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# Community Association



Hello everyone and welcome to the Summer Edition of the Beach News. This is a community newsletter and we are open to articles and or photographs on a wide range of topics – please contact [BeachNews@waterbeach.org](mailto:BeachNews@waterbeach.org) to submit an article.

Waterbeach Community Association runs a number of events as well as publishing the Beach News. All our events are run by volunteers and I'd like to say thank you to all of them for the fantastic work they do. Our largest event of the year is coming soon – Waterbeach Feast and we have some opportunities for people to lend a hand. First though here is some more information on this year's Feast.

**Feast 2024** - Waterbeach Village Feast will be held on Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> June 2024. Last year's Feast was very successful, the weather was good if rather hot and it was good to see so many people out enjoying themselves. We'd love to see you all out again and here is a summary of what is going on.

The stalls on the Green and the Gault will be setup in the morning and ready to go by 12 o'clock. There are a large variety of stalls with organisations running a large range of fairground games such as raffles, tombola and various games of skill and chance, or maybe just giving information on their activities and interests. Please come and see us at the WCA stall where we run the WCA raffle. Our raffle is very generously supported by prize donations from local businesses, our member organisations and local people so there are many prizes to be won and all profits are used to support



the running of the Feast, our other events and our member organisations. There are also a number of stalls selling a variety of goods such as plants, records, cakes and all variety of nick-nacks. Along with the many stalls we also have two fun fairs (at the top end of the Green and on the Gault) with fairground rides and activities. There will be food stalls serving hot, cold sweet and savoury snacks and drinks as well as ice cream on the Green and Gault. Please don't forget our local village amenities, with the Beach Fryer, Chung Hwa and Pharmacies all open for business and The Sun Inn, White Horse and Beach Social Club ready to serve refreshments.

The event arena is located in the centre of the Green and entertainment will start at 12:00 with Waterbeach Brass playing a selection of classical tunes. This will be followed by a number of acts, with dance troupes of many different genres, music and some audience participation. There will be more music on at the Music Stage on the Gault. This will start a little earlier at 11:30, so we can fit in a couple of bands before the Parade. We'll have Rock, Pop, and the welcome return of the school choir and bands from Waterbeach School Rock Steady classes. The music continues as the rest of the event packs up, with a final set from Just Jamming kicking off at around 17:30 (times subject to change on the day). Both the event stages have a pause at 14:00 for the Parade, which as always will play a central role in Feast Day. The parade will assemble at the school



from 13:15 as it has done on previous years. The parade starts at 14:00 and proceeds down High Street, Greenside, Chapel Street, St. Andrews Hill, Way Lane, Cattell's Lane, High Street before arriving at the Green via Greenside (eastern section). The parade arrives in the arena at around 14:45, where there is a prize giving to celebrate the efforts of the

groups to follow this year's theme – 'Something beginning with P'. We always see lots of kids in the parade and we'd encourage accompanying adults to get involved and dress up in line with the theme too. The parade will once again be led by the Arco Iris Samba Band, and we'd like to encourage the group entrants to bring their own themed music to add to the carnival atmosphere. The theme for the individual category this year is 'Push and Pull' – so come out, decorate something to push or pull and join in. This year's charity collection will be on behalf of Waterbeach Primary School PTA and the Castle School Charitable

Association. The village is always very generous and thank you for past contributions and please find that loose change once again.

We have once again been granted permission to close the roads for the duration of the parade (14:00 – 14:45). Those who live on streets directly affected will receive a letter giving details of the closures. The affected streets are, High Street, Greenside, St Andrews Hill, Way Lane and Cattell's Lane (plus some side streets leading off these). Chapel Street will be temporarily shut to allow the parade to pass. We will endeavour to keep disruption to a minimum and access will be allowed where possible. We apologise in advance for any disruption caused but we must prioritise the safety of the parade participants. Parking along the side of the Green marked by cones is also prohibited for the day, please remove any parked cars the night before if possible. Information on road closures is also available on the County Council Highways events website (<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/highway-events>).

Although we are past the deadline for pitch and parade applications, we will do our best to consider late applications. If you would like a stall at the Feast, please contact Alasdair Pentland at [wcachair@waterbeach.org](mailto:wcachair@waterbeach.org). Please contact us as well if you have any ideas about activities, events or feedback on the Feast or other community activities we can help with. For more information on the Feast please see our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/waterbeachfeast](http://www.facebook.com/waterbeachfeast)) and for information on the WCA see our website ([www.waterbeach.org](http://www.waterbeach.org)).

The Feast is a village event and we really appreciate all the help and support that comes from the whole community. However, we need additional volunteers to enable the Feast to go ahead safely. If you can spare 30 minutes to an hour on the 8<sup>th</sup> June please volunteer, we have vacancies for helpers to setup before the event, take down and tidy afterwards, as well as for traffic marshals and stewards. Please don't assume someone else will do it as we struggle to get people to commit to help, so please volunteer and thank you very much to those that have already done so.

As well as volunteers, the community is always very generous in donations to the Community Association Feast Raffle. If you are able, please do make a donation, as the proceeds of the raffle go towards the running costs of the Feast and supporting the local community.

**Community Projects** - Thank you to everyone who helped out with the Community Litter pick on Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup> March. It was a fairly soggy day this year so it was good to see so many people out collecting litter. Special thanks to the team at WAY and the Waterbeach Wombles for organising and providing refreshments. The next litter pick will be in the autumn and more information in the next edition of the Beach News.

Thanks, and I hope you enjoy the rest of the Beach News. *Alasdair Pentland*  
For any comments / questions or for more information please contact me ([wcachair@Waterbeach.org](mailto:wcachair@Waterbeach.org) or Tel: 07751 786040).

# Hérons' Preschool



## *We are all 'Quackers' at Herons'!*

This spring we had the pleasure of being 'parents' to six eggs. 'What will they hatch into?' was the question the children asked - a bird? a dinosaur? a chick?

The incubator was set up and the eggs positioned. Every day, every hour, every minute the children watched to see if anything was changing. There was the first glimpse of life when an egg started to move, a very small movement but the children saw it and were really excited by the prospect of seeing what will come out of the eggs. We then waited some more and one evening, there was a small beak appeared and by morning Ducklous was born. The children were so excited to meet him but knew they had to be calm and quiet near him. We then had a little longer to wait and when we thought there were no more coming, they then started to hatch - all six eggs hatched, and we have six different looking ducklings. There was still a little confusion - were they ducklings or chicks? The children took a little persuasion that they were ducks!



The children have been helping to feed them, hold them and give them the opportunity to have a paddle and splash. Once they were big enough to leave Herons', Jordan one of our Preschool Practitioners, took them home with her to live with her family and chickens.

This experience for our children has been so valuable in talking about life cycles, new life, babies, what we need to survive and looking after something. We get regular updates from Jordan on how the brood are doing and the children love to see them grow and flourish. We are hoping they will come back for a visit soon.

Do you want to know more about our fabulous Preschool? We have an amazing **Open Morning** coming up on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July 10am-12noon**, so please feel free to come along and enjoy finding out what Herons' can offer you and your family. For more information, have a look on our website [www.heronspreschoolwaterbeach.org](http://www.heronspreschoolwaterbeach.org) or contact us on [info@heronspreschoolwaterbeach.org](mailto:info@heronspreschoolwaterbeach.org)

# Happy Folks Club

Even though the weather has been rather wet as of late, it has not stopped our monthly outings so far.

In February we enjoyed a fun filled day at a pantomime in Brick Lane, London. The show also included a meal with drinks available from the bar. I must say that the performers, being relatively unknowns, did a fantastic job of keeping the whole audience laughing and well and truly entertained.

The next outing in March was to the Springfields Shopping Centre with plenty of shops, especially for the ladies and various eateries, coffee shops and a pleasant garden area to relax after walking round the shops.

The last outing in April was to Melton Mowbray with its market stalls, shops and of course the famous pork pies. This is normally a good place to visit but this year it was marred by the bad weather as it was cloudy and raining (and cold) most of the time. Having something to eat and drink came as a pleasant relief. As yet we haven't got a member who can guarantee a sunny day so we have to cope with whatever the weather throws at us!

We have further trips planned for the rest of the year including a visit on 28<sup>th</sup> May to Felixstowe for which we still have seats available and a July visit to Cromer with a show on the pier as an optional extra. Also, Skegness in August and Sheringham in September. Other trips will be covered in the autumn issue of the Beach News.

We still have our Friday afternoon meetings at the Beach Social Club with raffles, auctions and fun bingo sessions. Although we have a full complement of members at the moment, we would like to welcome guests at these meetings and indeed for any of the monthly trips planned for the rest of the year as we normally have spare seats available on the coach. If interested, please come to the Beach Social Club on Fridays at 1.30 pm.

*Terri Spencer - Chairperson*

## Waterbeach United Charities (Reg No 201528)

Waterbeach United Charities provides financial support or pays for services that help to alleviate the situation for individuals residing in Waterbeach Parish who are "in need or distress".

**Electric Wheelchairs** - We have a number of electric wheelchairs for those in need. If you would like to be considered please ask for an application form.

**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:

Ms Shelley Mason, The Secretary, Waterbeach United Charities  
c/o 7 Cambridge Road, Waterbeach, Cambridge CB25 9NJ

Email: [waterbeachunitedcharities@gmail.com](mailto:waterbeachunitedcharities@gmail.com)

All personal applications are confidential.



# WASPS



Since our last article the children have been enjoying getting outside in our garden more, as the evenings are now lighter. They have been busy den building, playing ball games and have developed games using the Nerf guns too. Loom Bands, Hama Beads, Dobble and memory games continue to be firm favourites for many during the sessions. We received a generous donation of coloured card recently; the children have enjoyed being creative and making all sorts of things from it. At the February Holiday Club the children enjoyed making mother's day gifts including some very stylish keyrings. The children also built a marble maze and took part in junk



modelling challenges as part of National Engineers Week, among many other activities and free play opportunities. At our recent Easter Holiday Club the children enjoyed making chocolate nests, creating with clay, and decorating and hiding rocks around Waterbeach for others to find. Our next Holiday Club dates are just around the corner on Tues 28th and Wed 29th May and Monday 3rd June.

Our Summer Holiday Club will run during the weeks commencing 12th August and 19th August.

We are currently recruiting for a new Club Manager during the Summer Term, to take over from Sarah in September when she moves on to a new role away from WASPS. We envisage a handover period between Sarah and the new Manager during the later part of the Summer Term. Please help us to spread the news that we are recruiting, we encourage anyone interested in finding out more to get in touch, more details about the role can also be found on our website.

We are currently busy preparing for Feast on 8th June, we are looking forward to walking in the parade again this year and will have a WASPS stall on the Green. We are hoping we'll get lots of support from our WASPS families and the wider community on the day, it's always such a fun event where many memories are made!

WASPS has a Facebook page, @WaterbeachWASPS, please like our page to find out the latest news, updates and about our employment opportunities too.

Breakfast Club runs from 7:45 a.m. until the start of school and After School

Club runs until 6 p.m. on all school days. Please enquire to find out availability and book a place.

Contact us: For more information, please visit our website:

[www.waterbeach-wasps.org.uk](http://www.waterbeach-wasps.org.uk). For enquiries, please email us [wasps.waterbeach@outlook.com](mailto:wasps.waterbeach@outlook.com) or telephone us on 07858 975397 during opening hours. Outside of opening times, please leave a message and a member of the team will return your call when convenient.

# Waterbeach Theatre Company

In April eight members of WTC represented the group at the NODA East Gala Awards in Ipswich, which celebrated 2023 productions. WTC was runner up in the Best Pantomime Category for *Robin Hood*, in the Best Drama category for *Home, I'm Darling* and in the Best Technical category for the 1950s set for (again) *Home, I'm Darling*. Many congratulations to Kattreya Scheurer-Smith, Director of both nominated productions and to Mark Easterfield who designed the set including the purpose built 1950s American refrigerator.



You are reading this just as our May production of *Spirit Level* comes to an end. If you came along to support us many thanks. We hope you enjoyed your evening. Next up for WTC is our tombola stall at the Waterbeach Feast on 8 June. Do come along and visit us, purchase a ticket or just have a chat. However, before we break for the summer we are into planning and auditioning for our November production of Amanda Whittington's exuberant comedy *Ladies Day*.

In the summer of 2005, for one year only, Royal Ascot moved north! This is the backdrop for this comedy drama about four female fish factory filleters from Hull who decide to take a celebratory day trip to the races. We all know that having a little flutter on the horses is more a game of chance and good luck, and that is what the girls have as they arrive without tickets. As the day goes on and the champagne is consumed, each discloses that little piece of their lives that they have kept hidden. They also come across a variety of characters, from an arrogant TV pundit to a sensitive jockey. So... place your bets for a good night out!

Auditions will be held on Sunday 9 June. Rehearsals begin early September for performance at Waterbeach School, 13 to 16 November. For more information visit the WTC website [www.wtconline.org.uk](http://www.wtconline.org.uk) or contact [secretarywtc@icloud.com](mailto:secretarywtc@icloud.com)

# WAY



Waterbeach and Landbeach Action for Youth (WAY) is a free, Open Access youth club that operates two nights a week, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 6.30pm to 8.30pm at the Tillage Hall. This welcoming space is for all secondary school aged children, from the parishes of Waterbeach and surrounding villages.

After a very successful HAF (Holiday, Activities and Food) scheme over Easter, we have been slowly welcoming Yr 6's as they start their all important transition from Primary to Secondary school. Parents, please be aware that as we are open access, we do not stop the young people from leaving youth club and hanging out around the Rec. Although we do tend to patrol around the Rec at various intervals just to check on the young people, we do not have any responsibility or authority over the young people there. If you want your child to remain in the Tillage Hall, you need to make that clear to them.

Recently the area outside the Tillage Hall got a vibrant makeover, thanks to the green fingers of our members.

The transformation involved clearing out and replanting the large planters and weeding the other areas that surround the hall. The members are very pleased with their work which not only enhances the aesthetic appeal of the area but also contributes to creating a



more eco-friendly habitat for local wildlife, which many of them are very passionate about.

The project could not have taken place without the incredible community spirit shown by Sandra and the Communities Team at Tesco, Milton who generously donated the plants. This highlights the importance of collaboration between local businesses and WAY Youth Club.

The gardening project is part of a broader endeavour supported by the 30 for 30 grant, an initiative celebrating 30 years of the PECT Environment Grant. As one of the proud recipients of this grant, WAY youth club, is committed to engaging in various community projects aimed at fostering environmental awareness and sustainability. We will also be organising regular litter picks and undertaking ongoing garden maintenance in the vicinity of the Tillage Hall. These activities not only contribute to keeping our community clean and

green but also instil valuable environmental practices among our young people.

In another display of community support this week, we were delighted to receive a new sofa courtesy of one of our wonderful volunteers, Robyn and former member Sam Tee Bowler who provided the van and the muscles!

If you are interested in supporting the sustainability of our youth club through a small donation or assistance with volunteering your help, please email [caroline.waterbeachway@gmail.com](mailto:caroline.waterbeachway@gmail.com) for more information.

*Caroline Ward* on behalf of the Staff and Trustees @ WAY

## Thank You

I expect there are many people, especially dog-walkers, in the village who would recognise my husband, Chris. He used to wear a red woolly hat and walk our black Cairn Terrier, Tilly, every morning along the towpath, or round the Millennium Wood, and latterly round the Rec and down Car Dyke back to our house in Way Lane. Many people still greet Tilly when she is taken for walks around the village. Sadly, just over two years ago Chris was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and since about last November was no longer safe to take Tilly for walks on his own. After a rapid decline, he is now a permanent resident in Woodlands Care Home in Arbury where the wonderful staff make sure he has as good a quality of life as possible.

My family and I would like to thank the large number of people who helped Chris and Tilly over the years, frequently by pointing him in the right direction when he was lost, using his phone to ring me when he turned up unannounced in their drive, walking with him if necessary, bringing him home covered in blood (a large contingent this time) when he fell in the road and cut his face (particularly the lovely young woman who rushed up the drive saying "can I help, I'm a nurse", I never did find out her name); also all our friends and neighbours who pitched in and offered help, coffee and a listening ear when I needed it, as well as latterly walking with Chris and Tilly so that I could go to Pilates, and then answering my plea on Babble for someone to help with walking Tilly when I could no longer leave him on his own. Then there was the time when I forgot to lock the back door and he decided to go for a walk round the village. A very kind man saw him wandering about and drove him round the village to see if he recognised where he lived. Chris was, by that time, unable to recognise his own house so the driver eventually took him to the surgery thinking that they might know him – which they did and rang me! So many people to thank and so many more I haven't mentioned. I feel very lucky to have lived in this village for over 40 years and to know how many kind and thoughtful people there are around.

*Christine Strachan*

# Military Heritage Museum



The museum tells the story of the former airfield from 1938 when Winfold Farm land was bought for a war time airfield and then the RAF arrived in 1941. The Royal Engineers took over in 1966 until they left Waterbeach in 2012. The site is now being developed as Waterbeach (New Town).

WMHM is open on the following dates.

June	Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>
July	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>
August	Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>
September	Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>

Following some problems with the suppliers of our new display cabinets we have now been told to expect them shortly and all being well the displays will change over the next few months. When you visit things might not be quite so orderly, but it will be work in progress.

Recently we were invited to pick out some redundant mannequins from the Cambridge John Lewis Partnership. These will enable us to display some of the uniforms or combat clothing, currently hanging on clothes racks. Many thanks to John Lewis Partnership and their staff.

We received, from a Simon Leigh, who had been renovating a property in Manchester, a silvered drinks tray found in the property. The inscription says 'Presented to Major RF Ecclestone by the Officers of RAF Waterbeach for services to the Mess 1954 -1962'. The question is what was an Army Major doing being posted to a RAF Station? Could anyone who was in the RAF at Waterbeach during the 1950's/60's enlighten us please?

We are approaching the annual 514 Squadron Reunion on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June. This event consists of tea and coffee in St. Johns Church Room before a remembrance service in the church, followed by lunch in the Studio at the former Barracks. As usual it is hoped for a flyover by the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight. I have requested that they also fly over the Village Green. The museum will be open to the Reunion after the lunch.

If you have not visited the museum yet, please do so, we have many interesting artefacts on display. Remember we also open on the third Sunday of the month at the same time that the Waterbeach Community Market is on. Admission to the museum is free but we are happy to receive donations. We have some note cards for sale and second-hand books which helps to cover our expenses.

email:[waterbeachmilitarymuseum@waterbeach.org](mailto:waterbeachmilitarymuseum@waterbeach.org)

Website:[www.waterbeachmilitarymuseum.org.uk](http://www.waterbeachmilitarymuseum.org.uk) Follow us on Facebook

We look forward to you visiting us.

*Adrian Wright* - WMHM Chairman

# Salvation Army



Many of you have been asking when the Mammoth Charity Sale is, so, dates for your diaries!

## **Mammoth Charity Sale**

Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	9am – 4pm
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	9am-8pm (Late night shopping)
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> and Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	9am – 4pm
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup>	9am – 12 noon.

We will be open to receive your donations on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June from 10 am to 4 pm (we will have a van to collect larger items, furniture etc. and donations which you are unable to bring) and Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 10 am to 2 pm. (no van on this day). All help gratefully received!

We would be grateful for donations of clothes, bed linen, curtains, shoes and boots, bric-a-brac, tools, furniture (upholstered furniture must have the safety kite label unless pre 1960, no beds and no artificial Christmas trees, jigsaw puzzles taped sealed box please, jewellery, crafts, crockery, books, toys (if you could bag any that have bits e.g. Lego and bricks). We can sell most things except electrical. Refreshments will be available. We do appreciate your kindness and generosity in previous years. We do try and help people if we can, this event often gives us the opportunity.

I am hoping to do a **Mammoth Yard Sale** in May, so watch out for posters! You can also check Waterbeach Babble & Waterbeach Salvation Army website or tel. 01223 571477. If it's wet we'll have it in the Salvation Army Hall at 7 Station Road, Waterbeach. Refreshments will be available.

Unfortunately, we won't be doing refreshments at the Salvation Army on Feast Day. It's a very long and tiring day for those doing it and it's difficult to get enough people doing shifts to do it. We will be having a "Homemade Cakes Stall" on the Green.

**The Vintage Tea Room** will be on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August and Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August – let us pamper you! Lots of homemade goodies sweet and savoury, pretty china, pretty tablecloths and lots of vintage things to look at. Vintage toys for the children to play with.

**'Come Christmas Shopping' Craft Fair** will be on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November 10 am to 4 pm

**Exhibition of Nativity Scenes from around the world** (over 200 beautifully displayed) on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December. Refreshments will be available.

That takes us to the end of the year! We look forward to seeing you at any, or all of these events, you will be made most welcome, thank you for your support.

Our **Coffee Mornings** continue right through the year on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month 10 am to 12 noon – bacon rolls, cream teas, homemade cakes for sale and various items. Come and meet your friends and family and relax in comfort.

Wednesday **Snack & Chat Group** continues through the year, every Wednesday morning 10 am to 12.30 pm. You are very welcome to just pop in, anyone is welcome, come and meet your friends or make new ones. We provide drinks and snacks, games & puzzles.

Our **Babies & Toddlers Group** is term time only on Thursday mornings 9.30am - 11.30 am and on Thursday afternoons through the year there's **Home League** 2.30 pm to 3.30 pm – an informal Christian based time, including songs, prayer, tea and snacks, craft and quizzes.

On the last Sunday of June, July and August we will be holding **Songs of Praise** on the Gault at 3 pm. Our Salvation Army Band will provide the music. Do come and join us.

**Sunday Worship** is at 10.30 am every Sunday and the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month at 3 pm is **Messy Church** (which is family based, contemporary music and crafts to illustrate the Bible story. Followed by tea!)

Easter was a very emotional time as we travelled through Holy week, following Christ's journey to his crucifixion on Good Friday. There was an open air witness as the Churches together walked behind the Cross from the Beach Club to the Gault for a short service, then into The Salvation Army for a very moving service, followed by the traditional hot cross buns. Easter Sunday commenced with a sunrise service at Denny Abbey, breakfast at the Salvation Army (thank you to Miriam and her team) then to our own churches to celebrate the Risen Christ. I'm sure like me you had an Easter egg hunt in your garden for the children and in my case grandchildren, to celebrate this special day. God bless you all.

*Angie Ellwood*

## **Waterbeach Turbary Charity** (Reg No 201529)

### ***Applications for heating grants***

Applications are invited for heating grants from the above Charity. If you are resident in Waterbeach or Chittering and struggling to find the money for your heating bill then you can apply. To request an application form please contact:

- By post: Ms Shelley Mason, Secretary, Waterbeach Turbary Charity, c/o 7 Cambridge Road, Waterbeach CB25 9NR.
- By email: [waterbeachunitedcharities@gmail.com](mailto:waterbeachunitedcharities@gmail.com)
- Alternatively, ring 07761 155881 and leave a voicemail message with your email address (or postal address if you don't have access to emails).

Completed applications, plus a cover letter, should be returned using the contact details above. Funds are limited so it may not be possible to accept all applications. The Charity is also unable to make ongoing commitments.

# Cam Sailing Club

The boat sheds have been emptied and the over-wintered dinghies are now in the dinghy park and ready to sail. The cruisers have been craned into the river and are on their river berths. The sailing season has begun and the first dinghy race was held at the beginning of March.

The annual River Cam Clean Up was also held in March, on a very windy day. The hailstorm which started around lunchtime encouraged the litter pickers to quickly head back and enjoy a lunch together in the warm and dry clubhouse.

As well as a full racing calendar, various training sessions have been set in place for the coming season; some to gain accredited RYA qualifications and others being held in a more informal way to help beginners gain more confidence sailing on the river. These courses are proving very popular, as are the Wednesday leisure sailing evenings.

Our Open Day was held at the beginning of May and was well attended. This is always a good opportunity to go out on the river if you want, chat with club members and enjoy a cup of tea and cake.

For prospective members who are unable to attend the Open Day there are dates set aside during the year for them to book a visit to come and have a look around and see the facilities available. These visits have to be booked in advance, the dates and details can be found on the website: [www.camsailingclub.org.uk](http://www.camsailingclub.org.uk) or email: [secretary@camsailingclub.org.uk](mailto:secretary@camsailingclub.org.uk)

## ***History of Cam Sailing Club Part 5 - The Thirties and the War Years***

In 1931 the handbook shows 11 cruisers, 35 sailing boats, 23 power boats and 7 houseboats. Races were still held on Thursdays and regattas and camps were held at the club.

Club members were using houseboats as a base for weekends at Waterbeach. However in the early 30's these were falling into disrepair and planning permission was granted for huts to be erected on the main lawn. The first hut was erected in 1931 and this is the one facing the present clubhouse. Soon others were erected, and the grounds began to assume their present aspect.

In April 1939 plans were put forward for a slipway on the field together with a boat storage shed. Application was made to the Playing Fields Association



*Dinghy Racing in 1947*



for a grant towards the cost but war broke out and in October all grants were suspended.

As in 1914 all racing on the river was suspended for the duration of the war. All cups and trophies were retrieved and put into safe storage. The Commodore was away serving with the forces but many of the older members of the club kept the club functioning and well maintained.

In 1940 use of the club was offered to the University Cruising Club. This caused some difficulties due to the apparently bad state of the grounds left by the University. In October 1940 a useful free addition to club property was made with the building of the Pill Box. The club agreed to compensation of £1 for every apple tree cut down!

In 1941 the Royal Air Force from Waterbeach airfield were offered membership and many airmen spent their off-duty hours at the club. The R.A.F. erected a diving platform on Keats' Meadow, which still exists today as the support framework for the Starters' Hut. Keats' Meadow was put into cultivation to help in the 'Dig for Victory' campaign.

A club member was sailing in 1943 and knocked down the electricity wires across the river, which led the Committee to pass a resolution: 'All wires should be underground'!

*History extracts from The Cam Sailing Club - The First Hundred Years by Rodney Bryant*

## Library News

### **Waterbeach Independent Lending Library**

This year's Summer Reading Challenge theme is "Marvellous Makers", encompassing all things creative. As in previous years children aged 4-11 are challenged to read 6 books over the summer holidays. In addition to the official Reading Challenge stickers we will be rewarding each book read with a small gift, which we thank Urban&Civic for sponsoring. Registration will open towards the end of the summer term.



Before then we'll have a stall at the Feast, where we'll have plenty of pre-loved paperbacks to purchase. Do drop by and say hello.

The library is open as follows:

Monday 14:45–17:00

Wednesday 14:45–17:00 and 18:00–20:00

Friday 14:00–17:00

Saturday 10:00–12:00

We are closed on public holidays.

Remember that we operate as part of the County library system, so you can use your library card at any library in the county.

# Girlguiding in Waterbeach



The summer term is always an exciting one as the evenings are getting lighter and our Rainbows, Brownies and Guides look forward to outdoor meetings and visits.

Congratulations to June, our District Commissioner and Rainbow leader, who celebrates 30 years in Girlguiding. An outstanding achievement of loyal service to our Guiding County, Cambs East – of which we are all very proud.

A big well done and thank you to the following as we recognise their contributions



Leaders from Girlguiding Waterbeach celebrating at County Awards

to Girlguiding and celebrate their milestones too:

Sue (Rainbows), Louise, Tiffany, Wendy (Brownies) - 10 year service award  
Kath & Jenny (Guides) - 5 year service award

During the Easter holidays, **Waterbeach Rainbows** enjoyed a visit to the Cambridge University Botanic Garden where they followed an Easter egg trail, planted seeds and did some Venus fly trap craft and paint printing. They also had a visitor who came to their meeting to show them how to do green willow weaving.

**1<sup>st</sup> Waterbeach Brownies** have completed their Charities badge. explored Abstract and Figurative Art and visited Waterbeach Military Heritage Museum. They've also done some 'Have Adventures' themed activities - learning first aid skills. And they've taken on some Gardening and Wildlife conservation – planting insect-friendly plants into the big planters near the Community Rooms, and building hedgehog houses around the lake – helped by Caroline Ward from Urban&Civic.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Waterbeach Brownies** loved having a visit from Lilibee, a border terrier, from Therapy Dogs Nationwide, and learnt about the important role Animal Assisted Therapy plays in the wider community. The Brownies were given advice on how to stay safe around dogs and look forward to making their own dog treats.

This term they plan to learn orienteering skills, tie themselves in knots, sample the village chips and maypole dancing the evening away, courtesy of Denny Abbey before settling down to a film and popcorn!

**1<sup>st</sup> Waterbeach Guides** took the train into Cambridge and discovered giraffes on the Standing Tall trail, as well as learning facts about the world's tallest mammal. Do go and visit our mini G, Gilly, designed by our Girlguiding county, Cambs East, who is housed in Cambridge Hilton Hotel until 2 June.

Brownies and Guides are busily preparing their parade costumes and decorations for the Waterbeach Feast Day on their 'Pets' theme. Come and see us at our stall on the village green!

And if that weren't enough, we have a sport themed summer fun afternoon planned with our local units from Milton and Waterbeach in the Sports Hall at Waterbeach Barracks, with the help of Living Sport. We inspire girls to discover and become their best. This is a great opportunity for the district to get together, try new sports, share fun and prepare ahead of the 2024 summer Olympics!

All of this is made possible by the incredible commitment of our volunteers who run meetings, as well as managing all the behind the scenes planning and admin. If you or your daughter would like to get involved in Guiding, please register online at <https://girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/> or find our contact details on the community noticeboards within the village. We are always keen to welcome new volunteers to our friendly team.

## Waterbeach WI



We have welcomed several new members recently and hope that when you see some of the talks and activities we offer you will come to see if you would like to join us, too. We meet every second Thursday of the month at St John's Church Room at 7.30pm. March saw Angie Stewart from Cambridge Women's Refuge explain the work of the organisation. Members were able to donate toiletries for families living in the refuge. Kevin Boardman, a local historian, gave a fascinating talk entitled 'The Oregon Trail and Women Pioneers' at the April meeting.

Below is a list of what is planned for the next few meetings:

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June Lindsey Barrell Burlesque talk and demonstration

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July Corinne Pick A Bird in the Hand – the Art of Falconry

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August Summer outing to Ely Museum for a private tour followed by a meal.

In addition to evening meetings we have a book group, a knit and natter group and run a monthly guided walk. The CFWI, the collective of Cambridgeshire WIs offer lots of craft days and outings and the National Federation of WIs hub shares lots of activities online such as pilates, yoga, Qi-dong and various crafts. On Feast Day, Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June, we shall have a stall where you can meet members selling pots of jam, pre-loved books, new and old toys and games and you can try your luck on the Bottle Tombola.

# Waterbeach Feast in Times Past

References to Waterbeach Feast from the British Newspaper Archive.

Waterbeach Feast has been part of the village calendar for as long as anyone can remember – I was on a float myself in 1977.

The first mention in the local news is in June 1876, when the occasion was described as “most enjoyable”, and the weather “delightful”. Descriptions of the event seem to have been limited to the Feast Sunday – whether the events in the rest of the week proved too scandalous over the years to report is unknown.

In June 1880 the Rev. Chandler had a leading role, wanting to improve the Feast and provide “rational amusements”, which sound very dull. A dinner was provided for 66 of the “deserving poor”, which included Church attenders and Dissenters, and a free tea was given, but only to the children of Anglicans.

The Rev. Chandler was involved again in June 1883, where “Public Tea and Entertainment” was provided on the Monday. On Tuesday the University Music Society gave a “high class concert”. Tea was again provided, this time for 120 young Anglicans, and 50 Nonconformist children were shipped off to Yarmouth for the day.

May 1903 saw the adoption of a format that was followed in subsequent years. Claiming to be the tenth of its kind, a Church Parade was held of the local Friendly Societies, who flew their flags as the Salvation Army band led them round the village. The Sunday ended with a service in the Baptist Church, and a collection on behalf of Addenbrooke’s. Similar parades seem to have been held in May 1908 and May 1913.

The parade in May 1914 was described as “one of the most successful on record”. There were three bands, including the Wicken Coronation Brass Band, the local fire brigade and tableaux showing an Addenbrooke’s ward and another showing the Empire. The parade in June 1915 was inevitably patriotic in tone. It raised £66 11s. for



Addenbrooke’s, including a donation of 8s. 4d. from “our boys at the Front”. In May 1917 over £50 was raised, and the 27<sup>th</sup>, in May 1919, raised what must have been a record £141. In June 1920 collectors ventured as far as Landbeach and Milton.

There seems to have been a parade in May 1939, but there was no report. Nothing else appeared in the papers thereafter, into the ‘50s. *John Beresford*

# Fen Edge Twinning Association

As always, the highlight of our year will be our "exchange". This year a group of French people (from our twin town of Avrille) will visit the Fens from November 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup>. Each French family will live as guests in the home of one of our members and experience the joy of living like English people. It is great fun watching them trying to cope with our "strange ways"

We always have a number of group activities during the visit, a meal in a nice English restaurant, a visit to a place of interest (last time it was Duxford Air Museum) and "something else". This year's something else will be a film show at the Cottenham Community Centre.

Between visits, we hold a number of social evenings with a French theme and we have a quiz which is open to all. Our latest social was

held at the Black Horse, Rampton, where we were very well fed and looked after and were able to play Petanque on their purpose-built facility.

This year's Quiz Night will be held in the Ploughman's Hall, Willingham on Saturday September 14<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 7pm. Quiz will run from 7:30 till 9:30. Optional social activities till 10:30.

The association is always happy to accept new members. Visit our stand at the Fen Edge Festival or the Waterbeach Feast or E-mail [fenedgetwinning@gmail.com](mailto:fenedgetwinning@gmail.com) if you think you might like to join



## Waterbeach United Charities (Reg No 201528)

### ***Calling Waterbeach/Chittering based students and apprentices***

Waterbeach United Charities invites applications from individual students or apprentices who would benefit from some help with their learning. If your home address is in the parish of Waterbeach, and you will be studying or undertaking an apprenticeship in the 2024-25 academic year, then you are eligible to apply. We consider grants for equipment (tools, clothing etc) for students undertaking vocational training, grants for students who may need help with the costs of books, or applications for help with travel costs for placements.

To apply, please email [waterbeachunitedcharities@gmail.com](mailto:waterbeachunitedcharities@gmail.com) to request an application form which you will need to complete along with a cover letter. All personal applications are confidential. Student grants are only awarded once a year and all applications will be considered in early September in order to enable first year students/apprentices to confirm their plans in the light of their A level results.

Closing date for completed applications which need to be sent with a cover letter – 28 August 2024.

# Gardening Club

We have now paused our programme of talks until September and are looking forward to a summer of productive gardening and occasional outings. In March we had a very useful explanation from Nigel Short of how to prune our plants to encourage healthier growth and more flowers. We are looking forward to finding out whether or not his advice, presented in a clear and entertaining way, has helped our members to improve their gardens. Our March talk was a fascinating explanation of the work that has gone on to uncover the story of the Tudor gardens at Belhus in Essex. We were entertained by renowned landscape historian Twigs Way who told us that the gardens are now covered by a modern golf course and the M25 motorway. She explained how a strong local community effort backed up by detailed research and modern techniques we had seen on 'Time Team' have resulted in an amazingly detailed picture of what the gardens and house must have been like at their peak.

Our programme concluded in May with a visit from Gary Matthew from The Gardens of Easton Lodge near Great Dunmow in Essex. The gardens, Tudor in origin, were redesigned by Harold Peto in 1902 and now look splendid. We are hoping to visit the gardens later in the summer as part of our continuing activities.

New members and visitors will be very welcome to join us for our September talk by Jane Perrone. She is a houseplant expert and journalist specialising in house plants who comes with a reputation as an excellent speaker. Meanwhile, we are looking forward to meeting many villagers at Feast Day. We will be happy to talk to you about the benefits of joining the club as well as sell you some of the plants that our members have been growing for the 2024 season.

# Farmland Museum



The Farmland Museum and Denny Abbey has been busy with lots of families from Waterbeach since we reopened at Easter. Thanks to everyone who has popped along to enjoy some crafts, take a look at our exhibitions or sample a delicious lunch in our Docky Box Café.

Looking to the summer now, we've got lots in store for everyone!

For budding artists, we run a fortnightly, drop-in art group for all. Come along, paint, sketch and chat under the guidance of our talented volunteer artist, Jo. It's free to attend, once you've paid for museum admission which allows free repeat entry for 12 months. Check out [www.dennyfarmlandmuseum.org.uk](http://www.dennyfarmlandmuseum.org.uk) for upcoming dates and more information.

As they were so popular last year, we are once again offering a free guided tour of Denny Abbey on the third Thursday of each month. Book your space here:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/thefarlandmuseumanddennyabbey>

(Please note, admission charges apply, but the tour is free.)

The end of May sees the return of our hugely popular 1940s special event on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> and Bank Holiday Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May. Re-enactors will be on site for the whole of the two days, showcasing various aspects of life in the 1940s and during WWII. There will be live music across both days, and Farmland Museum volunteers will be showcasing artefacts from the 1940s. It's one not to miss!

And Father's Day in June will be marked with our annual Steam-Up event – bring Dad, Grandad and the whole family to marvel at model steam locomotives running in our historic Stone Barn.

And then, as always, we will have lots happening over the summer holidays with a different theme each week. We're still working on our plans, so keep an eye on our website, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for more information as we have it.

Outside of events, we are open for visitors every Thursday to Sunday and Bank Holiday Monday, with The Docky Box Cafe serving up delicious treats and lunches each day too. All our tickets are annual tickets, so once you've got one, you can pop back for a coffee and cake whenever you fancy.

Keep up to date with what's going on at: [www.dennyfarmlandmuseum.org.uk](http://www.dennyfarmlandmuseum.org.uk)

## News from Lucy Frazer

Our local sports clubs are at the heart of our communities, and it's no different in Waterbeach where Waterbeach Colts FC provides a hub for residents from the surrounding area to train and compete.

Recently, the club applied for the Government's 'Multi-sport Grassroots Facilities' fund, which is designed to improve and upgrade multi-sports pitches and facilities across the whole of the UK to get more people active. Since 2021, over £200 million has been invested into over 1,800 projects across the nation, and last year over £100,000 was allotted to villages in South East Cambridgeshire for improvements.



This time round, I am delighted that Waterbeach has been successful. Waterbeach Colts FC has received £9,126 for 16 new floodlights, which will support the club with its activities and help both players and fans of the 14 teams to have a better training and matchday experience. It was great to meet the co-chair of the club, Paul Cuddon, on Friday 1 March to see them in action.

My attention now turns to helping the club fulfil its goal of securing a 3G pitch.

# Landbeach Party in the Park 2024

Landbeach Party in the Park is back! The date is set for Saturday June 15<sup>th</sup>. As in previous years, this year Landbeach Party will be a great opportunity for family enjoyment on the Saturday afternoon from 6pm until midnight.

This year, we have a new line up of bands entertaining us with live music including the local legends of Blues and Americana - The Split



Whiskers, and Bangers and Mashers - The Galapagos. The line-up additionally has rockers – Set in Stone and the headliners this year are the ever popular and familiar Sway AllStars.

Kids are welcome and the party has two bouncy castles. Kids can bounce unlimited and for free! Cheeky Moo is painting faces for mini party-goers and this is free of charge too! For adults seeking to up spec their look to ‘festival level’, we have Glitter-Arty who will turn you and turn faces as you get your music festival vibe paint look!

Real ale fans and gin/cocktail fans will be pleased to see The Copper Tree bar and the Old Forge bar selling alcoholic and soft drink refreshments. Party goers can bring their own refreshments along with a picnic and / or they can seek their fill of food from the food trucks – Pizzamondo pizzas and Spread Your Wings (chicken wings). Later in the evening, Goofy, a Landbeach-based food truck will be joining the food crew to cater for late night appetites. Throughout the evening, hot drinks and crepes are available from Toco Coffee Company and for those with a cold, sweet tooth, there’s Jack’s Gelato ice creams!

Party goers can bring picnic rugs and furniture and for those seeking shelter and a base, a gazebo plot can be reserved. We hope to see you at the party!

Tickets £30 adult, £10 under 16s and under 3s go free, Gazebo spot £50. All from <https://pitp.landbeach.org.uk/>



# Landbeach Bells

## ***Our Bell Tower now with a Ring of Six Bells in All Saints' Church***

After 500 years of bells being rung in All Saints' Church, Landbeach, there are now, for the first time ever, six bells in the tower (and including one 500 year-old bell; the tenor). Years of planning and fund raising (the "Six Appeal") saw the installation of two new bells, embossed "Coronation – King Charles III" and "Community", completed in April; (just!) in time to ring out across the fens as part of an inaugural concert on the last Saturday of April, and in a service for their dedication on the Sunday.



*The 500 year-old tenor bell that had its headstock renewed, and the two new bells "Coronation" and "Community", waiting to be hung in the tower. (Photo by Christopher Cadd)*

The importance of the moment attracted bell ringers from far and wide to join in these celebrations (and to have a ring). The promotion of this ancient and traditional community skill was endorsed by the King's representatives at county level, and by the Diocese of Ely. Deputy Lieutenant (DL) the Lord Grimthorpe addressed the concert on the Saturday and wished us success in the next 500 years.... DL Christopher Walkinshaw did likewise at the Service on the Sunday which was presided over by Bishop Dagmar Winter, and attended also by the High Sheriff of Cambridgeshire David Way, and the Master of Corpus Christi College (CCC) Prof Christopher Kelly. The presence of the Master of CCC marked the close historic ties of this college with All Saints.



*DL the Lord Grimthorpe and Tower Team*

The superb choir, the St. Augustine's Singers, had returned to All Saints' to give the concert, which was arranged by the Friends of All Saints' Church Landbeach or "FOALs", and to sing at the service on the Sunday. Their Philip Mead, had composed especially a piece for choir with church bells, "Landbeach Bells", that was performed at both events. Bass singer Jasper Newbold gave a haunting solo rendition of the Lord's Prayer set to music by our Dannie Gambell. The specialist company AVxpert filmed and recorded the events, and overcame the sound baffling that has just been installed in the bell tower by placing a microphone in the tower, and speakers in the church.

This was a weekend never to be forgotten, very much welcomed by the village. The bats and the swifts don't seem to mind the noise either.

Contacts:

The Bell Ringing Band welcomes new ringers; experienced or novice. They provide expert training. If you feel you might like to join the band, please contact the Tower Captain Barbara Le Gallez at [blegallez@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:blegallez@yahoo.co.uk) or 01223 860283.

The St Augustine's Singers, based in Cambridge, also invite new members. If you would like to audition for the choir, please contact Philip Mead at [meadpj@hotmail.com](mailto:meadpj@hotmail.com) or 01223 357431

All Saints' Church Landbeach <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/13835/>  
Paul Butler (Vicar) 07903 904599, Ray Gambell (Church Warden) 01223 860757, Jane Oakes 07740 282387

Friends of All Saints' Church, Landbeach (FOALs) [foals.info@gmail.com](mailto:foals.info@gmail.com) , John Buckley 01223 861836 or [john.buckley@sustenergy.co.uk](mailto:john.buckley@sustenergy.co.uk)

## Summer at the Beach

Waterbeach's favourite art festival Summer at the Beach is back. Staged in Waterbeach Barracks over the weekends of August 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> , August 31<sup>st</sup> - September 1<sup>st</sup> and September 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, from 10am to 5pm daily. This year's event will be held exclusively in the evocative and historically distinctive Cold War architecture of the 'Terrace Units'. As always, the program promises to be filled with the highest-quality mix of art, food, music, and culture. A must see and do for everyone.

Summer at the Beach is a fantastic opportunity for Waterbeach's artistic community to come together, celebrate and share the place that so inspires it. This year's art exhibition will include ceramicists, milliners, textile artists, painters, photographers, filmmakers, sculptors, installation artists, printmakers and experimental musicians and performers . So why not come on down and see what it's all about.

Alongside the exhibition Summer at the Beach will also be staging a range of events and workshops for all ages and interests. These will be held free of charge and on a drop-in basis. Throughout all the weekends refreshments will be available from the famous 'Pop-up Café' whose range of delicious homemade cakes and snacks have been a deserving highlight of previous years.

For detailed descriptions and timings of all events please check out our website [www.summeratthebeach.art](http://www.summeratthebeach.art) and our Summer at the Beach Facebook page.

# Waterbeach Surgery News

I would like to thank all of the PPG Members & patients who supported the public meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> March. It was a very positive meeting and lots of information was shared and is now available to view on the practice website and also here:

<https://waterbeachwb.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Health-update-skeleton-for-260324-.pdf> .

Please note the suitable conditions that we can refer you for at the Waterbeach Pharmacy. This now part of the new national NHS initiative of Pharmacy First and is accessed by a referral from the team at the surgery

These conditions are:

1. Sore throat – for those not pregnant and aged 5 years and above
2. Earache – for children aged 1-17 if the earache is not recurrent
3. Sinusitis – for those not immunosuppressed or pregnant over 12 if present less than 12 weeks
4. Impetigo – not recurrent, over 1 year and not bullous
5. Shingles – not pregnant, over 18 years
6. Infected Insect bites – over one year old
7. Uncomplicated urinary tract infections in women – 16-64, not recurrent, not pregnant, no catheter.

We have a new addition to the team. Mathew Cole, our First Contact Physio, can support with Muscular skeletal concerns that you may have. Matt will be working in the surgery on a Monday at Waterbeach.

We are in negotiation with 2 contractors to discuss options for updating the phones system, more of an update once I have more information. I would ask patients who are calling for a non-urgent appointment or other reasons to call after 10 am as this may reduce the waiting time for you.

When you have a GP telephone appointment please can you ensure that you have your mobile with you at all times and that it is not on silent? Those without a mobile will need to be close to their landline. The GP or ANP (Advanced Nurse Practitioner) will ring at least twice. Some patients are phoning repeatedly to check they've not missed their call. This is putting more pressure on staff.

We no longer prescribe medications that can be purchased over the counter. This is because of government policy to reduce the amount of money the NHS spends on prescriptions for treating minor conditions. If you are wanting

help or advice about this please ask. Please can all patients be aware that we do not take prescriptions over the phone. If you require a repeat you will need to put this in writing and place in the letterbox at the entrance of the surgery or take to reception, please allow 5 working days for your prescription to be processed.

Please can patients who have a smart phone or Tablet device consider using the NHS App, as it enables you to order your prescription online without using paper and it reduces work load for the prescription clerks. You can find the App on the App store or for Android on the Play Store. The practice currently has a 64% take up of patients using on-line access.

Like all GP surgeries there is a big issue with patients missing appointments. These 'Did Not Attends' (DNAs) are costing a huge amount of time and money. If you cannot attend your appointment, for whatever reason, please contact the surgery to inform us so we can then accommodate other patients. We recognise that sometimes it is unavoidable that an appointment may be missed; you will be phoned or sent a letter to follow this up. If you do not attend on three occasions you may be asked to register at another practice. The new messaging should help this not to be needed. There has been some talk by politicians of fining patients, who miss appointments. We can stop the need for this if patients are more considerate.

I constantly get challenged on why are there no appointments, last month was no exception due to the high number of calls that had to take from patients. The frustration for me is if the 72 patients who didn't turn up had contacted the surgery to advise us of being unable to attend their appointment, we would have had more appointments for everyone else. If the reception advise you there are no appointments, then they are telling you the truth.

Just a gentle reminder that the practice operates a zero tolerance policy on aggressive and abusive behaviour. If you are rude, aggressive or abusive to any member of the team you will be warned via letter of your unacceptable behaviour. If this happens again then I will have no choice but to remove you from the Practice list and you will need to register at another practice. We can serve you best when there is good communication.

The surgery team are very positive about our ability to take care of our Waterbeach community. If you have any concerns about your care, please contact me at the surgery straight away by phone or by the feedback link on the Waterbeach surgery website.

*Bruce Abel* - Practice Manager

# Friends of Worts Meadow, Landbeach

I think it goes without saying that Worts Meadow and Bourne Wood LNR, were a bit wet over autumn and winter, only starting to dry out in April. We did our best with spreading wood chip on the woodland paths, but parts of the wood and fields were extensively flooded. The good news is that the Great Crested Newts did not seem to mind and during our early spring Torchlight Walk on March 3rd, we recorded between 20-50 in each of the wildlife ponds. The majority were males waiting in anticipation for the later arrival of the females.

In contrast in August last year (2023) with water levels low, our pond dipping event in the field pond was more mud dipping than pond dipping, but was still greeted with great enthusiasm by about 20 adults and children. Juvenile newts galore, snails, beetles and plenty more were hoicked out, examined, identified and carefully returned.

Management: Andrew Flegg from the CCC Biodiversity and Green Spaces Team organised the felling of dead ash trees in the wood in January this year and repairs to the bridge between the two fields and all the gates. This autumn a contractor will begin work on improvements to the moat, aimed at removing silt and fallen trees, building up the NE corner and increasing biodiversity. FOWM has received a grant for this work and our volunteers will also be involved. You can learn more on our autumn 'Archaeology in the Field' event. Do come and join us. Ask to be added to our email list to receive updates and details.

***Pond dipping*** (plus butterfly count) - Saturday August 24<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. Meet by the pond in the main field.

***Archaeology in the field*** - a Saturday morning in September/October TBA. Archaeology and History of Worts Meadow explained on site by Cambridge County Council archaeology team, ending with refreshments at the Tithe Barn.

FOWM volunteers help with the practical management of Worts Meadow LNR and meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at 9.30am (August & December excepted). We are also planning an August Saturday work party date TBA.

For more information, to send in wildlife photographs, or to be added to our email list, contact Frances on 01223 861836, [frances.dipper@sustenergy.co.uk](mailto:frances.dipper@sustenergy.co.uk).

# School News

Hello from Miss Green.

As this summer begins and the assessments and residentials start, Waterbeach Primary School is getting really busy. We are growing day by day with 515 children now on roll. We have 18 classes and this will go up to 19 in September.

I have always been so very proud of this school, its ethos, the work that our staff team do and of our wonderful children. However, this will be my final addition to Beach News, as Head teacher, as I am leaving the school in July. I have decided to retire from Headship, having been in education for 37 years, 19 of them as a Head teacher, I think it is time to see what else there is in the world.

I am leaving a happy school, in a community that has changed massively since I arrived in 2010. I am grateful to everyone who has supported our journey over the years either by helping out in school, being a Governor, communicating with school about issues or just sponsoring one of my many challenges. I am leaving with a head full of very amazing memories.

The new Head teacher is Mr Neil Lloyd, and he is visiting the school occasionally this term to get to know the children, the staff team and any parents he happens to meet along the way. I know he will quickly become part of this welcoming community and I wish him all the very best as he starts his tenure in September 2024.

So, I look forward to the rest of this school term and hope to see many of you before I go.

*Jane Green* - Head teacher

# Cambridge Open Studios

Cambridge Open Studios, a thriving community of more than 500 artists, is celebrating its 50th anniversary with the launch of its biggest and best ever July Open Studios Art Festival.

The organisation, which is one of the oldest artist-run open studio initiatives in the country, is hosting the famous festival across every weekend in July (06 – 07, 13 – 14, 20 – 21, 27 – 28 July 2024) which it promises will be packed full of VIP events, studio tours and creative surprises.

The vast range of specialisms on display include painting, jewellery, printmaking, ceramics and pottery, glass art, digital art, drawing and illustration, woodwork and furniture, sculpture, textiles, photography, book art, lettering and calligraphy, mixed media and collage and much more.

To find out more about Cambridge Open Studios, visit:  
<https://camopenstudios.org/>

# Age UK Community Warden

My name is Mandy Jefford and I'm the new Age UK Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Community Warden working in Waterbeach, Landbeach, and Chittering and wanted



to take the opportunity to introduce myself. I was born in Cambridge and lived there until just before lockdown when my husband and I decided we would like a quieter, countryside life and moved to a small village near Ely. I have spent my working life in various social care settings, starting in residential care for children with disabilities but also latterly in the care sector working with older people. Since being in post, I have been busy getting to know my service users, finding my way around the villages, and

learning about the facilities and activities available within the three villages. I work Monday to Friday from 9am until 12 noon.

For those who don't know about the Community Warden Service, it is a local provision to assist and support older people to continue living independently at home by providing daily contact (Monday to Friday) by telephone and/or a personal visit, as well as providing practical support and socialising opportunities. The service is flexible to ensure it meets the needs of each individual and can be offered on a short or long term basis. Some of the things I can help you with are;

- Listening to your concerns and linking you to helpful information and guidance.
- Advice on local community services.
- Small items of shopping.
- Collecting prescriptions.
- Practical tasks such as watering plants, putting the bins out etc
- Reading post.
- Making phone calls on your behalf if requested.
- Being a listening ear and having a chat.
- Ensuring your safety and wellbeing.

I am enjoying the daily contact by phone or in person with my services users and feel great satisfaction that I can assist people with small tasks or provide information and support for people to access services themselves to help them to remain independent. It is gratifying that my service users feel supported and reassured that someone is checking in on them every weekday.

We currently have spaces on the scheme, if you would like to join or find out any further information, please call me on 07977 219403. All new referrals receive a 2-week free trial and thereafter a charge of £10 per week for a single person or £12 per week for a couple is payable.

# Friends of All Saints Church, Landbeach (FOALs)

*Opening up our Parish Church building to community projects.*

*Great acoustics, space, good light, heritage, heating, servery, Wi-fi*

During the year, thanks to your generosity, we have been able to support the project to enhance the bell tower from a peal of four to one of six. The two new bells have now been completed and installed, and celebrated with a FOALs concert and a special church service on the last weekend of April. The separate article in this Beach News describes that wonderful weekend.

Our recent FOALs programme has included some traditional and some novel, events. Some struggled to break even, while others were strongly fund raising, but all succeeded in increasing the use of this lovely church for community activities. Our planned further programme as far as September:

**Sat 6<sup>th</sup>/Sun 7<sup>th</sup> July** 10:00 am - 2:00 pm **Work Party** to paint porch  
(Contact 01223 861836 [john.buckley@sustenergy.co.uk](mailto:john.buckley@sustenergy.co.uk))

**Sat 13<sup>th</sup> July** 2:00 – 4:00 pm **Garden Party**

**Sat 28<sup>th</sup> September** 6:00 – 8:00 pm **Family Harvest Festival Dinner** (tbc)  
Possibly in Village Hall

**Bell Ringing** - Ring our centuries-old bells in the ancient tradition of church bell ringing. Trial sessions by arrangement, and weekly expert tuition on Wednesday evenings 7:00 – 8:30 pm ringing at both Landbeach and Horningsea. Please contact Barbara Le Gallez on [blegallez@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:blegallez@yahoo.co.uk) or 01223 860283

We hope you like our programme, and we look forward to seeing you at as many of these events as possible.

Contacts: [foals.info@gmail.com](mailto:foals.info@gmail.com) Hon Sec Jane Oakes 07740 282387. Chair John Buckley 01223 861836 Facebook: Landbeach Community, and FOALs.

## Volunteer Cambs



New Volunteer Cambs website calls on the local community to make their mark with volunteering.

A new website has been launched by Support Cambridgeshire, promoting exciting opportunities for residents of Cambridgeshire to explore volunteering near them.

Whether you have 10 minutes to spare or 10 hours, in a few clicks you can be matched with an organisation or group in the community which inspires you to make your mark, expand on the skills you already have, discover new ones, unlock your potential or create lasting friendships with like-minded people.



All you need to do is visit the Volunteer Cambs website at [volunteercambs.org.uk](http://volunteercambs.org.uk), create an account and hey presto! At the click of a button, you can find the ideal cause to support right on your doorstep.

*“Volunteering is not just about helping others”, say the creators of the new volunteer matchmaking service – “it’s also about what they’ll get in return. This includes a sense of purpose, wonderful experiences, and a whole lot of thanks from the causes they are helping”*

Volunteer Cambs works by asking organisations and groups to load up their opportunities and profiles directly so there’s always something new for a volunteer to look at every time they visit the site. And the good causes who are promoting their work benefit by having a continuous stream of potential volunteers.

The website has also had backing from the Mayor of Cambridgeshire & Peterborough. Speaking about the launch of Volunteer Cambs, Dr, Nik Johnson said: *“The role of volunteers in supporting our local communities is crucial, and it’s always humbling to see the efforts of our residents who give up their time and skills to support the causes that are important to them. I’m hugely excited about the impact the Volunteer Cambs portal is set to make in matching volunteers with the organisations that need them - and am proud to see our region leading the charge and shining an even brighter light on the importance of volunteering and making connections like never before.”*

An enquiry form featured on the website will help groups and volunteers match up, contact each other, and there is even a chat function for those who want to dip their toe in first. Would be volunteers can search for opportunities by location if transport is an issue, for instance, or by topics that match their skill set and interests.

Mark Freeman, CEO at Cambridge Council for Voluntary Service, Volunteer Cambs lead partner continued: *“Volunteers benefit from knowing they can make a real positive difference and have a strong impact on their local area. And anyone can volunteer, you could be retired, a skilled professional, a student, a family who want to volunteer together, or even a corporate team. Sharing talents with others connects all of us in a really special way and can boost our mental health and well-being too by helping us to feel valued, knowing that what we do as volunteers is appreciated and respected.”*

The Volunteer Cambs team will be out-and-about across in Cambridgeshire over the coming year. You can also keep an eye on the site for more information and inspiring stories and photographs of great volunteer/group matches transforming lives and raising awareness of the value, impact and importance they’re having in their local area.

To find out how you can match your precious time to local good causes visit [volunteercambs.org.uk](http://volunteercambs.org.uk). It all starts with one act of kindness.

# The Extraordinary Tale of Edward Evatt

## ***Part One***

Edward Evatt had already led an eventful life before he turned up at Waterbeach in 1896 as Medical Officer of the Chesterton Board of Guardians. He had been a backwoodsman in Canada, a railway porter in Scotland and steward on a steamer. His new duties in Waterbeach involved the monitoring of the health of the poor and old in the area served by the Chesterton Workhouse in Union Lane, Cambridge. His domain covered the villages immediately north of Cambridge, and sometimes involved daily travel of 60-70 miles, by his own reckoning.

For this he was paid the princely sum of 19s 3d a week, a wage which many labourers in the area surpassed. He clearly held a strong resentment over what was asked of him, as will be seen from various incidents during his term of office.

Edward clearly found it difficult to maintain a household and his responsibilities on such poor pickings. The medical state of his children had been noticed at the local school, and had led to a visit from a local teacher, Miss Maud Kirk, in September 1903. Edward called the local Police Constable, and wrote a letter to Miss Kirk asking her not to call again.

Miss Kirk tried again a week later. She was cycling through the village with her own daughter when Mrs. Evatt called out to her from a window to stop for a chat. Mr. Evatt was having none of it, came out and pushed Miss Kirk to the ground. Mrs. Evatt helped her to her feet, and took her into the house. Mr. Evatt threw her out.

Edward was summoned before the Cambridge Division Petty Sessions, where he was fined £5, including costs. In November, with just a hint of revenge, he wrote a letter to the *Independent Press*, in his capacity of Parochial Medical Officer of Waterbeach, complaining of crowded and insanitary conditions at the school.

Edward was in the news again in September 1908, when Ann Crout, his housekeeper for over three years, died of pneumonia. An inquest was deemed necessary, and the coroner, a Dr. Griffiths, gave the cause of death as abortion. Edward Evatt had signed her death certificate, citing pneumonia. Edward admitted that he and Ann had lived as man and wife, and the inquest was given evidence of a miscarriage. Evatt talked of two miscarriages, but still insisted that pneumonia was the cause of death. The jury agreed that death was by abortion, but that there was no evidence as to how it arose.

Edward's infamy in the press was by no means over. Part 2 will describe further accusations against him, and his subsequent downfall.

*Part 2 to follow in the next edition of Beach News.*

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# Waterbeach

The former barracks and airfield at Waterbeach offer a range of community facilities for local groups including:

- Sports Hall
- Studio
- Tennis Courts
- Squash Courts
- Community Rooms

For more information and to book please contact:

[hello@waterbeachwb.co.uk](mailto:hello@waterbeachwb.co.uk)



- 1 Sustainable Travel Hub
- 2 Space for imaginative play
- 3 The Causeway
- 4 Deneia Primary Academy
- 5 Wild Woods Play Area
- 6 Allotments (coming in 2026)
- 7 Waterbeach Gardens
- 8 Lake
- 9 Community centre, café and interim health centre (coming in 2024)
- 10 1.2km lake loop
- 11 Memorial Park
- 12 Sports Hall & The Playground assault course
- 13 Mere Way cycle route
- 14 Waterbeach Military Heritage Museum
- 15 Squash courts
- 16 Tillage Way cycle route
- 17 Waterbeach Causeway

— Walking and cycling routes

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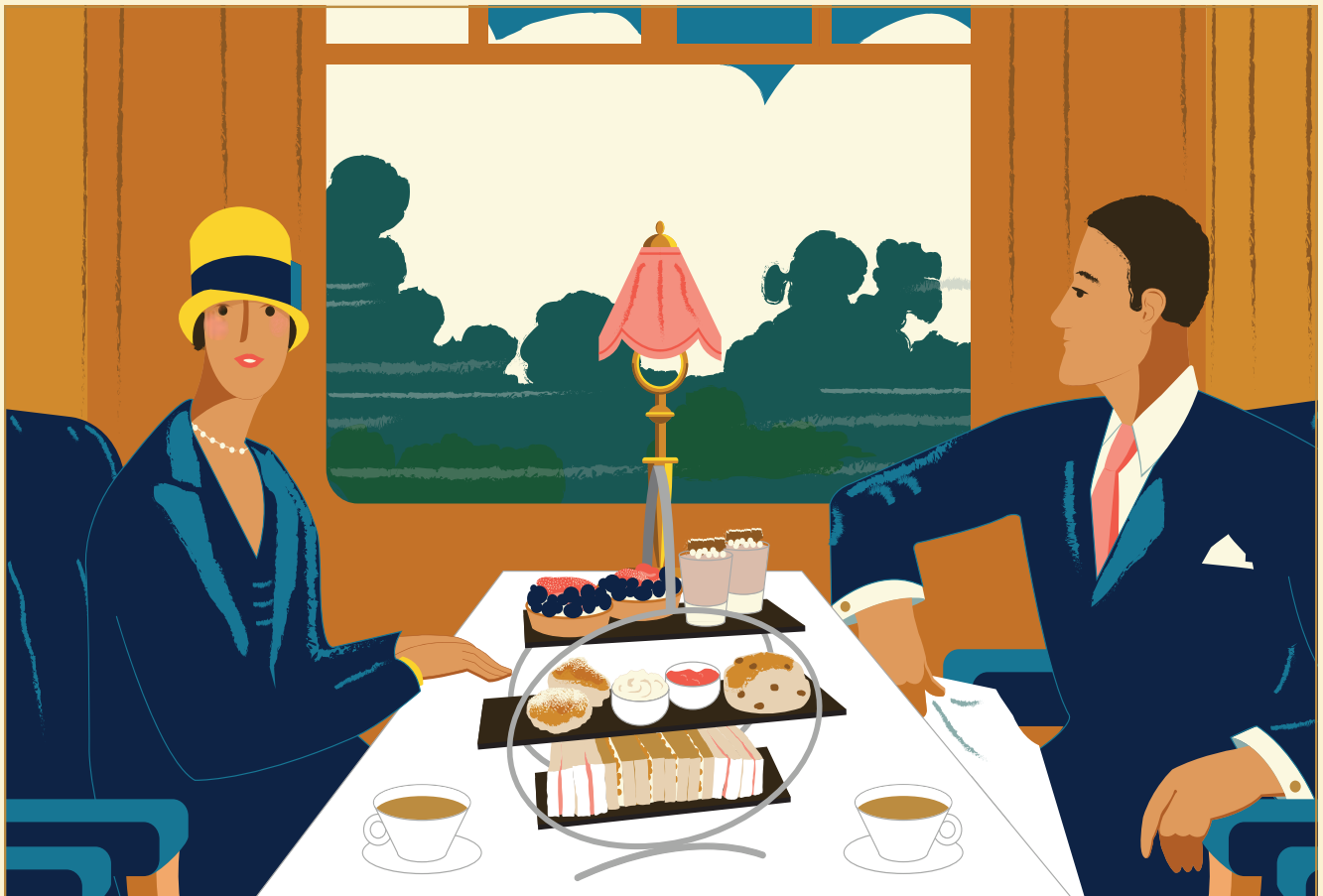
Urban&Civic are keen to work with the community to keep you informed and give you the opportunity to shape the development of this special place. If you, or your local group would like to find out more, meet us for a coffee and have a tour of the site contact:

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