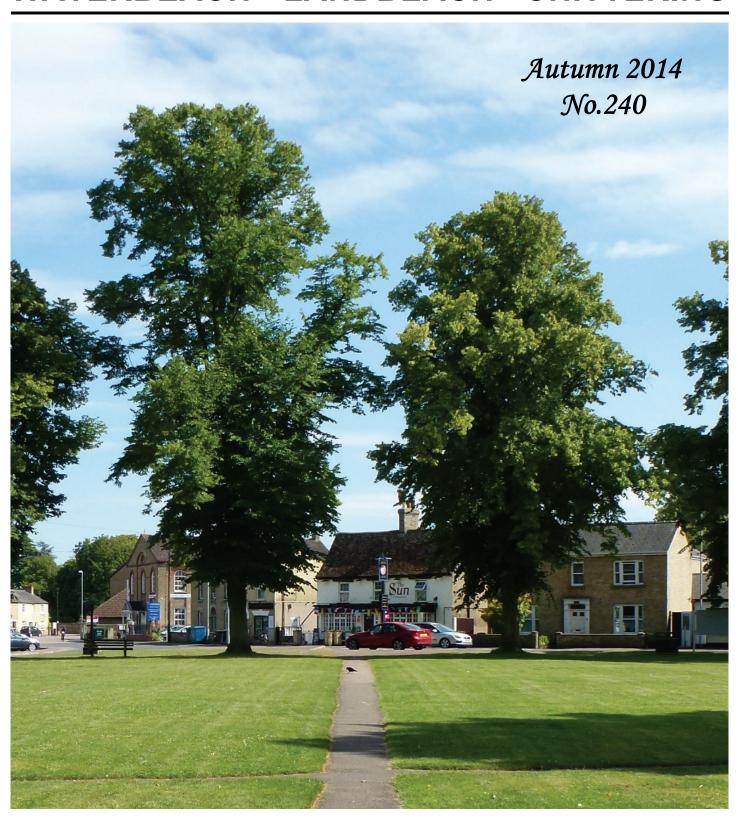
## WATERBEACH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

# Beach News

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# **Community Association**



**AGM** - The Community Association AGM was held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September in the Community Room. The Chair

reported on the events organised during the year, including Carols on the Green on Christmas Eve and the Feast in June. Carols on the Green was well attended and the collection raised £553 for local clubs and groups.

Feast went very well despite a very wet start to the day. Please see full Feast report on page 4.

It was decided that the collections on Christmas Eve and Feast Day were to be used to support Waterbeach Community Association and local clubs and groups. During the year donations have been made to Waterbeach Baptist Chapel, WAY, Waterbeach Day Centre for the Elderly, Waterbeach Community Playgroup, Beach Churches Together and Waterbeach Toddler Playgroup.

On two occasions during the year WCA tried to arrange a party for residents of Waterbeach, Landbeach and Chittering aged 60 plus. Unfortunately both events had to be cancelled due to a very low number of replies received and it was not viable to run for such a small number.

The officers for 2014/15 were elected: Chairperson - Jacqui Rabbett, Secretary - Pam Clack and the post of Treasurer will be shared by Jacqui Rabbett and Pam Clack until a new Treasurer can be appointed in October. Thanks were expressed to all those who have helped and supported the Community Association during the year.

**Thank you** - We would like to say thank you to Ron Shaw who is retiring from the Beach News team. Prior to Beach News being professionally printed, Ron was a long standing member of the folding and collating team and he also delivered the magazines to the houses in Providence Way.

Welcome - We would like to offer a warm welcome to the new Salvation Army Officers, Majors Colin and Valerie Harrod, and look forward to working with you in the future.

## **Feast 2014**

Feast Day, Saturday 7th June certainly started with a bang! About 7am many people were woken by a huge clap of thunder and then the rain came! The Feast organisers were already on the Green setting up for the day and things did not look good as far as the weather was concerned. However, the stall holders gradually started to arrive and they braved the elements to set up their stands. The rain finally subsided leaving the dark clouds hovering above until the afternoon when the sun came out and so did the crowds! The parade of floats and walking groups left the school at 2pm led by the

Soham Fenlander Majorette Troupe. This year's theme was 'Something



beginning with H....' and we saw hippies, holidays, Hawaiian Hula Hula girls, hand bells and horses. The shield for the best decorated infant float went to 'Honeybees' from Waterbeach Toddler Playgroup. The winners of the junior float were Waterbeach PTA with 'Hogwarts', the best decorated bike award went to Tony Shipp disguised as a horse and the Friends and Family trophy went to Pam Clack and Deborah Watts for 'Helicopters'. The Green was also covered in things beginning with 'H'

and the winners of the best decorated stalls were WASPS for the juniors and Waterbeach Wives for the adults. Congratulations to all our winners and a big thank you to our judge, Dr Janice Machen.

The arena events started well with music from Waterbeach Brass. Following the presentations we were entertained by the young ballet dancers from Rosewood Dance Academy, a very impressive gymnastics display by Jessica Langley, two performances by the Soham Fenlander Majorettes, a medieval re-enactment from the Flintheath Medieval Society, a very dramatic show by the Fire Service, an energetic display by the ladies from Jazzercise, a First Aid demonstration by the Waterbeach Army Cadet Force and an

opportunity for children to demonstrate the skills they had been learning

during the afternoon with 'Stevie Spud' at his circus skills workshop.

Other attractions included a Treewright who demonstrated a pole lathe and there was an opportunity for visitors 'to have a go', a display of vintage vehicles, fairground rides, a display of medieval artefacts, horse rides and a variety of stalls.

The street collection raised £435 to support WCA and local clubs and groups.



Waterbeach Community Association would like to say a huge thank you to all those who assisted with The Feast. We are extremely grateful to AmeyCespa, Annington Homes, Midas Care and The Sun for their generous donations. Thanks to Cambridge City Moves for their support and assistance. Thanks must also go to all those who volunteered to help with various tasks, before, during and after Feast Day.

Comments received indicate it was a successful and enjoyable day. Your feedback is always very much appreciated.

If anyone has any photographs of the Feast they are willing to share, please forward to <a href="mailto:beachnews@waterbeach.org">beachnews@waterbeach.org</a> or to 5 Spurgeons Avenue, Waterbeach. We are hoping to use them on the website and possibly in future editions of Beach News.

Earlier this year Mark and Pam Clack informed the committee that due to ill health and other commitments this would be the last year they could be involved in organising Waterbeach Feast. I would like to thank them immensely on behalf of The Community Association and entire village for their tireless hard work, persistence and meticulousness in making the day such a great success. This will leave an enormous gap in the team that will need to be filled by willing volunteers if the Feast is to continue. A meeting to discuss next year's Feast will be held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm in the Community Room (Library), Waterbeach School. This meeting is open to anyone who feels they can assist in helping to organise Waterbeach Feast 2015. There are many and varied areas that we need assistance with, before, during and after Feast Day. By attending on 20<sup>th</sup> October, you are not committing yourself to lots of meetings, nor will you be given a long list of jobs to do! Please encourage anyone you know who might be interested in helping - even in the smallest way - to come along.

The provisional date for next year's Feast is Saturday, 6th June 2015.

# Waterbeach Surgery

#### **Funding cuts**

You will be aware that the NHS is struggling due to lack of funding and cuts. The government is overhauling funding for GP surgeries and the cuts will affect different surgeries by differing amounts, but will certainly have an impact on us – with a loss of £60-£100,000 over the next 4 years.

This is a significant amount and could mean that some services that we currently provide may need to be cut such as:

- Ear syringing
- Blood tests (other than routine testing which would continue)
- Compression bandaging

These services would have to be commissioned by the NHS, but we would have no control over where and how those services would be made available to you.

#### You could help us....

- ❖ By taking responsibility for your own health e.g. stop smoking, moderate your drinking, take regular exercise, lose weight – these actions will have a positive impact on your health. If you wish to quit smoking – we can help you do so.
- ❖ Use the appropriate service at the right time coughs, colds and sore throats tend to get better by themselves without seeing a doctor so don't make an appointment unless essential. The pharmacy could help with advice and over-the-counter medicines.
- ❖ Switch medication if you're asked to change to a generic brand (which will be cheaper), try it, as one form of a drug might cost £5.00 a month, another £50.00. The alternative medication will be safe and effective.
- Understand that some treatments are unlikely to be available on the NHS e.g. cosmetic procedures or removal of harmless skin lesions.
- ❖ We rely heavily on the funding we get for the vaccination of eligible flu patients so if you usually have your jab here at the surgery, please continue to do so as this will ensure the funding comes to us. Watch out for the clinic dates.

We have already discussed some of these issues with our Patient Participation Group (contactable via the surgery should you wish to join) who have already provided valuable support in communicating these messages. However, if you'd like to let local MP Sir James Paice know your views, or indeed NHS England, please head your correspondence "MPIG/PMS cuts". Thank you!

We have identified an area which could help to counter the cuts in funding and that is to take in medical students. Dr Al Ghazzi has already gained experience and is qualified to teach so we intend to start this process during October. We hope you will support us with our new venture!

Lastly and with some good news – we're welcoming our new doctor – Joanna McKerrell who is joining us permanently as of 1st September.

# Waterbeach Surgery Flu Vaccination Clinics

#### Its time to think about your flu jab!



Come to the surgery for your free NHS flu jab – to qualify you must fall into one of these categories:

Asthmatic ✓ COPD ✓ Pregnant ✓ Heart disease/stroke ✓ Diabetic ✓ Aged over 65 ✓

Our first clinics are scheduled for:

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October (afternoon and evening)

Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> October (morning)

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October (afternoon and evening)

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October (morning)

If you are eligible, please contact us for an appointment. However, should you already be visiting us during this time, do let us know, as we may be able to accommodate you while you are here. If you are unable to make these times please let us know so we can fit you in at another time.

#### PROTECT YOUR CHILD FROM FLU TOO!

Children aged 2, 3 & 4 on 1<sup>st</sup> September also qualify so please contact us for an appointment (administered as a nasal spray)

Tel: 01223 860387

# **Patient Participation Group**

Our first open meeting on July 9<sup>th</sup> at Denson Close was attended by over twenty members of our community. The talk on COPD by Diane Manion, our lead practice nurse, was both informative and very helpful. We thank her very much for taking the time to prepare and present her illustrated talk.

Our next meeting in October will be led by Angela Irvine, another of our practice nurses, who specialises in diabetes. Please look out for posters advertising the date of the talk which will be held at 6.30pm at the Denson Close Community Room.

# **Community Playgroup**

Everyone at Waterbeach Community Playgroup has enjoyed this last summer term. Starting off with the Feast, the children found out all about the Playgroup's history at the Feast as we talked to previous members of staff, looked at scrap books and old photos. The Playgroup looked at over 30 years of themes, costumes and decorations. Then we came up with some of the best to create a walking timeline of children dressed from previous Feasts for the parade.

On the stall, the photo timeline proved a popular talking point. Lots of people stopped and discussed the different themes, costumes and displays over the years and others pointed out which years they had been a part of and their own personal memories. Here are photos of the Tutankhamen float in 1995 and Diggers and Dumpers in 2010.





We would also like to say a huge thank you to Waterbeach Scouts who were better prepared than us and kept our gazebo on the ground during the morning's bad weather.

The children enjoyed a fun day on the last day of term. They participated in a sports day outside the front of the Playhouse. Some of the children were so enthusiastic with the running that they didn't stop after they passed the finish line and kept going. Afterwards we returned to the Playhouse for lots more fun with Mum's, Dad's and Carer's playing with all the toys, sand, water, homemade modelling clay and face painting. The adults even enjoyed cream teas. It was a fantastic way to end another wonderful year at Playgroup.

As one year comes to an end so we must say goodbye to our leavers and their time at Playgroup was celebrated with a leavers lunch and certificate presentation. All the parents attended and although it is sad to say goodbye, we wish them the very best in their next adventure at big school.

We are now looking forward to welcoming all our new starters this September and hope they will enjoy our new play structure with it's slides and bridge which was installed during the summer, please see the separate article from the Joint Venture, page 26. We have also extended our hours, now closing at 3pm. We hope this will enable parents and carers to take more advantage of the wonderful facilities that we offer.

Waterbeach Community Playgroup provides a fun, safe environment with an emphasis on learning through play. Children are welcomed from their second birthday until they attend school.

If you would like to visit, please call in during any of the sessions, where you will be warmly welcomed by a team of happy and well qualified staff.

Alternatively please contact Jacqui Woods on 01223 440769, info@waterbeachplaygroup.org.uk

## Waterbeach Brass

Waterbeach Brass is a fun and friendly third section brass band which rehearses in Waterbeach and Landbeach. We play a variety of music, from The Barber of Seville to The Music of George Gershwin.

The band has played quite a few concerts over the summer - one highlight was the band's annual trip to Hunstanton in July. Whilst the weather promised to be unseasonably soggy, we headed to the coast. Fish and chips were enjoyed by all the band members. Although the weather wasn't at its warmest of the summer, the rain held off and there was quite a crowd gathered to hear us play. The band played a wide-ranging program – the day was enjoyed by both the band members and the audience, a great day out.

If you would like to hear the band play, we have a number of engagements over the next few months, culminating in our Christmas concert on the 12<sup>th</sup> December. Please come along, we would love to see you!

#### Forthcoming Engagements

Sun 20<sup>th</sup> Sept Harvest Festival Charity Auction, Beach Club, Waterbeach 20:00
Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Oct Landbeach Supper Concert, Landbeach Village Hall, 19:30
Sun 9<sup>th</sup> Nov Remembrance Day Service, St Mary's Church, Newport, 10:30
Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov Concert with Cambridge University Brass Band, Wesley Methodist

Church, 19:30

Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas Concert, Waterbeach School, 19:30

If you are interested in joining or booking the band for an event, please visit our website: <a href="www.waterbeachbrass.org">www.waterbeachbrass.org</a> or call our Chairman, Richard: 01223 355987.

# **County Councillor's Report**

The main discussions at the county council at the moment are about how we are going to balance next year's budget. The savings do not get any easier to find, and this year we are looking for a further £31million, about 8% of the total budget – and that is assuming a council tax increase of about 2%. This constant need to find savings is the context for the sale of the old school on Cambridge Road, Waterbeach and the application for planning permission for the old barn at Worts Farm on Landbeach High Street.

One of the county's budgets that has survived so far is for Minor Highway Improvements. Last year the bid for a zebra crossing on Chapel Street, Waterbeach narrowly missed out for funding. This has been a long term aspiration for the village – I remember Jane Coston campaigning for it when she was our county councillor. I am encouraging the parish council to bid for it again this year.

The proposal for a New Town has been thrown off course by the Planning Inspector's decision to allow housing development between Bannold Road and the former married quarters at Cody Road. This land was supposed to become Green Belt to provide separation between Waterbeach and the New Town.

Along with other local residents I shall be speaking against South Cambs DC's proposal for a New Town. I shall be saying that, not only is the development much too large, but that any development should be planned as an extension to the village rather than as a "new" community. How can a development between Waterbeach and Chittering (an important and historic part of Waterbeach parish) not be part of Waterbeach? It will have a significant impact on the rest of the village and Waterbeach needs to have a seat at the table for whatever level of development is planned.

Maurice Leeke - Email maurice16@ntlworld.com Tel: 01223 441562

## "SWINGTIME JAZZ CLINIC"

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 7.30pm

An evening of mainstream Jazz standards, up tempo, Bossanova, exploring time Syncopation and songs.

#### WATERBEACH BAPTIST CHAPEL

Entry £3 to raise money for Waterbeach Community charity projects.

ALL WELCOME

## **WAY**

The year since Dave Beasley left us has been a busy and interesting one. Our new staff and volunteers' team has settled in well and while we inevitably experienced an initial drop in Youth Club membership, it has grown steadily and we now have an enthusiastic group of members, both new and returners. The highlights of the year include:

- A Hallowe'en party with truly scary food
- An outing to Cambridge to go ten-pin bowling, have lunch and watch a film at the cinema
- Singing out for Syria at St John's when our choir was so enjoyed by the audience that they did it twice
- Waterbeach's hot July Family Fun Day generously organised for us by SCDC's Locality Team, which raised money for East Anglia Children's Hospice and WAY. We were delighted to host other Waterbeach organisations who showed off their wares and, we hope, raised some funds for themselves
- An open afternoon to introduce the Youth Club to all those in year 6 at our local primary schools; parents were invited too and – from the noise level – a good time was had by all!
- Two visits from Sir Graham Bright, Cambridgeshire Police & Crime Commissioner, who is passionate about young people and has years of experience working with youth organisations
- A generous donation of musical instruments which means that we now have the beginnings of a band. Wednesday evening is now Music Night!

As well as the usual activities available at the Youth Club in the coming term, our plans for the year start off with an Agenda Day on Saturday 27th September when young people in the villages will get together to discuss how it feels to be a teenager living in a rural community. This will, we hope, be followed the next day by a group of our young musicians strutting their stuff at the Harvest Festival in Landbeach Village Hall.



Our opening hours continue to be Monday,

Wednesday & Thursday 7-9 p.m. We welcome all young people aged 11-19 with Thursday evening reserved for the younger group (school years 7 – 9). Do encourage your young people to give WAY a try; attending the Youth Club is a great way to meet up with friends, make new ones, learn new skills and just have fun!

Shelagh Robertson- Chair, WAY

## Waterbeach Airfield

It is so unfortunate the Airfield is now designated to be developed as a new town resulting in the loss of this most historic wartime area. I can recall the area during the various stages of development and perhaps the following may be of interest to readers.

I was born at The Brambles a small farm just in the parish of Landbeach and only a quarter of a mile from the Flint House and the area occupied by the airfield.

During the early months of the war there was much talk that the area known as Winfold would be converted to an airfield, by many this was dismissed as impossible this being some of the best agricultural land in the county. However it was not long before earth moving equipment started to develop and level the land to create three runways much of the gravel coming from the newly established gravel pits off the A10 road opposite. Every type of vehicle came into use transporting the material and to the delight of us boys steam driven Sentinel lorries brought back from retirement, lovely, all hot ash dropping onto the road and billows of steam.

The first aeroplanes to take service here were Wellingtons, later Stirlings and the famous Lancasters. Much is recorded of this, but just an insight into another aspect of the airfield, the upkeep of the grounds and huge area of grass that had to be maintained.

This is my story.....

After the evacuees went back to their homes people were expected to have rooms available for visiting families of RAF personnel, we were asked to take the manager of the airfield maintenance company a Mr Frank Robinson, his home was Atherstone, too far to commute, the firm he represented being Page & Co. of London. This firm had the maintenance contract for several airfields in the area including Waterbeach, Oakington, Witchford, Mepal, Duxford, Lords Bridge Bomb Dump and others.

He was desperately short of skilled tractor drivers and asked if I could help. Having left school and not a busy time on the farm I jumped at the opportunity to have access to the airfield. My job was to cut the airfield grass a vast area and I had a set of nine gang mowers which I used and kept serviced. The tractor used to pull these was a Ford Industrial this was built for road work and having little tread on the tyres ideal for working on grass. These tractors were quite fast and could operate at fairly high speeds 15 mph or more when on road although normal tractor speed when working.

There were many dispersal points around the perimeter track each with its own aircraft and maintenance crews who would be working on these during the day ready for the evening raids. The bombs loaded onto trailers pulled by tractors from the bomb dump to the bombers for loading, fuel bowsers busy, ammunition loaded into the gun turrets, engines revving and testing a most exciting and busy time, the Naafi van providing refreshment from which I also had a cuppa or two. By late afternoon it would all become quiet as work now completed on the planes and service personnel stood down for the day. I would often go and watch early evenings when lorries would bring the crews along and drop them off at their individual planes, after the checks completed the engines spitting into life then forming into lines around the perimeter track waiting for their turn for take-off. The noise from so many engines was almost overpowering. The control vehicle at the end of the runway would signal to the pilots to take off at which time the engines developed full revs and away. The contrast with the ensuing silence was most eerie. We would often be awake in the early morning to hear them return. I well remember one night a Lancaster going round and round but not allowed to land as there was an alert of a raider in the area and the landing lights were not allowed on in this situation. The plane having run out of fuel sadly crashed into the row of trees at the Cottenham Race Course with the total loss of the crew. We felt very much for these poor men who had come home safely from their raid on Germany to lose their lives so near to home. I spent most of my time on the Waterbeach and Oakington airfields occasionally Duxford when the Americans were there with Mustang fighter aircraft. These had extra tanks attached under the body so they could have a greater range in escorting the Flying Fortresses deeper into Germany. When working at Oakington some of my time was spent levelling deep ruts created when the Lancaster bombers had veered off the runway. Although they were the elite pathfinder group their landings were not always so accurate as many had received shrapnel damage over the target area.

It was summer 1947/8 that Page & Co. lost the contract for this area but were successful in obtaining a contract in the North near Blackpool. This meant that the majority of equipment here had to be transported to this new area. The firm had one small lorry, large low-loader lorries were scarce and expensive, so to solve the problem Mr Robinson suggested would I be willing with the other tractor driver on the firm, Mr Horace Clayton from Fen Ditton, to take them by road with tractor and trailers. The month was June, lovely warm summer, why not!!

So began an epic journey of some 200 plus miles with tractor and trailer piled high with equipment of all sorts.

I was only provided with a list of towns through which we would pass and a small amount of cash for expenses on the journey and a set of tools. The roads where very different then as fuel was still rationed and vehicles quite few. I can even now recall the route taken, fortunately all road signing had

been reinstalled which was a great help.

The Ford Industrial Tractor was ideal with its high speed and we left Waterbeach airfield at 8am, travelling firstly to Huntingdon then our first problem a puncture in a trailer wheel on the way to Thrapston. This meant detaching the trailer removing the wheel and finding a garage. This was eventually sorted and on again to Thrapston, Kettering, Market Harborough, Lutterworth, (Atherstone or Lichfield) for our first overnight stay. Then Stone, Knutsford, Warrington, On the evening of the second day we got to Wigan, this was ideal as the next day we would pass through Preston, then turning west to our destination RAF Warton arriving about noon on the third day giving us time for a meal before returning home with the only lorry Page & Co. had having done two journeys to our one.

This we repeated on the following week the weather again being kind to us, a pub with a parking area was fine for a stopover and could provide a decent meal. Transport cafés would be fairly frequent on the main routes so we were well catered for.

It was then full time back on the farm and the career I always wished to follow, farming.

Alan W Wyatt, Landbeach

# **Royal British Legion**

For the Poppy Appeal 2013, we have made donations from our Branch Funds totalling £2,200 and with the village collections of Waterbeach and Landbeach came to £2,921.45. Further donations were also received, making a total amount of £5,241.45.

The Branch Annual General Meeting is on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October, starting at 7.30pm, and it will be held in The Beach Social Club. If any person is interested in joining your local Royal British Legion Branch, you will be made welcome to join us at the AGM.

We need Poppy Collectors for Poppy Appeal 2014, to assist with the door to door collections in Waterbeach and Landbeach. Should you know of anyone who is willing give up one evening to volunteer, please contact Norman Foster (Branch Secretary) on (01223) 474622 and postal enquires: Maple Ridge, 10a Rosemary Road, Waterbeach, Cambridge, CB25 9NB.

This year's Remembrance Sunday is on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November, and the morning services at Waterbeach and Landbeach will be commemorating both Men and Women who served in the Great War as well as those who died in the Second World War.

If you have any family Great War medals, plaques or any other items relating to the Great War 1914 -1918 that can be displayed in the Church for the Remembrance Day service, please contact Norman Foster, details above.

You can find details of all the RBL activities on www.britishlegion.org.uk

# Waterbeach Scout Group

SCOUTS
be prepared . . .

Reports on summer camps from some of the members.

Scout camp took place at Skreens park camp site the first

week of the school holidays. It took us 1hour and 15minutes to get there. We soon got our tents put up and moved in ready to get on with the camp. We did all sorts of activities including pedal carts, body zorbing and caving. We

also made a water slide and spent best part of an afternoon playing on that. When pioneering we built a castle and had a big elastic catapult. Samuel Wentworth, Luke & Isaac Dodge hid behind the castle wall and were peppered with water filled balloons. We also did some first aid towards our badge which was so fun



putting plasters on and doing some bandages. We also done a bit of fishing. Us Scouts didn't catch much but Rusty netted himself a 36 ½ pound Carp! My highlight of camp was when we Bivvie out. It was brilliant and we had loads of sweets. We could not have wished for a better Scout camp.

Jointly written by Kama Miller-Gambie, Arthur Whyley, Samuel Wentworth, Luke & Isaac Dodge.

Cub camp took place the middle of August at Bradfield park camp site. After a long 45 minutes we arrived at camp to find our tents had been made for us. We soon moved in after being told which team we were in. We done a lot of crafts like making mobiles of the solar system and kites as part of our badge work. We also made candle boats which we floated in the paddling pool before racing them. We decorated plastic bottles as rockets and launched them many times. Those were all good fun. Far too soon it was time to come home.

Written by Alfie Fish & Harry Winter

We're back to reality now. Family Bingo season has started. Our next one will be on October 3<sup>rd</sup> followed by November 14<sup>th</sup>, December 12<sup>th</sup> and January 9<sup>th</sup>. Anyone is welcome to come and join us at the Scout Hut. The first game begins at 19-30 and we finish about 21-30.

Our Christmas sale will be held on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 10-00 till 14-00. Santa will be with us and we will be doing the big breakfast along with other stalls.

Santa will be coming to your street either Monday 1<sup>st</sup>, Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>, Monday 8<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December. Look out for street routes in noticeboards nearer the time.

Don't forget us when you are having a clear out. We will be holding our annual jumble sale on Saturday 31st January 2015 10-00 till 13-00.

## **WASPS**

We had a very busy summer term and summer holiday at WASPS. We held our 3<sup>rd</sup> 10km run event at the beginning of May and we had a good turnout of families and supporters despite the day beginning a little drizzly. The 10km run was won by Hector Meseguer-Gomez in a time of 42m 55s and Tim Mickler-Campbell



and George Sallows won the Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 1 250m children's races respectively. We are grateful to Tesco and Cambridge Water for supplying the refreshments for runners and we raised almost £200. We also give special thanks to Sarah Southall for her assistance with organising this event. The rest of May passed quickly and before we knew it Feast Day was upon us! The children chose the theme of 'Holidays' and spent time during club sessions helping our playworkers to prepare decorations for the stall on the Green. Those that participated in the parade had a great time and the day was topped off by winning Best Junior Stall! Thanks to all staff and families who helped make the stall and parade a success. In late June we held our first ever Family Photo Shoot Day. This was well attended and we added more funds to our fundraising 'piggybank'. The end of the school year saw approximately a dozen Year 6 children leave our club. We wished them well for their move to secondary school and presented them with small gifts to remember their time at WASPS. The summer Holiday Club went well and our staff worked hard planning a great programme of activities which ranged from the usual craft, cooking and sporting activities to a visit from Scotsdales' animal handling team, recycling workshops by AmeyCespa, and a fire safety visit from Cambridge Fire Service. The WASPS' year culminated in spending some of the funds we have spent much time and energy raising in conjunction with Waterbeach Community Playgroup. The first phase of our new shared playstructure was installed in the garden at the Playhouse in the last couple of weeks of the holidays. We are grateful to all those who have supported our fundraising efforts during this last year or so and are especially thankful to groups such as the Beach Social Club who gave us a generous donation for this project last autumn from their own annual fundraising drive. We are looking forward to using the new equipment and to being able to set a date for phase 2. And last but not least, by the time this article is published we will have welcomed our new families and siblings to WASPS for the new school year and we hope for another successful year. As is usual we shall be electing a new Management Committee at our AGM at 7pm on 7th October in the Playhouse. Several members are stepping down this autumn after a number of years' service and we thank them for their time and endeavours in aiding the smooth running of WASPS. If your family uses WASPS, or you have a particular interest in the running of our clubs, and would be interested in becoming a member of our Management Committee then please contact us - you could make a valuable contribution to our work! For more information on our clubs see www.waterbeach-wasps.org.uk.

# Waterbeach Village Society

Hopefully, this edition of "Beach News" will reach readers before our next meeting on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2014. David Palmer, auctioneer, who appears regularly on TV's "Flog It" will be talking to the title "Reasons to be wary of a man with a gavel." David has a reputation as a jester, so this talk promises to be a most humorous and entertaining evening. For this talk only, the meeting will be in the Church Hall with parking behind the church, and tea, coffee and biscuits afterwards.

The late Denis Cheason was an ardent historian of Waterbeach in writing and pictures. It was his idea to extract items pertaining to Waterbeach from the Cambridge Chronicle between 1779 and 1899. The result was a booklet, first published in 1984 but long out of print. The Waterbeach Village Society have now reprinted that booklet which gives a snapshot of life in the village between 1779 and 1899. Copies can be obtained from Bulls the Butchers, Shipp's Newsagents, and the library, and from members of the Committee. Anyone interested in the village should acquire a copy.

The October meeting will be on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October, when Tony Homden under the title of "Confessions of a Locksmith" will outline his 25 years' experience as a Master Locksmith.

For more information on the above and the rest of the Society's programme, contact Adrian Wright - Chairman <a href="mailto:adrianj.wright@ntlworld.com">adrianj.wright@ntlworld.com</a> or 01223 861846, Ray Rice - Secretary <a href="mailto:raythefingers@aol.com">raythefingers@aol.com</a> or 01223 860663, or David Armstrong - Treasurer <a href="mailto:armstrong586@o2.co.uk">armstrong586@o2.co.uk</a> or 01223 861586.

The Society aims to stimulate interest in, and care for the attractiveness, history and character of Waterbeach and its surroundings, and talks of general interest. Meetings take place from September to May on the fourth Tuesday of the month in the Community School Library at 7.45pm. Visitors are welcome at all meetings and are invited to contribute £3.00 per person.

## Waterbeach WI

the WI

We meet on the second Thursday of each month at 7.30pm in St John's Church Room. Our June meeting, 'My Life as a

Theatrical Make-up Artist' by Chris Clarke was hilarious as members were made up to be characters from Cats, a Japanese Geisha and a skeleton. Her stories of working with Vidal Sassoon and numerous theatrical companies were fascinating. In July, Marie Carden gave an amusing and moving talk on how a 'Dog for the Disabled' transformed her life.

Upcoming meetings are:

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October 'The Life of a Racehorse' by Geoffrey Evans Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November 'Christmas Crafts' by Anne Dobson

## Waterbeach School PTA

The PTA committee would like to thank everyone who has helped us in our fund raising efforts this year. We raised over £6500 and couldn't have done it without our helpers and your



generous donations! We aimed to put on fun events and activities for the school and the whole community. Here are highlights from the summer term:



Waterbeach Feast - A thunderous boom and bolt of lightning offered the perfect start to our 'Hogwarts' themed Feast day parade and stall. The parade introduced the village characters many to the creatures from Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry with over 50 children dressed as Harry Potter, Hermione Granger, House Elves, ghosts, cats and dragons, all lead by our very own Severus look-a-like. Snape We delighted to win best parade in the children's category! A very special thanks to Sarah Jenkins for her fabulous banners, flags and props, Bullman for making Mrs Hogwarts scarves and Ede & Ravenscroft for supplying our 'witches' robes.

**Summer Fair -** Our summer fair was a true community affair, with the stalls, games, attractions and refreshments enjoyed by all and supported by everyone who volunteered their time and donated cakes, raffle prizes, and teddies! Thank you! We'd also like to thank the College of West Anglia, Tesco, Haart and One Stop, with a special shout-out to Robert's tireless team from Waterbeach Scouts.

#### Breaking news.....

Waterbeach Community Primary School is launching a huge ICT fund raising drive in 2014-15 to update computing resources for the children. The PTA will be supporting this campaign and we urge all members of the community to pitch in and contribute fund raising ideas, do sponsored fund raisers, attend our events, or donate to our second-hand clothing collections. It all helps!

#### Dates for the diary:

PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM) - Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 8pm in the Community Library. All welcome!

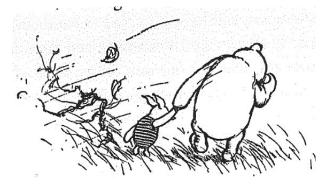
Bag2School collection – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. All donations of clean second-hand clothing, soft toys & shoes gratefully received. Please leave bagged donations at the school by 9am.

Winter Fair - Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November. We'll be recruiting a new Santa. Could this be you?

Find us on Facebook - search for Waterbeach School PTA - or email us on waterbeachpta@gmail.com

# **Gardening Club**

The summer programme of events started with a grand Feast on the Green. The Community Association must be thanked for all the hard work in preparation for the day and all the clubs and local organisations who take part owe them a great debt of gratitude. The Club stand using 'The Herbs' as a theme was loaded with a large stock of fine plants for sale and the Club is most grateful to the many donors - we had a most successful day. Following last year's summer visit to the new RHS developments at Hyde Hall the Club continued its programme of visiting important horticultural institutions. We spent July 3rd at the Cambridge Botanic Garden. They split our group into two parties and two expert 'delicate flowers' gave us a guided tour. This focussed visit set the activities of this internationally important centre of Botanical work into context and gave us a knowledgeable insight into their current activities. On Sunday August 10th, in the tail of 'Aunt Bertha', the social round continued with the Summer Barbecue!!!. By holding the event in the Church Hall this was a no wellies, no brollies occasion; the Bringand-Share feast was full of delights and a full house enjoyed the day. As a



"I'm sure we had a row of Runner Beans here!"

finale the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Show was held on Saturday September 6<sup>th</sup> in the School Hall. The last three difficult growing seasons presented us with problems – it was interesting to see the effect, our own '2014 Best British Hurricane Season', had on our cherished entries.

All will be revealed - Results and Prize Winners in the next Beach News.

Forthcoming Events: Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> October Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> November

AGM and a Presentation (TBA) 'Beekeeping and the Gardener'; Stephen Poyser CBK

# **Toddler Playgroup**

We've returned to Playgroup for the Autumn term with a new look, thanks to a group of parents who have repainted the interior of our building over the summer holidays. We would like to say a big thank you to the Community Association who kindly supported us with decorating materials for our project. We are also excited about our newly launched, vibrant website, <a href="www.waterbeachtoddlerplaygroup.org.uk">www.waterbeachtoddlerplaygroup.org.uk</a>. Take a look in the gallery and see what the children have been creating.

Our new outdoor playhouse, a product of some great fundraising and donations to playgroup, has been very popular. It has given the children some great opportunities for imaginative play in our garden.



The early part of the summer saw us busily preparing for the annual Feast Day. We chose "Honey Bees" and our Rising 5's looked fabulous wearing stripy yellow black tops. Our and transformed into beekeepers with all the attire - including wellies, which was an essential item, given the weather! We were very proud to be awarded 'best decorated float' again for our age group. The staff, children and committee worked extremely hard to produce some beautiful artwork for both the float and stall on the village green. We are thankful to Rebecca Strivens, a keen member of the Cambridge Bee Keepers Association, who

talked to our older children about bee keeping in the week leading up to the Feast. Rebecca brought a hive complete with honeycombs to explore, a bee keeping hat to try on and two varieties of honey to taste. The children had much fun learning the honeybee waggle dance too!

Throughout the summer term we helped our eldest children prepare for their move to primary school, through a variety of transition visits and activities on the school grounds, such as weekly toddler stories and a Teddy Bear's picnic. At the end of term we held a graduation ceremony for our 'Rising 5s'.

We wish them all the very best as they start their next exciting stage at 'big school'.

We celebrated the end of term with a party for all ages attending, organised by the playgroup committee at the Tillage Hall. The morning included sports races, a bouncy castle, balloon art, face painting and mask making. Many parents joined us for a picnic lunch with homemade cupcakes. What a lovely finale to a great and busy term!

Our bi-annual Nearly New Sale will take place on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November from 10am – 12 noon at the Salvation Army. You can expect to stock up with the same great quality children's winter clothes, toys and books and there'll be another popular homemade cake stall.

We would welcome any community members who would like to support us by becoming a trustee. Please do get in contact for further information via our website or our Playleader, Wayne Badcock Tel: 07808 357729.

# **Keeping Safe and Well**



Do you need some help to get out and about? Are you finding it difficult to get in the bath or stand in the shower?

Do you have an illness or disability, or perhaps are just getting older and finding some everyday tasks challenging?

Did you know that there are hundreds of products called *Daily Living Aids* that could help you?

A new service in Cambridgeshire can help you find out what daily living aids can support you and help make sure you (or a relative) remain independent. The new Safe+Well Service is run by a company called NRS Healthcare with support from Cambridgeshire County Council. Safe+Well offers local residents a wealth of advice and information about what equipment is available, how it can help at home, and where you can try and buy it both online and in local shops.

You can take an online questionnaire to find out what products could help with tasks you have difficulty with. You can also get advice over the telephone or even arrange a home visit by a trained healthcare professional. Safe+Well will run local demonstration and advice clinics where you can drop in to talk to their advisors and try out some daily living aids.

To find out more, visit the website <a href="www.safeandwell.co.uk/cambridgeshire">www.safeandwell.co.uk/cambridgeshire</a>. Don't use the internet? No problem! You can call or email for more information or to request a product catalogue.

Tel: 01480 415719 Email: enquiries@safeandwell.co.uk

## **News from Cllr. Peter Johnson**

Many thanks to all who supported me in the recent election which has resulted in me being re-elected again. It gives me a good feeling when I see how many thought I am the right person for the job and I feel very proud and honoured to be the South Cambridgeshire District Councillor for Waterbeach, Landbeach, and Chittering for another four years.

The preliminary hearing for the local plan is to be held on 11<sup>th</sup> September at the Guildhall in Cambridge, but this will not be an opportunity for speakers. At this stage it will be laid out what objections to the plan the inspector will listen to. We will then know the areas we need to concentrate on to make the best impression to the inspector as this could be our last chance of stopping the new town becoming a reality.

Early this year we saw two planning applications turned down by South Cambs District Council, but unfortunately these then went to appeal which did result in the appeal being upheld. I did attend these hearings along with Waterbeach residents so we could have our say but feel very disappointed that our views were not listened to as much they should have been.

Flooding issues have again reared their ugly head resulting in problems for residents of Bannold Road. I visited residents at 07.30 hrs on 9th August to witness pumps being used to prevent water getting into houses. This is I did contact Anglian Water, Environment Agency, and County Council who did attend at different times. I also checked the balancing pond at Cam Locks and this was found to be dry which I consider wrong as after all that rain, water should have been present. Cambridge Road was another area that flooded this time with the bungalows near Coronation Close needing sandbags at their front doors and this is something new but very worrying for these residents. I have spoken to the engineer at WLIDB and also South Cambs Drainage Manager and the pond has to be investigated. I am at present arranging with South Cambs a multi-agency meeting so that all responsible for drainage can sit round the table and produce solutions for flooding problems. I did arrange for 50 sandbags to be stored in the Parish Council garage in the event of an emergency and I have asked that an agenda item is on the Parish Council meeting to create an Emergency Team for the village.

Network Rail have finished building their workshops and this has left quite a large space for car parking, but still they drag their feet in getting sorted out which I do find very frustrating. The change in franchise holders doesn't help the situation but it is the entrance to the car park that is causing the problems. To turn right from Waterbeach into the car park is seen to be a dangerous

manoeuvre so an alternative entrance would appear to be the answer. One solution is to have an access ramp from the current car park but there is the funding argument about who pays. I will be attending a rail users meeting in September and will see if I can get some forward thinking from that with some commitment from responsible parties to resolve the situation as soon as possible.

The former Robson Court is coming on in leaps and bounds and a new name has been chosen. Many thanks to all who submitted possible names, this was much appreciated as there were some really good choices, but the new name is Maple Court. The reason for this name is the fact that there are two maple trees in the grounds that have been there for many years. This name change is to not show disrespect to the name of Robson, but because the old building had a stigma. I think that Robson Court was named after Mr Robson who is associated with the building of the Alms Houses in Cambridge Road. I would expect to see the name Robson being used when we name new streets that are formed by the housing developments that have recently been approved after appeal hearings.

I have been negotiating with the developers and Sanctuary and they have agreed to donate a bench to the village. This will be sited in Waddelow Road at the junction with High Street, where years ago there was a bench which I know the elderly did like to sit and watch the world go by; now they will again have a place to sit and rest.

The skateboard project is ongoing with members of the working party looking at all eventualities of locations and design. I have had another supplier contact me with possibilities of different designs so I am sure we are well equipped with choices of designs, but we still have to finalise the location. Should a new location require planning permission rest assured I will be giving it my 100% backing as I want to see this project started very soon.

I would like to remind dog owners to always clean up after their dogs. We seem to be going through a bad spell just now with the pavements becoming an obstacle course if you don't want to tread in something nasty. I have seen this on the Rec as well and this is not acceptable. People of all ages use the Rec and do not expect to be clearing up dog mess before they can let children play, or before a football match can start. These inconsiderate people are very much in the minority but it does reflect on all dog owners, so please clean up after your dog because you can be fined for not clearing up and at present the fine can be £1000.

South Cambs District Council are presently arranging that they have a monthly inspection of areas that they are responsible for. I am hoping this will result in less untidy areas, footpaths not quite so overgrown and all areas being better managed. I will be present at all these inspections to ensure all your views are heard and appropriate actions being recommended.

I am disappointed that money for the Tithe Barn is not forthcoming, please do not wait until this building is beyond repair and we then lose it. This would be such a shame considering the age of this building and the fact it has stood for over 400 years, so unless we can raise some money there is a possibility it could be sold and who knows what would happen to it then.

The order has been raised to resurface the footpath that runs from Jubilee Close to Denny End Road and I hope this will be completed before the dark nights are with us as it is rapidly becoming a tripping hazard. There are also lots of other pavements that are in need of repair that I am chasing the County Council to deal with this.

For the last 8 years I have had the honour and privilege to be your District Councillor to represent you all at South Cambs District Council and for that I say "Thank You". As I continue in this role please remember I work for everyone in our villages and if you have any problems or issues you would like to talk to me about, please contact me by whatever means you prefer, telephone, e-mail, or knock on my door, don't forget I am here for all of you.

# **Happy Folks Club**

The Happy Folks Club enjoyed their first outing of the year to Wroxham. After a somewhat dodgy start with the late coach and the weather, we had a lovely

day. The weather cleared and we spent wonderful time on the broads. The photo shows Tony Shipp and Jim Maw enjoying themselves after

themselves after the two hour Broads cruise.

We look forward to our trips out and other places on our list this year include Southend-on-



Sea, Clacton, Sheringham and Windsor to name a few, it's all go!!

## **Beach Social Club**

At the centre of the Community.

It is nice to write this when the weather is as glorious as today and I hope you are all basking in the sunshine.

Our Bingo, sessions are now well established and well attended. They are held every Monday evening from 7-9pm and the prizes are all cash, with a Jackpot flyer currently standing at £200. Everyone is welcome to join us for these sessions provided they are 18+, as the rules on gambling and cash prizes prohibit under 18's from taking part.

Every other month we have 'Open Mic' night when local bands, musicians and singers come along and perform; in fact anyone who would like to come along and take part is welcome. Bring along your guitar and any other instrument, or just your voice and enjoy a session.

#### Future entertainment:

27<sup>th</sup> Sept Music from the B4's (Rock covers band with a comedy twist)

3<sup>rd</sup> Oct Open Mic night

7<sup>th</sup> Nov 5SKA (The sound is in the name)

5<sup>th</sup> Dec Open Mic night

13<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas draw with Elvis Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve Disco

Our Club charity this year, until October, is Waterbeach Scouts and Guides groups including Brownies-Cubs-Beavers-Rainbows. We have been raising funds for them throughout this year.

On Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September we are holding a Charity Auction to raise more funds for them. Every penny raised will go to the charity fund and the grand total will be presented to them on Friday October 10<sup>th</sup> when the Scouts disco will be playing. The Auction will be preceded at 8-00pm by a short concert from Waterbeach Brass and the Auction will begin about 9-15pm.

I would greatly appreciate donations of anything that we can sell: Cakes-Fruit-Veg-Toys-Books-Bric-a-brac-Flowers-Plants-Bottles of Wine/Spirits. Absolutely anything will do! Donations can be dropped off at the Club or I may be able to collect.

Everyone is invited to attend the function and take part in the bidding. Bring the kids with you.

We look forward to seeing you here in the future.

Details for all events and memberships are available at the Club and at: www.BeachSocialClub.com

Geoff Donovan Chairman

# **WCP and WASPS Joint Venture**

#### The Playhouse, Waterbeach

The Joint Venture is made up of representatives of the committee and staff from WASPS and Waterbeach Community Playgroup who use the Playhouse, located on the school grounds. It was set up when the building was purchased and installed with the help of a National Lottery Grant in 2001. Together the group is responsible for the upkeep of the Playhouse and its garden. The Playhouse is used by WASPS between 08:00- 08:50 and 15:00 -18:00 during term time and for holiday club during the school holidays and by Waterbeach Community Playgroup from 09:00 to 15:00 every day during the school term. Both groups provide an invaluable service to parents and the building is in almost constant use.

This summer we have continued to invest in the behind outside area the Playhouse. It was felt that although the old climbing frame had almost 15 years of service and was a favourite of hundreds of children who'd played on it, it had seen better days. It needed to be replaced with something new, colourful and inviting, that could be enjoyed by both groups.



The search for what would replace the play structure was difficult. Between the groups the ages of children that regularly use the playhouse range from the 2 year olds starting at Waterbeach Community Playgroup for the first time to the 11 year olds in their final year at WASPS before they leave primary school and start at Cottenham Village College. All the companies we spoke to found this a challenge and would have preferred to target either the younger or older age group.

However one company did have a play structure which had gentle steps and play areas under the main structure allowing access to our youngest members and a fireman's pole which would give some challenge to our oldest members.

In the end it was decided that it wasn't possible to completely cater for the range of ages of both groups. So we hope to add an additional piece of equipment consisting of a climbing wall and monkey bars to further challenge

the older children in the summer next year. The group will be fundraising this year for this project to go ahead and to continue to maintain and improve the Playhouse for the children that use it.

In mean time I'm sure you'll agree from looking at the before and after



pictures what a huge transformation this has been and what a wonderful new piece of equipment for all the children at WASPs and Waterbeach Community Playgroup to share.

Everyone involved with WASPS and Waterbeach Community Playgroup would like to thank the following for their help and guidance to make this

project a success; Stewart Clowes, Julie Durrant and her boss Mac from Cambridge City Council and from Waterbeach Community Primary School, Miss Green, Mrs Ogilvie, Mr Gilzean and the Governors. Thank you all very much.

# Line Dancing at Landbeach

Traditional folk-dance steps from Greece and Turkey – Home spun country music from Route 66 Middle America: Put them together and what do you get? Line dancing of course!

Created by migrant workers to the USA and the early settler communities and performed to simple country music and western ballads this has become an increasingly popular all-age activity. For a start, no partner is required and while the steps are simple the pattern can be more intricate, but no-one minds if you just sit and watch for a bit.

The line-dance group at the Baptist Chapel, High Street, Landbeach has been running for three years and has room for a few more – both beginners and improvers. Our instructor has been an enthusiast for many years and carefully demonstrates each dance.

The new session begins on Tuesday evening, 23<sup>rd</sup> September from 6.30 to 7.30 – that is if the instructor can stop!

The first "taster" session is free.

For further information contact Nancy Evans 01223 861332

# **Landbeach Society**

A Society for anyone interested in the history of the village, its place within the region and in protecting its environment.

We hold a series of monthly meetings between January – June and September – December to which all are welcome.

The cost of membership is £2.00 per annum and entrance to the talks in the Village Hall is £3.50. (You do not need to be a member to attend the talks.)

Our programme is as follows:

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October: 'The First Eastern General Hospital (TF): a largely forgotten World War I hospital in Cambridge.' Philomena Guillebaud.

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November: 'The Glorious Dead: memory and mourning after the Great War.' Andrew Lacey.

Wednesday 17th December: Christmas Celebration with Waterbeach Brass.

Wednesday 21st January 2015: AGM followed by wine and cheese.

Meetings are held in Landbeach Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm, unless otherwise stated. All Welcome!

The Landbeach Society website is at:

http://www.landbeach.org.uk/history/99-landbeach-society

## **Jazzercise**

Wow! Life is too busy for boring workouts, so we have......body-blasting music mixes with 60 minutes of sweating, smiling and laughing, through Pilates, Yoga, and kickboxing moves. This is Jazzercise!

We are at Waterbeach School Tues/Thur 6.45pm & 8pm, Sat mornings 10am Jazzercise has been in the village for around 20 years!

We had great fun with you all the Waterbeach Feast In June.

I went to Italy (Vicenza) in May to visit two Italian Jazzercise Centres. It was amazing and Jazzercise is just worldwide! I taught in English to the Italians and was taught in Italian by the Italians. We will let you know how we got on at the Italian Beach Fitness Convention in September next time!

Keep posted as to what's on in Waterbeach as we want to put on some Junior Jazzercise and a taster of Jazzercise Low Impact where a whole class is taught without the hop! (Morning Class)

Please come and try a free class if new to Jazzercise on our scheduled times. Please support us and like our page and checkout the pictures and videos Facebook.com/jazzercisewaterbeach

See you soon in class!

Bev Tumber Instructor for Jazzercise Waterbeach

# Waterbeach Day Centre

Waterbeach Day Centre for the Elderly, Denson Close Community Centre: Monday and Wednesday: 11am to 3.30pm

What we've been doing - Before the Day Centre closed for the summer holidays we had a very busy time. On Wednesday, 18 June we had a lovely afternoon at Denny Abbey, seeing the exhibition on local farming and enjoying afternoon tea, (many thanks to Jane Williamson and the Abbey staff for their warm welcome), Afternoon tea carried on with two 'tea parties' in June and July. The Summer Sale on Saturday 19 July was well attended and made a profit of over £300 for help with our day-to-day expenses. Thank you to everyone who came and spent or gave so generously to help us.

**Coming Up** - The Day Centre will open again on Monday, 8 September. We are already planning our activities for the coming months and our Christmas Sale will take place on Saturday, 15 November from 2 – 4pm.

What else do we do....? - We meet at the Denson Close Community Room twice a week, on Mondays and Wednesdays, from 11.00 in the morning to around 3.30pm. A home-cooked two-course hot lunch is provided every day for our members - as well as morning coffee and biscuits and afternoon tea and cakes. There are organised activities to join in with, as well as catching up with old friends and neighbours - or making new ones! The great value cost of all this is only £3.50 per day per member. Costs are kept low through grants from the Waterbeach United Charity, Waterbeach Parish Council, and Cambridgeshire Community Foundation (CCF). The Day Centre is extremely grateful for the support of these bodies.

We have a membership list so that we know how many lunches to provide each day; members of the group can attend on one or both days each week. Where needed, transport to and from the Denson Close Community Room can be arranged. We are a Day Centre aiming to provide a social environment - and members are asked to attend for the whole period, not for lunch only.

We still need ... volunteers - Can you spare a few hours on a Monday or Wednesday? We are in desperate need of helpers.

**LocalGiving.com** - We have our very own web-page on LocalGiving.com. This is a national organisation which verifies the validity of voluntary groups and attracts donations from local businesses and individuals who wish to support local, rather than national, charities. Take a look at the website and find our page!

If you would like to know more about the Waterbeach Day Centre please contact Mary on 01223 564666

# Annington Homes ANNINGTON



#### A busy summer at Haling Place

It has been a busy summer at Haling Place, Annington's development of refurbished homes off Capper Road.

In July the existing sales office and show home were relocated to Dowding Avenue, in anticipation of the second launch of homes at the popular



development, which included limited number of four bedroom homes as well as a selection of two and three bedroom houses.

Haling Place has welcomed wide а range of new home owners and tenants since the first launch in October 2013. half of the development has now been sold.

demonstrating the level of demand in the area for excellent, affordable homes.

Haling Place has developed a family friendly atmosphere, helped by the presence of the onsite Little Stars Day Nursery, and the development has proven popular with the local community.

Many home owners have come from the Cambridge area, and the majority of properties sold at the development have been to owner-occupiers, including a number of first time buyers, a trend which Annington hopes will continue.

Angela Walsh, Head of Sales & Marketing at Annington, comments: "We're passionate about helping people onto the property ladder and we're delighted to see a significant number of first time buyers at Haling Place. Waterbeach is a lovely village which understandably continues to attract house hunters."

Annington has also been playing a wider role in the Waterbeach community; this summer the company helped to support the Waterbeach Feast, and they remain committed to helping the community where they can.

For more information, drop into the sales office at 11 Dowding Avenue (open 10.30 to 17.30), or call: 01223 861 877

## **Beach Sessions**

After the summer break the Beach Sessions returns for its Autumn season. It kicks off with a Baptist Chapel gig on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September featuring two of the most innovative acts of the moment. Headliner Tom Adams is back after playing an amazing set last year and is joined by support act Gaze is Ghost. Expect to be challenged, engaged and entertained – sonically and visually.

Tom is a multi-instrumentalist, composer, producer and songwriter who has collaborated in various projects; performing and releasing recordings under various monikers including Toma, The Mountaineering Club Orchestra and Hollow Mountain. Tom's music which has echoes of Radiohead and Sigur Ros has recently been featured on as the soundtrack to a Universal Pictures film and is perfectly suited for the intimate Baptist Chapel. We are hoping to co-ordinate his set with projections. He joins us as part of a small tour which also includes concerts at Cecil House London and a festival in Berlin.

Gaze is Ghost is the pseudonym of Irish songwriter/poet/composer Laura McGarrigle. Having spent the last few years moving between Scotland, Sweden, India and Paris, she is now based in Cambridge. Her spacious and bewitching soundscapes are beautiful and unpredictable, full of inventive swells and twists of sound which grab the attention, as does her voice; she moves from low to high notes with effortless grace.

It all takes place on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September at Waterbeach Baptist Chapel @ 8pm. Tickets from wegottickets.com/beachsessions or from The Sun in Waterbeach. Tickets are £ 7 adults and £ 4 (14- 17 year olds) exc. booking fee.

You can see and listen to Tom Adams and Gaze is Ghost at facebook.com/thebeachsessions.

Sat Nov 8<sup>th</sup> sees the return of the Holden Girls by popular demand with other exciting acts soon to be confirmed. It's a free session in the Sun Waterbeach.

# My Memories of WWII

Part 2 - The Americans Arrive (Part 1 published in Spring edition 2014, No. 238)

The building of an airfield some two miles from the village was to change the lives of the inhabitants in even more dramatic ways. The village 'pubs' now had an influx of members of the US Army Air Force in their smart uniforms and plentiful funds. A further change was the presence of young American airmen at the local dances a bonus for the surplus of young ladies due to conscription of the local lads. The trade in local bicycle sales to the American Airmen rocketed, although many were old and second hand.

These were the main means of transport from the Base to our village and amused we children greatly as the American desire for modification resulted in propellers being attached to them and other amusing changes.

By far the most cherished memories I have is the generosity of the lorry drivers carrying ordinance to the airfield. These drivers were of course American and they sped through the village in convoy with motor cycle escorts front and rear .as they passed groups of children they threw out boxes of carbohydrate flying rations. Now most of us children had not even seen sweets of any kind and the 'candy' in the boxes were a much enjoyed treat.

The arrival of the bomber aircraft were another great attraction for us these were the famous Flying Fortresses or B17's. We became accustomed to the musical note of their engines and observed them as they flew over us at low altitude. As the bombing raids increased in intensity over Germany and daylight raids were the norm we saw them return often badly shot up and often with only three of their four engines working. Sadly some crashed locally and we were attracted to the wreckage in search of souvenirs

Historically Venus (God of Love), was always following the Path of Mars (God of War), and the village proved no exception, the influx of young and attractive young men into a village of a surplus of women young and not so young resulted in many liaisons. I and my contempories were of course too young to realise the full implications, but whispered conversations between the older villagers gave us cause to be intrigued.

At wars end we witnessed the return of the aircraft to the USA. A great hush resulted as the village and the abandoned airfield gradually reverted to its rural peace.

Bryan Parr

# Waterbeach Turbury Charity (Reg No 201529)

#### Applications for heating grants

Applications are invited for heating grants from the above Charity. Please apply in writing, stating your name, address and telephone number with the reasons for the application. All details given are confidential.

Applications are accepted from residents (regardless of age) from Chittering and Waterbeach ONLY. Applicants may be on low incomes, single parents etc. If you think the Charity can help, please consider applying.

Applications must be on a need basis, and may not be accepted. In order that funds of the Charity can be targeted at those most in need, candidates with savings over £6,000 should not apply.

Please send details to:

Mrs S Wilkin, The Secretary, Waterbeach Turbary Charity 25 Payton Way, Waterbeach, Cambridge, CB25 9NS

Closing date for applications is 30 November 2014

# **Advice from Trading Standards**

#### Residents are reminded to check ID

We'd like to remind our residents to be vigilant and always check the identification of anyone who calls at their door including those who say they are from Cambridgeshire County Council or Trading Standards. Council officers will usually ring and make an appointment first if they intend to call on someone. Council Officers always carry identification and will not be offended if you close the door on them whilst you verify who they are. You can call the County Council on 0345 045 5200 to check that they are a County Council Officer. Always leave the chain on the door when you are answering to someone you do not know, take any identification card and examine it thoroughly.

Never employ tradesmen who call at your house uninvited.

If you need a tradesman for any jobs big or small check out the 'Buy with Confidence' a Trading Standards sponsored group of traders. All of whom have been thoroughly checked before being allowed into the scheme. 'Buy with Confidence' can be found on the internet <a href="http://www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk">http://www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk</a>, your local library or by calling Citizens Advice.

#### Beware of copycat websites

Trading Standards Officers at Cambridgeshire County Council are urging residents to beware of copycat websites imitating official government services online. These are designed to trick you into parting with your cash unnecessarily by charging for services that are provided cheaper or for free through official government channels. Ordering new passports, booking driving tests and renewing car tax discs are just some of the ways that people are unwittingly being left out-of-pocket by shrewd fraudsters who operate 'copycat' websites.

Copycat websites tend to use similar design features to replicate the 'look and feel' of official service websites and often use URLs that include fragments such as 'govuk', 'directgov' or relevant organisation names to make them appear as official providers of certain services.

The best way you can avoid being duped is:

- Use <u>GOV.UK</u> (<u>www.gov.uk</u>) It is the easiest and most secure place to find government services and information online
- Instead of searching for the services you need via a search engine, go to <u>GOV.UK</u> and use the search function there. Then you'll know you're on the official site
- If you do use a search engine, look out for the differences between natural search results and paid-for search results.

National Trading Standards is issuing advice for consumers to beat the cyber con-artists, including a video guide at

http://www.tradingstandardsecrime.org.uk/copycat-web-site-crackdown-2/

To report a misleading or copycat website, you can call the Citizens Advice consumer service on 03454 04 05 06.

Cambridgeshire Council officers are warning residents of a website called <a href="https://www.parkingpermit.com">www.parkingpermit.com</a> offering to process Blue Badge applications for a charge of £49, plus the cost of a badge. It is not necessary to apply for a Blue Badge through any other website other than the official Government website on <a href="https://www.gov.uk/apply-blue-badge">www.gov.uk/apply-blue-badge</a> or by calling the Cambridgeshire Blue Badge Service on 0345 045 5204. This is a free registration service with a Blue Badge from Cambridgeshire costing £9 for a new Blue Badge and £5 for a replacement

#### Stepping Stone

The Stepping Stones project supports disabled people to access new sports activities in Cambridgeshire. This can be as a participant, coach, official or volunteer. All you need to do is call and we will do the research and match you with a local provider. We provide you with the funding to get you started and all the necessary support to the club to enable you to participate in a new sport of your choice.

Eligibility - Anyone with a long term health need or disability aged 14 +. No upper age limit.

Referral - Self-referral scheme.

Cost - FREE service

Simply call 01223 301756 or email: <a href="mailto:steppingstone@cambridgeshire.gov.uk">steppingstone@cambridgeshire.gov.uk</a>

## Waterbeach United Charities (Reg No 201528)

Waterbeach United Charities provide financial support or pays for services that help to alleviate individuals who are "in need or distress" who are residents of Waterbeach Parish.

*Electric Wheelchairs -* We have a number of electric wheelchairs for those in need. If you would like to be considered please let us know.

**Distress Grants -** The Trustees would like to hear from individuals who may be IN NEED OR DISTRESS. If you think we could help, and to find out whether you are eligible for assistance, whether it be loaning equipment to you, or providing financial support, please contact:

All personal applications are confidential.

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

## Fire and Rescue Service



Winter is coming and after seeing a rise in chimney fires last year, Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service is encouraging all residents to get their chimney professionally swept before the cold sets in.

Top tips to enjoy an open fire safely:

- Sweep your chimney at least once a year and get brickwork inspected, especially the chimney breast and roof space.
- Do not bank fires too high or overload the grate, and remember to let them burn down well and check the hearth before going to bed.
- Use a fire or spark guard to prevent accidental fires.
- Do not place objects on or over the mantle-piece which may cause you to stand too close to the fire to reach or use them.
- Burn only suitable fuels and avoid burning resinous woods as soot builds up quickly.

Above all, ensure you have a working smoke alarm fitted on each floor of your home. To find out if you are eligible for a free home fire safety check, call 0800 917 99 94.

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# Health and Wellbeing Fair

As part of this year's Cambridgeshire Celebrates Age, a Health and Wellbeing Fair is being held at Cambridge Central Library on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October.

There will be a range of display stalls providing information about the practical help and support available to enable you to maintain your health and wellbeing. If you wish, you'll also be able to join in some fun activities such as Ping Pong and hand massage, and there will be a talk about healthy snacks.

Exhibitors will include Adult Social Care, Age UK, Alzheimer's Society, Camsight, Care Network, Carers Support Team, Library Health Information Team and NRS Healthcare. Information will be provided about staying independent, safe and well, being a carer, help at home, aids to make life easier, car schemes, volunteering, leisure activities available through the library, and Community Navigators.

Come along to the third floor conference and exhibition space at the Library any time between 10.00am and 1.00pm.

# **Cambridgeshire Constabulary**

A month long campaign encouraging victims of sexual assault and rape to come forward, has been launched today (September1), by Cambridgeshire Constabulary.

The initiative, part of the Get Closer Campaign, aims to raise awareness that women, men, teenagers and children can all be victims and assaults can be committed by strangers, family members or friends. The key message to offenders is "if they say no, they mean no".

Sexual assaults often go unreported because people are scared to talk to someone, feel as if they won't be listened to, or just don't know who contact. The force will be working with the Oasis @ Rivergate, Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) and a number of partner agencies including Rape Crisis, Victim Support and the Samaritans in order to provide counselling, medical examinations and treatment for victims.

Detective Chief Inspector Karryann Beeby, from the force's Public Protection Department, said: "We understand just how difficult it is for victims to come forward and report sexual assault and rape.

"This type of crime can change your life and we want to make sure those people affected know where they can come to get advice and support.

"I want to reassure victims that we investigate each and every case to ensure justice is done. I would also like to thank our partner members, for their support.

"We are undertaking a number of preventative messages to warn those who do commit such crimes that they will be punished and it may result in a prison sentence."

The initiative will target schools, colleges, universities, online dating websites, pubs, clubs and local events, to encourage people to report sexual assault and rape.

To report a crime, there are three options:

- If the incident has just taken place dial 999
- Or call 101 and we will arrange for a police officer to come to see you
- Victims may not want the police to be involved and whilst we would encourage people to report assaults, you can self-refer to the Oasis @ Rivergate by calling 0845 089 6262.

130<sup>th</sup> Annual
Harvest Thanksgiving Service
3pm ~ Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October
Swaffham Prior Fen Chapel (near Upware)
This is the only time the chapel is used each year.
All Welcome

# **Hedgehog News**

This year has not been so good. I have had three hedgehogs,

two of them, the very experienced vets in Ely couldn't keep alive, and yesterday's hedgehog didn't survive the night, I think it had lungworm.

If you find a hedgehog out in the day, the main thing is to keep it warm until you can take it to a carer. They cannot feed if cold.

The most important thing you can do for hedgehogs is to put a 13cm square gap in the bottom of your wall or fence. Hedgehogs need to be able to travel around a mile a night.

# A Day in Waterbeach

Written by a local resident

**Dawn -** A Sandwich Tern, seemingly unconcerned about why he was where he was swooped over the River Cam en route inland from the sea and followed its course from Wicken Fen through the reed banks and ploughed fields to Waterbeach and Bottisham Lock. Polo ponies raised their heads but the grazing cattle were too busy gorging to bother. The rising sun picked out the flow of the seabird's wings and the glint in its hungry eyes.

Past the moorings the tern flew, gathering a few comrades on the way, looking for easy pickings on the waters' surface, but aware that the Cormorants had already been active between the bridge at Clayhithe and Baits Bite Lock.

Crystalized slivers of amber light slanted through the drooping branches of the old willow. It looked as if she was still nodding in morning slumber, head bent over the water that flowed lazily past the Bridge Public House. The yellow painted water craft that would soon set out to annihilate the creeping weeds of the Cam sent their reflections across a patch of water where once a ferry had plied its trade before the Clayhithe Bridge had been built.

A Water Rail, oblivious to the silver flurries of wind that gusted further downstream across the Cam, scurried to the safety of the black camouflage of the reeds, outnumbered by Coots and Moorhens. A Grebe spluttered to the surface and disturbed a bevy of bobbling ducklings following their mother on a tour around the narrow boat moorings.

Down among the reeds small fish darted in frenzied shoals, nervous about the constant rumours of attacks from below the waterline, or the beaks and baits attacking from above.

As if to reinforce the awareness of predators a Kingfisher in all its jewelled and glorious blue streaked down and back to its riverbank home.

Marbling on the surface of the water sent eddies moving in battalions as the breeze blew.

The climbing sunlight created sparklets across the water, catching the movement of an early jogger, panting over the footbridge at Bottisham Lock and along the towpaths towards the boat club, where an early dog walker stomped through sodden dew along the towpath.

The river narrowed by narrow boats pushed on past drooping willows and a jogger to the Bottisham Lock. In the distance the herd of cows moved steadily along the bank, and an old farm cat stopped chewing to watch a flight of rooks en route from the trees near Denny Abbey to somewhere – probably the fields that stretched away from the Horningsea road.

Back at the lock three sheep grazed and a dog dashed off its leash as its owner emitted squeals of frustration as it pursued its quarry.

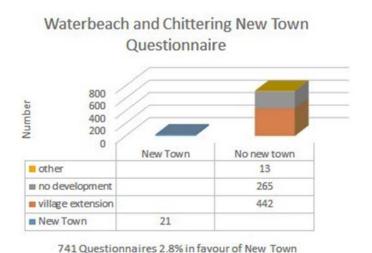
White bunny bobs vanished into burrows like toothpaste back down a tube.

This is an extract from a longer article written by a local resident. The full version can be found within the Autumn 2014 online edition of Beach News at <a href="www.waterbeach.org">www.waterbeach.org</a> If you are unable to access the internet and would like to read the full article please leave a message on 01223 476601 giving your name and address and we will arrange to provide a printed copy.

## **New Town Questionnaire**

Just to say a big thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to the Waterbeach new town questionnaire and especially those who delivered forms to houses in the village and all the businesses in the village who collected the results in. Thank you also to everyone who filled a form in. We hope we have given everyone in the village a voice.

There is now a clear mandate from the village to fight the new town at the



forthcoming Local Plan Inquiry as less than 3% of villagers favoured a 10,000 house new town. Waterbeach village is certainly not a NIMBY village though with 60% supporting an extension of the village onto the built up area of the barracks with around 1,400 new houses. This is a clear message to South Cambridgeshire District Council to work with us to meet

housing need utilising the built area of the barracks. As opposed to the RLW proposed town in the Local Plan.

It's been a good day for democracy in our village. The three campaigns; *Keep Waterbeach Rural, Waterbeach Voice* and *Waterbeach Barracks – No New Town* have worked together for the good of the village and local area. Thank you very much indeed for your support.

Jane Williams, Christine Taylor, Suzy Kay and Cllr James Hockney

# A Day in Waterbeach (continued)

**Morning -** Morning grew and lightened up the fens, a scene unchanged for centuries, except where sedge and peat had been drained, and sluices dug to reveal the now rich farmland.

A grumpy grey Heron sprang up at a sudden blur of a dog streaking ahead of its owner, and flapped above the river, from where it could see a tapestry of fields on each side of Bannold Road. As she beat a stealthy arc away from the river she looked down on the scruffy uniformity of allotment sheds and plots, deserted at this hour; they resembled a gold-rush encampment with newly forked soil where owners had mined for winter vegetables. Sheds erected in a way that suggested initial perfection and later unnecessary haste, with a variety of guttering in the hope of catching rainwater in over large containers.

Someone in wellies and a cloth cap was turning over some root vegetables, and a fox, unseen by anyone except the heron, stood staring insolently in the direction of the railway embankment, in the hope that a rabbit would emerge and become an easy breakfast. His ears pricked up as a single bark rose to a crescendo and a cacophony of sound.

The kennelled dogs were quickly in full barking mode, as their owners left them in capable hands and hurried for their train or the A14. Some of them had scented the fox.

Out on the level crossing a stoat made a dash for safety, or perhaps a trip to collect a dead bunny slaughtered earlier.

Soon it would be rush hour pandemonium, with cramped commuters stuffed into four railway carriages heading for Cambridge and King's Cross; the A10 would be stacking up into Cambridge and out onto the insanity of the A14. School taxi drivers, already on the road since before sunrise yawned their way towards their first infant collection.

Ill clad, with no overcoats in sight, schoolchildren headed for their bus to take them to Cottenham or Impington, labouring under essential school bags, like Sherpas on a familiar trail; mobiles held like water detectors aloft, and ears covered with headphones. Yet, still conversation seemed possible between them all.

Another Sherpa, Simon on his overladen post bike whistled his way down the High Street, and across the Green, flanked by The Sun and The White Horse. Baggy shorts and brown trainers. Straining over the handlebars of his post bike, laden with mail.

On the Green sits Margaret, staring at the ground, and working her way through another cigarette, and watched by a pack of starlings, thinking food might be available, having already foraged through the waste bin and down among the remains of takeaway cartons.

As the morning sun's rays ascended gingerly over the rooftops, they caught the Linden branches, sending strips of gold through lime leaves. Zimmer framed senior citizens headed for the Pharmacy, across the dangerous bend with the blind corner by The Sun.

**School Deliveries** - Monday morning came to the village, much like any other, give or take a rain burst or frost covering – and with it the muted crescendo of Primary School children now safely settled and seated, breathless mums in haste to return home. Like an army of refugees they had straggled around the green and along Way Lane towards the school gates, with woolly bonneted babies bouncing in overladen buggies.

Soon the clamour of children's voices would be replaced by a comparatively subdued scene around the village. A small, elite corps of mums in jogging gear dragged over limbs and bottoms of great variety, descended upon the village green for the Buggy Boot Camp. Command from their female leader, squeezed into lycra, bellowed commands that would reduce a drill sergeant to despair.

At the school crossing the lollipop lady in a yellow outfit, fluorescent enough to halt anyone daring to exceed the new 20mph speed limit waited for a bevy of mums and toddlers to cross into the school. The school caretaker stomped his familiar way around the grounds, and sounds of cutlery and wafts of school cooking filled the morning air.

Coach drivers park up as near to the bakers to get their morning calorie boost.

Further down the road the bakery and the Bull's the Butchers were doing a roaring trade. Soldiers from the Waterbeach Army Camp swelled the number of customers, amidst the news that the Camp was to be sold and the Royal Engineers moved elsewhere. What would happen to the swimming pool and golf course? Already people were massing in protest, although appeals were falling on deaf ears and the blueprints already set in stone for new development.

At the garage the owner was being 'Nice' to everyone, with cheerful joshing and helpful advice to anyone possible interested in updating the model of their car.

At the bus stop eyes looked anxiously in the direction of their only means of transport, providing it arrived on time, and hoping the darkening clouds would not mean rain.

Into The Day - As Waterbeach Green became an empty green space again, grey squirrels dashed across the grass from tree to tree.

Vans parked up and their occupants entered the café for a hot breakfast and steaming mugs of tea, and whilst breakfasting managed to hold a conversation and keep eyes glued to the mobile for texts and tweets.

Relative quiet descends on The Green, and the second bus to Ely arrives almost on time, to the relief of the local residents who have been fighting to keep a bus service open.

At the Salvation Army cars were parked and Mums and Toddlers was in full swing, with nappied bottoms skidding from toy to toy, whilst parents were served from the hatch with refreshments.

A regular collector of litter, stooped to collect the debris discarded by anonymous persons, doing the saintly task with a determined diligence.

As lunchtime arrives the sounds of children in the playground is heard, even down on the allotments and near the river.

Into the afternoon and silence descends again, except for the bevy of mums collecting toddlers.

The postman pedals steadily back home across Clayhithe bridge and along the Horningsea Road.

**Late Afternoon -** School buses arrive back at the green and discharge their human cargo of tired young people, heading off for their homes in bevies of chattering vitality.

In Vicarage Close a black and white cat, who thinks he is patrolling the street, awaits the human members of his pride, and narrowly escaped being caught under the wheels of a homecoming car.

A crowd of rooks flap steadily back to the rookery, like black bin liners caught in the wind, each calling out to the other to keep up.

Over at the Riding Stables children on an assorted selection of ponies receive their riding lessons under firm but kind instruction. Bottoms bounce on polished saddles as helmet clad children guide their well-trained ponies around the padded enclosure. The stable cats creep and the dogs make sure that nobody enters without a cacophony of barks and yelps.

On the Recreation Ground BMX riders show off their skills, and infants are pushed on the swings by dads and mums on mobile phones.

At five the lights go on in The Sun, and The White Horse, and early evening drinkers drop in for a glass of frothy beverage and a chat. The meals are available on the Green, and the fish and chip shop is open.

The hair salon closes for the day, and the Chinese takeaway opens its doors.

**Night** - Darkness takes over like a blanket, but the new lights illuminate the Green and High Street.

Car headlights guide the way to the school where classes commence in the school hall, packed with frenetic Jazzercise enthusiasts. The Scouts can be heard as they gather in the scout hut next to the library. Badminton

enthusiasts pummel a shuttlecock over a well-worn net, and the caretaker moves silently from building to building securing everything.

A Tawny Owl drifted down across the old monastic ruins that lay close to the railway station and headed for the burrows along the riverbank in search of careless voles and mice. Diners emerging from the snug unreality of The Bridge headed for their cars, their laughter carrying across to the late rail travellers alighting and scurrying, heads down to their homes in Way Lane, and the military quarters.

All was soon to change, as is always the case in any community. As soldiers marched out, planners moved in with unrealistic propositions for future development on land that had seen airfields and gun emplacements, rifle ranges and barrack squares.

As the moon came out from behind a streaky cloud, the land across the Fens was illuminated in all its timeless beauty. Rich, dark soil and landscapes that fed the artistic dreams of a thousand painters, and produced healthy crops. Winter chill would soon be overtaken by spring, and with it a sense of optimism and planning for another year of village activity, and new healthy crops of babies emerging in new Babygro's and bonnets.

But, for now it was sleepy time for those who needed to rise early to miss the traffic chaos.

A nervous hedgehog sidled and scampered along a garden fence, and disappeared into bushes and decaying leaves.

Waterbeach. A place of people, where time hovers but a future of development threatens change to an old order of life in a place of real community.

A Resident 2014

(All names of people mentioned are fictitious, and the observations are that of one person, but it could be anybody.)

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