

WATERBEACH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Beach News

WATERBEACH - LANDBEACH - CHITTERING



Winter 2012
No.233

BEACH NEWS

Journal of Waterbeach Community Association
www.waterbeach.org

'Beach News' is edited and distributed entirely by non-professional volunteers and is delivered free to residents of Waterbeach, Landbeach and Chittering four times a year.

The Association welcomes contributions on subjects of local interest but reserves the right to edit or omit articles without notice at their discretion.

Views expressed are not necessarily those of the Association and advertisements published in 'Beach News' are subject to individual agreements between advertisers and readers and the Association cannot be held responsible for the quality of goods or services supplied.

Articles for inclusion in 'Beach News' should be emailed to
beachnews@waterbeach.org

Please refer any problems with advertisers to
Jacqui Rabbett 01223 860993.

The nature of production makes publication dates uncertain but editions should appear as follows:

No. 234 (Spring) 2nd March 2013 - copy 8th February 2013
No. 235 (Summer) 18th May 2013 - copy by 26th April 2013

Whilst every effort will be made to adhere to this schedule unforeseen circumstances may delay or restrict publication or delivery and no responsibility can be accepted for late or non-appearance.

WHERE TO SEND YOUR ARTICLE

If you would like information on your group to be published in Beach News, or have some interesting news to share, write an article and send it along. Email it to **beachnews@waterbeach.org** or send it to 5 Spurgeons Ave, Waterbeach, Cambridge CB25 9NU.

If you have posters detailing one off local events that you would like put up in the Associations notice boards at Waterbeach Green, Post Office and School entrances on High Street and Way Lane, please post four copies to 5 Spurgeons Avenue, Waterbeach, Cambridge CB25 9NU (Maximum size poster A4 in portrait format)

Front cover – Snowmen on the Gault, February 2012

Contents

Community Association	3	Toddler Playgroup	16
Waterbeach United Charities	4	Beach Sessions	17
WASPS	5	Waterbeach Slimmers	17
Paper Recycling Competition	6	Message from Cllr. James Hockney	18
Waterbeach Children's University	6	Waterbeach Village Society	20
News from Cllr. Peter Johnson	7	Advice from Trading Standards	21
Waterbeach United Charities	8	Library Facilities	22
Landbeach Angel Lectern	9	Farmland Museum	23
Beaches Community Car Service	9	Jazzercise	24
The Waterbeach Game	10	The Bell	24
WAY	11	Advice from Trading Standards	25
Waterbeach Salvation Army	12	stART	26
Two Brothers That Went To War	13	Zumba	26
Fire and Rescue Service	15		

Community Association



Christmas - As usual Waterbeach Community Association will be holding the annual 'Carols on the Green' on Christmas Eve at 6.30pm. The carol sheet will be available on the evening or you can download a copy in advance from www.waterbeach.org. Please remember to bring your lights, torches, lanterns etc. as lighting is limited on the Green. This is always a popular and well supported event and a fantastic way to start your Christmas celebrations.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Paul Butler (St.John's Church) who will lead this year's 'Carols on the Green', and the bands of the Salvation Army and Waterbeach Brass for providing the music.



We also thank the Langley family for doing their magic with the lights and having everything looking festive. It was decided that this year's collections at the Feast and on Christmas Eve should be used to support local groups and to assist those wishing to form new groups. Community Association members will carry collection buckets

during the carols, so please bring your loose change and give generously. There will also be a collection bucket near the bands on the Green.

Applications for 2012 donations are now welcomed from both existing and new groups in the community area, e.g. for a specific project or set up costs. All applications giving full details of exactly how the money would be used to be sent in writing to The Chairperson, Jacqui Rabbett, 9 Providence Way, Waterbeach, Cambridge CB25 9QH.

Feast 2013 - Feast Day next year will be 8th June 2013. We will continue with the alphabet theme and therefore 2013 will be 'Something beginning with G...' It's never too early to start thinking of ideas!

Over recent years it has become very apparent that additional help is needed with the organisation of Feast Day, before, during and after. There are many and varied areas that we need assistance with and even help with one of the smaller tasks will alleviate some of the pressure. A Feast Committee meeting has been arranged for Monday 21st January 2013 at 7.30pm in the Community Room (Library) at Waterbeach School. This meeting is open to anyone who feels they can assist in helping to organise next year's Feast. It is not just for Community Association members everyone is welcome.

Beach News - Thank you to everyone who has made our village publication so varied and interesting throughout the year. We really appreciate all your contributions. A special thank you also to our team of Beach News deliverers who volunteer to deliver the magazine throughout the area.

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

Waterbeach United Charities (Reg No 201528)

General Grants

In general terms Waterbeach United Charities provide financial support for local residents of all ages and who may be "in need or distress".

Electric Wheelchairs

Waterbeach United Charities also continue to provide electric wheelchairs for those people who find it difficult to get about so if you would like to be considered please get in touch at the address below.

Sometimes short term help can make a real difference, if you are unsure if we would be able to help please ask.

All personal applications are confidential.

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

WASPS



WASPS is a friendly out-of-school club providing a home-from-home atmosphere for children who are aged 4-11. Our main aim is to create an environment where the children can play freely with a variety of resources. We aim to give a little extra to their play time with playworker led indoor and outdoor activities.

WASPS has been running since 1997 and is a registered charity, regulated and inspected by Ofsted and managed by a small voluntary Management Committee made up of working parents/carers who use the Clubs. We have a great team in place led by our Joint Co-ordinators, Zoe and Wayne and two Holiday Club Co-ordinators, Tracey and Shirley. *Breakfast Club* opens at 7:45am before school. *After School* WASPS runs until 6pm. *Holiday Club* opens for most of the school holidays and Waterbeach Primary School inset days from 8am-6pm with additional activities on offer every day.

As always we had a busy Holiday Club this summer. Back from holidays we started with an aim to refurbish the outdoor space which, after more than 10 years of loving use, does need an upgrade. This has been planned together with Waterbeach Community Playgroup. We are resurfacing a very tired 'once-was-a-lawn' area that cannot be used after any rain, with an artificial grass which will be available for use in all weather. This year's fundraising by WASPS will go towards this project.

Together with WCP we would like to thank the Waterbeach Colts for their generous donation, which we will put towards the new play surface.

As part of our fundraising effort, on the evening of the 4th December we are running a "Pampered Chef" charity cooking show in the Playhouse. We are sure it will be a success. A percentage of all sales will go to WASPS. Watch this space and the Community Association information boards for further events this year.

Our children and staff are helping to raise money for Children in Need, as we are submitting this copy. This year we are treated to rice crispie cakes and a "Guess which UK landmark Pudsey is raising money at" game.

Due to Christmas and term dates resulting in an unusual weekday pattern, our Holiday play scheme coordinators Tracey and Shirley will run *New Year Holiday Club* 2nd to 7th Jan this year and later *February Half Term Holiday Club* 11th - 15th Feb. Please refer to our website for exact dates and fees. As usual we will have an activity planned each morning and afternoon and children will be free to choose to join these. Even if you do not use WASPS on a regular basis, or your children do not attend Waterbeach Primary

School, please contact us if you are interested in registering with us and joining our Holiday Club.

If you would like any information about WASPS please look on our website: www.waterbeach-wasps.org.uk, email: playhouse@waterbeach-wasps.org.uk or call 01223 861140. For the latest news look at our blog: <http://www.waterbeach-wasps.blogspot.co.uk>

Paper Recycling Competition

£600 up for grabs in paper recycling competition

Six lucky residents will win £100 each in a fantastic paper recycling competition run by South Cambridgeshire District Council this winter. Sponsored by Amey Cespa, the competition aims to reward residents who regularly recycle paper in their blue bin paper caddy.

It's easy to take part, just look out for the winter *South Cambs Magazine* which will hit doormats from 26 November. Once you have received your magazine, turn to the waste and recycling pages to find the competition entry form and details on how to take part.

For more information call 03450 450 063 or visit

www.scambs.gov.uk/papercompetition

Waterbeach Children's University

Waterbeach Children's University has been running for nearly a year. Parents, teachers and local people come to the primary school on Thursday afternoons to run workshops for the children. These workshops have been wide ranging from cooking to sewing and photography to nature detectives. The children love it and it is a valuable part of our curriculum but we need your help!

Would you be able to spare an hour and a half a week to work with 6 - 10 children? They have told us they would like more board games such as chess, to try new sports or dance routines, have a go at cooking and anything to do with computers!

Workshops are run for half a term and the children choose what they would like to learn. They are a friendly and well behaved group of kids who would very much enjoy learning a new skill or craft.

If you would like further information then contact me by email at fjohnstone@waterbeach.cambs.sch.uk.

Waterbeach Children's University is a rewarding experience for both the workshop leaders and the children.

News from Cllr. Peter Johnson

I would first like to wish the residents of Waterbeach, Landbeach, and Chittering a very Happy Christmas and may 2013 be good for us all.

A major impact this summer was the loss of the direct bus to Ely but with persistence it has been re-instated. I know it is only two buses a day but that is better than no bus or the rather roundabout way of getting to Ely via Milton. So many people signed petitions, wrote letters and phoned Stagecoach which certainly helped get this result, but when I involved Stagecoach HQ in Perth this was the last push needed to secure our direct bus. But please remember that this route will be subject to remaining feasible in the eyes of Stagecoach so please use it whenever you can as bums on seats will be counted.

This year has been a year with yet more changes for our villages and I think the biggest change was to see the removal of the "Guardian of the Gate" the Hunter aircraft which has been a part of our village "scene" for many years. It takes the closure of the Barracks a stage nearer and with almost all of the troops being moved away our village is a little quieter and I am sure that some of the businesses are feeling the pinch. That makes it all the more necessary to use and support our village shops where possible as we do not want any of them to have to close due to lack of trade.

The consultation regarding planning and the possibility of more houses is now being looked at. Many people have written in to say what they would like to see and we all know we want to see more houses for our local people but we do not want 12,000 houses. Smaller controlled developments are needed and in this way we will retain our village identity yet provide the much needed homes. I have written to so many people to try and retain the sports and leisure facilities that the barracks provided. This has included Lord Coe, Sir Jim Paice MP and Sport England to name but a few and I am still contacting people in the hope that a last minute solution may be found.

The pedestrian crossing point is still on-going but we have been turned down for funding from the County Council. A further application will be made with the possibility of a slightly different area being identified, which may be more favourable. I know this is taking so long but we have to get it right and get value for money.

The Denny End ditch is now the responsibility of Anglian Water, a document was discovered at WILDB that clearly shows this fact and now work is underway to sort this long standing problem. A camera survey has shown that part of the pipe has collapsed so this is to be cleared and repaired and then every year it will be jetted out so the flooding of this area will be

resolved for good. Work is scheduled to start mid-November and from then on an annual maintenance check will be made.

It has been brought to my attention that there are still a few white lines that need repainting so I will be dealing with that. Unfortunately this is a job that may not get done until spring time as during the winter the roads surfaces are just not suitable for white lining, so please be patient but it will get done.

Car parking for the station is clearly insufficient but using the old goods yard is a little way off. Network Rail are trying to get the previous leaseholder to remove his portakabin which is holding up proceedings but Network Rail are interested using this land as a car park. I am also trying to get bike parking facilities reinstated. The old bike shed is still there, very overgrown but it could be cleared quite easily and new sheds erected. This would give secure bike parking and clear the railings by Lodeside Caravan Park as bikes being left there are upsetting the residents of the caravan park. Of course with the franchises coming up no Rail company will be investing until after franchises are awarded, but I am in regular contact with Network Rail to see if they will spend some money as the land does belong to them.

It is a real privilege and an honour to be elected as a District Councillor to represent you all at South Cambs District Council and for that I say "Thank You". Please remember I work for everyone in our villages so if you have any problems or issues you would like to talk to me about please contact me by whatever means you prefer, telephone 01223 560918, mob. 07947475549, e-mail Cllr.Johnson@scambs.gov.uk, or knock on my door at 25 Jubilee Close, Waterbeach, don't forget I am here for all of you.

Waterbeach United Charities (Reg No 201528)

(Clause 4 (2) grant)

Organisations are invited to apply for a grant from the above Charity subject to funds being available at the end of the financial year (December 2012).

Applications to be submitted in writing clearly stating the reasons for the grant and they should include details of any fund raising efforts that have been made. Closing date will be *31 December 2012*. These grants will be considered early in the New Year.

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

Please send details to:

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

Landbeach Angel Lectern

One of the special treasures in All Saints' Landbeach Church is the large wooden Angel Lectern. This is some 400 years old and was bought from an antiques dealer in York in 1882 for the sum of £13.10.0 (£13.50p). It came originally from a church in the Netherlands. You can imagine our distress when the angel was accidentally pushed over and damaged some months ago. Fortunately we have been able to have it expertly restored, and even had some of the fingers and toes that have broken off over the years replaced to make the figure complete again.



One feature that we had not noticed before is that the book-rest is a finely carved piece of fretwork, which for as long as anyone can remember had been covered with two plain oak boards. Now we can see this as an extra decoration supported by the angel.



Beaches Community Car Service

Important notice

The Community Car Scheme will not be operating between 18th December 2012 and 1st January 2013.

The scheme will start again on 2nd January 2013.

This scheme is run entirely by volunteers. They have worked very hard this year to provide lifts to members of the Waterbeach and Landbeach communities who have no other means of transport for medical appointments or social activities.

The scheme is always looking for new volunteer drivers and co-ordinators.

To find out more about the scheme contact 07807875878

The Waterbeach Game

Every home in Waterbeach should have received a copy of *In Hear it and Say*, the Waterbeach Game, which was produced as part of the activities funded by the Public Art contribution from the Morris Homes development on Bannold Road.

The game set includes a map, set of character cards and a 'Book of Rumours'. The book includes fragments of stories from different points in the history of Waterbeach, going back 400 years. The character cards were created with pupils from the primary school and although they are fictitious characters, they are based on real people. The game includes a number of objects installed round the village, each of which references some aspect or aspects of the village's history. When the three elements - the objects, the characters and the stories in the book – are combined with stories that you bring yourself in your own experience of the village, the game is complete.

For those who are feeling imaginative, you can follow the instructions in the Book of Rumours and take on the characteristics of one of the characters in the cards and view the objects from their perspective.

In Hear it and Say was developed with a writer. Alongside the visual element, in the objects, the stories and characters create an imaginative and quiet space to reflect. The objects themselves represent poetic fragments of the past.

To see all the objects, the map provides the locations of the objects, each of which links in some way to stories of the past and to one or more of the characters. The map also shows the previous historic use of buildings around Waterbeach. The map is quite schematic but if you use the dark green triangle which represents the Green as your reference point the map falls into place.

The game set can be used to explore the village from the comfort of your home, with insights into the lives of previous residents and stories relating to the area around each of the art works. People who have lived in Waterbeach all their lives or for some time will be reminded of the stories and it will perhaps spark off further memories. A number of the incidents and people referred to have been featured in Beach News over the years and there is a set of back copies in the Waterbeach Library where you can find some very interesting reminiscences by local residents. For newer residents finding the installations and reading the stories about them in the book will start to tell you more about the long and interesting history of our village.

We hope that together, through this art work, residents will discover, imagine and create stories for Waterbeach, past, future and present.

More information can be found on www.thelivingmuseum.co.uk

Over the past year, there has been an almost complete change of Trustees at WAY. Last autumn, we lost the Revds. Robin Giles and Lucy Cleland. Robin retired from his position as Minister of Waterbeach Baptist Church, and Lucy said goodbye to her congregation at St John's and moved to Nottingham to take up a new position. In July this year, we were also very sorry to lose Quentin Harmer who resigned after long and loyal service to WAY. Quentin wrote a reflective letter to us all, an extract of which we would like to share with the Beach community:

“After ten years as a Trustee of WAY, several of them as Chair, I have decided that it is time to step down. I have had a great time serving WAY as it has developed - and relished all its joys and a few challenges!

It doesn't seem so long ago that the five Beach churches were putting together the initial proposal for a youth worker for the villages. They, together with the Parish Councils, other local organisations and local individuals committed the funds so that WAY could come into being. Our first plan was to raise funds for a three year period which was as far ahead as we could envisage at that point.

In the first flyer for the project, before it even had a name, we set out the need as we saw it:

‘Young people face unprecedented challenges in every area of their lives. They must deal with difficult issues in areas such as drug abuse, relationships, developing sexuality, health and careers. There is pressure to excel in education to access an increasingly competitive job market. Many feel alienated from society and isolated as they take important decisions about their future. Young people are in need of support and nurture in their communities more than ever before.’

Ten years later young people face all these and more pressures as their lives have become busier and more frenetic. The need for effective youth work is as great as ever, and the passion for serving and supporting young people that brought WAY into being is still at the heart of what we do today.

Now it is time for a new chapter in WAY's life as Shelagh Robertson takes over as Chair. I feel that I am leaving the charity in safe hands. I would like to thank all of those whose work and support has helped WAY to thrive. In particular, my thanks go to the loyal group of Friends who have contributed more to WAY than any other single source of funding.”

Quentin's words remind us of the origins of, and continuing need for, WAY. It is not only a Youth Club, but a community group whose activities have an

impact on all residents of Waterbeach and Landbeach. As Trustees, we are responsible for ensuring that we continue to provide at least some part of the support and nurture Quentin highlights. We have recently received a written testimonial from the Cambridge Constabulary praising the work our Lead Youth Worker does to ensure that potential problems are resolved before they become major issues. Dave Beasley also provides pastoral support to young people and their families, and visits both Cottenham Village College and our Primary School regularly.

Members of the current Trustee group are: Alan Ball, Debbie Banasczkiewicz, Richard Blake, Ben Bradshaw, Jiny Bradshaw. We have two vacancies – so if you are interested, please do get in touch.

Waterbeach Salvation Army



Sharing the Christmas Message - The month of December is a busy month for the Salvation Army, the band especially as they go out into the community sharing the Christmas message in music. They can be found in various locations throughout the month including supermarkets, schools, Newmarket shopping centre and Waterbeach's very own 'Carols on the Green', if you should see us come and say hello and we even take requests for favourite carols!

Inside our Church we will also be holding various services and activities, Nativity Scenes expo, Messy Church, Community Carol Service, Candlelight Service and Christmas Day Family Service. (Check out our notice board outside the hall for further details).

And of course, the Salvation Army will be distributing food parcels/toys etc. to people/families in our local community who are struggling in the current climate. If you should know of anyone who could do with help in this way please contact Kevin or Wendy on 01223 506217 in complete confidentiality and if we are able we will help.

Why not check out our new website and find out more about what we are doing in your community www.waterbeachsalvationarmy.org.uk

Thank You - You may remember during September that you had a knock on your door from a member of The Salvation Army asking you for a donation to help with the on-going work that we do with people less fortunate than ourselves. I am pleased to inform you that in this community we were able to raise the sum of £1625.03 Thank you once again for your support.

The Salvation Army are holding a **Burns Supper** on *Saturday 26th January 2013 @ 7pm* Tickets priced @ £5.00 under 16's £2.50. Please contact Kevin or Wendy on 01223 506217 to reserve your ticket.

Two Brothers That Went To War

The story of two brave young men from the local area, Laurence and Cecil Chapman (*continued from the Autumn 2012 edition of Beach News*).

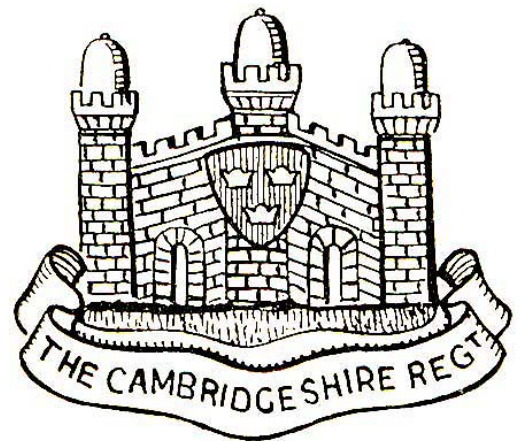
Part II

On the 31st of March 1915 Laurence was admitted to the 81st Field Ambulance at Ypres with a sprained ankle, the next day he is admitted to the 82nd Brigade hospital at Boeschepe and is diagnosed with Tenosynovitis (inflammation of the fluid-filled sheath that surrounds a tendon). Because of his injury Laurence is transferred to No2 rest camp at Boeschepe, spending seventeen days there convalescing until he rejoined his regiment in the field at Ypres on the 18th of April 1915.

In the spring of 1915 the war on the western front was raging around the strategically important Flemish town of Ypres; this battle and its engagements were to be known as the second battle of Ypres, the first battle having been fought the previous autumn.

The allied line bulging out and going around the town formed the Ypres salient. North of the salient were the Belgians; with two French divisions covering the northern part of the salient itself. On the eastern part of the salient one Canadian and two British divisions were dug in.

Laurence and the Cambridgeshires saw some heavy fighting in and around the Ypres salient; the first engagement was at Gravenstafel on the 22nd of April, lasting a day it involved the French. The second engagement came a day after the fighting at Gravenstafel with the battle of St. Julien and involved the Canadians the Northumbrian, and the York and Durham Brigades; this battle lasted from the 24th of April until the 5th



of May. On the 8th of May the Germans attacked the line at the Frezenberg Ridge opposite the 27th Division and Laurence with the Cambridgeshires; the fighting in this area lasted for five days. The final engagement of the second battle of Ypres was the battle of Bellewaarde on the 24th of May which saw failed British counter attacks and a retreat 1000 yards northwards.

In August 1915 the British army began to replace the French troops in the area north of the Somme River; from this point on British troops would hold an area of the Somme front from the south of Arras to the Somme river. The

27th Division with the Cambridgeshires and Laurence would join them on the 9th of September and remain there until the 25th of November.

During the third quarter of 1915 Laurence was granted leave to return home so that he could marry his fiancée Alice Maud Beeby; after the war they have a daughter Cicely Jean who is born on the 9th of September 1919.

On the 28th of August 1915 Laurence is promoted to the rank of 'unpaid' Lance Corporal and thereby second in command of a section.

On the 15th of November the Cambridgeshires were transferred to VII Corps and became the training Battalion for the 3rd Army school at Flixecourt; this was good news for Laurence as it now meant he was going to a safe area behind the lines with decent food and billets! Unfortunately Laurence's time at Flixecourt came to an end on the 29th of February when once again the Cambridgeshires were transferred, this time to the 118th Infantry Brigade of the 39th Division.

The Cambridgeshires moved up into the Festubert & Givenchy sectors on the 16th of April 1916, at the time this area was considered a "quiet" area. The soil in this area was mainly clay and the water table was very close to the surface making it impossible to dig a dry trench, the trench system in this sector was therefore mainly breastworks; these usually consisted of an earthwork thrown up to breast height to give protection to defenders firing over it from a standing position. These types of defences offered poor protection from shellfire especially airburst shells. The Cambridgeshires and Laurence spent almost four months in the Festubert – Givenchy area before on the 26th of August they were moved as part of the 39th division to the Somme.

The Cambridgeshires were now set to go down in military history for the capture of one of the most strategically significant areas of the Somme – the Schwaben redoubt.

The Schwaben redoubt was a most formidable set of German second line defences; it was basically a battlefield fortress composed of mutually supporting trenches, well-constructed field-works and all round defences that were linked. From the 28th of September until the 6th of October the 18th Division had repeatedly assaulted the Schwaben but had failed to remove its German defenders from its northwest corner.

On the 14th of October the Cambridgeshires under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Riddell went forward under cover of a creeping barrage and were soon in amongst the Germans without losing a man. Once Riddell and his men were in the enemy's lap the fight became close, personal and fiercely contested with men killing each other with bayonet and grenade. The Cambridgeshires routed the Germans and dug themselves in on the other

side of the redoubt, by doing this they had managed to avoid the shelling of the position by the Germans after they (the Germans) had lost it. Thanks to this tactic the Cambridgeshires manage to successfully hold and defend the redoubt for a further twenty-four hours before being relieved, having fought off several determined counter-attacks. For such a close fought and intense fight the Cambridgeshires casualty list was light with thirty-two men killed and one hundred and eighty-six wounded. For this days work forty-two awards for gallantry were bestowed on the Regiment.

By Martin Tingey

To be continued in the next edition of Beach News

Fire and Rescue Service

I am writing to inform you that a consultation on further collaboration, up to a full merger, between Cambridgeshire and Suffolk fire and rescue services is currently taking place.

This is your opportunity to give your views on the two services collaborating further in the coming years, potentially up to merging together into one service for both areas. Your views will be included within the full business case, which is currently being put together and is likely to be presented to the Fire Authority and Suffolk County Council Cabinet in the New Year.

You may already be aware that Cambridgeshire and Suffolk have collaborated successfully in recent years, resulting in the first Combined Fire Control in the country. This set up of Combined Fire Control allowed both services to save significant sums of money annually, and with further funding cuts expected in the coming years, it is essential that further opportunities to collaborate and potentially save money are fully explored.

The consultation pack and online feedback form is available on our website (<http://www.cambsfire.gov.uk/6667.php>). We are keen to receive as much feedback as possible so I would encourage you to let others know that this public consultation is taking place and to fill in the form yourselves and provide your honest opinions. The form does not ask for any personal information.

I would like to emphasise that there is still a lot of work to do, and that we will only proceed with further collaboration if it is the right decision for the residents of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

Hard copies of the consultation pack and feedback form are available at libraries and fire stations around Cambridgeshire. If you would like a hard copy posted to you, contact the fire service on 01480 444500.

Many thanks, Graham Stagg
Chief Fire Officer, Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service

Toddler Playgroup



We've had another busy term at the Waterbeach Toddler Playgroup with a number of themed activities around Bonfire Night and the Autumn season. We were delighted to recognise three members of our staff with long service awards for their combined 50 years of service, Lesley Moxon, Wayne Badcock and Tricia Palmer.



In early November we held our annual Nearly New Sale at the Primary School with a good response from both sellers and buyers. There were fantastic bargains on sale with a mixture of children's toys, clothes and nursery equipment and we raised £400 for the playgroup. This will be put towards buying extra toys and resources for the children. A big thank you to everyone who helped and supported us!

As part of a broad programme of understanding different cultures, the children learnt about Diwali, popularly known as "the festival of lights", and are now looking forward to the run up to Christmas culminating in an end of term disco.

Waterbeach Toddler Playgroup has been running in the village now for over 20 years and is located on Burgess Road. We are a small playgroup with an excellent adult to child ratio and we welcome children aged from 2½ to 4 years of age (pre-school year) in a variety of groups. These include specialised pre-school sessions on Monday and Wednesday afternoons (12-3pm) and separate sessions for the younger group on Monday and Wednesday mornings (9-11:30am). On Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings we hold mixed sessions open to both age groups (with optional lunch sessions from 12-1pm at a small extra charge). Thanks to Nursery Funding money from the government, our sessions are free from the term after your child turns three.

If you want to know more about the playgroup, please check out our website or contact our Play Leader, Wayne Badcock on 07808 357729 or via e-mail at wayne@waterbeachtoddlerplaygroup.org.uk. Alternatively, any of our committee members would be delighted to talk to you!

Beach Sessions

During a successful first year for Beach Sessions, we've seen an eclectic mix of acoustic music, indie, rock, blues, folk & punk from local and national acts, as well as some top notch comedy. Villagers have embraced the opportunity to enjoy a great night out in the village, without the need to travel. We've welcomed regular audience members to Waterbeach from the surrounding villages and from Cambridge and Ely, whilst our gigs in the Baptist Chapel attracted audience members from Bedford, Peterborough, London and Yorkshire. Thanks to everyone who has supported Beach Sessions so far by coming along to the gigs, and all those in the community who have helped make this happen. A few recent highlights have been seeing the Baptist Chapel in its full glory for The Slow Show gigs, enjoying a 2.5 hour set of incredible music from Dirty Ray (& hearing about him advising Led Zeppelin's Robert Plant on where to put the crisps at his party!). Future Beach Sessions dates are Sat 2 Feb & Sat 2 March 2013 and we have plans for more brilliant music & comedy during the coming year. Full details to be confirmed - check out www.beachsessions.co.uk or like us on www.facebook.com/thebeachsessions for the latest updates.

Waterbeach Slimmers

With just 5 weeks to go until Christmas, the party season is getting into full swing and slimmers from a Waterbeach slimming group are ready to celebrate in style after losing 112lb. Slimming World at the Tillage Hall in Waterbeach only launched at the end of January and has so far helped over 100 members shed pounds and discover a healthier lifestyle.

Whilst we're all familiar with the 12 weeks of Christmas, members have been enjoying the 12 weeks of Xmas with events such as food taster evenings, the launch of a new healthy cereal bar and the publication of a new Christmas recipe book.

With temptation all around, from works parties and nights out to festive family meals and seasonal snacks, many people who are watching their weight worry that their slimming plans will stray off course over the Christmas season. But these slimmers plan to enjoy the fun and festivities without being party poopers and still lose weight. To find out how just pop along to the Tillage Hall on Cambridge Road, every Tuesday at 7.30pm, or call Vicki on (01223) 811024

Message from Cllr. James Hockney

The last couple of months have been a very busy time, working on a range of issues for the local community of Waterbeach, Landbeach & Chittering. Some of which are detailed below;

Bus Service to Ely is back! - It was really heart-warming news that the bus service link to Ely has been restored for Landbeach and Waterbeach.

The community really came together on this issue because so many residents greatly value the service as their way of reaching Ely. Many of you wrote, telephoned and e-mailed Stagecoach to express your feelings on the issue. The petition that Cllr Johnson and I launched received great support with over 900 signatures. There were also a number of meetings to add pressure.

All these efforts culminated in Stagecoach changing their mind and bringing back the bus link - I very much welcome that they did. It really does show that community campaigns can bring success.

There are two buses each day - Monday to Saturday. From *Waterbeach Green* depart at 9.39am & 12.39pm. From *Landbeach Cottenham* turn at 9.36am & 12.36pm. The bus will depart from *Ely, Market Street* at 12.16pm & 5.16pm.

MOD Housing and local facilities – next steps - In November I chaired a Waterbeach Barracks multi-agency meeting at South Cambs District Council. This was to discuss the Barracks related facilities and plans for the empty MOD houses. It was a very constructive meeting helping to open up ideas and dialogue amongst different organisations.

The process of releasing the MOD houses has now begun. In the first phase over 100 houses will be transferred to Annington Homes in March 2013. The plan is these will then be refurbished for either rent or sale onto the open market around the summer of 2013 onwards. South Cambs District Council are looking at the possibility of acquiring some of the MOD properties for Council Housing. I would most certainly welcome this if it does happen - as there are many local people who cannot afford to get onto the housing ladder.

The community has campaigned very hard for the facilities like the golf course, swimming pool and fishing lake. The DIO (Defence Infrastructure Organisation) have maintained their position that the Barracks facilities are closed down with the gates shutting on March 31st 2013. There does seem to be more hope of the facilities outside the Barracks perimeter, like the Buchanan Centre and Beach Hut being taken over and remaining in use. I will report back when these are further progressed.

It is very important that we preserve the Museum displays and history. In the short term these exhibits will be securely stored. In the longer term, it is important we have a permanent place in the community, for all generations to view the great history of the Barracks and the Servicemen & women that served there. This may be a longer term project, but never the less a very important one.

Waterbeach Barracks - looking to the future - Thank you to everyone that responded to the South Cambs District Council Local Plan consultation. This included the Waterbeach Barracks site alongside many other potential development sites across the District. I very much welcome this debate as clearly the Barracks cannot be left derelict following closure in March 2013. But I am also clear that whatever the land is used for must be of benefit and complimentary to the local area. It is important the community is in the driving seat. The second round of the Local Plan consultation will start in January 2013.

Thank you to the near 3,000 residents who signed the petition opposing a new town larger than Ely. As ever I welcome your views and ideas for potential future use/uses for the land.

Shop Local, Shop Waterbeach & Landbeach - Thank you to everyone who is supporting the scheme. We have an excellent Facebook page which is gaining visitors all the time. If you run a local business, then you are most welcome to visit the page and post/comment there. If you are a Facebook user then you can visit the page and tick the 'like' tab and/or share on your profile. www.facebook.com/shopwaterbeachward

It is important that we do all we can to support and help promote our local shops and small businesses in the area. If you would like to get more involved with the scheme then please let me know.

Parking issues locally - There are a number of places in Waterbeach in which there are parking problems. The main one that I have been contacted about is the parking near/on bends around Chapel Street/St Andrews Hill/Rosemary Road. To this end I made contact with the County Council to raise the need for action. Certainly most residents in the area have said to me a small amount of targeted yellow lines at the most dangerous/obstructive places would suffice.

In addition I also met with our Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) John Mason, who has been placing notices on cars parked in obstructive places. This gave me the opportunity to raise a number of other Policing related matters that residents have contacted me about.

Local E-Mail News Updates - Currently I send out regular e-mail news updates on local issues and events. If you would like to be added please let me have your e-mail address and I will add you.

It is a real privilege to serve Landbeach, Waterbeach and Chittering as one of your District Councillors over the last 8 years. As ever if there are any local issues of concern then please contact me.

Tel: 01223-441289 Mob: 07958-389713

E-Mail: j_hockney@btinternet.com Facebook: Cllr James Hockney

Waterbeach Village Society

Did you know we have a thriving vineyard close by? Bedwell Hey Farm at Little Thetford, is the home of John Paris, who on Tuesday 18th December will talk about wine production and the wildlife on the farm. This will include a Wine Tasting, just to get us in the mood for Christmas.

The Annual General Meeting of the Society will take place on Tuesday 22nd January 2013. It will not be all serious stuff though, because the AGM will be followed by a Social Evening.

A thought for the future: During the evening of Tuesday 7th May we will have a tour of the Stanford Training Area, near Thetford. The training area was used during WWII, when several villages and their inhabitants were summarily evacuated and the area and the houses used as substitutes for the Normandy landings. More up-to-date, Afghan and Iraq compounds have been created. The area is also an SSSI. Put the date in your diary and join us for an interesting evening's excursion. The cost will not be more that £15. For more information on the above and the rest of the Society's programme, contact Adrian Wright, Chairman on adrianj.wright@ntlworld.com or 01223 861846, Ray Rice, Secretary on raythefingers@aol.com or 01223 860663 or David Armstrong, Treasurer on 01223 861586.

The Society aims to stimulate interest in, and care for the attractiveness, history and character of Waterbeach and its surroundings, and talks of general interest. Meetings take place on the fourth Tuesday of the month in the Community School Library at 7.45pm. Visitors are welcome at all meetings.

Waterbeach Community Association Carols on Waterbeach Green



**Christmas Eve
6.30pm**

**Please remember to bring your
lights, lanterns and torches**



Advice from Trading Standards

Borrowing money from illegal money lenders

If you are having financial difficulties or wish to borrow money quickly, it may be tempting to borrow money from illegal money lenders, known as 'loan sharks', who lend cash without asking questions about your financial situation. Trading Standards urge you to avoid such lenders and assure you that there are safe, reliable lenders that you can use.

Loan sharks may call at your door or you might hear about them from other people. At first they seem friendly and helpful and it might seem like a quick and easy way to borrow money. The trouble is that these people usually charge huge interest on their loan, meaning you have to pay back much more than you borrowed and far more than you can afford. With no paperwork to record what you are expected to repay, a loan of a few hundred pounds can soon lead to a demand to repay thousands of pounds - and the debt can quickly become too much to ever repay. If you struggle to keep up the repayments, loan sharks may use intimidation, threats and even violence to ensure you find the money somehow. It is believed that around 310,000 households in the UK currently owe money to loan sharks.

Luckily there are safe places you can borrow money from, even if you have financial difficulties. These lenders stick to the law, make it clear from the start the total amount you will need to repay and collect your repayments in a lawful way. Your local Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) can advise you which lenders are most suitable for you. You can find your nearest Bureau by visiting www.citizensadvice.org.uk or by calling 08444 111 444.

The England Illegal Money Lending Team was set up because of the misery and fear that loan sharks cause. Cambridgeshire County Council are working with this team and local District Councils, to tackle loan sharks in the county, raise awareness of them and to support their victims.

If you know of any loan sharks operating in the area, the England Illegal Money Lending Team wants to hear from you. Call 0300 555 2222, text 'loan shark + a message' to 60003 or email reportaloanshark@stoploansharks.gov.uk. Lines are open 24/7 and your details will be kept confidential.

If you already owe money to a loan shark the Illegal Money Lending team can offer advice and support. So don't suffer in silence, contact the team using the details above.

Library Facilities

Celebrating the 90th anniversary of Waterbeach Library - The celebrations for the 90th birthday of the Library, held on the 10th November, were very successful, and the Library was suitably decorated for the occasion. We were very pleased to be visited by so many individuals, who enjoyed various refreshments, particularly a gorgeous birthday cake cooked by one of our volunteers, Jill Briggs, with suitable decoration donated by "Cakes by Adele". The cake was cut by one of our longest serving volunteers, Nan, who can remember the Library opening on 1st November, 1922. Later Nan was photographed with our youngest library member, four week old Eleanor Houston. The photographs on our Facebook page indicate that a good time was enjoyed by all.

We were pleased to welcome Sue Williamson, County Libraries Operations Manager, and Marjorie Smith, District Library Manager, who had taken time out of their weekend to visit and chat with library members and volunteers. They expressed their pleasure regarding the efforts of the volunteers and our library. Everyone appeared to have a pleasant time and we thank those who supported us on this very special day.

Christmas closure - The library will be closed between Sunday 23rd December and Tuesday 1st January.

Other news - School class visits have resumed and we look forward to welcoming various year groups throughout the rest of the school year.

Following the very successful Reading Challenge in the summer, a total of 49 children from Waterbeach School and two other local schools recently collected their certificates and medals.

We have welcomed two new Volunteers, with room for more if anyone should have a couple of hours, or more, to spare per month.

Young Adults book club - This is run by young adults for young adults and meets at the Library every 4 or 5 weeks on a Wednesday evening, 6pm - 7.30pm. For more information, see our Facebook page.

Waterbeach Library - is located in the Community Room on the Waterbeach School site. If you already have a Cambridgeshire Libraries card this can be used at Waterbeach, or you can join the Library there to enjoy the benefits of all Cambridgeshire Libraries.

We can order books from other libraries for you, or you can order them yourself on-line, for collection at Waterbeach. Books borrowed from other Cambridgeshire libraries can be returned to Waterbeach.

The Library is open on Monday 10 – 12noon and 3pm – 5pm, Wednesdays 6 – 8pm, Friday 2.30 – 5.30pm and Saturday 10 – 12noon.

Mobile library visits –

The mobile library calls once a month, on the second Monday. Forthcoming dates are thus 10th December, 14th January, 11th February and 11th March. Timings are: Waterbeach–Denson Close 13:30-14:00; Waterbeach Green 14:05-14:25; Waterbeach – Chapel Close 14:30-14:50; Waterbeach – Buchanan Centre 14:55-15:30; Landbeach – 9 High Street 15:40-16:20. For more information, see <http://hipweb.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/mobiles/>, or ask at any library.

Farmland Museum



Pre-School Picassos

Wednesday 9th January to Wednesday 6th February 2013 at 10.00 to 10.45am.

A course of 5 x 45-minute sessions for young artists aged 2 to 5, led by local artist and tutor: Ann Biggs. Price £15 for course of 5 sessions (pre-booking essential). No previous experience, nor exceptional talent required (nor smartest clothing).



The course will introduce a range of artistic and fun activities which you can also use at home.

For further information and booking please contact Chris Leuchars 01223 860988 or email: education@farmlandmuseum.org.uk

Jazzercise

We are on your doorstep at Waterbeach School. Jazzercise is the original dance exercise phenomenon suitable for all ages. Come and see what we are about and put that spring back into your daily busy schedule. Jazzercise is truly a girls night out each class on one fabulous dance floor.

We have all been working out hard but having so much fun as well. On the 16th December at 10am in the Grafton Centre, Jazzercise Waterbeach will be warming up the Santas for their Santa Run for the Milton Childrens Hospice. If you want to see hundreds of Santas please come along.

I instructed the Ballet Students at Chesterton Ballet School in November and the children had great fun with Junior Jazzercise! From January there will be Junior Jazzercise workshops at Waterbeach School.

Dates for your Jazzercise diary:

Last class before Christmas Saturday 22nd December 10am

First class for 2013 Thursday 3rd January 6.45pm and 8pm

Will be great to see you all in a class soon, we do offer a walk-in class of £6.

Please check out the Jazzercise website for more information on the Jazzercise programme and please contact myself with any questions.

Here's to a Happy Christmas 2012 and a Happy New Year 2013! *Bev Tumber*

The Bell

Mute I stand but still on hallowed ground
Within my iron heart are memories profound
Of the years I chimed across the wind swept Fen
To call to worship children, wives and men
I pealed in joyful note at Christmas Tide
And often welcomed a new wed bride
Children were baptised beneath me as I noiseless hung
At times in solemn sequences I tolled
Once for each year of life for those departed
From this world with all its' cares and woes
To realms of joy and peace with Christ the King
To whom in ecstasy I ever ring
Though now I silent stand on hallowed ground
Within my metal heart still lingers the sound.

Bryan Parr

The bell from the old Fen Church (now demolished) stands at the end of the eastern aisle in St. John's Church.

Advice from Trading Standards

Eat drink and be merry this Christmas!

As the party season approaches and we stock our cupboards for the festivities, many of us are also watching the pennies. Everybody likes a bargain, especially when there are presents to be bought, journeys to be made and all sorts of other expenses chipping away at the bank balance.

With this in mind, Trading Standards would like to warn readers about the pitfalls of buying alcohol from unconventional sources such as car boot sales, strangers at the pub, workplace or selling from the back of a vehicle or any other unusual sources.

In recent times there has been an increase in the amount of counterfeit and fake alcohol found in the county. Counterfeit alcohol, just like any other counterfeit product, mimics a genuine branded article and tries to pass itself off as the genuine product. Usually the counterfeit product is very convincing and most consumers wouldn't notice any difference in the packaging.

As well as counterfeit alcohol there are drinks designed to look like new and appealing brands. Often these products do not meet the required legal standards of composition – either having too little or too much of certain required ingredients or featuring ingredients that shouldn't be present at all. Often these ingredients can be harmful to health.

Indeed, both counterfeit and other fake drinks should be avoided at all costs. They may contain either much more or much less alcohol than stated on the label and that is required by law but worse than this, however, is the fact that many counterfeit and fake drinks contain chemicals that are normally used in products such as cleaning products, antifreeze and screen wash. For example methanol, isopropyl, propan-2-ol, acetone and chloroform are commonly found in illicit alcohol.

Needless to say, these products can be dangerous if consumed and pose a risk to health. For example, people have been known to be sick or suffer dizziness, breathing difficulties, kidney damage, blindness and even death after consuming fake alcohol.

Nobody can tell what's in a bottle of fake drink and so the risks are unpredictable. The simple message is to not buy or consume any drink of questionable source.

So if you choose to eat, drink and be merry this Christmas, please do so in a way that is safe and doesn't risk your health or that of your guests.

If you see any alcohol that you suspect to be counterfeit or fake, please contact our partner, Citizens Advice Consumer Service, on 08454 040506. For business advice and support contact 0345 0455206.

stART

Custard Comedy Christmas Special

The monthly comedy club returns on Friday 21 December when we welcome headline act Dave Johns. Gaining his reputation as an inventive, exciting and extremely funny comedian, Dave Johns has rave reviews from critics:

“He shifts from the sublime to the genius to uproar in the blink of an eye. An extremely entertaining hour.” The Guardian

Support acts for the evening include reformed northerner Steve Allen, gag merchant Rob Coleman and a compere with a touch of silliness Juliet Meyers.

Get your tickets now the Custard Christmas special @theatrium (Cottenham Sixth Form Centre). Custard Comedy is strictly over 18s and there is a licensed bar. Doors open at 8pm. First act starts at 8.15pm.

Tickets £10 in advance available from Cottenham Village College reception or from <http://www.wegotickets.com/event/182770>. To find out more contact Amy Wormald on 01954 288748 or amy@start-arts.org.uk

Zumba

Shake a tail feather, baby!

Do you like to dance, but can't always make it off the sofa, let alone to the clubs in town? Well, how about screwing up your nerve and your reserves of New Year energy and trying Sam's Zumba? Held on Monday nights, from 7.30pm to 8.30pm in the Waterbeach Primary School Hall, Zumba-loving Sam Peachey throws her life and soul into a great dance work-out, combining Spanish sounds with hip hop, club classics and pop galore.

If you fancy a salsa, a shimmy, a shake or a bit of line-dancing action then Zumba could be just what you are looking for. Classes cost just £4.50 a session, but newcomers get to try their first class for half price, and if you bring a friend the next time you come, the class is half price again! Suitable for all levels of fitness and experience - and not just for youngsters, Sam will even let you help choose the tunes! For more information, call Sam on 07966539234 or check out her facebook page by searching for Sam's Zumba or Zumbasp.

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

1 ST WATERBEACH BROWNIES	Rowena Small - 01223 570850
1 ST WATERBEACH GUIDES	Holli Bielby 01223 528383
1 ST WATERBEACH RAINBOWS	Caroline Rutherford - 01223 575409
32 ND CAMBRIDGE (WATERBEACH) SCOUT GROUP	William Moon - 01223 440259
BEACH BOWLS CLUB	Tony Reuben - 01223 861001
BURGESS DROVE ALLOTTMENT ASSOCIATION	Raith Overhill - 01223 863383
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION CHAIRPERSON	Jacqui Rabbett - 01223 860993
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION SECRETARY	Pam Clack - 01223 476601
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION TREASURER	01223 860993
HAPPY FOLKS CLUB	Mrs A Coxall - 07767 072169
ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - WATERBEACH & LANDBEACH	Norman Foster - 01223 474622
THE WAY PROJECT	Julie Wentworth - 01223 861668
WASPS (WATERBEACH AFTER SCHOOL PLAY SCHEME)	Zoe Palmer/Wayne Badcock - 01223 861140
WATERBEACH & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB	Peter Dixon - 01223 860280
WATERBEACH ANGLING CLUB	Colin Brett – 01954 200956
WATERBEACH BAPTIST CHAPEL	Martin Ensell - 01223 862494
WATERBEACH BRASS	David Pell - 01223 860396
WATERBEACH COLTS F.C.	Bernadette Sowden-Fletcher - 01223 566687
WATERBEACH COMMUNITY PLAYERS	Julie Petrucci - 01223 880023
WATERBEACH COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP	Jacqui Woods - 07902 291424
WATERBEACH DAY CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY	William Bullivant - 01223 862506
WATERBEACH FORWARD	Grahame Nix – 01223 510862
WATERBEACH INDEPENDENT LENDING LIBRARY (WILL)	01223 441338
WATERBEACH PARISH COUNCIL	Jane Horsnell - 01223 441338

WATERBEACH SALVATION ARMY	Wendy Brown - 01223 506217
WATERBEACH SCHOOL P.T.A	Elly Ruston – 01223 502509
WATERBEACH TODDLER PLAYGROUP	Wayne Badcock - 07808 357729
WATERBEACH VILLAGE SOCIETY	Ray Rice - 01223 860663
WATERBEACH WI	Sheila Lynn - 01223 860948
WATERBEACH WIVES GROUP	Sheila Gill - 01223 861999

Other useful numbers:

BEACHES COMMUNITY CAR SERVICE	07807 875878
COUNTY COUNCILLOR	Michael Williamson - 01223 860899
DISTRICT COUNCILLOR	James Hockney - 01223 441289 or 07958 389713
DISTRICT COUNCILLOR	Peter Johnson - 01223 560918 or 07947 475549
DOCTORS SURGERY – WATERBEACH	01223 860387
FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE - Non Emergency Calls	01223 376217
LANDBEACH VILLAGE HALL	Anne Bullman - 01223 860692
PARISH PATHS GROUP	D. Armstrong - 01223 861586
POLICE - Non Emergency Calls	<i>New number - 101</i>
ST LAWRENCES CATHOLIC CHURCH	01223 704640
VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT	01223 476601
WATERBEACH BARRACKS-STATION STAFF OFFICER	Dave Hornby - 01223 204406
WATERBEACH SCHOOL	01223 718988
WATERBEACH TURBARY CHARITY	Pam Gooding - 01223 861003
WATERBEACH UNITED CHARITIES	Pam Gooding - 01223 861003
YOUTH OUTREACH WORKER	David Beasley - 07790 930191