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Community Association



Hello everyone and welcome to the autumn edition of the Beach News. Writing 'autumn' sounds so wrong surely summer has just been. Sadly no, the new school term has started, cricket season is done and the nights are drawing in. I hope you all had a good summer break, enjoyed the nice weather and had a fantastic holiday. As always I'd like to start the autumn edition of the Beach News by looking all the way back to last June and the Waterbeach Village Feast.

We've been very lucky all the years I've been involved with organising the Feast, as we've had good weather on the day which has helped to bring people out into the sunshine and let them enjoy the entertainments we put on. This year looked like it was going to be different with the weather forecast going from bad to worse as the day approached. With a yellow warning for rain and thunder in place the morning dawned with a degree of trepidation. However, once again our luck held out and the weather was good, a slight shower early on lead into a great day again. We did have an almighty rain storm after the day was finished, but thanks to everyone involved the whole event was packed up and cleared away before it started and the only casualties were a few traffic cones floating away down the gutters.

The Feast opened in the traditional way with a performance from Waterbeach Brass. With a few spots of rain about the crowd was slow to build, but came out in numbers for the parade. Following on from the brass band we had a

full day's entertainment in the arena, with dancing from Rosewood Dance Academy, Swara Nritya school of arts, Waterbeach Primary School Dance Club and JDz Dance club interspersed with displays from Jazzercise and Milton and Waterbeach Tang Soo Do. The Finale of the Tang Soo Do performance just before the parade was definitely one of the day's highlights, although I can't deny looking away at the final moment and thinking of the impending insurance claim. Thank you very much to all the arena performers for such a great show, thanks also to our two new announcers, Mark and Chris and to James for organising the entertainment and keeping it running smoothly.

As I said earlier, the parade brought out the crowds and it was a great parade this year. Our theme has progressed through the alphabet to 'Q', possibly tricky. However we went with it and our groups did not let us down with some great imagination and inventiveness on the group's themes. One of my personal favourites was Quentin Blake. In amongst the fantastic costumes we had a new type of entry this year – the bike float and these added something extra to the parade, especially the winning entry from Summer at the Beach. Thank you to all those who took part in the parade, and the costume makers and group marshals. Thanks also to all the traffic marshals who help with the road closures. Thank



£100 pounds more than last year.

On the music stage this year we decided to reduce the number of bands and play slightly longer sets. This allowed us to have three great performances and still keep our musical variation. Starting with the jazz music from Transposition, we moved to local solo singer and songwriter Gemma Bearpark and rounded off the day with some pop and rock from Just Jamming. Thank you to all the bands for taking part, thank you also to Blue

you as well to Jonathan and Andy for all the organising. Each year we hold a collection during the parade for a local charity. This year the nominated charity was the Ely Foodbank, and thank you to all of you who made a donation. You outdid yourselves this year raising a massive £438.40, almost

Shed for the equipment hire and the help with setup and clearing away in the rain. Thanks also to Clare for doing the announcements and Just Jamming for helping and lending us the drum kit. Thank you also to Jeremy for organising and sound engineering.

The Feast would not be complete without all the stalls and activities run by all the local groups. Each year I wonder just how many hours of time and effort are put in by all of you and I'm so grateful we live in a village where this can happen. That is down to you all so thank you all for that. For the first year almost all our food trucks were from local companies, I hope we can keep that going in future years.

Thank you to this year's sponsors, we can only provide the range of entertainment at the Feast thanks to your donations; Acacia Tree Surgery, DFK-Systems and Thalia Waste Management.

A final set of thanks go to the organising committee Adrian Wright, Pam Clack, Fiona Thomas, Gregory Noble, Holli Bielby, James Smith, Jeremy Brookman, Jonathan Taylor, Marie-Camille Grangier, Norman Setchell, Wayne Love and Zoe Badcock. The committee are involved at all stages of the event from initial ideas, planning all the way through to running the event

on the day. I said when I took on the Feast that I would run 4-5 events and then hand it over to someone else. I've done four years now and feel like this is the right time to hand the Feast on. I think



this is good for the event, new people bring new ideas and this helps to keep up to date and in touch with the village. I enjoy working with the committee to organise the Feast but I do not feel like we had enough people to do the job as well as it should be done. We really need some additional help on the Feast committee; the meetings are informal and held at the Beach Social Club and while a lot of planning goes on it is entertaining and rewarding as well. If you are interested please get in touch.

The next Community Litter Pick is scheduled for Saturday October 18th, please come along and help out. We meet up at 10 am at the Community Rooms (next to Waterbeach Military Heritage Museum) and pick litter for a couple of hours, refreshments are provided afterwards. We always gather a lot of litter on the day and this does help keep our village in the state it deserves to be kept in. Thank you.

Alasdair Pentland -WCA Chair

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Photos by Richard Youell

Waterbeach Brass

It has been a busy summer for Waterbeach Brass. In what has been a particularly sunny season, the band has visited a record three beer festivals (Haddenham, Cambridge, and Histon), performed at Ely bandstand, played at both Waterbeach and Histon & Impington Feasts, and taken part in the Christ's Pieces Residents Association community day. In June, the band were lucky to have been joined by the A4 Brass Quartet for an afternoon of playing workshops followed by a great concert. The group consisted of principal players from some of the UK's top brass bands, and the day was a delight all round.

As part of our engagement with the local Waterbeach community, we are currently running a survey to ask a few simple questions about whether you've seen the band around town before, and where you might like to see us next! We'd love it if you could take a couple of minutes and head to <https://linktr.ee/waterbeachbrass> where you will find a link to the survey, as well as our website and social media.

With the sun beginning to fade and the dark nights creeping towards us, the band's attention is quickly turning towards Christmas! Keep an eye out on our website and social media as our festive plans are finalised.

Patient Participation Group

In June Dr. Jon Buckler one of our GPs gave a talk on Prostate Cancer and answered questions from the 26 members of our community who attended at the Beach Social Club. It was very well-received.

On Wednesday 15th October from 6pm to 7.15pm Dr. Rosie Gordon another of our GPs will give a talk and answer questions about the Menopause and Perimenopause for any member of our community, who would like to attend. We know it is a topic, with which many patients would like help.

If you would like to join either the Core PPG on which there are 4 places available or the Virtual PPG, which is open to all Waterbeach Surgery patients please contact Viv Cooper on waterbeachppg@gmail.com

The role of the PPG is to act as a critical friend to the Surgery. The Core PPG meets monthly with the Practice Manager where any concerns or ideas to help the surgery are discussed. Notes from these meetings are sent to all members of the Virtual PPG to keep them informed.

Community Playgroup



The 2024-25 academic year closed in the usual flurry of excitement, fun and exploration at Community Playgroup as we enjoyed both the beautiful sunny days and lots of fun activities in our lovely cool air-conditioned building.

The summer term is always one of reflection where we think about just how much we have learnt, achieved, grown, and changed. We prepare our rising fives for the next step in their educational journey, and we plan and prepare for those staying with us and joining us for the very first time.

Some highlights from last year include our family craft mornings where parents and carers joined their children in session to make lovely seasonal crafts together, engineering week where we took a deep dive into engineering in early years, World Book Day where we had so many different characters including would you believe Father Christmas in attendance! Our Easter sponsored challenge where our fabulous children completed a set of challenges and raised lots of money for playgroup. The duckling hatching program was another huge hit, and of course the usual fun exploration and messy play we all love so much.



We also had an amazing day joining in with the village Feast, parading through the village in our Questions of a preschooler costumes. We want our children to be proud of their village and surrounding areas and become supportive members of the community so joining Feast is just one way to achieve this.... And I can tell you our children absolutely loved the day and talked about it for weeks after.

As usual we finished our year with our leavers celebration where we invited the rising fives and their families to join us for a special lunch and presentation to celebrate their achievements and unique contributions to playgroup. A special time full of laughter, hugs, tears and celebration. We look forward to seeing all the rising fives as they walk past the playhouse on route to their new classrooms in September.

We have been very busy planning and preparing activities and experiences to support all the children's needs, interests and development and can't wait to welcome all our new and returning families back to the playhouse for another year of fun, play and learning.

I would like to finish by saying thank you, firstly thank you very much to a local business who supported us this year both financially, and with some resources and Easter eggs for the children, we truly appreciate you and all that your kindness enabled us to do. Thank you also to The Waterbeach Colts who donated money to playgroup following their successful beer festival, we have put the money to very good use buying a collapsible goal, footballs and some brought in gym sessions. And finally, to the Community Association for accepting our application and awarding us a grant to replace an old noticeboard which had become unsafe.

Waterbeach Community Playgroup provides a fun, safe environment with an emphasis on learning through play. You can see what we get up to by checking out the gallery on our website

www.waterbeachcommunityplaygroup.org.uk Children are welcomed from their second birthday and can attend sessions between 9am and 3pm, Monday to Friday, term time only. We offer 15 and 30hrs funded places to all qualifying families as well as paid sessions. We do not charge any registration fees, deposits or consumable charges. We currently have some availability for 2025-26 but places are filling fast, and we have opened our 2026-27 wait list. Our application to join form can be found on our website. You can also get in touch either by email: info@waterbeachplaygroup.org.uk, or alternatively by telephone on 01223 440769 (Please leave a message if we are closed when you call and we will get back to you as soon as we can)

Foodbank



Waterbeach Distribution Centre (part of Ely Foodbank)

As part of our ongoing support for Trussell's 'Guarantee our Essentials' campaign, members of Waterbeach Distribution joined 600 other campaigners at Westminster in June for Lobby Day. Together with representatives from food banks across the four nations of the UK, other food community organisations, charities and people with lived experience, we came together to tell MPs why no one should go without the essentials and to urge them to take action.

We gathered in the Emmanuel Centre behind Westminster Abbey, and the day started with a rousing welcome from Trussell CEO Emma Revie. We listened to stories of hardship from people with lived experience and reflected on our shared purpose in calling for an Essentials Guarantee. The day continued with workshops and an opportunity



to talk with others from across the country who are campaigning for real change to our social security system.

Throughout the day, delegates from each region or nation attended Parliament to meet with their MPs. Our East of England turn came in the afternoon and we joined the mass of people gathered in Westminster Hall. We were delighted to be able to meet with our MP, Charlotte Cane and we enjoyed a long and fruitful discussion.

When signing up to Lobby Day, Trussell were very keen that we ran a Community Conversation in our foodbank, and this we held in May. We sent invitations to our referral partners, local charities, local churches, our school, Parish and District Councillors and to some of our service users. We ran the event after our foodbank session with lunch for our guests. People shared their insights about the challenges faced by the people they either worked with or met through a voluntary role. We discussed the fact that Universal Credit drives hunger and hardship in our community and highlighted the need for an Essentials Guarantee. We invited both those present and those unable to join us to sign an Open Letter to their MP, showing the growing consensus that change is needed to social security in order that it protects people from going without the essentials. During our session, attendees were also encouraged to complete a postcard on which they could share insights about the hardship they see through their work or their volunteering and then explain how an Essentials Guarantee would help their community. When we met with Charlotte, we shared both this letter and postcards with her.

Both the Community Conversation and Lobby Day were challenging, but



behind all that we were driven by our passion to support the people we see in our community and in our foodbank, along with a belief that things can change for the better, but only if we shout loud enough.

If you would like to find out more about an Essentials Guarantee, please follow

this link <https://www.trussell.org.uk/support-us/guarantee-our-essentials>

If you, or someone you know needs some extra support right now, there are many agencies you can approach who can provide a voucher for a food and toiletries parcel. We are open every Thursday at the Waterbeach Baptist Chapel between 11.00 and 12.00.

Sustainability at St. John's

St John's Church is a familiar sight for those travelling to the station or towards Clayhithe and Fen Ditton. We could describe St John's as an ancient parish church (since 13th century) and now a Grade II* listed building. Many come to St John's to remember loved ones or to reflect on the history of the village. St John's is rare in having two First World War memorials one outside where we celebrate Remembrance Sunday each November, and one inside - more personal and with more detail. St John's has the Churchyard and is also responsible for the Old Burial Ground (burials ceased when the Village Cemetery was opened the late 19th century).



But St John's is also a busy place, with toddler groups, uniform organisations, village and community groups as well as the Sunday and mid-week services. At St John's we are concerned to keep the Church modern and also, as much as we can, to make its life and buildings sustainable. So, St John's is a member of Eco Church - a national initiative run by the charity A Rocha which encourages faith groups to work to sustainability goals. St John's achieved Silver level under the Eco Church scheme and we are on the journey to Gold, and it's a challenge.

We believe that the faith groups can and must do their best to show care for the created world and to make our experience known to the wider community.

Here are some of the things we are doing or have done to lessen our impact on the environment and to increase the richness of plants and wildlife in our churchyard (and the old burial ground).

- In 2021 we equipped the church with an LED lighting system
- In 2022 we installed a heat pump in the Churchroom with assistance from the South Cambs Zero Carbon Communities Fund
- Since 2023 we have made the environment a focus during our celebration of creation and harvest
- Since 2024 we have been managing the Churchyard as a meadow

We are now planning to replace an old bitumen covered area of flat roof over part of the Churchroom with a green roof. By "green roof" we mean a roof

whose top layer is planted out with a variety of sedum. The advantage is a roof that actively cools. An old-style roof can get very hot in the sun and warms the building. The green roof keeps cool and works to cool the building down during our increasingly frequent spells of hot weather. It's also durable and it will be 30 years before it needs replacing. We plan to collect the rainwater that comes from the church roof, the tower and the new green roof and re-use in the Churchroom for toilet flushing. We're hope to cut our water usage by half.

Apart from the new roof, there is more we would like to do. Fruit trees in the Old Burial Ground to encourage pollinators; a proper wildlife audit of our outside areas so that we know what needs doing to make it better for plants and wildlife; and some new pathways so that everyone has easy access to the Churchyard and buildings.

If you would like any further information or indeed to be part of any of the projects, please contact us at ecochurch@stjohns-waterbeach.org.uk. We would love to hear from you.

Richard Stobart

Waterbeach WI



We have had very varied talks and social activities over the last few months. In June Sue Butler, who is part of the ministry team in Waterbeach and Landbeach with her husband, gave a very personal talk on 'Roma, Gypsy and Traveller Culture in the 21st Century'. She works for the Bishop of Ely advising on these areas. July saw Ben Hudson give an illustrated, humorous and enlightening talk on his life as a tree surgeon. What a challenging and potentially dangerous job it is!

In August a group of members enjoyed a meal out at the White Horse and at our September meeting Andrew Armitage brought his dog and talked about 'Pets as Therapy'.

We meet every second Thursday of the month at St John's Church Room at 7.30pm. Between meetings there are opportunities to meet for lunch, join a book group and take part in events and trips arranged by CWF.I. Please come along and see if you'd like to join a group of supportive, welcoming women. Below is the programme for the next few months:

Thursday 9th October - Dorothy Druitt will give a talk entitled 'How I Became Involved with Sreepur Village in Bangladesh'

Thursday 13th November - A Christmas Craft Evening.

Thursday 11th December - A bring and share Christmas party with games and quizzes.

Viv Cooper

Friends of All Saints', Landbeach (FOALs)

The Garden Fete at All Saints' in July brought our summer season to a splendid climax. Highlights included Junior and Beginner Brass Bands from Cottenham



Dick Newell on "The Swifts of All Saints"

(with some instruments almost bigger than the players!); a fascinating introduction to "The

Swifts of All Saints" by national expert Dick Newell, complete with live nest box cams, alongside the bell ringers' monitor of the belfry; and Steam Train Rides in a nearby garden.



Cottenham Brass Beginners

Autumn and winter events will have opened with a Family Harvest Supper, and Barn Dance with the Cyriacs Ceilidh Band. Instruction on Wreath Making, ahead of the Christmas Tree Festival, will have been provided in the church. On Saturday 11th October, we have more excellence in music in All Saints' (and with its super acoustics), with the first appearance here of the Accorde Chamber Choir. Accorde will give a Choral Concert including works by Debussy, Eric Whitacre, Sting, and George Harrison – something for everyone! [No Charge. Donations welcome].

Our "Pudding, (Savoury) Pie, and Quiz evening will be on Saturday 25th October (bring a pudding or pie to share), Advent Gala Dinner on Friday 28th November, and Christmas Tree Festival on Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th November – see the separate article on the Christmas Tree Festival; all entries very welcome. Our annual concert welcoming the year's new Chapel Choir from Corpus Christi College, on their first performance of the year outside of college, will be at around Candlemas; probably on Friday 6th Feb.

Hence our forward programme:

Sat 11 th Oct.	7:00 for 7:20-9:00 pm	Accorde Chamber Choir Concert
Sat 25 th Oct.	7:00 - 9:00 pm	Pudding, Pie (Savoury), & Quiz Evening
Fri 28 th Nov.	6:30 - 9:30 pm	Advent Gala Dinner
Sat 29 th Nov.	10:00 am - 5:30 pm	Christmas Tree Festival
& Sun 30 th Nov.	11:30 am - 5:30 pm	Christmas Tree Festival
Fri 6 th Feb '26 tbc	7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Corpus Christi Choral Concert

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District Councillor Update

In this update we thought it would be helpful to update you on two topics. The first is about the grants that South Cambs District Council awards and the second is about the proposals for re-organising local government and how it affects us.

South Cambs District Council awards many types of grants. Some of these are from the Council's own funds and others are funding from central government or other bodies that the District Council awards. Typically, it is parish councils, community groups and businesses that can apply for grants. Some grants are open to applications over many months and some are only open for a few weeks.

One of the grant schemes that is open to applications for longer is the South Cambs Community Chest. These grants support voluntary and community groups, charities and parish councils. These groups can also apply for grants to improve biodiversity and help with the cost of living. The Council also has a long running programme known as Zero Carbon Communities which helps communities take action on climate change. At the time of writing applications are open for grants for Community Growing (e.g. raised beds, gardening equipment), Allotment Improvements, and Improving the High Street (which small businesses can also apply for). Further information about District Council grants and grants from other organisations are available on our website

<https://www.scambs.gov.uk/grants-and-funding>.

The second topic is about the proposal to reorganise local government. The government is undertaking a Local Government Review (LGR). This will be the most significant reorganisation of local government in 50 years. They plan to replace district, county, and city councils with single-tier councils (so-called unitaries) by April 2028.

This change means residents will access all services through a Unitary Council, rather than separate County and District Councils. The government believes these changes will streamline services, support economic growth, and facilitate housing development. The current advice is that parish and town councils will not be directly affected by the changes.

The government asked the existing councils for their views on how best to form new unitary councils and to prepare business-cases. Three proposals for Cambridgeshire were shared and a consultation was recently undertaken. Ultimately, the government will decide how councils are reorganised. We'll keep you updated as this progresses.

Your Councillors are here to help you. Please do feel free to contact us with comments, questions, problems or complaints. We hope we can help but if we can't we are likely to know someone who can! Our contacts details are:

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Herons' Preschool



Summer has been amazing! - We have had a great summer term at Herons' and have had so many activities and special days that we have been spoilt as to what to write about! A few highlights for us have been...

Waterbeach Feast - This year the theme was a tricky one but after much deliberation and asking the children we were set on Quackers! With us all dressed as ducks, in yellow or with duck themed outfits, we paraded through the village for all to see and we even had duck whistles to let everyone know we were coming! Everyone looked amazing and we were so lucky to have won our category as well as one of our 'ducks' winning the individual cup. We love the Feast as it brings all of Herons' together- staff, children, parents, committee and grandparents and it's in the heart of the community and has such a special feel to the day.



Thank you to all the committee who manned our stall, the parents who made costumes and those that walked with us, the staff who put in such an effort and of course the children who were all 'Quackers!'

Leavers Celebration and Family Picnic - This year we had a staggering 26 children leaving us to go to local schools in the area. Each year we hold a Family Picnic and Leavers Celebration on a Saturday afternoon and invite all families to come and celebrate with us. This year was particularly hot but after enjoying our picnic with our friends and family in as much shade as we could muster, the leavers had their turn to be celebrated. Each child had a special Leavers T shirt and had their few minutes in the spotlight while their keyworker shared some special memories and thoughts about them with the large audience. They all had some special photos taken individually and with the large group then all moved inside to get ready for their final performance. The children donned bright sunglasses and made their way outside to perform their own special rendition of 'We will rock you' with a few changes of words to fit the celebration. We all had a great time and already we are missing the 'big' children, but we know that they will absolutely smash it at school, and we can't wait to see what the future has in store for them.

Thank you to all the parents that have supported us this year, we really are super lucky to have the best parents and look forward to welcoming our new families to Herons' in the Autumn term and beyond.

Do you want to know more about your local Outstanding Preschool? For more information, have a look on our website www.heronspreschoolwaterbeach.org or contact us on info@heronspreschoolwaterbeach.org

Gardening Club

The Gardening Club has, as usual, been taking a break from evening talks during the summer months. That does not, however, mean that we have been inactive! We enjoyed a guided tour of Benton End house and gardens after a very pleasant lunch in nearby Hadleigh in Suffolk. Benton End is the former home of celebrated artist and gardener Sir Cedric Morris who co-founded the East Anglian School of Painting and Drawing. Our guide gave us a fascinating insight into the lives of the famous people associated with the property. We were particularly pleased to see the collection of bearded irises which we were told about by Lucy Skellorn, a visiting speaker at one of our meetings last year. This followed on from an earlier successful visit to the gardens of Jesus College.

We were also pleased to support Oakington Garden Centre by putting in an entry at their Summer Plant Show. One of the benefits of membership of our club is a generous 10% discount at the garden centre – a significant help to our members.

Talks resumed in September with a visit from Vicky Hallam. She gave a presentation entitled 'Being a Botanical Artist' in which she gave a practical demonstration of her skills and brought some delightful cards to sell. Members are beginning to browse the new King's Seeds catalogue selecting possible purchases through the club's group order scheme in January. Members get a 40% discount on catalogue prices for seeds when ordered through the scheme.

The October meeting will be our AGM followed by a short talk and we return to full-length talks in November. We meet on the third Thursday of each month in St John's Church Room, with talks starting at 7.45pm. New members are very welcome, as are visitors who can attend up to three talks in a year. Visitors pay £5 per talk on the door. Please contact us at wandgc@outlook.com or phone 01223 574050 for further details.

PRIOR FEN CHAPEL

"The Little Chapel in the Fen"

All welcome to our
Harvest Festival Service
Sunday 5th October
3pm

Traditional harvest service and hymns
Produce welcome

Find us at CB7 5YJ, between Upware and Swaffham Prior.
Be early to guarantee a seat.

For more information contact Nicola: 07968 658319

Waterbeach Theatre Company

WTC members took a brief break over the summer, although over thirty of us enjoyed the annual barbecue in July hosted by Jane and Michael Williamson in their lovely garden.



On 8 September rehearsals commence for WTC's autumn production which will be *Pack of Lies* by Hugh Whitmore (based on true events). In 1961, Peter and Helen Kroger, two Americans living in a London suburb, were convicted of spying for the Russians and sentenced to twenty years' imprisonment.

From these true facts Hugh Whitmore has written a powerfully moving fictional account of the events leading up to their arrest with the action centred on the totally unsuspecting Jackson household: Bob, Barbara and their daughter Julie. Directed by Martin George the cast includes Wendy Croft, Christine Easterfield and Michael Husband, plus two of our young performers Graihagh Bolton and Chloe Martin and two newcomers to the society Peri Tsim and Joe McWilliams.

You can see this intriguing play at Waterbeach School from 12 to 15 November. Tickets on sale now. Book online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/wcp or phone 01223 880023.

Our January 2026 pantomime is *Jack & Jill and the Beanstalk* written especially for WTC by Vicky Butt & Clare Macdonald. This is a rip-roaring pantomime, which subtly mixes tradition with some modern references to keep all the audience happy. Auditions were held on 28 September at the Tillage Hall. Check the WTC website for more information.

You can find out all about Waterbeach Theatre Company by visiting our website www.wtconline.org.uk and follow us on Facebook www.facebook.com/waterbeachdrama

Waterbeach Surgery News

Flu Vaccines - As we fast approach the autumn, we will start to invite you, if you are eligible, for an NHS flu vaccination. You will be invited to book your appointment in the next month. We will continue to invite people through October, November, December and January.

Pharmacy First - Please note the conditions that we can refer you for at the Waterbeach Pharmacy. This is now part of the new NHS initiative of Pharmacy First and is done by a referral from the team at the surgery
These conditions are:

1. Sore throat – 5+ years and not pregnant.
2. Earache – Children aged 1-17, not recurrent.
3. Sinusitis – over 12 years, not more than 12 weeks duration, immunosuppressed or pregnant.
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.

Weight Loss Medication - You may be aware that from 23 June 2025 Primary Care is now able to prescribe the weight loss injection tirzepatide (often known as Monjaro) under very strict guidelines. The Cambridge and Peterborough Integrated Care Board have set out the following instructions for GP surgeries in this area:

1. Your regular GP should not prescribe tirzepatide or similar medicines (called GLP-1 agonists) for managing weight loss or obesity.
2. NHS England guidelines say that only people with the highest health risks related to obesity can receive these medicines right now.
3. If you meet certain criteria, you can be referred to the Healthy You service to see if tirzepatide might be suitable for you. You may only be eligible if you meet the following criteria:

- Your Body Mass Index (BMI) is 40 or higher (or 37.5 or higher if you are from South Asian, Chinese, other Asian, Middle Eastern, Black African, or African-Caribbean backgrounds)

AND

- You have at least FOUR of the following health conditions:
- Type 2 diabetes
- High blood pressure needing medication
- Heart or blood vessel disease
- Sleep apnoea needing treatment (such as a CPAP machine)
- High cholesterol needing treatment

If you do NOT meet all these criteria, please do not contact your GP to ask for tirzepatide. The NHS rules are strict, and your GP will not be able to prescribe it for you right now.

Need help managing your weight but don't meet the criteria?

You can still get support! You can refer yourself to the Healthy You service here: <https://healthyyou.org.uk/sign-up/>

Third Party Medication Requests - In line with ICB guidelines, we regret we are no longer able to accept third party requests from Pharmacies or Appliance Contractors for our patients.

The request must come directly from patients or carers.

The only exception is for dosette patients. Items not in dosette must be requested by the patient or carers.

Prescription Request over the phone - Can I just reiterate that we do not take any medication requests over the phone, if you need a repeat then you will need to use the NHS app, online or drop a hand written request into the surgery post box or pop in to the practice.

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.

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)

Autumn Community Litter Pick

10:00 to 12noon on Saturday 18th October

Waterbeach Community Association would like to invite you to join us in giving our village a good clean up.

Everyone is welcome. It is a lovely community event and free refreshments are provided by Urban&Civic afterwards!

Date: Saturday 18th October at 10:0am until 12: 00 noon

Meet: At the Community Room (same building as the Military Museum)

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Equipment: Will be provided but feel free to bring your own if you have some.

Routes: Assigned on the day, please let us know if you have a preference or know any particularly bad spots.

Rubbish Disposal: There are designated drop-off points

Refreshments: Meet at noon in The Community Room for hot drinks and cake. Hope you can join us.



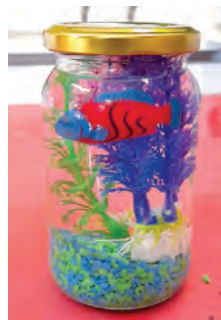
WASPS



As we start a new academic year, we give a warm WASPS welcome to all our new children and families joining us, and also to those returning to the club after the summer break. At the end of the summer term we said a fond farewell to our year 6 leavers, moving on to their new secondary schools, some had been attending WASPS since starting primary school! We held a farewell party for them in one of our after-school sessions in July, which included some fun games (some involving balloons), gifts, party snacks... and bubble machine fun! We will really miss them and wish them all the very best for the future. We also said farewell to Kinga, one of our playworkers who had been working at the Breakfast Club and After School Club daily. Kinga leaves us to continue her studies; we thank her for her hard work at the club and wish her the best of luck with her next adventure! In August we welcomed Ana (Playworker) to our staff team and are looking forward to getting to know her better over the autumn term.

We have undergone some improvements in our garden, including a thorough jet wash of play surfaces, pathways and play structure, some repairs and the installation of new Easi-grass which the children have really enjoyed playing on! Some new appliances have also been purchased to update our kitchen facilities including a new fridge/freezer, oven and microwave. We have recently bought some new resources for use in our sessions, including some musical instruments, a bubble machine and bubble timers.

The children enjoyed attending our WASPS Summer Holiday Club, we were open for two days at the beginning of the summer holidays this year, then for two weeks at the end of August. Some of the activities enjoyed were creating tie dye t-shirts, sand art, making hanging shell wind chimes, carrying out experiments, making bouncy balls and homemade lava lamps. The children got very creative with leaf painting, making paper chain snakes and bubble blowing paintings. These activities run along lots of free play opportunities too throughout all sessions.



Our next planned WASPS Holiday Club dates are, Monday 27th October and Tuesday 28th October. Look out for our planned activities soon.

WASPS enjoyed joining in the fun at this year's Feast! Thank you to all who made the day possible on the Community Association Feast Committee, we know there is a lot of organising and planning that goes on behind the scenes by volunteers. We enjoyed taking part in the parade, the children decided on our theme, 'Q is for... Quidditch!' Costumes were fantastic, children and parents/carers looked brilliant. A huge well done to everyone who helped and took part, we are already looking forward to next year!

If you are planning to have a clear out at home of your children's toys ahead of Christmas, please think of us! We are seeking complete games/board games in good condition and footballs for outdoor play. Any donations can be dropped off at the playhouse during our session times – thank you!

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. For enquiries, please email us 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 Independent Lending Library

At the time of writing, the library's future is still uncertain. The volunteers are continuing to work very hard towards saving the library for the village; unfortunately there are many factors out of our control. Discussions continue with the Parish Council, the school and other interested parties and we hope to have more concrete updates soon.



By the time you read this we will have submitted our petition to the Parish Council urging them to keep the library open. The volunteers are hugely grateful to all library users and the whole community for your support, and for coming to see us at the Feast. To join the volunteer group, do pop in or email us at waterbeachlibrary@gmail.com.

Well done to everyone who completed the Summer Reading Challenge for primary school age children! We had 100 registrations and a much higher completion rate than the national average.

Registering for a library card, borrowing our books and using the library remain absolutely free. There are charges for ordering adult books from other libraries (children's and Young Adult reservations are free), for overdue books and for printing. It is now possible to pay by card in the library.

The library is open as follows:

Monday	14:45-17:00 (except Bank Holidays)
Wednesday	14:45-17:00 and 18:00-20:00
Friday	14:00-17:00
Saturday	10:00-12:00

To contact the library, email waterbeachlibrary@gmail.com. The volunteers look forward to seeing you soon!

The Sun Inn

September 2008 - September 2025

In September 2008, a little-known couple and their daughter moved into the Sun Inn - and pub life was never quite the same.

Andrew and Helen quickly made their mark, giving the pub a heartbeat that shaped our weeks, months, and years. Thursdays became quiz nights, Sundays brought the much-loved cheese nights, and there were monthly gatherings like cocktail evenings. Then came the annual highlights: the beer festivals and, of course, the unforgettable Waterbeach Pub Olympics.



Before the pandemic, you might have found yourself at the dartboard or watching the match - unless Spurs were playing, or the staff had decided that darts took priority. All the while, pints were poured from an ever-changing lineup of cask ales, beers, ciders, and lagers. Andrew and Helen's care and pride in their beer shone through, with the Sun Inn proudly earning the Cask Marque every year since 2009.

Their warmth reached beyond the pub walls too. Regulars were welcomed along to outings at Newmarket Racecourse, CAMRA festivals (sometimes even overseas), and the now-legendary ski trips to Andorra, Austria, Italy, and beyond.

In January 2023, Andrew sadly passed away. Since then, Helen has carried on with remarkable strength, keeping the Sun Inn's spirit alive with her ever-cheerful smile. Theresa stepped in to take over her father's quizmaster duties, and she has made them her own - ensuring that Andrew's much-loved quiz nights continue to bring people together.

For nearly two decades, the Sun Inn has been more than a pub—it has been a home, a meeting place, and a community hub, thanks to Andrew, Helen, and Theresa. Their legacy will be remembered with gratitude and affection long after they move on.



What's in a name?

Station Road and a few that are there no more.

On 30th July this year a small gathering at the station celebrated the 180th anniversary of an event which was to have a big effect on Waterbeach. Cake was consumed, speeches made, and a plaque was unveiled. On 30th July 1845 the first train from London came through Waterbeach and a good crowd of villagers went to watch as it puffed through the new station. It had taken over 3 hours to reach Cambridge and was on its way to stop at Ely and eventually Norwich.

Six years after the station was opened, the 1851 census records 'Rail Station Ferry Road'. Ferry Road doesn't appear anywhere else which suggests that the Enumerator made up the name when filling in the form and needing to fill in a space.

In 1861 the census gives the station address as 'Rail Station', with no street name at all. However, the census entry for the station is followed on the same page by a list of houses in 'Church Street', which starts with a pub called The Fountain and a house called Railway View (Could this be Lode House?). By 1871 the station is in Station Road and there are two pubs, The Fountain and The Railway Tavern. Church Street disappears after this, but a small group of houses remains in 'Church End'. Thereafter Station Road has become permanent in name if not in detail.

When the first passengers arrived at Waterbeach there was no bridge over the river and so anyone wanting to visit Horningsea would have had to go across on the ferry as had been done since at least the Middle Ages. The walk into the village would have looked very different. Just up from the station there was a public house with a brewery, which became The Star, The Railway Tavern came a bit later and all traces of it



disappeared when Whitmore Way was built in the late 1980's). The Star (now a private house) was there originally not for the benefit of the rail passengers, but from the time when the lode from the river stopped just opposite (more of this in another story) and boats would come up with goods to deliver.

Walking up Station Road, the burial ground on the left (where the lovely beech tree is) was still in use. St John's church would have looked quite different; the entrance was halfway down the side facing the road as the entrance porch which is there today had not yet been built. From a later map dated 1877 it looks as if the row of houses between the church and Chapel

Close had also not been built as it shows an area of orchard with no buildings on it just fruit trees. Many of the houses familiar to people walking up and down the road today would not have been there but there would have been others as Station Road in the 19th century was quite well populated.

The impact of the railway on the village must have been very great. Fresh produce could be sent to Cambridge or London and would still be fresh on arrival. This would have given the village a big economic boost. Other goods could be transported more easily. Cambridge became a place which could be accessible for work or school.

In the 1970's, there was some commuting from the station to Cambridge and Ely and a little to

London but not a great deal; it was just possible to go to work in London but there was very little flexibility over train times. However, electrification in the 1980's made Cambridge and London so accessible that the station is now one of the most used unmanned stations in the country.

When it was suggested that I write about Station Road because of the station's anniversary, I thought it would be quite simple, in fact I have discovered all sorts of threads which I did not have time to follow up properly or space to add them to the story here, had I done so. Thinking about the impact of the station on the village in the 19th century and what has changed and what remains has made a fascinating project which I hope to follow up. I am very grateful to Dorothy Druitt for her help with information and an interesting and helpful discussion.

Jane Williamson



Community Association - Volunteers needed

Most of the time you don't hear much from the Waterbeach Community Association directly. Its role is to sit in the background and organise various things that help the numerous village community groups to work better and keep in touch with the village. It organises the Waterbeach Feast, at which many of the community groups have stalls, publishes Beach News, including articles from the village alongside adverts for businesses around the village, and organises the Christmas tree and Carols on the Green at Christmas.

On paper it's an association of the community groups and all the member groups can participate in the meetings and decisions made there. However, in practice the member group delegates often spend much of their time with the member groups and finding people from the different groups with time for the Feast and Beach News is not easy.

This article wouldn't normally be written by the Treasurer, but I'm writing this because it falls on me to say a massive thank you to three people who have given their time and talents generously to the Community Association over the last years.

Firstly, Alasdair Pentland has been both Chair and Feast Organiser since the Feast restarted after Covid. It has been very evident that many of you reading this have enjoyed the Feast these last few years, whether just attending, joining in the parade, or even running stalls and Al has invested a huge amount of time behind the scenes, between the event management, communicating with stallholders, running the event on the day, and evolving the event organisation to the current point where it's increasingly a team effort rather than entirely on him. It's a credit to him that not only have the Feast days run smoothly but also we are on a trend where we can see that the Feast can be organised as a group effort rather than relying on massive efforts from one person.

Secondly, Pam Clack has been Secretary for over 10 years and with her husband Mark they have produced Beach News for the last 23 years. Four times a year they have patiently chased people for contributions which they have carefully edited together with the advertisements, organised both the printers and network of volunteer distributors in the village which is far too short a summary for the massive amount of effort that they have put in.

These people are wanting to step back from some of their responsibilities and in the next articles you can find out more information about ways you might be able to help - whether you have been in the village months, years or decades. You'll find out more information in the next couple of articles about some of the ways that we need people to help. If you're reading this please could you have a think whether you could help, or whether you know someone who you could encourage?

But first, let's say thank you to Al, Pam and Mark for everything that they've done for Waterbeach through Beach News and the Feast!

Jeremy Brookman - WCA Treasurer

Waterbeach Feast

It's not possible to be anywhere near the Green on the first Saturday of June and not notice the Feast! Even on the day before there are the first signs of something happening - as extra bins (and toilets) appear, marks appear on the ground ready for stalls the next day, and the fairground rides start to arrive. Then as the sun rises in the sky (hopefully not hidden by too many clouds) volunteers, groups and caterers converge on the Green to set up the arena, marquees, gazebos, stalls, activities, food and drink vans, that transform the Green from its usual open space to the hive of activity that it is for the afternoon. As the afternoon progresses, the band starts up and the procession makes its way from the school around the Green finishing in the arena with the award of prizes. The arena is busy with entertainment and around the Green people are visiting stalls and the fun fairs, eating, listening to music... As the afternoon draws to a close, the Green empties of visitors and stallholders, and restores itself to the peaceful green space at the centre of our village.

Not counting all the member groups who organise stalls, participate in the parade etc, this happens because of a group of people who together make sure that we have permission to use the Green, the event is well managed to keep everyone safe, the services (First Aid, bins, toilets, etc) are all in place, and communicate with the various groups to make sure everyone is where they need to be. We would love to see more people helping whether with the event planning before the day, communication, fundraising, or event management during the day.

Please do give some thought whether you or anyone you know could join the group organising the Waterbeach Feast. As Al steps down as Feast Organiser we don't expect to replace him with one person, but without new people we unfortunately won't be in a position to organise the Waterbeach Feast in 2026. He will be staying around as Chair of WCA and much of the preparation gets reused from year to year so this should not be too daunting! If you're interested please contact wcachair@waterbeach.org.

Beach News

If it was unlikely that you'd know about Waterbeach Feast, it's literally impossible for you to be unaware of Beach News because you're reading it! But take a minute to step back and appreciate it... the cover, with each edition depicting a different scene from the village; the adverts, helping local people find local businesses when needed; the articles from the village groups. If you're reading a printed copy, this was all put together, sent to a printer who produced many copies which were carefully split into packs to go to the volunteers who distribute the magazine around the village and finally sent to us. Even if you're reading an online edition the articles were still written, articles were collated, businesses were invoiced for the advertisements.

We don't currently have a group of people putting together the Beach News as we do with Waterbeach Feast, but we know that this is how other villages have evolved their village newsletter. So over the next year we are aiming to move Beach News to being more of a group effort. Maybe Beach News will start to look different as the new group settles in, maybe it will carry on for a while looking very similar. But again, please do give some thought whether any element of this is something you, or someone you know, could help with. Whether your interests and talents are visual, linguistic, logistical or administrative, maybe you can be part of the new team! If you're interested, again please contact wcachair@waterbeach.org.

Waterbeach Colts FC



New season, new faces (and a robot) - It only feels like yesterday we were packing away the beer festival kegs (more on that later) and handing out trophies to our well-deserving players. But while most of us were enjoying a bit of summer downtime, our committee, coaches and volunteers were busy behind the scenes getting everything in shape for the season ahead.

The pitches got some long-overdue love and attention (big thanks to Waterbeach Parish Council), including a spin with the new quadraplay machine (Google it) and some satisfyingly straight lines courtesy of a hired robot line-marker. Unlike some (naming no names, *me*), it actually knows its right angles.

Thank the Internet (...and the secretaries) - Alongside new teams and fresh players, we now have a shiny online player registration system TeamFeePay. Before anyone had left for the beach, Paul Smith (General Secretary) and Ailsa Liddle (League Registration Secretary) somehow wrestled it into submission. Hats off to both – their work is the stuff that keeps the club ticking.

Say hello (and one goodbye) to the Safeguarding Team - WCFC prides itself on being a safe, welcoming club where players can enjoy football in the right environment. A big part of that is thanks to our safeguarding team, who make sure players are protected and coaches are properly trained. So, with much gratitude we say goodbye to Lucy Entwistle, who gave years of dedicated service, and hello to Emma Mills, who now joins Diane Martin in carrying the torch.

One chairperson is never enough - That's why we have two, to share the burden (and the accolades!) Last season we said farewell to Mike Morel as Co-Chair (good luck with the new job, Mike!) and wondered how on earth we'd fill his boots. Turns out, quite easily (but don't tell him that) – John Wyatt

has stepped up to join Paul Cuddon at the helm. Their energy and commitment to running and improving the club continues.

The Beer Festival bit - Of course you know about our annual Beer Festival and Tournaments – you were probably there! Friday night saw our Charity Tournament raise an incredible £750 for Parkinson's UK (top bins!), we said thanks via Facebook (see below). Saturday brought 111 youth teams to the festival for a competition played in the best possible spirit. We raised crucial funds for the club *and* donated to local community groups – a win-win.

The festival is the result of months of hard graft from volunteers, committee members, and the legendary Beer Festival sub-committee Ann Winter, Julie Wallman, and Amey Fordham. Without them, it simply wouldn't happen. If you fancy joining the volunteer crew next year, we'd love to have you (see below).

Say that to my Face(book) - Yes you heard us, we dusted off our Facebook and started talking to people again, and they talked back, and now we're all friends, sort of.. you can join us too! facebook.com/WaterbeachColtsFC

We've also fired up the website waterbeachcolts.org.uk gave it a spring clean and a lick of paint. Go have a look – if not for us, then for our sponsors (who are definitely watching).

And finally... We've got a new Comms and Website Officer – Justin Hodgett. If you've got feedback, questions, or just want to complain about this article, he's your guy. You can find him via the website or, you guessed it, the [Waterbeach Colts FC Facebook](https://WaterbeachColtsFCFacebook.com).

To our players, coaches, parents, volunteers, and supporters – here's to another brilliant season of football.

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 ask for an application form.

By email waterbeachunitedcharities@gmail.com

By post: Waterbeach United Charities, c/o 7 Cambridge Road
Waterbeach CB25 9NJ

All personal applications are confidential.

Waterbeach Bowls Club

Waterbeach Bowls Club centenary year - The club has been delighted to celebrate one hundred years of bowls in the village. The highlights have been an open day and a match against a team selected by the President of the Cambridge and District Bowls League. For the Open Day we provided an opportunity for residents to find out about the game of bowls in May on Waterbeach Green and enjoy barbecue food. There was interest from young and old and a good time was had. It is interesting that despite the suggestion by some that bowls is a game just for old people, having enjoyed the open afternoon a 17 year old became a member and after learning the game he has played a good number of league games for the club. In August we were pleased to host the League President who brought a strong team to play against us on a warm and sunny afternoon. Following a very close game all enjoyed tea supplied by club members, the highlight of which was a celebration cake baked by our member Christine Grave. The photo shows club members with the League President.



During the year we were visited by members of both the Waterbeach Girl Guides and Explorer Scouts. Both evenings were interesting and entertaining and several of those who came along indicated a wish to play in the future.

The events that have taken place show the strong spirit in the club and a wish to encourage local people to join us. This have taken hard work from members, particularly our secretary, Pam Black. In addition, she has captained teams in both winter and summer leagues.

Of course, the rest of the season has revolved around the various league games. Pride of place must go to the Ely and District afternoon league which we entered for the first time. Everyone who played enjoyed playing at a different time of day and the break in play to have a cup of tea. We did not know the standard we would be up against which we found was generally high. But we were not overawed and achieved a respectable place in the league. We certainly look forward to progressing next year.

Sadly, results in the Cambridge and District League were not so good. We enjoyed a good start, but then principally because of unavailability due to illness

and injury we found ourselves losing regularly, often by a small margin. We picked up at the end of the season, but unfortunately not sufficiently to avoid relegation to division 3 next year. Hopefully then we shall return to winning ways.

In the Cambridge Business House Pairs League both Open and Mens teams took part as usual and enjoyed their games.

Despite the packed season we managed to complete our internal competitions. The pairs was won by Richard Martin and Josh Tilley and the singles by Andrew Lainchbury.

During the Autumn we shall hold our Annual General Meeting and do necessary work on and around the bowling green. Those members who wish to continue playing bowls will be doing so at Chesterton indoor club or Cottenham.

If anyone is interested in joining our bowls club, please call Chris Rushmer on 07712 940180.

Girlguiding in Waterbeach



We're all getting back to Girlguiding after our summer break. Our Girlguiding leaders have been busy planning exciting programmes for the term ahead. More to follow in the winter edition!

We are delighted that two of our older Guides have been chosen to join the Cambs West and Cambs East Iceland trip in August 2026 and will be planning some fundraising activities during the autumn term to support them.

Thank you to all those who supported Girlguiding at the annual village Feast Day. A big well done to Girlguiding who won best junior stall with our 'Queens' theme.

The Brownies and Guides did brilliantly with lots of creative outfits for the parade with an array of Queen Bees, Cleopatra, medieval queens, Evil Queen complete with 'poisonous' apples, a Queen of Hearts playing card and even a chess piece.

The Rainbows sparkled in their 'Quality Street' outfits and received a special award of best junior float. We all had a super day and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves getting involved with our local community.

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.



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 first Wednesday and Sunday from March to October 10am to 4pm and on the third Sunday of every month 10am to 3pm when there is a Waterbeach Community Market in the former Barracks. Other times by arrangement.

What a great summer we have had both weather wise and from the museums point of view. A number of artefacts have been given to us. Please if you have anything pertaining to Waterbeach RAF and RE years consider donating to the museum. We have been working on the Engineers area, repainting the wooden brown ply display cabinets a sympathetic silver grey to match the new cabinets. Gives a feel of lighter and a roomier area. We are now setting about reordering the whole area, a work in progress! But a number of changes and additions have been made.

One of our volunteers has been 3D printing a diorama of the engineers doing runway repairs following a bomb strike in 5 modules; not quite finished but out on display. We are also running videos of Engineers at work in various parts of the world.

The museum trustees thank the Parish Council for their grant of £1500 towards the purchase of the lime stone carving, 'The Return' to be seen in the museum foyer. Just over half the purchase price of £13K has been raised so far. Can you help us to reach our target?

A new display also in the Engineers area are a number of Clansman radios which were carried in the field or in the Engineers vehicles – remember that photo in the Falklands a radio with a Union Jack on the aerial? The Clansman family of military radio communications equipment was used by all regular British Armed Forces during the Cold War, including the Royal Engineers and the RAF. The introduction of the various Clansman elements was phased, but the family was in service from about 1979 to 2009.



Clansman radios enabled military users worldwide, in military combat or

peacetime, on foot and in vehicles, to communicate over short, medium and long distances using a wide range of HF and VHF/UHF frequencies. They also enabled troops on the ground to communicate with military aircraft and call in close air support when necessary.

The key benefit introduced by Clansman radios was the ability to dial up the operating frequency at the click of a switch or to change channel instantly. This was achieved by the use of digital frequency synthesisers.

Clansman radio units were installed in vehicles or carried by troops as portables. One army veteran signaller said, "Whilst operating on foot, carrying all weapons, personal supplies and the HF radio equipment, the signaller needed to eat 7000 calories per day, despite the load being shared".

email: waterbeachmilitarymuseum@waterbeach.org Tel: 01223 861846

Website: www.waterbeachmilitarymuseum.org.uk Follow us on Facebook

We look forward to you visiting us.

Adrian Wright - WMHM Chairman

Happy Folks Club

We hope everyone had a good summer and now as autumn rears its head we continue our meetings and have further trips planned. But before we list our next outings, just a quick summary of the ones attended since the last edition.

In May we visited the seaside town of Clacton-on-Sea where our members spent the day walking, relaxing, eating and of course drinking (coffee or tea naturally) or maybe the odd bevvy in a local hostelry.

Unfortunately our June visit to Stratford Upon Avon had to be cancelled due to insufficient numbers. This was most upsetting for those members/guests wishing to partake in this particular trip but as explained in previous editions the coaches can be quite expensive these days so we need a certain amount of seats taken in order to make the trip viable.

There was no such shortage of members/guests wishing to go to Cromer in July. Everyone had the option of seeing the show on the pier and those that did said they enjoyed the performance. Those that didn't indulge spent the day walking around the town, shopping and of course having a lovely fish & chips lunch.

The August trip took us to Southend-on-Sea. We didn't start off too well as we were held up on the motorway due to a road traffic accident so the journey took longer than expected. Anyway, we eventually got there and everyone spent the day doing what they wanted to either on the rides, on the beach, shopping and the obligatory eating and drinking.

Our next trips take in a local market day at Bury St. Edmunds in September, a Turkey & Tinsel 5-day break to Skegness in October and then a shopping

visit to Lakeside in November.

Once again we would love to see non-members of the club if they are interested in any of our coach trips. If so please contact us at the Beach Social Club, Cambridge Road, Waterbeach on a Friday around 1:30 pm where the undersigned or any of our committee members would be only too pleased to give you further information.

Terri Spencer - Chairperson

Waterbeach Scout Group

This summer has been good for the Waterbeach Scouts, we have another leader with a camping permit. So, Julia and Kim can now take the Scouts, Cubs and Beavers camping.

In June seven of our intrepid Beavers took part in the annual Beavers in Tents event, where over a weekend up to 300 Beavers from around Cambridgeshire share in their first camping experience with Scouting. The Beavers took part in back woods cooking, orienteering and plenty of games along with a traditional Scout campfire. It was thoroughly enjoyed.

Then the Scouts and Explorers joined forces to take on an assault course at the Playground in July. Obstacles included 11 foot wall, balance beam, car tyre run and the muddy ditch. All the Scouts and Explorers went home exhausted and exhilarated and smelling of ditch water.

With the school summer holidays comes the annual Scout Explorers camp. This year 16 Scouts and 8 Explorers took part in 7 nights of camping at Tolmers activity centre in Hertfordshire. The young people took part in kayaking and climbing activities, worked on team building skills with raft building and pioneering, and spent evenings by the fire drinking hot chocolate and working on their whittling projects. For the very brave the final night was spent sleeping out in the woods under bivouac shelters that they made themselves. All they could hear were barking deer.

Looking ahead Julia will be taking the Cubs to a sleepover at Clip and Climb where they will enjoy climbing sessions and later sleeping under the climbing walls, quite a unique experience. Later in September the Cubs will be joining Cubs from Cambridgeshire to take part in the Cub challenge at the Copley Centre at St Ives. This is so the Cubs can do climbing, archery and tomahawk throwing, pioneering and back woods cooking, all under a controlled atmosphere.

So far this year the young people have had the best time and I do have to give the young people a thumbs up for doing all this without their mobile phones.

So again, a big thankyou to people that support us at Waterbeach Scout Group. We now prepare for our Christmas activities. Thank you.

Cam Sailing Club

July marked the centenary of Lapwing, the oldest of the club's half-decker fleet, and, at the beginning of this year's sailing season, a challenge was set to get 100 different people to sail Lapwing on the river. The participants would be officially logged as crew and presented with a special edition Lapwing cap. After a fairly slowish start to the challenge, momentum built and the target was reached with almost three months of the sailing season to go, making it a wonderful excuse for a cream tea for everyone!



Lapwing (sail number 22) sailing on the Cam

July was also a busy month for the younger club members of the Cam Sailing Club. Our youth sailors entered the National Youth Regatta, held at Rutland Water, with Team Cambridgeshire winning the overall team prize and one of our Topper sailors winning an individual event. Of the 31 entries a good percentage were either Cam sailors or had learned to sail on the Cam.

Many of these experienced youth sailors then spent the following week assisting the instructors at the annual Optimist & Youth Training event held at the club. The weather was favourable and the children enjoyed the training, sailing, games and camping. Lots of fun was had, both on and off the water.

If you are interested in the Cam Sailing Club and would like more information, please visit our website: www.camsailingclub.org.uk or email: secretary@camsailingclub.org.uk

Waterbeach Turbary Charity (Reg No 201529)

Applications For Heating Grants

If you are resident in Waterbeach or Chittering and struggling to find the money for your heating bill, then you can apply for a grant from the Waterbeach Turbary Charity. Please ask for an application form from:

- By email: waterbeachunitedcharities@gmail.com
- By post: Ms Shelley Mason, Secretary, Waterbeach Turbary Charity, c/o 7 Cambridge Road, Waterbeach CB25 9NR.
- 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 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.

Waterbeach Parish Council

We hope you all had a wonderful summer and are now enjoying the autumnal colours.

You will have seen that we have carried out extensive Tree Surgery on the trees around the Green, one of the many responsibilities of a Parish Council. We make all kinds of decisions on a variety of issues that affect the local community. It deals with matters including planning, helping local groups, managing open spaces, crime prevention, campaigning for and delivering better services and facilities and much more

Our Parish Council is looking for two dedicated people to help support the smooth running of our large and active parish:

Parish Clerk / Responsible Officer - Full or Part time Minimum 25hrs per week

The Clerk is at the heart of everything we do. As our Parish Clerk, you will provide essential advice and guidance to Councillors and ensure the Council operates lawfully and effectively.

Attendance at evening meetings and occasional events will be required.

Applicants must be able to demonstrate they have the relevant experience: a track record of service achievement and innovation, with a commitment to public service, be motivated and possess sound managerial, communication and organisation skills. This is pivotal role, offering both responsibility for the smooth operation of the Parish Council and the chance to make a real difference to parish life.

Administrative Assistant - Part time - approx. 25hrs per week

We are also seeking a reliable and organised Administrative Assistant to support the Clerk and councillors with day-to-day tasks.

This varied role will suit someone who enjoys working with people and values attention to detail.

Attendance at evening meetings and occasional events will be required.

The ideal candidate will be proficient in Microsoft Office and have strong organisational, communication and administrative skills, a sense of community, and a desire to play an important part in village life, if you think this is you, we would love to hear from you.

For further details and to obtain an application pack please email: assistantclerk@waterbeach-pc.gov.uk

Or visit our website: <https://www.waterbeach-pc.gov.uk/>

Closing date for the receipt of applications Fri 3rd October 2025

The Parish Council meets on the first Tuesday of the month in the New Sports Pavilion on the Recreation Ground. Some Committee Meetings may be held in the Parish Office as they are smaller. Details of all meetings along

with the Agendas and Minutes and associated reports can be found on the Parish Council Website www.waterbeach-pc.gov.uk and on The Parish Council Noticeboards around the village and in Chittering.

Contact your Council - You can contact us in a variety of ways: Telephone: 01223 441338 Text: 07923 134471 Website: www.waterbeach-pc.gov.uk

Email: council@waterbeach-pc.gov.uk

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61567343578674>

Instagram: [waterbeachpc](https://www.instagram.com/waterbeachpc)

Beaches' Christmas Tree Festival 2025

Saturday 29th - Sunday 30th November; All Saints' Church, Landbeach

Bring Christmas trees, wreaths, and yourselves to a warm and friendly Advent weekend event! Entries and admissions are free but donations to support the Community Hub will help that work to continue in 2026 in partnership with FOALS [Friends of All Saints, Landbeach]. Seasonal refreshments will be available. [Thanks, Brenda!]



Come, ready to vote for the funny and thoughtful names and designs of Trees and Wreaths: Pan-Tree [decorated with soup pans] and Chemis-tree have starred previously, as well as an Eco Tree decorated from entirely natural and garden materials. Your favourites will win certificates and prizes, allocated in tree or wreath categories, and age groups.

If you or your group would like to enter a tree into any of the categories be sure that it has battery lights to add to the Advent atmosphere in this Heritage building. Artificial, natural and invented trees all work well: the Egg-Box Tree was a winner in 2023!

All entries for Adult or Child/ individual or group entry forms must arrive by ***Sunday 23rd November***. Online or paper entry forms from allsaintslandbeach.org or janemaryoakes@gmail.com

Creativity and fun are keynotes, wherever you are coming from: you don't have to be 'local'. Deliver trees to this respected old church on the evening of Wed 26th /Thurs 27th Nov (6-8pm). Park at the Village Hall, CB25 9FD and <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/13835/find-us/>

Can you give an hour or two to helping with this event? We need people who can help visitors find their way round and get the votes in for their favourite trees. Even if you can spare just an hour, please get in touch with janemaryoakes@gmail.com, 07740 282 387 or Friends of All Saints, Landbeach about this – or for any further details.

David Benton 15.07.1931 - 03.08.2025

Sadly, Waterbeach recently lost one of its most well known, lifelong residents with the passing of David Benton, aged 94 years, on Sunday 3rd August 2025.

Born to Herbert and Marjory at 'Homeland', 2 Denny End Cottages, Winfold Road on 15th July 1931, he was schooled at the Junior School in Cambridge Road before moving up to 'Big' Parochial School, Greenside until 1942.

He went on to attend St. John's College Choir School, Cambridge until around 1946 whereupon he became Assistant Baker to his uncle, Frank Billett, at Station Road Bakery and continued to study bakery via evening classes at the Technical College, Cambridge.

David, having by now qualified as a Master Baker and Confectioner, married Margaret Howard at the Particular Baptist Chapel, Chittering, on 10th November 1953, at which point they moved in to and managed Station Road Bakery – Frank Billett having formerly retired.

His National Service (1956-1958) was served at RAF Waterbeach – attaining the ranks of Ordinary Aircraftsman, Leading Aircraftsman and Senior Aircraftsman/Catering – having trained at No.2 School of Cookery, RAF Innsworth, Gloucestershire.

Son Barry arrived in October 1960, followed in June 1965 by daughter Angela.

David and Margaret continued to operate from Station Road Bakery until David's retirement from the business in 1986.

For the following two years he took up a part-time position as a baker for the cafe/tearooms at Anglesey Abbey, Lode, and a move to a new home in Camps Close followed in May 1988.

He also managed to find the time to become an active member of both the Parish Council and Village Society – where he was bestowed the title of President in 2005.

He was, most certainly, an authority on all things Waterbeach.

A couple of interesting childhood memories (among many) that he recently shared were of the Feast - where the Showman's/Traction Engines used to queue along Denny End Road (having travelled from Ely) until 6pm when the Village Clerk unlocked the gates to allow them access onto the Green - and of witnessing a German bomber dropping bombs on the airfield on 3rd February 1941!

A devoted family man, David is already sorely missed by Barry, Angela and grandchildren Jack, Rebecca and Dan and partners.



Denny Abbey & Farmland Museum

As the leaves begin to change and autumn settles in, there's no better time to visit Denny Abbey and the Farmland Museum. Come and experience the charm and history of our site before we close for the season on November 2nd.

Our Heritage Open Day was on September 20th. Visitors enjoyed free entry to the museum, where they immersed themselves in the rich history of Denny Abbey. This special day featured live performances from Burwell Folk, adding a delightful musical backdrop. Additionally, representatives from the Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire Family History Society were on hand to answer questions and help you explore your own family history.

On October 12th, we'll be hosting our Autumn Steam Up, a unique event showcasing our collection of stationary engines along with the Cambridge and Newmarket 16mm Association. Come and see their live model steam engines in action as they run in our historic threshing stone barn.

As we wrap up the season, we're excited to offer a week full of activities during the October half term. Join us for workshops hosted by local artists, where you can unleash your creativity. We'll also have pumpkin carving sessions and free children's crafts to keep the little ones entertained. It's the perfect way to celebrate the season and create lasting memories with your family.

After exploring the museum and participating in our events, be sure to visit the Docky Box Café. It's the perfect spot to relax and enjoy a delicious selection of refreshments, from freshly brewed coffee to homemade treats. Whether you're looking for a quick snack or a leisurely meal, the café offers a warm and inviting atmosphere to complete your visit.

Every ticket is valid for free return visits for 12 months (excluding our 1940s special event weekend) making it exceptional value for money.

Find out more and plan your visit at: www.dennyfarmlandmuseum.org.uk

Waterbeach United Charities (Reg No 201528)

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. 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/equipment, or applications for help with travel costs for placements etc.

If your home address is in the parish of Waterbeach, and you will be studying, or undertaking an apprenticeship in the 2025-26 academic year, then you are eligible to apply. Please email waterbeachunitedcharities@gmail.com to request an application form.

All personal applications are confidential. Student grants are only awarded once a year and the closing date for completed applications which need to be sent with a cover letter is 20 October 2025.

Fen Edge Twinning Association

Appeal for new members

Our friends in Avrille (a small town in the Loire Valley, France) are always keen to host visitors from the Fen Edge Villages. They love to show off their historic sites, their beauty spots and their culinary expertise and they cater for special interest groups (singers, walkers, sporty types etc.) with enthusiasm. This year they played host to a coachload of youth footballers, laying on a tournament in their honour.

Despite BREXIT and COVID, which both made our exchange visits more difficult, enthusiasm for Twinning seems to be getting stronger in Avrille. Unfortunately, this is not happening over here.

Clearly the association has not been spreading the good news as effectively as it should, and it needs new members to both join in the fun and to help spread the news.

If you think you might be able to help, please contact fenedgetwinning@gmail.com, or come along to our Quiz Night (October 3rd, 7pm, Cottenham Village Hall) and meet the team.

Highlighting Heat Pumps in Cambridgeshire

Heat pumps will take centre stage this year for **Cambridge Carbon Footprint's Open Eco Homes: Winter Special**. From 26 Oct - 23 Nov, people from across the region are invited to discover for themselves what it's like to get off gas and retrofit their homes to increase comfort, reduce carbon emissions and enjoy cost savings.



A fantastic opportunity to experience what it feels like to be in a Cambridgeshire eco home in winter: visit homes in Cambridge City and South Cambs equipped with heat pumps and other low carbon technologies and hear directly from homeowners about their journey towards increased comfort, savings, and sustainability.

Gain practical advice from experts on working with professionals, cutting energy use, saving water, installing solar PV, and making affordable DIY improvements. Whether you're planning your next retrofit or just curious, these events will help you to take the next step towards a greener, more efficient home.

Tours and talks are available in-person and online: all are FREE; advance booking required.

"Really useful real world experience" OEH tour attendee

"Went well beyond other information I've found on the internet" talk attendee.

For full event details and booking go to

<https://cambridgecarbonfootprint.org/what-we-do/open-eco-homes/>

Is your landline your lifeline?

Landlines are changing. By January 2027*, traditional landlines will be upgraded with digital technology. This national upgrade is known as the **Digital Switchover** and will mean that landline calls will be made over the internet instead of the old telephone network. Telephone providers are responsible for switching customers to the upgraded service, but everyone is encouraged to check if and how the change will affect them.

Do you rely on a personal alarm or telecare device? - It's important to check how the Digital Switchover will affect you, especially if you also rely on personal alarms or telecare devices (like fall detectors or lifelines), which may stop working. For many, the change will be simple. All you will have to do is plug your landline phone into a broadband router instead of a traditional phone socket. But if you don't have an internet connection at home, or if you rely on your landline every day, this change might affect you more.

3 things you can do now to prepare for the Digital Switchover

1. **Call your phone company** – Ask if the change affects your phone line or any connected devices. Ask to speak to customer services and use the number on your most recent bill.
2. **Ask for help if you need it** – A trusted friend, family member or neighbour can help you make the call to your phone provider or speak to your provider on your behalf.
3. **Watch out for scams** – Your phone provider will *not* ask for money upfront. If something doesn't feel right, hang up and call the official number.

The good news is landlines are not going away, you can usually keep your existing phone and number, and it's the responsibility of your phone company to guide you through the process.

We know that for many people, the landline is more than just a phone - it's a lifeline. That's why **Connecting Cambridgeshire** is here to help make sure no one is left behind.

Don't wait - call your phone provider today.

Local libraries and community champions providing information hubs for vulnerable residents - Recognising that older and more vulnerable residents are best supported in trusted, community locations, libraries are acting as information hubs for the campaign. Every library, including community and mobile libraries in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough have free printed information available about the Digital Switchover. Particularly vulnerable residents, for whom their landline is a lifeline, should ask for a copy of the leaflet "Prepare for the Digital Switchover in 3 easy steps".

For more information, visit:

www.connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk/digitalswitchover

or scan the QR code.

* Deadline confirmed by Openreach at time of publication.



Fire and Rescue Service



Take Charge and Be Safe - Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service has seen an increase in fires involving lithium-ion batteries over the last few years.

Many devices contain lithium-ion batteries. Mobile phones, laptops and games console controllers have these batteries, but so do cordless tools, garden machinery plus e-bikes and e-scooters. These batteries can heat up and cause a fire if not used correctly.

You can Take Charge and Be Safe by following a few simple tips:

- Charge batteries when you are awake and alert
- Only use the battery, charger and cables supplied by the manufacturer
- Before you go to bed, check anything still charging is switched off
- Do not overload sockets
- Do not charge e-bikes and e-scooters in escape routes.

Batteries can be a fire hazard if they are not disposed of properly. They should never be put in household rubbish or recycling bins.

During the processing of waste or recycling, a battery can be compacted and damaged, which can lead to ignition of the highly reactive lithium, leading to a fire starting.

Any kind of battery can cause a fire if not disposed of correctly and safely. This includes vapes or other e-cigarettes as well as standard batteries.

Fires involving batteries cause damage to refuse vehicles and roads, as well as significant delays to bin collections and road closures.

How to dispose of batteries - There are many places to safely dispose of batteries. As well as local recycling centres, many shops around the county have collection bins in-store.

Find out more on our website: <https://www.cambsfire.gov.uk/home-safety/disposing-of-batteries-safely/>.

Help keep your home and family fire safe – Complete our online home safety check. You can carry out your own home fire safety check online by visiting the Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service website.

The online home safety check helps you carry out your own fire risk assessment and is a simple way to help reduce risks and keep your home safe from fire. It takes you through some simple questions about you and your home, then provides an action plan that you can download and print. You can fill it in for yourself or a member of your family that might need help. Visit https://bit.ly/Home_Safety_Check to find out more and start your online home safety check.

For more information log on to www.cambsfire.gov.uk, follow us on social media or call 01480 444500.

Waterbeach Cricket Club

Once again, we come to the end of the cricket season, and another successful one for our village cricket club. Even though the club remains small and only plays in the week, the cohesion and camaraderie among players is excellent. A total of 26 payers represented the club during the season, and the team was ably led by new captain Sandesh Dambekodi, who managed to combine ensuring all team members had the opportunity to play a part in the game and contribute, with successful results. He was well supported by Rakesh Panigrahi (captain for the previous 2 years) who acted as unofficial team secretary and general cheer leader.

Success came in the form of topping division two of the league having only been promoted last season. 7 matches were won with another one conceded giving a total of 24 points. Only 2 games were lost. The most satisfying win was away to Jaguars CC, which was won by 20 runs. At the other end of the scale it was disappointing to lose to Stapleford Phoenix CC by 77 runs at home. The most exciting finish was in the last game of the season - a win by 4 wickets away to TTP CC, with 5 balls to spare.

A number of individual performances are worthy of mention. Prajwal Kumar scored a total of 260 runs, at a strike rate of 111.11, and an average of 32.50. This was the most number of runs scored by anyone in division 2 this season. Harsha Mallesh had the best batting performance - 52 not out including 8 fours and one six. Rakesh took a total of 12 wickets, including 4 for 26 against Jaguars. Rahul Pillai had the best individual figures of 4 for 9 away to Swaffham's CC. He was also top catcher with 3.

Despite the above, the player of the season, as voted by his fellow players, was Sai Vikas Lekkala, and he was duly presented with the trophy by Chairman, Alasdair Pentland, at the club's end of season gathering at The White Horse on Friday 22nd August. Sadly, Sai will not be with us next season as he is leaving the country shortly. Hopefully, he will leave the trophy behind for presentation again this time next year.

The above gathering took place after an impromptu single wicket competition on the Rec and using a soft ball. 12 members took part and the unexpected winner was Chairman Alasdair.

Arguably the biggest cheer of the season was for Nigel Armstrong who was playing his first game of the season in the club's last game, when he hit the first ball he received to the boundary. It is not clear if his team mates were applauding skill or luck.

Hopefully, we will all winter well, and be raring to go once again in May 2026.

Steve Cardy - Hon. Treasurer

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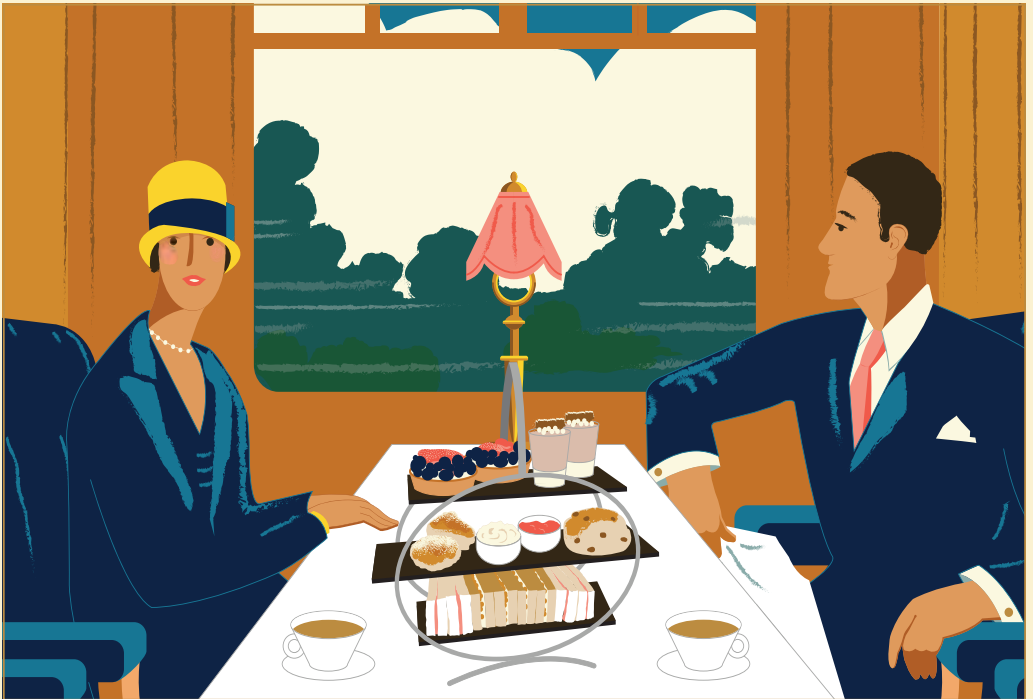
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