewers vote.

The school improvement plan (a plan for the school's future development and character) is completed and currently being implemented. The focus will be on 'planet earth' with very exciting projects already underway and many more planned. Two of our governors have been working together to secure a grant for the school to be powered by more environmentally friendly methods. In addition, there will be an educational aspect to the project in which children will see and understand the importance of greener forms of energy by witnessing the changes in their own school.

The premises committee are overseeing major improvements to the school hall with new curtains and paintwork planned for completion before Christmas. After the summer holidays, staff returned to find their damp and depressing staff room had received a complete refurbishment thanks to the hard work and thriftiness of Terry Gilzean and most of his family!

Two new members of staff joined the school in September; Miss Jones and Mrs Johnstone. We are very pleased to welcome them. Mrs Cotton, not a new face to the school, very kindly agreed to return to teaching in order to provide support in year 2/3 and is warmly welcomed in her new role.

The community and communication committee are looking at ways to raise the profile of the school as well as making good links with the surrounding community. The school website, long time enfant terrible, has finally reached maturity and can be found in all its wonderful glory at www.waterbeach.cambs.sch.uk. Like most teenagers, it still has a lot to learn and we will be working hard to improve it as time goes on. Nevertheless it has been hard work to get it this far and we are grateful to all who helped or who at times were available just to cry with us over the cot!

If you have anything that you would like to bring to the attention of the committee, Fiona James will be pleased to hear from you. Fiona can be contacted at fionajames2005@btinternet.com

Planning for the Christmas productions is already underway as staff and children approach a very busy but enjoyable time in the school calendar. This year will see some changes to the traditional formats following consultation with children and staff and we look forward to seeing the results of their hard work.

It just remains for me to wish you a very happy festive time. *Naomi Wright.*

Club 60 *Plus* Party



INVITATION

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

Saturday 21st March 2009

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 Mark Clack, 5 Spurgeons Avenue, Waterbeach or to Jacqui Rabbett, 9 Providence Way, Waterbeach by **Friday 27th February 2009**.

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.

For further information Tel. 01223 860993

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CLUB 60 *PLUS* PARTY- PLACE CONFIRMATION

Please reserve place(s) at the Club 60 Plus Party on **21st March 2009**

Name(s) :

Contact Address

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Telephone

Please tick if you will be in a wheelchair

*Please return by **Friday 27th February 2009***

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

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
BEACH BOWLS CLUB	Bernie Pick - 01223 861142
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
DENSON CLOSE DAY CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY	William Bullivant – 01223 862506
HAPPY FOLKS CLUB	Mrs E Bolton - 01223 861625
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ROYAL ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION	T.W. Marshall - 01223 862298
SALVATION ARMY	Emma Knights - 01223 506217
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WATERBEACH AFTER SCHOOL PLAY SCHEME (WASPS)	Zoe Palmer - 07889 233229
WATERBEACH & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB	David Lynn - 01223 860948
WATERBEACH BAPTIST CHAPEL	Robin Giles - 01223 862494
WATERBEACH BRASS	David Pell - 01223 860396
WATERBEACH COLTS FOOTBALL CLUB	Chris Nelson - 01223 863346
WATERBEACH COMMUNITY PLAYERS	Julie Petrucci - 01223 880023
WATERBEACH COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP	Diana Morgan - 01223 861398
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WATERBEACH INDEPENDENT LENDING LIBRARY	T.B.C.
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WATERBEACH YOUNG WIVES	Sheila Gill - 01223 861999
WATERBEACH ACTION FOR YOUTH	Dave Beasley - 01223 863237
WOMENS INSTITUTE	Christine Thornton - 01223 864160
Other useful numbers:	
COUNTY COUNCILLOR	Michael Williamson - 01223 860899
DISTRICT COUNCILLOR	Peter Johnson - 01223 560918 or 07947 475549
DISTRICT COUNCILLOR	James Hockney - 01223 861419
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	0845 456 456 4
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