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Community Association



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

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Pam Thorn from St. John's Church who will lead this year's 'Carols on the Green', and the bands of the Salvation Army and Waterbeach Brass for providing the music. We also thank Bannolds who kindly donated the tree for the Green and Gary Langley for doing his magic with the lights and having everything looking festive - many thanks to them all.

It was decided that this year's collections at the Feast and on Christmas Eve should be used to support Waterbeach Community Association and local groups. Community Association members will carry collection buckets during the carols, so please bring your loose change and give generously. There will also be a collection bucket near the bands on the Green.

Applications for 2014 donations are now welcomed from both existing and new groups in the community area, e.g. for a specific project or set up costs. All applications giving full details of exactly how the money would be used to

be sent in writing to The Chairperson, Jacqui Rabbett, 9 Providence Way, Waterbeach, Cambridge CB25 9QH.

This year we have already supported the following local clubs and groups: Waterbeach Baptist Chapel, WAY, Waterbeach Day Centre for the Elderly, Waterbeach Community Playgroup, Beach Churches Together and Waterbeach Toddler Playgroup.

Feast 2015 – As you may be aware next year's Feast is unfortunately under threat due to lack of volunteers. Please see page 5 for more information.

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

On behalf of all the committee of Waterbeach Community Association, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Waterbeach WI



We have had some excellent speakers this autumn. 'Tips from a Lady Plumber' and 'Christmas Crafts' were both very entertaining and popular. We would invite anyone interested in seeing what WI is all about to come along to St John's Church Room on the second Thursday of each month at 7.30pm. At the January meeting on the 8th the topic is 'The Cottage Garden' and the speaker is Andrew Sankey and our AGM on February 12th includes a talk on Tajikistan by Alison Deane. We have a book group, a Knit and Natter group and a darts team, all of which meet regularly, too. New members are always welcome – contact 01223 860948 for details.

What a load of Rubbish! - A group of WI members were joined by Parish Councillor Jane Williamson to collect litter in the village on October 18th. Six big bags of rubbish were collected in just one hour. We hope that other villagers may join us in future efforts to keep Waterbeach looking good. Better still, if we all took responsibility for taking our litter home or putting it in the bins provided we wouldn't need to arrange more litter-picking events.



Waterbeach Feast is under threat

Waterbeach Feast has been a major village event for over 40 years. It starts with a grand parade of floats around the village, mostly entered by local groups and organisations. The afternoon entertainment then continues with a variety of stalls and side shows on the village Green and some exciting events and displays in the arena.

Feast Day is always a wonderful village event bringing the community together with everyone turning out to make it enjoyable for both villagers and visitors.

Few villages manage to hold an annual event on the scale of the Feast. This has been a huge credit to the people involved. However next year (2015) there is a real possibility that the Feast may not happen. For it to go forward your help is essential.

With so many community events disappearing across the country, it would be such a shame to see our village event go the same way. I am asking for the whole community to get involved in the organisation of Feast day. Now more than ever we need to pull together as a community ensure the continuation of the Feast.

Do your children look forward to walking in the parade? Do you like watching the entertainment in the arena? Do you meet up with friends and enjoy a pint and hotdog? None of this will happen without more helpers.

To organise the Feast requires a solid team of dedicated people who can spare a few hours a week to make phone calls or to send and answer e-mails and to help with arranging and booking arena events.

Whatever your skill or available time there's something you can do. You don't have to be young and agile, there are many jobs that can be done from the comfort of your own home in the months leading up to the Feast – whether it's helping with bookings, sending out letters, researching possibilities for arena events or publicity.

Help is also required on Feast day itself, especially manpower. A group of volunteers who are willing to work as a team are needed to set up for the event and clear away afterwards.

Unfortunately, if there are no volunteers there will be no Feast!

Please come to the meeting to discuss the future of this traditional annual event

Monday, 12th January 2015 at 7.30pm

in the Community Room (Library), Waterbeach School Grounds

If you have any questions please contact Jacqui Rabbett

Tel: 01223 860993 or Email: feast@waterbeach.org

THIS REALLY IS THE LAST CHANCE TO SAVE WATERBEACH FEAST!

Waterbeach School PTA



Waterbeach Community Primary School has launched its big fund raising drive to buy new computing resources for the children. The PTA has joined forces with staff to help bring the school's IT equipment up to date, giving our children access to new technologies and software to support their learning. We hope you will support our efforts too!

PTA events for the whole community

At the time of writing, the PTA is busy organising our annual Winter Fair on 30th November. We'd like to thank all of the local area business who have donated raffle prizes and the fabulous volunteers who help to make PTA events fun for the whole community. We hope you joined us!

Our infamous PTA Quiz Night for the grown-ups with Dave Jenkinson, our Quizmaster Extraordinaire, is on the evening of Friday 27th February. It's open to anyone who fancies tricky trivia, BYOB and serious team competition! If you'd like to register a team, please contact us on waterbeachpta@gmail.com.

We also hope to hold a dog and pet show in early May. If you're interested in registering your pet or helping us to organise the show, we'd love to hear from you.

Other ways you can help support your local school:

Collect Flora & Stork 'Tubs4Tablets' tokens - Help us win tablet computers for the school by collecting tokens from promotional tubs of Flora and Stork from Tesco. A collection box is in the school office. Get baking!

Foreign coins collection - The PTA can earn money for the school from your unwanted foreign coins and notes. Please leave donations in our 'Coins for Computers' jar in the school office.

Register with EasyFundRaising.org.uk - Register TODAY and start your Christmas shopping with www.easyfundraising.org.uk/waterbeachsch. Each time you shop on-line with over 500 of the UK's best retailers your purchase will earn up to 15% donation for the school at no extra cost to you.

Check out our Facebook page for information about our upcoming fund raisers, events and activities. Thank you! Find us on Facebook - search for Waterbeach School PTA - or email us on waterbeachpta@gmail.com

Gardening Club



The Gardening Club Annual Show, staged as usual in the School Hall, was a great success. The judges were impressed by the standard of the entries and had the difficult task of deciding who the prize winners should be. We were joined by many non-members in the afternoon who came to view the displays and to enjoy refreshments and a chat. We hope that some of them will feel inspired to 'have a go' next year. This year's winners were:

Best exhibit: Tom Brown

Donarbon Championship Cup: Roger Nichols

RHS Banksian Medal: Jerry Cooper

Bannold Supplies Cup: Abigail Temple

Regency Gallery Cup: Anna Purcell

A P Abrahams Cup: Jennifer Johnson

Landbeach Marina Park Cup: Viv Cooper

Transcore Transformers Shield: Kate Champion

Eunice Bacon Cup: William Tregoin

Oakington Garden Centre Trophy: Tom Brown

Shirley Howe Memorial Trophy: Ann Brown

Jean Clarke-Kentley Rose Bowl: Ann Brown

Lowlands Nursery Cup: Brenda Read

Gardening Club Salver: Viv Cooper

Ridgeons Trophy: Terry Chapman

Hudson Windows Trophy: Tom Brown

The committee members work very hard to stage the show but it would not be possible without the continued support of AmeyCespa, Waterbeach Primary School, the Scouts and, of course, our judges. We are very grateful for their help.

Our programme of talks resumed in September with renowned plantsman, Joe Sharman, giving an illustrated account of Autumn Flowers of the Peloponnese. He brought along some interesting and unusual plants for members to buy. The AGM followed in October, with special thanks being given to retiring committee members Peter Dixon and Pat Murfitt. Both have given great service to the club and will continue to take an active role in the club's activities. The following Committee was elected: Chairman – Jerry Cooper; Secretary – Ann Bonfield; Treasurer – David Craig; Programme Secretary – Jill Briggs; Trade Secretary – Ann Brown; Committee members – Terry Chapman, David Lynn, Joy Morter and Norman Setchell. The formal part of the evening was followed by a light-hearted quiz which led to much head-scratching and excitement! We learned about bees and the gardener in November and, after a short break in December, meetings resume in January with the annual 'Bring-and Share' social event. We will be finding out about self-sufficiency from our gardens in February from Nigel Start and George Thorpe, retired Head Gardener at Trinity College, will be telling us about climbers in March. We meet on the third Thursday of every month in St John's Church Room at 7.45pm. Visitors are very welcome at all our meetings (£3 payable at the door) as are new members. We look forward to seeing you soon at our friendly and active club. Contact wandgc@outlook.com for more details.

Waterbeach Angling Club

Members of Waterbeach AC have been meeting in and around Waterbeach since the club was first formed in 1936. It's probably true that villagers were meeting prior to this date as well.

Angling is and always has been a pretty social sport and over the years many friendships have been formed not just in Waterbeach but around the world.

It is also a family orientated sport, with fathers passing on their knowledge and tips to their sons and daughters. This can be seen on the banks of our lake complex in Waterbeach Road, Landbeach, but sadly not so much on the river banks these days. Friends still meet up at the



Bottisham Lode and the River Cam by Colin Brett

end of Bannold Road and set off for distant swims for some peace and tranquillity plus some banter between themselves.

The club committee still meets every second Monday of each month in the upstairs room of the Sun public house on Waterbeach Village Green thus cementing our link to the village

A recent visitor to our river was Hugh Miles the renowned wildlife film maker. Hugh was brought up in Ely and spent many hours on the Cam at Waterbeach and still enjoys a week or two here now. On his last visit he counted 69 different species of birds along the river bank, now there's reason enough to be an angler!

Club membership runs from June 16th to March 14th inclusive each year. See our website for full details www.waterbeachac.co.uk

News from Cllr. Peter Johnson

I wish all the residents of Waterbeach, Landbeach, and Chittering a Very Happy Christmas and I hope that 2015 will be good to us all in health, wealth, and happiness.

After many phone calls and e-mails a multi-agency meeting was set for the 18th November and from that I hope the possibility of flooding in our village will be reduced dramatically with parties taking responsibility for their own sections. You will see that in the Parish Council newsletter we are trying to form an Emergency Team and that is to deal with an emergency that may

happen in our village, with phone numbers of contacts. Please read the newsletter and if you feel able to help then please do.

I did attend the preliminary hearing at the Guildhall along with Parish Councillors and residents as I do need to know how this is going to work and at what stage we will get the chance to put our case forward with a realistic chance of being heard. The hearing for the Local Plan is going to take many months so I will be preparing my spiel in readiness for my opportunity at the hearing, as I want the Inspector to hear just how we feel about the prospects of many thousands of houses being thrust upon us with scant regard for what we would like.

As many of you will know the company Urban and Civic have been selected by the DIO to develop the former barracks site. They did attend a Parish Council meeting to introduce themselves which was welcomed. They do seem keen to work with the village and are prepared to look at facilities on the camp that could possibly be used by members of the public such as the fishing lake, but we do have to be careful not to be taken in too much because ultimately they will want to build houses there. I find that by working with these kinds of people there is a possibility they can be steered in a direction with results more in line with our aspirations.

There have been two more planning applications for Cody Road and Bannold Road recently, one was refused but the one to build at the rear of the doctors surgery was passed, much to my disappointment. I would imagine the one that was refused will go to appeal and judging on what has happened earlier this year it will be allowed.

A short while ago Maurice Leeke and myself did a walkabout in the village to see exactly what the street lighting issues are and what suggestions we could make to improve the lighting of our pavements. A list was presented in my monthly report for the Parish Council and I have sent this on to the County Council Street lighting department and I look forward to hearing their comments. Surprisingly enough it would only need probably two more street lights, as to relocate several others would solve the problem. I know the cost of moving them will raise eyebrows but when the street lighting programme was initiated the spacing of the lights should have been prioritised.

I did attend a rail users meeting in September but Network rail were not able to attend for various reasons. First Capital were there but it was their last meeting as Govia were taking over the franchise of this route and they were also not in attendance. So while it was a pleasant meeting nothing was achieved and I find that very frustrating, I sincerely hope that the next meeting will be much better attended by the relevant parties as the car parking issue is getting worse and with the possibility of getting another 30 cars parked off the road I will be pushing this issue.

Maple Court is now reaching the stage where all the external work has been done and while it is a completely different building than Robson Court it is blending in quite well. There have been a few hitches with the remote control crane at times interfering with TV signals for residents living nearby, but the crane is expected to be removed from site very shortly so that problem will be resolved. There is a slight concern over the height at the rear near Winfold Road and the amount of windows on the west side, but Planning Enforcement will be checking this to ensure the building is as the plans.

After a visit from a senior planning officer we have been advised about the location of the new skate park which I know will not please everyone, but we have a duty to provide facilities for the younger generation of our village and this is something that has been on the cards for a while now.

On Wednesday I attended a panel meeting at Cambs County Council Highways department along with Brian Williams and Maurice Leeke where we did a presentation to try and get funding for the much needed pedestrian crossing on Chapel Street. I felt that it was received quite well and any question we were asked we did have answers for. But as with projects of this nature a decision is never going to be quick and we have been told we will get an answer in January so I wait with fingers crossed that we will have been successful in our quest.

I did have the inspection of South Cambs District Council with a Council Officer and a representative of the contractors responsible for the grass cutting, hedge trimming, etc. A list was made and the contractor was asked to price it all up and I understand that this costing has been submitted to the District Council. Approval should be made as this is all necessary work and also helps the appearance of our village.

The order was raised to resurface the footpath that runs from Jubilee Close to Denny End Road and I am very disappointed that this work has not been done. There are many other footpaths and pavements like this and urgent work is needed before someone trips over. It is also very difficult pushing a wheelchair along pavements that are in poor condition such as Greenside near Wellington Place. The standing water outside the Chemist shop is another problem, I have asked the County Council Highways to investigate as I have seen pedestrians splashed as cars go through the puddle and that is not acceptable.

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". 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.

Toddler Playgroup



The Autumn term has seen us welcome a new set of children into our 'Advancing 4s' group here at the playgroup and they have all settled in really well and made new friends. As with last year, this was enabled through our induction program which enabled parents to accompany their children to sessions until they were settled.

This term, our curriculum has included the festival of Diwali, Bonfire Night and Remembrance which saw the children making their own poppies. The children have also been on a field trip around the village which was enjoyed by all, spotting local attractions as well as viewing the trains at the level crossing. The children also had a trip to the Library here in the village, where many of them enjoyed the opportunity to view the books and learn about how the library works.

Later this term the children will be engaging in a number of activities and events in preparation for Christmas. This will include our annual Christmas Performance put on by our 'Rising 5s' which is always a huge success. As well as the end of term Christmas Party which includes a special visit from a certain person and his reindeer!

The Playgroup Management Committee as always are busy fundraising and at the time of writing this article are busy preparing for the Nearly New Sale and Cake Stall which is to be held at the Salvation Army Hall. They have also been preparing Christmas Eve Kits which are available to either pre order through our Facebook Page or purchase at the School Christmas Fair. They comprise a Christmas Cookie Mix, Reindeer Hot Chocolate and Reindeer Food. This March also sees our ever popular Auction of Promises again, at The White Horse Pub, Waterbeach on Thursday 5 March. If you think you may be able to support us by donating something then please get in touch, otherwise we look forward to seeing you there. All of the money raised by these events is used for projects and resources directly associated with the playgroup and enables us to enhance and expand the learning opportunities of all our children. Your support is greatly appreciated.

If you wish to find out more about the playgroup then please check out our newly revamped website or contact our Play Leader, Wayne Badcock on 07808 357729 or via e-mail at wayne@waterbeachtoddlerplaygroup.org.uk. Alternatively, any of our committee members would be more than happy to talk to you.

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 £3.00 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.)

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| Wed 21 st January: | AGM, with cheese and wine! |
| Wed 18 th February: | 'A magnificent erection': the building of the 'new' University Library in Cambridge - Andrew Lacey |
| Wed 18 th March: | More stories from the Tower of St. Edmundsbury Cathedral - Horry Parsons. |
| Wed 15 th April: | Stand and Deliver! : Highwaymen and Newmarket during the reign of Charles II - John Sutton |
| Wed 20 th May: | The Mill Road History Project - Becky Proctor |
| Sat 20 th June: | Landbeach Lunch at 47 High Street, 12 - 2 pm |

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>

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

Since WAY is very much a local charity we rely on the local community for our support. On this occasion, we are not asking for money, but for help in the Youth Club at the Tillage Hall. The club is open from 7 – 9 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday and, to ensure that it is properly staffed we have a team of paid Youth Workers and the services of a small group of volunteers. We need more volunteers, and have two paid posts which we need to fill. Our Project Administrator is leaving us at the end of January, and the Youth Club is looking for an Assistant Youth Worker.

The volunteer role is supporting the Youth Work team in all kinds of ways - from selling tuck to taking responsibility for art, cookery and/or sports projects. No particular experience or skill is needed, except for an interest in young people and their well-being. Each brings his or her own skills, passions and interests, to good effect. Our volunteers come in on one agreed evening each week or every other week. Age is not an issue, but you must be over 18.

Both paid positions are part-time. Our Project Administrator takes care of book-keeping, grant funding, general administration and publicity; working hours are 10 per week, working from home. The main responsibility of our Assistant Youth Workers is ensuring that activities and projects are appropriately managed and supporting both our Youth Leader and members. This post is for at least one evening weekly (2.5 hours).

If you might be interested in joining us as either a volunteer or a paid member of staff, please contact:

our Project Administrator, Julie Wentworth, by phone - 01223 861668 - or by e-mail: juliewentworth@btinternet.com or our Chair of Trustees, Shelagh Robertson – 01223 860445 or shelagh@richard-blake.com.

Waterbeach School Crossing Patrol



Could you spare half an hour in the morning and half an hour in the afternoon?

We are looking for a School Crossing Patrol Officer to assist children and adults in crossing the road to and from school safely.

For more information please contact

Andy Swallowe (School Crossing Patrol Service Manager)

Tel: 01223 699959

Email: Andy.Swallowe@Cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Library News



Waterbeach Library has had a very successful summer with 86 children, from both local schools and outside the community, completing the Mythical Maze Summer Reading Challenge 2014. Most of the children were presented with their medals and certificates during morning assembly at Waterbeach Community School on the 17th October, with the remaining children receiving their medals and certificates either at home or in the Library.

We have been very pleased to provide two more playgroups/nurseries with books from the Library in the past few weeks. Waterbeach Toddler Playgroup were welcomed to the Library, after walking all the way from their Playgroup. Many members of the community commented after the event how well behaved the children were as they made their way through the village to the Library. This continued in the Library on choosing their books, having stories read to them and wishing us goodbye, - they proved an absolute delight. The WTP now receive library books every three weeks, but will be visiting us again after Christmas. We also supply library books to the Little Stars Nursery, who are based in the Community Centre on the Barracks site, every three weeks. The three groups of children apparently love the stories before they have their rest period. If any other playgroups would like this service please do not hesitate to make contact.

Recently we donated a number of large print books to the local senior citizens' residential home to enlarge their own library for the use of their residents. Whilst we know we could profit from these books we would prefer they benefit our own community for the pleasure of those who possibly are not as mobile in their mature years.

The Library was very pleased to be able to purchase a book display stand, which holds up to 140 books, and some new Usborne books, as a result of a generous donation from the Waterbeach Charities. The display stand allows the books to be displayed to their greatest advantage and younger children to choose their books with greater ease. Our sincere thanks to Waterbeach Charities.

The Library is going from strength to strength with increased numbers of people joining and books being loaned. If you should require a book we do not have we can arrange to order it for you to be delivered to Waterbeach. Equally if you collect books from another Cambridgeshire library we can return those books through the County system, saving you a journey into town. And if you have any books overdue from other libraries if you return them to us we are able to keep the fines, so you save yourself time and provide funds to your community library. We have within Waterbeach Library

public computers for your use, all on the Wi-Fi system, study space, areas for very young children and books of all types. If we do not have it we will obtain it for you – you only have to ask.

From 2pm on Friday afternoons we have a period where babies and pre-school children can spend a quiet time with their carer enjoying the books before we open officially. We intend to re-commence the Storytime sessions in the near future. Please watch for advisements on our Facebook Page <http://www.facebook.com/WaterbeachLibrary>

Thank you for your support and we hope to see you at Waterbeach Library in the near future.

Christmas Closing - the Library will close at the end of the afternoon session on Monday 22nd December and reopen on Monday 5th January 2015. Waterbeach Library is located in the Community Room on the Waterbeach School site. If you already have a Cambridgeshire Libraries card this can be used at Waterbeach, or you can join the Library there to enjoy the benefits of all Cambridgeshire Libraries.

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

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

Mobile library visits - The mobile library calls once a month, on the second Monday, so forthcoming dates are 8th Dec, 12th Jan, 9th Feb, 9th Mar. Timings are: Waterbeach - Denson Close 13:30-14:00; Waterbeach - The Green 14:05-14:25; Waterbeach - Chapel Close 14:30-14:50; Waterbeach - Buchanan Centre 14:55-15:30; Landbeach - 9 High Street 15:40-16:20.

For more information, see <http://hipweb.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/mobiles/>, or ask at any library.

Waterbeach United Charities (Reg No 201528)

(Clause 4 (2) grant)

Organisations are invited to apply for a grant from the above Charity subject to funds being available at the end of the financial year (December 2014).

Applications to be submitted in writing clearly stating the reasons for the grant and they should include details of any fund raising efforts that have been made. Closing date will be **31 December 2014**. These grants will be considered early in the New Year.

Not all applications may be successful and the Trustees' decision will be final. Please send details to:

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

Community Playgroup



As usual in the autumn, we have been delighted to welcome all the children who have joined us this year with their families and to welcome back those children who are with us again this year. It is nice to get back into the routines of Playgroup life with regular visits to Waterbeach Library on Mondays and to the school gym on a Thursday morning. This year we are particularly pleased to be offering extended hours in the afternoon: we are now open until 3pm each day which means that we are now open for 6 hours Monday to Friday.

This term many of our children have chosen to spend a lot of their time in our garden enjoying the lovely autumn sunshine, wind and rain, crunching the autumn leaves and experiencing the sights, sounds and smells of autumn. They have brought in collections of conkers, pine cones, acorns and autumn leaves and enjoyed creating artwork inspired by their experiences outdoors: lots of bright autumn colours, glittery fireworks and plenty of glue.

Our book of the moment for the first half term was *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and the children have

been engaging in lively shared reading, enjoying fruity snacks, counting fruit, making caterpillars out of play dough, pasta, woolly pom-poms and paint. We explored symmetry, folding painted paper to make butterflies and some of the children even turned themselves into caterpillars with wiggly pipe-cleaner antennae.

For the second half of the term we are looking at *The Gruffalo*

and *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*, thinking about the sounds and physical sensations of being outside squelching in mud, tip-toeing through the forest or splashing through puddles – then putting on our wellies and going outside to splash and squelch about!

We are now looking forward to the winter, starting to think about wrapping up warm to play outside, what happens when it is icy and snowy and we will have plenty of opportunities for the children to explore the textures and sensations of cold. We will also be thinking about celebrations and families. We are looking forward to our annual Nativity where the children who will be



going to school next year take part in a Christmas play and we welcome all our children and their families to enjoy the show with festive refreshments. We offer 3 sessions a day, morning (9am to 12 noon), lunch (12 noon to 12.30 – children bring a packed lunch) and afternoon (12.30 to 3pm). Families can choose sessions to suit their individual requirements. 15 hours funding is available for children in the term after their third birthday and we have places for funded 2 year olds. We provide a snack in the morning and afternoon sessions. We also offer optional French lessons to children in the year before they start school.

Waterbeach Community Playgroup provides a fun, safe environment where children can explore and learn through play. All our sessions are open to children from two until they start school. Our members of staff are all qualified to, or currently studying for, level 3 qualification in Early Years and we follow the government's Early Years and Foundation Stage curriculum.

If you would like to come and see what we do, please call Jacqui Woods on 01223 440769 or email us at info@waterbeachplaygroup.org.uk

Important bin collection changes

Green bin collections

Green bin collections will be moving to a monthly collection during the winter months when far less garden waste is put out by residents. The change is being made for December, January and February collections only, with fortnightly collections remaining in place for the rest of the year.

Christmas collections

We're asking residents to make an early note of Christmas bin collections as changes this year will affect all residents, with some collections moving forward as well as back. Collections will be made up until 27 December, break until 4 January and return to normal on 5 January.

- Please ensure bins are put out by 6am on the day of collection
- You can recycle all your Christmas cards and wrapping paper in the blue bin
- You can compost all leftover food (cooked and raw) and real Christmas trees (cut up) in the green bin
- Excess blue bin material will routinely be collected when placed alongside the blue bin in a returnable container or cardboard box
- Excess black bin waste will be collected if placed alongside the bin on the first scheduled black bin collection after the New Year only.



Want to know more?

For more information and to see the collection calendar:

- Visit www.scambs.gov.uk/bin-changes
- See the latest edition of the South Cambs Magazine
- Call 03450 450 063



Christmas Collections

Black Bin

Wed 10 Dec 2014
Wed 24 Dec 2014
Wed 14 Jan 2015
Wed 28 Jan 2015

Blue bin, paper caddy

Wed 17 Dec 2014
Wed 7 Jan 2015
Wed 21 Jan 2015
Wed 4 Feb 2015

Green bin

Wed 17 Dec 2014
Wed 7 Jan 2015

Wed 4 Feb 2015

Local Heroes

Waterbeach's Bomber Squadron Remembered

For the last two years of the Second World War, 514 Squadron's Lancasters took part in all the major campaigns carried by Bomber Command over Europe.

Although it was formed at Foulsham in Norfolk, the squadron only operated from that airfield for three weeks before its relocation to Waterbeach. The Cambridgeshire airfield was home to 514 Squadron for the rest of its operational life, the unit being disbanded in August 1945, days after the end of the war. To most of its serving members and their families, Waterbeach village was the spiritual home of the squadron and the association remains seven decades later.

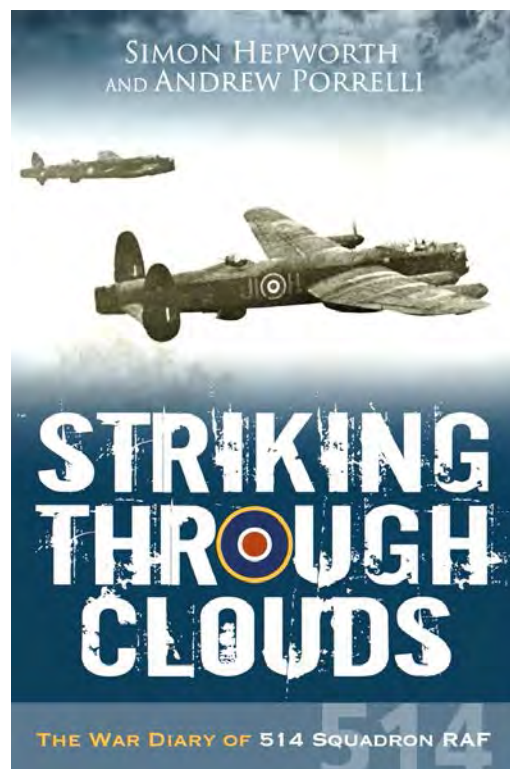
514 Squadron's war started in November 1943 with the first of sixteen raids on Berlin. Some of the crews found themselves visiting the German capital numerous times; they were never made welcome however. As the long stormy winter came to an end, the operational effort switched to the aircraft industry in Germany as the RAF and USAAF sought to eradicate the ability of the Luftwaffe to defend the skies over Occupied Europe; Allied air supremacy was vital if the D-Day landings in Normandy were to be successful. After the arduous trips to Berlin, however, came the catastrophic raid against Nuremburg which cost the squadron six aircraft on a single night. As summer prevailed, the attentions of the squadron turned to supporting the Allied landings in France, and brought about a switch to daylight operations. As the threat of enemy fighters reduced, though never entirely disappearing, the odds of surviving a tour of thirty or more operations began to swing back



F/O Geoff France (centre) and his crew completed 33 of their allotted 35 operations before being shot down over Homberg on 21st November 1944

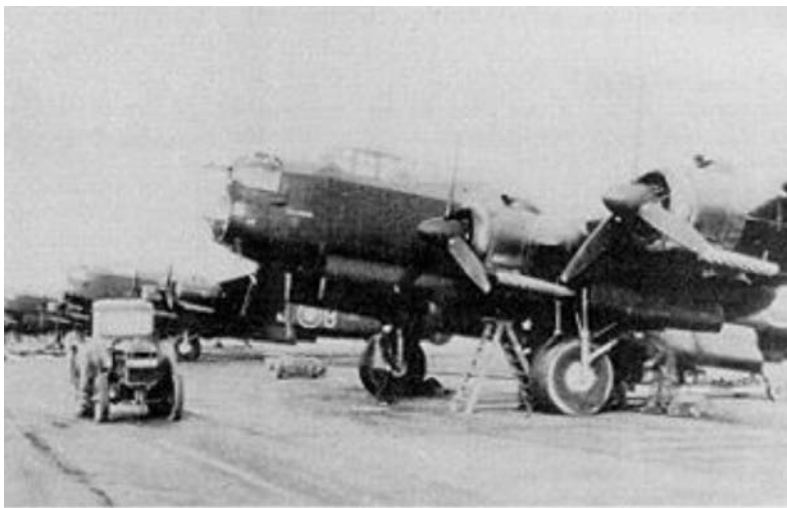
in favour of the crews, though operations remained hazardous until the end of the war. In particular, raids against synthetic oil plants in the autumn and winter of 1944 brought horrific flak barrages to bear on the crews as they tried to destroy the Nazis' oil supplies. The plant at Homberg was attacked four times by the squadron, with the loss of eight aircraft, more from Waterbeach than were shot down in the Berlin campaign the previous winter.

The history of 514 Squadron is told in its entirety for the first time in a new book, *Striking Through Clouds*, which is based on the official Operational Record Book supplemented by additional research. It includes all known combat records, the accounts of crews who came under attack from enemy fighters and survived to tell the tale. Sadly, many others did not get the chance. In its brief existence, the squadron lost sixty six of its Lancaster's in action, with a further fourteen being wrecked in crashes. A total of 435 aircrew died while serving with the unit, including ten ground crew; nine in an explosion on the airfield and one whilst on an experiential trip on a training flight. The last loss was on 9th May 1945 when a Lancaster carrying its crew and 24 POWs home from Juvincourt, France, crashed shortly after take-off. It is believed to have been the largest loss of life in a single Lancaster.



Striking Through Clouds tells the full story of Waterbeach's own bomber squadron in WWII

The crew of Flying Officer Lou Greenburgh survived ditching in the North Sea on 29th December 1943. They were rescued when their squadron commander, Wing Commander Arthur Samson DFC, personally flew a



Lancasters line up at Waterbeach in the early months of 1944

search and rescue mission and located the crew 70 miles off the coast of Norfolk. They were in their dinghy for sixteen hours. Lou Greenburgh returned to ops, and once ordered his crew to bale out as their aircraft was badly damaged by flak. Two did so, being captured but F/O Greenburgh regained control of his Lancaster and flew it back to Waterbeach. Undeterred F/O

Greenburgh kept on flying and was shot down again in June 1944. On that occasion, he and three of his crew evaded capture and returned to England safely.

Lou Greenburgh survived the war, as did his squadron commander. Tragically, Wing Commander Samson, who left 514 Sqn in May 1944, was killed in September 1945 in the Far East when his Dakota aircraft exploded whilst carrying sick POWs home from Burma.

There is still an annual reunion at Waterbeach on the Queen's birthday, featuring a fly-past of the BBMF Lancaster en route to Buckingham Palace. Though the veterans grow fewer with the passage of time, attendance is still excellent as families and friends commemorate the duty and sacrifice of the boys from Waterbeach and those on the ground who made their ops possible.

Signed and dedicated copies of *Striking Through Clouds* are available from the author, Simon Hepworth, price £15 plus £4 postage and packing. E-mail 514squadronraf@gmail.com for details. Unsigned copies are available direct from Amazon.

Waterbeach Day Centre

Denson Close Community Centre: Monday and Wednesday: 11am to 3.30pm
Are you a Senior Citizen in Waterbeach, Landbeach or Chittering? Do you know that there is a Day Centre in Waterbeach ready to welcome you, read on to find out more....

What 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 until the end of this year, then £4.00 per day from the beginning of January 2015. 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 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.

Waterbeach Village Society

Having been initiated into the auctioneer's wiles in how to get the best price at auctions, learned how to extract 10 dollars from an American airman for unlocking his car door (through the open window!) and the politics involved in Local Government, our next talk (Tuesday 16th December) by Keith Gallois and Tim Titmarsh will take us from Ely to Base Camp on Everest. The Annual General Meeting and Social Evening will be on January 27th 2015. February 24th 2015 will see the welcome return of Rodney Tibbs with some interesting tales about his adventures in foreign climes when he was the motoring correspondent of the "Cambridge News."

The reprint of Denis Cheason's booklet of extracts from the "Cambridge Chronicle" has been favourably received and copies are going fast, but can still be obtained from Bulls the Butchers, Shipp's Newsagents, the Library, and from Committee Members.

For more information on the above and the rest of the Society's programme, contact Adrian Wright, Chairman, on adrianj.wright@ntlworld.com or 01223 861846, Ray Rice, Secretary, raythefingers@aol.com or 01223 860663 or David Armstrong, Treasurer, armstrong586@o2.co.uk 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.

Part-time administrator job at St John's Parish Church, Waterbeach (Permanent – 8hrs+ per week - £8-£10p.h. – closing date 14th Dec)

St John's Church, Waterbeach needs an Administrator to maintain its Parish Office.

You will need to be flexible and organised, good with people, and have administrative and computer skills (including Microsoft Word, Excel, Publisher and social media). You will need to be in sympathy with the Christian faith and have sensitivity to the task and function of a Parish Church. You will be expected to maintain parish records with accuracy and care.

In addition, you will be asked to take notes for the meetings of the Parochial Church Council (roughly six evening meetings each year) for which time off will be given in lieu.

The post is based in the Office of St John's Church and is for 8 hours per week with 5 weeks paid holiday per year pro rata. However, for the right candidate more hours may be available. The salary is £8 to £10 per hour depending on experience. This post is permanent.

If you are interested, please send your CV and a covering letter to stuartbmorris@gmail.com by the 14th December, 2014.

Message from Cllr. James Hockney

Local Plan and the Town - I have now been fighting the proposed town for over 10 years. This is because I believe that is against the interests of our community. Thank you to everyone who returned the survey forms. The result was quite categorical with over 97% opposing the town and 60% supporting a Waterbeach extension onto the built area of the Barracks. Getting the survey form together was from working together with fellow no new town campaigners like Keep Waterbeach Rural.

In September I put forward a Motion to the Full Council meeting of South Cambridgeshire District Council, over the appalling Planning Inspector decision to allow two developments along Bannold Road. These decisions mean we lose farmland, the original separation between Waterbeach and the proposed town and housing on land we have seen flood. The motion passed with unanimous support of Councillors across the political spectrum.

Looking back over the course of the year, I have stood up for our community consistently and firmly at South Cambridgeshire District Council. This includes the main Local Plan meeting earlier in the year where I spoke robustly against the town concept and voted NO to the Local Plan. In addition to proposing an amendment that we should build just on the built area of the barracks and leave it at that. I will keep making the case for using the built area of the barracks only, as that would bring forward houses sooner and so benefiting our local economy and helping with local housing need.

At the time of writing the Local Plan Inspector hearings are taking place and this will be another opportunity for us to put our case.

Thank you to everyone that has 'liked' and visited the Facebook campaign page www.facebook.com/waterbeachbarracksnonewtown.

I know this has been a long fight for our community over the years. We must press on as we have won this fight three times before. Let's make it a fourth time.

Preserving our history - Landbeach Tithe Barn - This is a wonderful historic building in Landbeach dating back to the Tudor times (estimated to have been built in 1527). It is the last remaining Tithe Barn in the County and the only one in the UK with its original floor in place.

I am working closely with SCDC, Landbeach Society and Cambridge Past, Present and Future on securing the future of this wonderful building. The District Council has tasked me with setting up a Trust, who will restore and fundraise for this building. Costs of re-thatching and restoration work are reckoned to be around £50-100k. If this does not happen then SCDC will sell this building for conversion – and so losing the last Tithe Barn in the County. In November I was delighted to chair the first working group meeting, ahead

of a Trust being formally set-up. This follows on from; (1) Opening and closing a Seminar workshop in the summer with experts and interested parties from all over the region (2) Chairing a multi-agency meeting in Landbeach (3) Attending many District Council meetings (who own the building) (4) Setting up a 'Friends of Landbeach Tithe Barn' Facebook page www.facebook.com/FriendsofLandbeachTitheBarn.

This building is approaching its 500th anniversary next decade. But we must work now to save this building for future generations. So if you are interested in helping as a Trustee or in the 'Friends of Landbeach Tithe Barn' group then please do let me know.

Supporting the local economy - 'Shop Local, Trade Local' - Thank you to everyone who is supporting our local businesses and shops. We have a Facebook page www.facebook.com/shoptradelocalwaterbeach that I set-up. If you run a shop or local business please do feel welcome to post of the page. We have as many as a 1,000 people a week viewing the page.

There are now new owners of the Village Stores, who are working hard to build their business, so please do show them your support.

Parking in Waterbeach - This does seem to be a growing problem, especially in the week. I am in contact with the Police about dangerous parking and there have been enforcement tickets issued.

Naturally we must see the Station car park expanded. I am liaising with Network Rail to see if part of the old goods yard can provide extra spaces. They are in the process of developing a business plan to bring this forward.

I would like to wish you and your family a very Happy Christmas and wonderful New Year. As ever I am here to help and look forward to the challenges and opportunities that 2015 will bring to our community.

Please feel free to contact me;

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Shaolin Kung Fu

Hung Kuen Five Animals Shaolin Kung Fu landed in Cambridgeshire this year and has been growing ever since. We are a new community kung fu club local to Waterbeach and Milton.

We teach Kung Fu to adults (14+) at Waterbeach Tillage Hall on Fridays. These sessions are intense workouts, with the mixture of cardio, strength (tendon, ligament and muscle), speed, power, agility and flexibility that can only come from unique Shaolin Kung Fu training. Don't let lack of fitness daunt you, our yellow belts started several months ago with some unable to kick a kickshield down the length of the room, and are now pushing

themselves to continuous sets followed by high intensity sparring, strength training and conditioning. Everyone has to start somewhere, and we will look after you!

Recently, we opened up Tuesday training to kids aged 5+ years. We work with them to build their confidence, coordination and focus, and emphasise the importance of self-defense and quick reactions. We are constantly amazed at the speed of their improvement, and their enthusiasm for learning! Hung Kuen Five Animal Style is an ancient martial art with drills and techniques finely honed over hundreds of years. We are a husband and wife partnership of instructors, and have been taught directly by Master Ang, 10th degree grandmaster and founder of Hung Kuen UK. We have found it a great pleasure to bring this knowledge to Cambridgeshire.

In August, everyone passed their first grading from white belt to yellow belt. The National Hung Kuen Tournament is in December and the next grading in January. The next few months are busy with opportunities to test new skills.

Your first session is free to try then just £5 a session with a £40 annual membership fee. Take a look at our website www.hungkuencambridge.co.uk for detailed information, picture gallery FAQ's and more. We will be running a special one-off beginners session this January, date to be announced soon... why not give it a try?

Jazzercise

Muscle does not weigh more than fat - it's just denser than it, so the same weight in muscle is "smaller" than in fat. Don't go by the scales - go by measurements or how clothing fits you!

Body blasting music mixes with 60 minutes of sweating and laughing through pilates, yoga and kickboxing moves, this is Jazzercise!

At Waterbeach School Tues/Thurs 6.45pm & 8pm, Sat mornings 10am (first class free to all new at Waterbeach)

Keep posted to what's on in Waterbeach as there will be different class formats coming soon! Such as a Low Impact Class, Cutting out the hop and a class just for strength training.

Please support us and like our page Facebook.com/jazzercisewaterbeach

A couple of us attended Italy's Fitness Convention in September. It was awesome, as it was on the beach in Bibione with presenters from the states. Jazzercise Waterbeach will be warming up the Santas on 14th December at 9.45am to prepare them for their annual run in aid of the Milton Hospice. This will be at the Grafton Centre, Cambridge.

Really hope to see you all in class soon! Fitness on your Doorstep!

Bev Tumber Instructor/Class Owner for Jazzercise Waterbeach

Memories of Chittering School

I am always interested to read Beach News as I was born in Waterbeach and later resided for 21 years in the thatched cottage on the A10, opposite Denny Abbey. At this time the cottage was in the parish of Landbeach.

As children, my sister Audrey and I attended the chapel at Chittering. At 10am it was Sunday School conducted by Miss Monica Wyatt, followed by Morning Service at 11am by Mr F Burton, Sunday School again at 2pm by Mrs E Burton or a visiting preacher e.g. Jack Harding, and once more for Evening Service by Mr F Burton or visiting preacher.

I can also vividly remember attending chapel some evenings during the summer months to rehearse our individual pieces for the Sunday School Anniversary Service. Following the service a tea party was arranged by Mrs E Burton and friends, and held in the chapel grounds in the small building adjacent to the right of the entrance gate. After tea we were given an apple and made our way along the A10 to Mr Searle's meadow for organised games.

Sometime later in the year local churches and chapels congregated at Waterbeach Railway Station for a trip to the seaside at Hunstanton. I can remember the last ice cream before going home was obtained from a small confectionery shop painted red opposite the railway station and also a paper cone of shrimps bought from a stall on the green in front of the pier.

I started school in Chittering in 1938 and all classes for all ages were held in one room. In the winter months the room was heated by two enormous open fires and the desks were moved closer to the fire so that everyone kept warm. In 1940/41 two very large tortoise style fires replaced the open fires and made the school much warmer.

Our teacher was Miss Wallace, who cycled from Waterbeach every day. In the winter if the road was too icy she took the bus, which much to our enjoyment didn't arrive until after the normal school opening times and in the afternoon we had to close early to enable Miss Wallace to catch the return bus back to Waterbeach.

At the time of starting school until I left at the age of 11, I can recall a total of 29 families of children attending the school. They came from all directions, even across the fields. They included a family of travellers who were based at Willow Grange and some of the children were evacuees.

The school register was called twice each day and recorded on a black chalkboard morning and afternoon. I can still recall the number of 93 being the total displayed on the wall at the right hand side of the entrance from the girls' cloakroom.

Adjacent to the playground, entered through the boys' cloakroom, was the

caretaker's garden within which stood a hazelnut tree. Mr Nicholls kept honeybees and quite often in the summer his wife would appear with a poker and coal shovel and begin to tin the bees to calm them down so they would swarm. When Mr Nicholls arrived he would gather the swarm in his hands and arms and return them to the hives. Whilst this was happening we children were not allowed in the playground and had to play outside the school on the road, not so much traffic then!

In about 1941 an air raid shelter was erected in the playground. Its brick walls and concrete roof were out of bounds normally and only to be used in an air raid. I can recall about three times an air raid warning, when someone from the Traveller's Rest or Mr Searle's opposite, came to let Miss Wallace know of an imminent raid.

At one time my grandparents were the caretakers and lived at No. 1 Council Houses nearly opposite the school. Grandmother would clean after school every day, she would sweep and dust, clean out the fires and relay them for the morning. Before sweeping the wooden floors they had to be have a liberal scattering of a compound called 'Dusmo' to keep the dust from flying about. I remember the smell being like carbolic soap. Grandfather was responsible for the emptying and disposal of the school lavatory buckets. These were removed from under the wooden seat by a small trap door at the rear. He would also clean the windows inside and out to the best of his ability. Of course he didn't have the luxury of running water or electricity in those days.

I left Chittering School at 11 years old. I don't remember anyone leaving at 11 and going straight to work full time, although some did work in the evenings, weekends and during the summer holidays. At 11 some went to the Grammar School, The Perse School or to the senior school at Waterbeach (now The Old School Guest House) where Miss Hatley was the head teacher.

At 11 years old, in the summer of 1943 when I left Chittering School, I went to Impington Village College until I left full time education at the age of 14 years. *Mr C Peach*

Happy Folks Club

Happy Folks Club have enjoyed good times this year. We have nearly finished our trips out, the photo shows Tony Shipp on a river trip at Windsor. We have just a few trips left as I write this, Leicester and our Christmas shopping trip. The club goes from strength to strength, and with support from village, and friends from Milton, we hope to continue next year.



WASPS



Our new reception class children have all now settled into the Breakfast and After School Clubs at WASPS (Waterbeach After School Play Scheme). We have had a great term so far with lots of fun on the new play structure and the October Holiday Club was exciting for the children who enjoyed participating in many Halloween themed activities.

WASPS had a successful AGM in October and we have elected a new Management Committee to take us forward through the year. The committee is smaller this year than in recent years, so a busy time is anticipated. The outgoing Chairperson thanked all the staff, WASPS families and local people for supporting WASPS during the community events we have participated in over the last year. So far this year we have planned a Pampered Chef cooking equipment evening in November and will continue to organise other fundraising activities over the next year.

We are now all looking forward to Christmas and making decorations to brighten up the Playhouse. Winter Holiday Club – is now taking bookings and the opening dates are: 22nd and 23rd December, 2nd and 5th January 2015. As usual the Holiday Club runs from 8am – 6pm for a full day, but we are now pleased to offer more flexible bookings. We will be able to take bookings for a minimum of 2 hours at any time during our opening hours. If you need to do some last minute Christmas shopping without the children, why not consider using WASPS whilst you pop into town. Our half day sessions will also be more flexible and can start at any time between 8am and 1pm.

Remember, you do not have to use our clubs during term time to use our Holiday Club.

Breakfast Club runs from 7:45am – 8:50am and After School Club runs until 6pm on all school days.

Please visit our website: www.waterbeach-wasps.org.uk or telephone 01223 861140 during opening hours for more information. Outside of opening times, please leave a message and a member of the team will return your call when convenient.



Waterbeach Community Association Carols on Waterbeach Green

**Christmas Eve
6.30pm**

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



Beach Sessions

As we celebrate Beach Sessions 3rd anniversary we have exciting plans for 2015. Our programme begins on Saturday 7th February in the beautiful Baptist Chapel with London/Oxford-based Vienna Ditto, back for a second Beach Session after an amazing set in early 2014. They will be joined by London band Sea Stacks who are causing a big stir with their unique sound. Sea Stacks started out with one rule, that the band would use no guitars or piano. They combine orchestral instruments to create wind and string-based indie music that produces spine-tingling moments of beauty interwoven with a distinctly dark, sinister tone of lyrics. At Beach Sessions we love their unique sound, which has echoes of Sigur Ros and San Fermin. Take a listen at www.soundcloud.com/seastacks

Following a string of singles, including the critically acclaimed "The High Tide", Sea Stacks are currently working on their first full-length album. They are also getting regular radio play with BBC 6 Music's Tom Robinson describing their sound as "music of startling vigour and freshness". Live, Sea Stacks perform as an eight-piece, featuring string quartet, double bass, flute, drums and a harmonium. They have played in many prestigious venues and festivals (including Lodestar) across the UK including Bush Hall and even St Pancras station concourse.

We are also excited to welcome back Vienna Ditto who are busy recording their debut album. Lots of Waterbeach music lovers have been asking us to bring the duo back, eager to hear more of their beautifully crafted sound



which blends sci-fi blues with sparse, atmospheric electronica. Featuring the beautiful smoky vocals of Hatty Taylor the band mixes touches of Portishead, Goldfrapp, Chris Issak and Isobel Campbell with a soundtrack of manic guitar and synths played by multi-instrumentalist Nigel. Vienna Ditto are getting brilliant reviews throughout the media including on Radio 1, Q magazine and The Fly and they were also selected from thousands of UK bands to play Glastonbury Festival. They have played a live session for the BBC and appeared on Channel 4's Hollyoaks Music Show.

Tickets are only £8 from The Sun in Waterbeach or from www.wegotickets.com/beachsessions

To keep up to date "like us" on www.facebook.com/thebeachsessions or visit www.beachsessions.co.uk

You can also sign up to our email list by emailing us at info@beachsessions.co.uk

Beach Social Club

I would first of all like to thank those among us who donated goods to be sold at our charity auction in aid of Waterbeach Scout group. We raised £700 on the night and presented Bill Moon with a cheque for £1700 on Friday 10th October.

The new charities selected at our AGM range from start of life to end of life and are Gt Ormond St Hospital and Arthur Rank Hospice and we will raise funds for them for the next year, culminating in another auction next September.

We welcome three new members to our Club Committee and a new Club secretary. We wish Julie, our outgoing Secretary many thanks for the work she put in over eight years.

Our Bingo, sessions go from strength to strength. 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. However, if you wish to play the Jackpot Flyer you must also play all of the other games.

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. We have also just started an under 25's Open mic afternoon.

Future entertainment:

<i>5th Dec</i>	<i>Open Mic Night</i>
<i>7th Dec</i>	<i>Children's Party for Club member's children</i>
<i>13th Dec</i>	<i>Christmas Draw with Elvis</i>
<i>Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve Disco</i>	
<i>17th Jan</i>	<i>Over 60's Party for Club members</i>

Our new entertainment committee is currently booking acts from January onward and when confirmed they will be put onto our website and displayed in the Club. We are aiming to provide varied entertainment to suit most people and are always open to suggestions.

We are home to two football teams; a crib team; a snooker team and darts teams.

The lounge/dance area of the Club is available for hire by members, for parties. It can also be hired by groups and organisations, for meetings etc. Further info for all events and Club activities is available at the Club and on our website www.beachsocialclub.com

Geoff Donovan Chairman

Poems in the Kitchen

'Poems In the Kitchen' and National Poetry Day in Waterbeach.

Fundraising for Médecins Sans Frontières' work in The Middle East & Africa. Thanks to the communities of Waterbeach and Landbeach we have been able to send an astonishing £2,500 since October 2013 for Médecins Sans Frontières' emergency medical work in Syria and humanitarian aid to refugees in Lebanon, Jordan and Iraq.

Our total has leapt up thanks to the generosity of poetry-enthusiasts and well-wishers in and beyond our villages. Throughout National Poetry Day on 2nd October villagers old and new dropped in at Roseyard Cottage to share treasured favourites or air new work on this year's theme of 'Remembrance'. Poems by WB Yeats jostled the top of the popularity stakes with – AA Milne and Anon! Maturer tea-drinkers savoured WH Davies's 'What if this life if, full of care...' while the blackcurrant-squash'n'biscuit attenders regaled us with 'Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star' [Do you know all the verses?] We laughed at Allan Ahlberg's 'The School Nurse' and 'Please, Mrs Butler'; we silently absorbed Annalissa Range's 'To Remember The Fallen'.

Unexpected was the volume and quality of poetry generated here in Waterbeach. One presentation was a 'found' poem from a Suffolk gravestone; others can be revisited on <http://crossandcosmos.blogspot.co.uk/> Poignant, structured verse evoked challenges from personal and collective pasts; free verse by its very form evoked an elusive cat...

Surprising, too, were a number of moving poems produced by 'names' generally associated with other achievements: Ian Hay's memoir of a fellow soldier; radio playwright Don Taylor's 'The Presence of Friends'; dramaturge and educationalist Jane Bower's 'Vessel'.

While we chatted, reflected, drank coffee or soup we made new friends and contacts across the village – and resolved to meet again. Encouragement for this has come from the Living With Integrity Group at St John's Church, and a number of local groups and individuals: thank you all for support, cake, kitchen stools! Another event is planned to coincide with Thanksgiving Day: again, a topic presents itself.

Mindful of all that we enjoy in our villages we hope to continue our support to Médecins Sans Frontières through what can only be a tough winter in the Middle East. <http://www.doctorswithoutborders.org/news-stories/special-report/misery-beyond-war-zone-life-syrian-refugees-and-displaced-populations>

If you would like to listen to and share poems of every kind contact angela@TourCambridge.co.uk and we will try to notify you of our next event.

Angela Brown for St John's Living With Integrity Group. <http://www.msf.org.uk/country-region/syria>

Cambridgeshire Constabulary

Burglars don't go away for Christmas-police issue social networking warning
Detectives are urging people going away this Christmas not to advertise their holiday on social media.

Officers are concerned that burglars scan networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter to find out when homes will be unoccupied.

Last December, about one in six burglaries in the county were at properties where the residents had been away for two days or more.

The worst affected areas were Cambridge, Peterborough, Huntingdonshire and South Cambridgeshire, which all had around 60 burglaries in the month. Police issued the same warning in July when a number of homes in the Werrington area of Peterborough were broken into while residents were on holiday.

Detective Inspector Fran Jones, force lead on burglary, said: "It's understandable that people will be excited about going away, even if it's just for the weekend, but our advice would be not to advertise it on social media. Unfortunately, as well as your genuine friends, criminals may also be looking and take the opportunity to break into an unoccupied home. My advice would be to only tell relatives and trusted friends and neighbours."

In addition, residents are advised to keep Christmas presents out of sight as much as possible.

DI Jones said: "Before presents are placed under the tree, they should be kept out of sight, such as in closed wardrobes or under beds. Ideally, they should not be put under the tree until Christmas morning, particularly if it's visible from outside.

"And don't forget that burglars can target homes where they see discarded packaging from expensive gifts. Cardboard boxes and packaging should be properly broken down so they fit into a bin."

Residents who want advice on protecting their home are urged to visit the force's new crime prevention tool. The interactive house allows users to visit key areas around a home where security could be improved.

http://www.cambspolice.co.uk/GetCloser/Burglary.asp?utm_source=Press%20release&utm_medium=website&utm_campaign=Christmas%20burglary

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It is the time of year when we're enjoying a tippie with friends, cooking heaps of delicious food and decking the halls.

The fire service has these messages to make sure your festive cheer doesn't go up in smoke:

- Kitchens are a fire hotspot, so take care while cooking festive fancies. Never leave cooking unattended and turn off appliances when not in use.
- Switch off fairy lights and unplug them before you go to bed or leave the house. Make sure they confirm to the British Standard and never overload plug sockets.
- Be careful when drinking alcohol while smoking or cooking.
- Finally, make sure you have a working smoke alarm which is correctly fitted and works. And NEVER take the batteries out to power presents!

To find out if you are eligible for a free home fire safety check, call 0800 917 99 94. Find us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram @cambsfrs

Community Navigators

Care Network Cambridgeshire is a local charity supporting older and vulnerable people. Our vision is a Cambridgeshire where people at risk of isolation, loneliness or depression feel supported in their local community and stay healthy, happy and independent for longer.

Need help to find information? *Community Navigators* are local volunteers who help older people find out about activities and services. This FREE information service could provide anything from finding leisure activities to where to get financial advice, or help to stay independent at home. Contact 01954 212100.

Need help after an illness or hospital stay? *Help at Home* is a FREE service that offers practical help and emotional support in the short term (usually for 3 weeks) by collecting prescriptions; shopping; arranging meal deliveries or just calling in to make sure you are ok. We can also help with one-off tasks to help you remain independent at home, such as changing a light bulb or taking curtains down for a wash. Contact 01223 714433.

Want to set up a group for older people? The *Community Development* team work with people who want to set up their own groups, from car schemes to singing groups and social clubs. Contact 01954 211919.

Consider volunteering - we'd love to hear from you! Volunteering can help keep you healthy, active, and engaged with shaping your community. You can make a big difference! To find out more, call 01954 211919.

Community Oil Buying Scheme

Before topping up the oil tank to see you through the winter months it might be the right time to consider joining an oil buying scheme.



Cambridgeshire ACRE's community oil buying scheme is designed to help purchasers of central heating oil to make savings by buying in bulk. The scheme is open to anyone in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. Community buildings such as churches and village halls as well as businesses which are reliant upon heating oil can join too. The annual membership fee for domestic users is £20 and covers as many oil orders as you need during the course of the year.

Through our partnership with AF Affinity Limited, a subsidiary of Anglia Farmers Limited, the leading agricultural purchasing co-operative in the United Kingdom, the scheme makes the most of collective purchasing power.

The average saving is usually 2pence per litre against online prices. In July and August this year members who ordered oil in these months got it at less than 50pence per litre (exclusive of VAT at 5%). The environment benefits too as every time a tanker comes out to make a delivery, it is using a lot of diesel – a full tanker can get as little as a horrifying 8 miles per gallon. If deliveries are organised so that one tanker delivers to several customers in a village, instead of making lots of individual deliveries, the fuel consumption is reduced and so is traffic in the village.

There are five easy steps to cheaper heating oil:

- *Step 1: Join the Cambridgeshire ACRE Community Oil Buying Scheme*

Complete a membership form or apply online and then set up a direct debit to pay for your future oil purchases.

- *Step 2: Receive a reminder to check your oil levels*

Each month, we'll remind you to check your tank and notify you of the deadline to place an order. The minimum order is 500 litres.

- *Step 3: Place your order online*

Use our online portal to let us know how much oil you want to buy. Your order increases our negotiating power, so once submitted we regard it as binding.

- *Step 4: Sit back whilst our negotiators get the best possible price*

AF Affinity Ltd negotiate the best price from a range of suppliers. We advise you who the supplier is, the price per litre (exclusive of VAT, currently at 5%) and the approximate date of delivery.

- *Step 5: Take delivery of the oil and pay the company*

The oil will be delivered as soon as possible and your bank account is debited with the amount you owe.

To find out more about the Cambridgeshire ACRE Community Oil Buying Scheme go to our website www.cambsacre.org.uk or contact Julie Weekes on 01353 860850 email oil@cambsacre.org.uk

Get involved with your local Healthwatch

Our job is to make sure that you have a say when decisions are made about local health and social care services. We are local, independent and here for you.

We can link you up with the organisations that provide health and social care locally, and try make sure your opinions are listened to.

We can help you find out about local health or care services that might be able to support you. If you have a concern or complaint about any local health or care service, we can tell you where you need to go to sort this out and who could help you do this.

We need to know what it is like for you to use any health or care service in Cambridgeshire. Please talk to us about your experiences. We share this information with the people who make decisions about local health and care services, to help improve care. We make sure you cannot be identified, when we share this information.

Right now, we are very interested in your experience with:

- Your GP Surgery
- Urgent Care (including 111, the ambulance, and out-of-hours care)
- Mental health services
- Sexual health services

If you have used any of these services in the last three months, then please do get in touch to tell us about your experience.

Volunteer with us

We need volunteers to help us talk to people across the county about their health and care experiences. We have launched some fantastic new volunteering opportunities this autumn.

Our Street Reporters will help us investigate local health & care issues that are important to people in Cambridgeshire and report back on them.

Our Research Volunteers will help us research local health & care services.

We still need more Outreach Volunteers, to help us promote Healthwatch and talk to local people about their experiences.

Help us develop more volunteer roles by telling us what you would be interested in doing as a volunteer. We provide training, support and pay out of pocket expenses to all our volunteers.

To find out more information call us on 01480 420628 or visit our website at: <http://www.healthwatchcambridgeshire.co.uk/volunteering>

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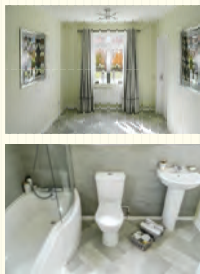
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