

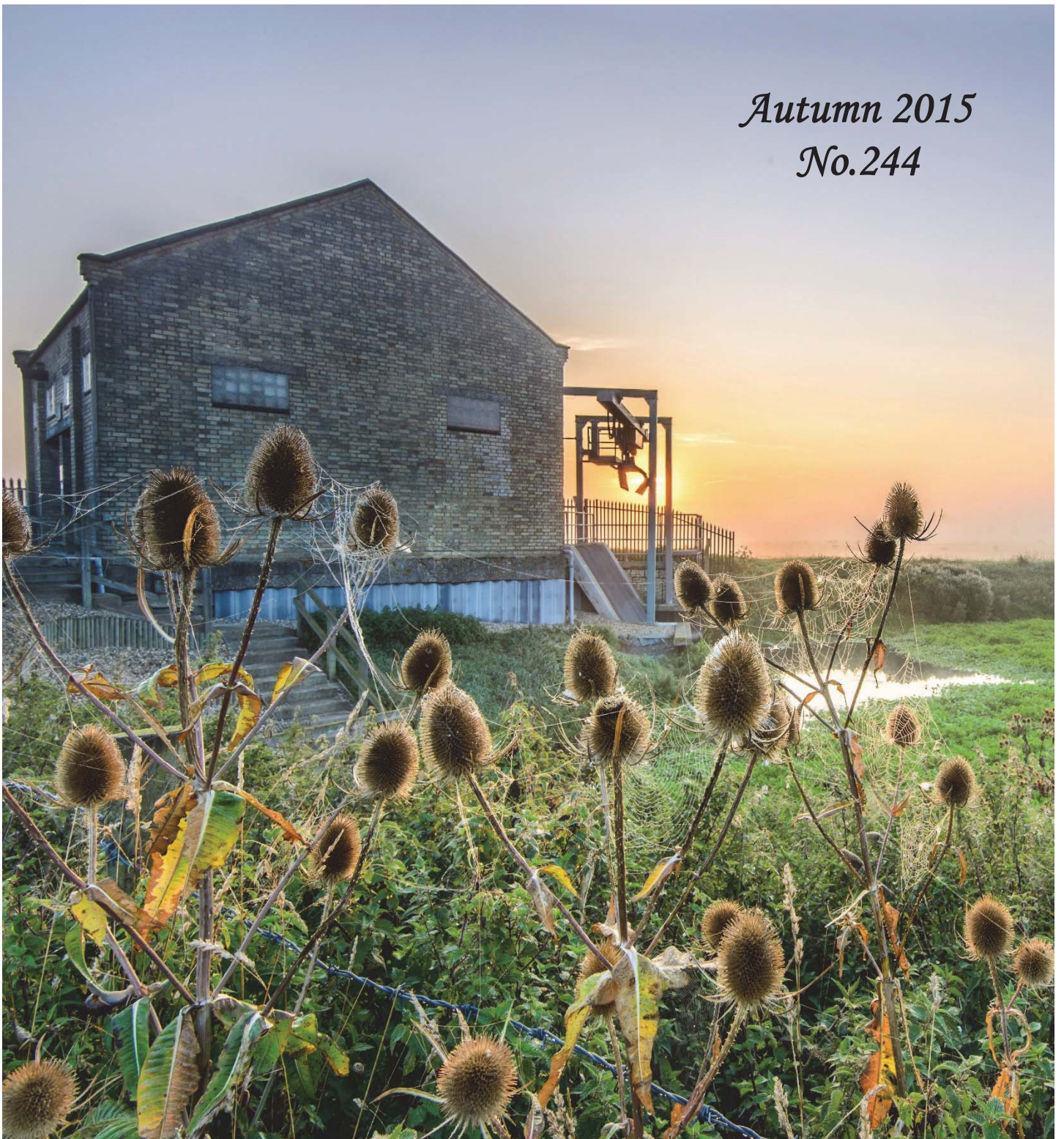
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# Community Association



The Community Association AGM was held on Monday 7<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 £763 for local clubs and groups.

Unfortunately early in the year Feast 2015 was under threat due to lack of volunteers, but a team of willing helpers came forward and our traditional Waterbeach Feast Day was saved. Lots of floats, stalls and entertainment provided a good time for all. The street collection was well supported and raised £428. Please see full Feast report on page 4.

It was decided that this year's collections on Christmas Eve and Feast Day were to be used to support Waterbeach Community Association and local clubs and groups. So far donations have been made to Waterbeach Brass and Beach Churches Together.

The officers for 2015/16 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.

Thanks were expressed to all those who have helped and supported the Community Association during the year.

# Feast 2015

We did it! After a lot of very hard work and deliberation to get there, Feast Day 2015 was a roaring success. The day was filled with Inventors, Indians, Igloos and Inuit, Invaders plus an abundance of children dressed as Illnesses and Infections. With a parade led by The Peterborough Highland Pipe Band, Waterbeach was able to experience the inviting sounds of Scotland from the comfort of the Village Green.



The afternoon festivities in the arena

were kicked started by the rousing sounds of Waterbeach Brass which set the tempo for an afternoon filled with ballet, gymnastics, Kung Fu, an impressive raptor display and of course the children's entertainer Billy Banana.

As always the competition for the best stall and floats was intense as all the entries were fantastic. The winner of the Best Junior Stall was Waterbeach School PTA and the Best Adult Stall was won by Waterbeach Wives. The winners of the Best Junior Float went to Waterbeach School PTA, Adult Float to Hall Farm Riding Stables, Infant Float winners were Waterbeach Toddler Playgroup and Waterbeach Community Playgroup, the Friends and Family trophy was awarded to The Clack Family and Tony Shipp also won a trophy for his entry as an Indian. Well done everyone!!

This time last year there was a real possibility that Feast Day 2015 wouldn't be able to go ahead, but thanks to all of you who volunteered to help we managed to organise another successful day. There are far too many people to mention individually but I would like to say a huge thank you to all those who assisted before, during and after the event. A special thanks must however go to Tom Richardson for the use of his van and of course his endless energy! I would also like to thank Barry Nice and Pete Papworth for the brilliant steam traction engine that led the parade slowing and stopping the traffic to allow the parade to progress safely. I THANK YOU ALL.

Now it's time to think about next year! A meeting to discuss next year's Feast will be held on Monday 19<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 2016. There are many and varied areas that we need assistance with so 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, 11<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

*Jacqui Rabbett - WCA Chair*

# Toddler Playgroup



The early part of the summer saw us busily preparing for the annual Feast Day. We chose "Invaders" and our Rising 5's looked fabulous wearing a mixture of alien themed t-shirts and headbands. Our staff transformed into invaders, although they probably felt like they were on another planet in all of their gear! 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. Special thanks go to the scout leader who rescued and secured our gazebo for us which decided to blow across the green!

During the term we held our first open day which was aimed at giving both parents and prospective children a chance to come along and experience one of our sessions. We had a very good turnout and it was lovely to have the chance to talk to all the children and play with them. We are hoping to have another one during this term and will publicise the details nearer the time.

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 the next stage of their lives at 'big school'.

We celebrated the end of term with a trip to the Botanic Gardens in Cambridge. Most of us met at Waterbeach train station and caught the train to Cambridge, which for many of the children was a real highlight. We then undertook a bug hunt and enjoyed the chance to see the world renowned 'smelly' Titan Arum plant which had flowered a couple of days prior to our visit. The trip culminated in a group picnic. It made a lovely finale to a great and busy term!

Our bi-annual Nearly New Sale will be taking place in November so keep an eye out for full details. You can expect to stock up with some great quality children's winter clothes, toys and books and there'll be another popular homemade cake stall.

This term will also see us saying goodbye to some of our current committee members. We will be sad to see them go but thank them for all their hard work and efforts over the last year. We would welcome any community members who would like to support us by becoming a trustee and part of our committee, you do not have to have a child at the playgroup to be part of the committee, just time and an enthusiasm for supporting pre-school children. There are lots of details about us on our website or contact our Play Leader, Wayne Badcock on 07808 357729 or via e-mail at [wayne@waterbeachtoddlerplaygroup.org.uk](mailto:wayne@waterbeachtoddlerplaygroup.org.uk) if you are interested.

# Waterbeach Surgery News

We are delighted to let you all know that our CQC inspection in May went well and we have achieved a rating of 'GOOD'. We wish to thank all our patients' together with our colleagues in the community for their valuable support during this time.

We have been very busy with the integration of our new clinical system (SystemOne) and are happy to say that we are getting more confident in using it as it's been quite an upgrade! Patients can apply to have on-line access to the system which will allow them to view a summary of their medical records, book routine appointments and order repeat medication. To do this, complete a registration form either pick one up from reception or download it from our website [www.waterbeachsurgery.co.uk](http://www.waterbeachsurgery.co.uk) and return it to Reception – you will need to bring ID with you so we can verify who you are for confidentiality reasons.

Congratulations to Dr McKerrell who gave birth to a beautiful baby boy, both mother and baby are doing fine. While Dr McKerrell is away on maternity leave we will be extending a warm welcome Dr Rachel Casey who will be here permanently from 1<sup>st</sup> September until Dr McKerrell returns next year. Earlier this year we bid a fond farewell to Julie but are pleased to welcome Sandra in her place as our new phlebotomist. Sandra's working week is Monday to Thursday mornings.

## Waterbeach Surgery Flu Vaccination Clinics

### **It's 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 clinics are scheduled from  
25<sup>th</sup> September and throughout October 2015  
Evenings also available – please ask**

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.

**PROTECT YOUR CHILD FROM FLU TOO!**

Registered children aged 2, 3 & 4 by 31<sup>st</sup> August also qualify so please contact us for an appointment (administered as a nasal spray)

**Tel: 01223 860387**

It will soon be time for your flu jabs, so if you are eligible e.g. over 65, asthmatic, have COPD, are pregnant, have heart disease, liable to strokes or are diabetic then please come to the surgery. Children aged 2, 3 and 4 (by 31<sup>st</sup> August) are also eligible - for free - using a nasal spray to protect against flu. We appreciate your continued support during this time as we rely on this as a major part of our income - especially when other funding streams are being cut. As a bonus this year - we are expecting Age UK here during our flu clinics so you may like to take advantage of their advice/help too. Please watch out for your invitation letter and we look forward to seeing you here at the surgery.

Did you know....we have a patient group who organise information and engagement events? Recently, the group have organised information on Diabetes, Asthma and Dementia which have been very informative. Details of the group can be found on the surgery website. Please watch out for forthcoming events advertised on village notice boards, surgery website and posters in the surgery.

## **Patient Participation Group**

Waterbeach PPG works with our doctors, nurses and support staff at our surgery to help them deliver the best possible care they can. A Core group of about 15 community members meet every 2 months to discuss with the Practice Manager what's new and any concerns patients have. Minutes are posted on the web-site, where lots of helpful information can be found. One of the current topics under discussion is to see if we can get a community warden to support elderly people in our community.

Four times a year we arrange Open Evenings covering topics like COPD, Diabetes and Dementia, to which anyone can come. They have proved very helpful to those who have attended. If you have any suggestions for future evenings please let us know.

The next Open Evening is on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October at The Beach Social Club at 7.00pm.

The speaker will be from AGE UK and will tell us about all the help that is available for the over-65s. They can act as advocates for people on their own and help Carers access all the help that is available in the community. The talk will be about 40 minutes long and there will be time for questions and for individuals to raise personal issues at the end of the meeting.

Please let relatives, friends, carers and neighbours know about this meeting if you think it could be helpful to them.

Viv Cooper (Chair of Waterbeach PPG) Tel.no. 01223574050

# Message from Cllr. James Hockney

## ***Local Plan delay - 'Waterbeach Barracks - No New Town' campaign update***

When I last wrote we were awaiting our turn at the Local Plan Independent Inspector Hearings and also said that nothing was inevitable. Since then the Planning Inspector has suspended the Local Plan inspection. In June a special meeting was convened regarding this at the District Council (a YouTube video of the meeting can be viewed at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=odrqQ-UYP-I](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=odrqQ-UYP-I)). As ever I stood up for our community with Councillor Johnson at the meeting. South Cambridgeshire District Council and Cambridge City Council have announced a new consultation process. This will mean the Planning Inspection process will not resume until next year.

I have consistently and firmly opposed the town over the last 15 years, this includes; voting against the Local Plan, launching the last three campaigns against the town, taking part in countless media interviews and founding the facebook page - [www.facebook.com/waterbeachbarracksnonewtown](http://www.facebook.com/waterbeachbarracksnonewtown).

This has been a long fight for our community over the years. We must press on and ensure the town is rejected for a fourth time.

***Improving School Road Safety - 'Action for School Road Safety'*** - I would like to say a big thank you to all the residents that signed the petition. In all over 1,300 signed the petition which is a great amount and will send a clear message to the County Council.

The community has already successfully secured the County Council re-instating priority gritting of the Secondary School bus route (Landbeach to Cottenham road). This was a hard fought victory with many parents also directly pressing the County Council on the issue. For me it was always about holding the responsible body - the County Council directly to account and as a community we succeeded. The 'Action for School Road Safety' still has three of the four aims to achieve so we will not rest on our laurels. The remaining three aims are;

1. Recruit a Primary School crossing person and put in place an actual crossing.
2. Add the Primary School to a safer routes to school scheme.
3. Ensure parents' concerns about the quality/standard of County Secondary School buses are addressed.

On all three of these issues I have been in contact with the County Council, local schools and many parents. In addition we have put posters up in shops around Waterbeach to promote the need for a crossing person at the Primary School.

***Infrastructure and flooding - Multi-agency approach on Bannold Road drainage and sewage*** - Many residents in Bannold Road, Waterbeach have suffered from sewage backing up onto their property after heavy rainfall. This is unacceptable and I have been chasing for a multi-agency meeting since last year. I am delighted to report that at long last there was an onsite meeting in late August bringing together agencies, residents and councillors.

This is the start of the process. I will be chairing a follow up multi-agency meeting



this month at South Cambridgeshire District Council bringing together all the key parties to identify the problem(s) and a plan to remedy this.

The misery that many on Bannold Road have had to endure has gone on for far too long. Residents rightly want action and I will do my utmost to help.

**Localism in action - Waterbeach Neighbourhood Plan** - It is fantastic that South Cambridgeshire District Council agreed to the Waterbeach Neighbourhood Plan that will cover the full parish of Waterbeach.

The Planning Portfolio Holder (the decision maker) Councillor Turner commented on the good number of passionate responses to the consultation and the barrage of lobbying from myself and Councillor Johnson. I know that there were issues with the online consultation system, and pressure from myself and others resulted in an extension to the online consultation system. The main thing was that our community secured the right result despite objections from new town developers Urban & Civic (U&C) and Royal London Waterbeach (RLW).

The Parish Council and many residents put a significant amount of work into bringing the Neighbourhood Plan forward and certainly deserve our thanks for these efforts.

I cannot underline the significance of the Localism Act bringing forward the Neighbourhood Plan concept for communities like ours. It will mean for instance; more funding, having legal force over non-strategic elements of the Local Plan and giving us a much greater say in shaping our community in areas such as planning and transport.

**Preserving our history - Landbeach Tithe Barn** - Work continues apace with securing the long term future of this wonderful building and raising funds to restore it.

Tithe Barns are rare, Landbeach is the only one in Cambridgeshire and unique in the UK with having its original floor still in place.

Chairing the emerging Tithe Barn Trust is a real pleasure with a great team of local residents offering many different skills.

Fundraising continues to go well and we have over £60,000 in donations, pledges and grant funding. To fully restore the building, including repairing the roof, we need to raise around £250,000 in total.

Thank you to the local firm Cosworth who helped with a spring and summer cleaning of the building prior to our open days in April and August. These open days raised hundred pounds in funds and many signed up for 'Friends of Landbeach Tithe Barn' membership.

The building is owned by South Cambridgeshire District Council with whom we are working closely with on this important part of our history.

Our Facebook page is [www.facebook.com/FriendsofLandbeachTitheBarn](http://www.facebook.com/FriendsofLandbeachTitheBarn). The page has links to the membership form and pledge form. Please note you do not need to be signed up to Facebook to view the page. If you would like to volunteer or are interested in becoming a trustee then please let me know.

**Local housing need - Empty accommodation on Barracks site** - I have contacted both Urban & Civic (site managers of the former barracks site) and the

District Council about all the empty accommodation blocks.

These could be put to use rather than just sitting empty. Urban & Civic are continuing to explore options for the reuse and refurbishment of a range of the buildings on site.

Whilst nothing is guaranteed I will always look at different options to help provide homes to meet the local housing need. I have been successful in bringing the MoD and District Council together to secure Park Crescent as the first local connection housing scheme in Waterbeach. With local connection housing those on the council housing waiting list with a local connection are placed at the front of the queue. This was a dream come true for many including one local person who secured a home in Park Crescent after being on the waiting list for eight years. I want more successes for our community like this.

**Supporting good causes - Charity fundraiser at Bollywood Spice** - Over the years I have organised many charity events at home and at the restaurant Bollywood Spice. The next event will support; Waterbeach Toddler Playgroup, Arthur Rank Hospice Charity and Addenbrookes Neonatal care unit (SCBU/NICU). This Charity Gala Dinner will be held at Bollywood Spice on October 1<sup>st</sup> and tickets are already sold out. If you would like to donate a raffle prize, auction item or make a donation then please do let me know.

**Working for the community - 15 years of service** - It does not seem possible that I have been a Councillor for 15 years in the local community. I was initially a Landbeach Parish Councillor from 2000 and then was elected as a District Councillor to represent Waterbeach Ward (Waterbeach, Landbeach and Chittering) in 2004. During this time I have always done my best for the local community going forward.

I am here to help so please feel free to contact me;

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We have had a great fitness time these last few months. £16K was raised by Jazzercise Cambs for charity PETALS.

Junior Jazzercise was on the menu for the fun day at the Tillage Hall in August. We are now looking forward to Christmas Fun with warming up Santas for their annual run for charity Milton Hospice. A visit to Italy Jazzercise recently was awesome with dancing on the beach!

Junior Jazzercise workshops for kids planned soon.

Facebook.com/jazzercisewaterbeach

Bev Tumber - Instructor

# Beach Churches Together

This summer, Beach Churches Together got chilly with their Polar Explorers Holiday Club.



A team of intrepid volunteers from the three Waterbeach Churches (Baptists, Salvation Army and St John's) came together to run a holiday club over 5 mornings at the beginning of August. Joined by around 50 children from the village, and with the help of some New Testament Explorers, we discovered that we were Never too Old or Young, Never too Bad, Never too Ordinary, in fact "Never too..." *anything* to be part of God's big adventure.

Each morning started with a mix of songs and story-telling. Children then split into their four teams (Huskies, Penguins, Polar Bears and Killer Whales), to complete their daily expedition. This included crafts, games, discussion about the bible stories and, new for this year, sports on the rec for those older children who wanted it. Then all the teams joined back together for more songs, drama from our young leaders and prayer.



The week was great fun and on the last day we had a 'Frozen' Dress Up day, in which everyone dressed up either as a Polar Explorer or as a character from Frozen.

We are very thankful to all the volunteers who helped and to the Waterbeach Community Association for their generous donation, which again helped us to keep the Holiday Club free to all the families that came.

Holiday Club 2016 will run in the week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> August – so make sure you get the date in your diary! If you can't wait that long, Beach Churches Together are planning a Light Party, to take place on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October from 4:30 – 7pm. More details to follow!

# Beach Social Club

Well here we go. Summer is almost over and we are beginning the build up to Xmas/New Year. Over the past few months we have had a variety of entertainment, including a cabaret night with a vocalist and comedian; discos and musician/vocalists. Unfortunately we also had a couple of late cancellations due to the artistes having problems.

Bingo, sessions are held every Monday evening from 7-9 with cash prizes and a Jackpot flyer. Everyone is welcome to join us for these sessions provided they are 18+

*Future entertainment:*

19 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Harvest festival charity auction and free disco
10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Charity presentation night
17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Jinx Bros a Four piece covers band
31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Ritchie Monroe Guitar Vocalist
13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Children's Xmas party
19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Xmas draw
24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Family Disco
31 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Summerland a Four Piece band featuring a wide range of musical tastes.

'Meeting Point' holds over 30's discos for singles and couples. They hire the club regularly. Anyone who would like to come along and take part is welcome and everyone fully enjoys those sessions.

The club function room is available for hire for parties/meeting etc. We may also be able to accommodate local groups and organisations on a regular basis, daytime or evenings. Contact me or Sec Carol Monteith for info, or call into to the club and speak to Nigel or Jacky.

Our Club charities this year, until October are:

Gt Ormond St Hospital and Arthur Rank Hospice. On Sept 19<sup>th</sup> we are holding our annual Harvest Festival charity auction and a FREE disco, to raise funds for them. We would greatly appreciate donations of items that we can sell and importantly, people to attend and bid for them. So come along, bring the kids and join in the bidding.

New members are always welcome. Call in to collect an application form and enjoy low cost drinks in comfortable surroundings. There is a garden at the rear of the club, which is open until 9.30.

We also have two Football teams/Snooker/Darts and Crib teams.

Large screen TV with Sky and BT Sport and a pool table with free play

Tuesday evenings

Details for all events are available at the Club on 01223 860033 and at: [www.BeachSocialClub.co.uk](http://www.BeachSocialClub.co.uk) plus Facebook and Twitter *Geoff Donovan* (Chairman)

# Library News



Waterbeach Independent Library continues to attract new members weekly, which is very refreshing news, plus we are bucking the trend of dropping numbers of individuals using libraries in other parts of the country. With the recent government announcement of their commitment to forwarding the objective of ensuring all children attend a library, to assist the literacy rates in this country, it seems Waterbeach Independent Library is already working toward this aim with considerable success.

To confirm this trend, we have approximately 150 children registered on the Summer Reading Challenge "Record Breakers" this year - which is quite something for a small independent library operating on £3,500 per year. For those who may have just joined our community, Library funding is made up as follows - £2K to the local school for the use of the Community Room, £1K for general administration - paper, printer ink etc. and £500 for new books for the Reading Challenge. This is paid via the Parish Council, who receive the precept from the taxes you pay to the government. Waterbeach Library is run totally by volunteers and we tend to be extremely frugal, so we hope you consider you are receiving good value for your taxes.

The refurbishment of the Library is now virtually completed, the mess cleared up, books returned and by the time you read this everything will be back to normal. The work was only possible by the Library being involved, as it was carried out by Sanctuary Housing under the payback to the community scheme. Hills Builders built the new hostel in the village and in return they undertake a community project. They contacted the Library, there were lots of discussions as to what was required, and finally, after many months of meetings, innumerable emails and concerns, the work was completed. So our thanks to Hills Builders and Sanctuary Housing. Also enormous thanks to the Volunteers at the Library who did all the hard work of moving masses of books, then replacing them all again after suitable cleaning. Without them nothing could have been achieved. Special thanks go to Councillor David Smart, who, with the assistance of Will Crane, managed to repair and reassemble furniture which did not like being moved.

Their help was invaluable.

During the past four months three young gentlemen Library members have undertaken their Scouts Library Badge with us, and are now proudly wearing their badges so congratulations to Noah, Isaac and Luke.

So the Library is still progressing, which is due to the hard work of the Volunteers, but also the recognition by the Community as to how important

books and reading skills are in this world today. If visiting us you will find we are not a "shushy" type of Library (that word was used by a child who visits regularly) - we are just not that kind of library. We have over 10,000 books to offer, an ability to order in and return your books from any other Cambridgeshire Library, plus you will encounter some of the nicest people who will help you find whatever you are seeking, and the best behaved children in the area who value books, value reading, and will offer much to this country in the future.

We are on the school site, down the drive, on the left, so hope to see you there soon.

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. Please see our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/WaterbeachLibrary> which provides information about various happenings.

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

**Mobile library visits** - The mobile library calls once a month, on the second Monday, so forthcoming dates are 12 Oct, 9 Nov, 14 Dec. 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 [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library), or ask at any library.

## Waterbeach WI



We meet the second Thursday of each month at St. John's Church Room at 7.30pm. You are probably aware that it is the Centenary of the National WI and Waterbeach is one of the oldest at 97 years old. We have over 35 members now with an age range from 30 to 80+. We usually have a speaker and recent talks have been on Healthy Sleep with very practical tips and The Life of a Racehorse with very graphic images of conception and birth. Our August meeting saw us dressed in our finery celebrating the centenary with a Strawberry Cream Tea and Pimms. It was good fun.

On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October, Sarah Clark from 'The Sheep Shop' will give a demonstration of hand-knitting and on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November there will be an interactive workshop with 'Buckden Hand Bell Ringers'. You are very welcome to come along as a visitor to see if you would like to join us.

# Waterbeach Fun Dog Show

The first ever Waterbeach Fun Dog Show was a resounding success. The sun shone, big dogs, little dogs, big people and little people all made the event a truly fantastic day. There were no paw punch ups and almost every dog went home with a treat, a rosette or a prize. The children and teenagers especially shone, showing us all how much respect, care and love dogs deserve. There are some very lucky much adored dogs in the village and beyond. The Rec was spotless after everyone left, just as we found it.

A little comment from an owner:

*"We do loads of shows in lots of counties and yours was right at the top of the tree. Good location. Well organised. Well announced. Not rushed. Friendly organisers. Well advertised. Well signposted. Well supported. Nobody had any gripes*

*about the judging. The judges were friendly and interacted brilliantly with all the dogs and their owners. It was a great show and it would be a shame if you didn't repeat it. You smashed it!"*

The whopping £500 proceeds of the day went to WAY Project, and the other monies were split between German Shepherd Rescue and Poplar Farm Rescue Kennels.

We could never of pulled such a successful show off it is was not for the kind generosity of lots of local businesses.

Waterbeach Fun Dog Show hopes to be an annual event so keep your **PAWS AT THE READY** and an eye on the Facebook page for news!



# Beach Bowls Club

When the article for the summer edition of Beach News was written the new season was about to begin and members of Beach Bowls Club were looking forward to it. Having been relegated from the first and second divisions over the previous two seasons there was some apprehension about how the slide was to be stopped, but also a determination to do so. Happily a very successful season has been enjoyed by the members and not only was the slide halted, but promotion has been achieved. In fact Beach Bowls Club were the champions of Division 3 of the Cambridge and District Bowls Club with a substantial margin of points over the runners up. A place has been secured in the Champion of Champions competition at the end of the season. We are already looking forward to playing in Division 2 next year. There will be a fixture list outside the bowls green and also on notice boards around the village. We shall welcome any new players to help us not only keep our place in that League, but also get back to Division one. It matters not whether you have played before or if you would like to give it a try. An Open day will be held at the beginning of next season when newcomers will be welcome. So do give Terry Pauley on 01223 860600 or Chris Rushmer on 01223 861354 a call.

# Waterbeach Brass

Over the summer we have enjoyed playing a varied programme of music with our new musical director, Andrew Kershaw. We have been a little unfortunate with the weather – especially when playing at a rather windy and chilly Hunstanton. Despite the bad weather the band has played on, performing some jazzier numbers such as “Summertime” by George Gershwin and “Lil Darlin’ ”, as well as some brass band classics, including “Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1” by Elgar and “Floral Dance”, made famous by Terry Wogan.

Now the band is focussing on putting together an entertaining program for our autumn concerts – see below for details of where to come to hear us play.

Forthcoming Engagements:

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| <i>19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Sept</i> | Wimpole at War, at Wimpole Hall, from 14:30  |
| <i>10<sup>th</sup> October</i>                  | Concert, St Johns Church, Waterbeach,  |
| <i>21<sup>st</sup> November</i>                 | Joint concert with Cambridge University Brass Band,<br>Wesley Methodist Church, Cambridge, 19:30 |

If you are interested in booking the band for a concert or want to join us and play, head to our website to find out more: [www.waterbeachbrass.org](http://www.waterbeachbrass.org)



# Thank You Bunny Wilson

Bernard or Bunny, as we all knew him, and his wife Ricarda came to Waterbeach about 12 years ago when he retired. He was not a person to let grass grow under his feet or under other people's and offered his services as a gardener and general handyman to pensioners at very low rates of pay. When the Beaches Community car scheme restarted about five years ago Bunny became one of the stalwarts of it.

'Can I help you?' his response when he picked up the telephone, was music to the ears of a hard pressed a Car Scheme coordinator trying to find a driver at short notice or to plan ahead for a busy week. He never said no unless he was already committed to something and over the years drove thousands of miles taking residents to hospital, surgery and social trips both locally and sometimes further afield. Despite his own health problems which meant that he had to give up the gardening and heavier handyman duties some time ago, he continued to drive until earlier this year when he became too ill to continue and he died only a couple of months after he stopped.

Thank you Bunny for your ever cheerful willingness to help, you are missed by coordinators and passengers alike.

The Community Car scheme provides an essential service for people in the village who have no other means of transport. Priority is given to medical appointments but we try to find drivers for social visits which enable elderly people to get out of their homes. We are always looking for volunteer drivers and it is a very rewarding and flexible form of volunteering. There is no regular time commitment required; drivers are asked if they can do a trip and are free to say yes or no. Bunny was exceptional for the amount of driving he did; even if a volunteer can only do the occasional journey, it is very much appreciated by passengers and coordinators alike. A mileage allowance is paid. A DBS check is required (arranged by the scheme) and car insurers must give permission.

If you think you might be able to join our team or would like to find out more, leave a message on the car scheme phone, number 07807 875878, and someone will come back to you.



## PRIOR FEN CHAPEL

*"The Little Chapel in the Fen"*

All welcome to our

### **Harvest Festival Service**

**Sunday 4th October at 3pm**

Traditional harvest service and hymns

Find us at CB7 5YJ, between Upware and Swaffham Prior.

Be early to guarantee a seat.

**For more information contact Trish: 07979 868676**

# News from Cllr. Peter Johnson

***Pedestrian Crossing*** - The project officer has made several recommendations regarding this with everything looking quite favourable so far. With the moving of the Post Office in the late autumn it does add significant importance to getting a safe means of crossing the road and I do keep pressing the issue with the relevant parties

***Former Barracks Site*** - Planning permission has been granted for the squash courts and sports hall to be used by Waterbeach residents once the security issue has been addressed. It does appear that the Museum will have a place on the site as well.

The fishing lake is proving to be a bigger hurdle than was thought earlier but all parties are determined to achieve the desired result, it is just taking a bit longer than we all thought. I did attend the 514 Squadron Reunion earlier in June with a Church service at 11am which was quite moving. This was followed with everyone relocating to the Barracks and the museum. We should have witnessed a flypast however terrible weather prevented that from happening but we did manage to visit the Memorial Garden. It was good to chat to so many people with fond memories of Waterbeach over a wonderful lunch and I hope that we get another reunion next year, but with better weather.

***The Local Plan & Neighbourhood Plan*** - Well we all know that the inspector has suspended the hearings on the Local Plan so that issues causing concern can be looked at by South Cambs District Council. In the meantime many people have been working on a Neighbourhood Plan and the area it should cover. It was suggested the whole of the Parish and this has been accepted by South Cambs. This will give us a bit more say in planning applications that come in for the Barracks area and give us a seat at the table for negotiations with benefits for our village.

***Station Car Park*** - How long can this drag on I ask myself, Network Rail are so difficult to deal with and incredibly slow at responding to e-mails and their last letter was to say they had produced a business case but it was too expensive so they are thinking it out again how to achieve this car park. I have requested that a site meeting is held so that all parties are aware of problems and how they can be addressed. One of the party involved has agreed to this but cannot make it until 21<sup>st</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup> September, the fight goes on.....

***Speed watch*** - I have now managed to assemble a Speedwatch team here in Waterbeach with 9 volunteers. The initial training has taken place and we are now planning our first exercise in the village. The equipment we are using

to start with is loaned to us by the police but there are plans to buy the equipment and share the cost with Horningsea and Fen Ditton as they have Speedwatch teams and it makes sense to share the equipment as the cost is approx. £3000. My aim is to reduce the amount of speeding motorists that race through our village and make it a safer village.

**Gritting** - Thanks to all who wrote to the County Council which gave support to the pressure I kept applying to the officers at the County Council that this was a most important issue and should not be ignored. I am sure that the petition raised and signed by many also helped and common sense prevailed in the end and the road will be gritted when we have bad weather that justifies gritting. This all followed from the initial meeting I instigated with County Council Officers last year so it shows decisions can be changed.

**Primrose Lane** - Well inspections have taken place and then stalled, I am frustrated to say the least but I will continue to chase whoever I need to chase as I find a lack of action totally unacceptable. The latest news is that a decision will be made in September on the most appropriate surface/materials with the necessary work carried out as soon as possible.

**Flooding & Drainage Issues** - On Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August I attended a meeting which was held on Bannold Road to see what can be done to improve the situation we have at present. This meeting was arranged by Pat Matthews who is the South Cambs Drainage Manager. This was due to pressure from many people and the video that was circulated in July showing the effects of heavy rainfall creating a fountain from one of the drain covers. Representatives attending were from Anglian Water, Cambridgeshire County Council, South Cambs District Council Planning Dept., plus Parish Councillors and members of the public who have been affected by flooding on several occasions. There will be a follow up meeting where results of this meeting and actions to be taken will be discussed.

I feel very privileged to be your representative at South Cambs District Council and I am always ready to hear from you whether it be by telephone, e-mail, or knock on my door, my contact details are:

Telephone: 01223 560918 Mobile: 07947 475549 Email: [Cllr.Johnson@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:Cllr.Johnson@scambs.gov.uk)

Address: 25 Jubilee Close, Waterbeach, Cambridge CB25 9NY



## **Waterbeach Yard Sales**



**Thank you very much to those who took part in the Yard Sales in July and to waterbeach Wives Group for all their support on the day. We hope you all had a great day.**

**We raised £500 of which, £275 has been donated to Huntington's Disease charity, £125 to Waterbeach Rainbow Group and £100 to Waterbeach Salvation Army Junior Band to assist with the purchase of sheet music and stands.**

**Thanks everyone for supporting us and hope to do it all again next year!** Jan Gilzean

# WAY Project



Many of you will know that Sarah Tennant left us during the summer term; we have recruited her successor - Anwar Haq. Anwar lives in Waterbeach and is an experienced youth worker who has worked in both inner city and rural clubs. Our staff did a sterling job during the interregnum and they are looking forward to working with Anwar who has some ambitious plans in hand.

The last school year ended with a party which included the first public performance by our young musicians and was topped off with our participation in the Fun Dog Show, both of which were rousing successes and great fun. We are grateful to the organisers of the show for their generous donation to WAY and to all of you who enjoyed refreshments and face-painting in the Tillage Hall.

During Cottenham Village College's activities week in July we took the opportunity of the (inevitably) lower attendance to invite all those in year 6 at Waterbeach Primary School to come to the Club and get a taste of what we have to offer. We invited those who attended to join us for the rest of the term which several new young members did.

Music and sport will continue during the coming term. Music night has moved to Wednesday so do let your budding musicians know. On top of this, we have received a grant which will allow us to set up a buddy scheme. This will involve our older members in taking care of those making the transition from primary school to college. The scheme will start in the youth club and continue at school. It will also involve adult mentors for those of our older members who buddy up with younger ones, so that they too benefit from guidance when it's needed.

All our activities are publicised through our Facebook page (Waterbeach Youth Club), so if you have teenagers in the house, or are just curious about what we offer, do take a look soon. Just to remind you, the Youth Club operates on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 7.00 – 9.00 p.m.

We look forward to the coming year with great anticipation. *Shelagh Robertson* (Chair)

## Update from Urban&Civic

Urban&Civic are pleased to report that planning consent has been granted for a number of the facilities on site to come back into community use. The facilities involved include the sports hall, the squash courts, tennis courts and a set of community rooms, near the Main Gate which include the re-instated Waterbeach Military Heritage Museum.

The team are now working with local sports groups to agree bookings for the main sports hall, while refurbishment takes place across the hall and courts. It is anticipated they will be ready for use by 1 October. If you are interested in using the large hall then please contact Rebecca for more information.

The Museum and Community Room Building has already been refurbished, and it's first use was to host the successful 514 Squadron Reunion event in June. We continue to support the Museum Trust and hope that this important resource can be reopened formally to the public in the next few months. The community



room in this building is a flexible space which can take about 20 people. If you want to make use of this space at all, please contact Rebecca on the details below.

Following planning consent to refurbish the airfield's Control Tower, local company R G Carter have begun work to enable the iconic building to be used as offices and meeting space for the Urban&Civic team. The team should be moving in before Christmas.

Tim Leathes, Development Director for Urban&Civic, said:

“We had a strong message from our neighbours, the Parish Council and community groups that people wanted to have access to some of the facilities enjoyed when the Barracks was open, and while we have not managed to bring all of them back at this stage, it will be great to see the site back in use. With the Control Tower finished, our Community link Rebecca Britton and Estate Manager Andy Brading will be able to have a more permanent presence on site and really become part of the community.”

The next few months will also see a series of events and discussions coordinated by Urban&Civic to develop the vision for the future development of the airfield. This will include an Open Day and some workshops to help form early principles of the development; discuss its scale and scope; and highlight core aspirations and concerns of the local community, which the development should support and address.

We will provide further details in the next few weeks, through a door to door newsletter and website. If you want to meet with the team and discuss any thoughts or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Rebecca on 07739 339 889 or email [rbritton@urbanandcivic.com](mailto:rbritton@urbanandcivic.com)

# Waterbeach Village Society

The Waterbeach Village Society after many years holding their meetings in the School Community Library are relocating on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2015.

They will be congregating on the fourth Wednesday of each month between September and May in St John's Church Room from 7.30 for 7.45 pm. It will provide more facilities for their growing numbers and provide adequate parking. Thanks have been expressed to the village Library for many happy years of use.

Members of Waterbeach Village Society pay an annual subscription but always welcome visitors at their meetings whom they invite to make a donation per meeting. Refreshments being provided.

Aims of the Society are to stimulate interest in and care for the attractiveness of the village and its surroundings.

Becky Proctor will open the new season with a talk "Caring for a Collection" when she hopes to enlighten members and others about how to look after historical records etc.

Becky is the holder of a BA Honours and MA Degrees in History and is currently Heritage Project Officer for Papworth NHS Foundation Trust and has vast experience with Eltisley History Society, Mill Road History project, Burwell Museum and "The Pye Story" for Cambridge Museum of Technology, as well as former Assistant Curator for the Cambridge Folk Museum.

Forthcoming Speakers will be:

28 <sup>th</sup> October	Victorian Ghost Hunter by Andrew Selwyn-Crome
25 <sup>th</sup> November	Fen and Beyond by Nora Gardiner
16 <sup>th</sup> December	'Dining at Christmas through the ages' by Fiona Lucraft <i>(Please note this is not the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday)</i>

Further details can be obtained from Adrian Wright 01223 861846.

# Happy Folks Club

As the summer draws to a close, we at the Happy Folks Club have enjoyed a full programme of day trips. We started with Windsor, followed by Aldburgh and Southwold, we then went to Gt Yarmouth, followed by a trip to Clacton. September will take us to Sheringham, then in October to Melton Mowbray. We finish with trips to Ipswich and a special treat for members, a visit to Wicksteed Park to see the show Swinging in to Christmas (this is free for club members). All in all a busy time! Why not come and join us, new members always welcome. We meet every Friday in the Beach Social Club 2pm till 4pm. We look forward to seeing you.

*Stuart Atkins* (Chairman)

# Gardening Club



In the summer the Gardening Club takes a break from its monthly talks to focus on other activities. Members put a lot of effort into producing a large number of plants for sale on the 'In the Night Garden' themed Feast Day stall. The decorations attracted the very young and the quality and variety of the plants on sale attracted many adults, some new to the village. We hope that some will decide to become members and join in our activities in the future. The weather and the much-appreciated efforts of the Feast Day organising committee contributed to a really successful, enjoyable day for the club.

July saw us visiting Barnsdale Gardens near Rutland Water for our summer outing. Again, we were very lucky with the weather and members were able to enjoy visiting the 39 small gardens created by Geoff Hamilton for BBC Gardeners' World. We returned with some new ideas to try in our own gardens and a supply of new plants purchased from the nursery.

In August we enjoyed good company on yet another sunny day at the annual club barbecue as well as getting down to the serious business of preparing entries for the Annual Show in September. The programme of talks also resumes in September. New members and visitors are welcome to join us on the third Thursday of each month at 7.45pm in the Church Room. Look for details of our events on the village noticeboards.

# Landbeach Society

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

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.)

Forthcoming meetings:

- Wed 21<sup>st</sup> October:* Audley End and its occupants. Sarah Tice.
- Wed 18<sup>th</sup> November:* The History & Archaeology of Milton. Derek Booth.
- Wed 16<sup>th</sup> December:* Christmas Celebration with Waterbeach Brass.
- Wed 20<sup>th</sup> January 2016:* AGM with 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>

# Waterbeach School PTA



Welcome to the autumn term at Waterbeach Community Primary School! We had a very busy year of fundraising and activities in 2014/15, raising over £11,000 for the school. This money has helped to purchase new computing equipment and is contributing to the costs of installing school-wide WiFi. A big thank you from the PTA committee to everyone who supported us. Extra special thanks go our parent helpers and the following people: Lorna Cuddon from Zyme Communications for match funding our Winter Fair BBQ; Francine Dasseville for her crafty fundraising efforts; Caroline Ward for preparing successful grant applications; Nicola Ostler for donating the proceeds from a Family Bootcamp; Dom McDonald for his sponsored 200-mile cycle; and the ever-supportive scout leaders who have made so many of our events run smoothly.

The PTA committee are recruiting new committee members and officers. The chairperson, secretary and treasurer are all standing down, and we need new people to fill these officer roles so that our fundraising and events can continue this year. It's a fun, rewarding way to make a real difference to the school that directly benefits the children and community.

If you are interested in taking one of the officer roles; becoming a committee member to help organise our events; or volunteering your time to help out in other ways, you can let us know on [waterbeachpta@gmail.com](mailto:waterbeachpta@gmail.com), or put your name forward at our PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 8pm in the Community Library. Drinks and nibbles will be served, so come along to find out more!

Check out the PTA pages of the school's new website for more information about our upcoming fundraisers, events and activities -

[www.waterbeachschool.org.uk/parents-pages/pta](http://www.waterbeachschool.org.uk/parents-pages/pta).

You can also find us on Facebook - search for Waterbeach School PTA - or email us on [waterbeachpta@gmail.com](mailto:waterbeachpta@gmail.com)

## New Book from Local Authors

At 2pm on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September there will be a book launch and signing at The Waterbeach Salvation Army Hall, for those who may wish to obtain a new publication. The title is "The Lost Family of Jesus." written by Barbara and Norman Setchell, and published by Westbow Press. There will be a brief story behind this book, and a chance to buy a copy at a special price. The book can be found on Google and Amazon under the pen names of Barbara Pye & William Fuessli. ISBN No. 978-1-4908-8511-7.



# Mothers' Union

We are pleased to announce the launch of the new MU branch! Read on to find out a bit more about us.....

*Nationally:* The vision of MU is of a world where God's love is shown through loving, respectful and flourishing relationships. We aim to show our Christian faith by the transformation of communities worldwide. We can do this through the promotion of stable marriage, family life and the protection of children.

*In Waterbeach:* We currently meet once a month and have local, national and international items on our agenda. We have started working to support our local hostel and will be continuing to do so over the coming year. Some future discussions will include the 'Bye Buy Childhood' campaign ([www.byebuychildhood.org](http://www.byebuychildhood.org)) and 'Faith in the Family'.



*Launch of Waterbeach Mothers' Union in July*

*Thinking about joining?* Why not come along to a meeting? They are on 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues of the month at 9.15am, please check our Facebook page for venue and further details. Information will also be posted on St John's noticeboard.

*Who can come?* To join MU you do not need to be female, a parent or married! We strive to be as inclusive as possible and we welcome young and old, of any denomination, men and women! There is a niche for everyone at Waterbeach MU, and most of us can't even knit!

For further information: Facebook: Waterbeach Mothers' Union

Web:[mothersunion.org](http://mothersunion.org) Email:[muwaterbeach@gmail.com](mailto:muwaterbeach@gmail.com) Tel:07715908694

## Green bin collection changes this winter



South  
Cambridgeshire  
District Council

Don't forget, green bin collections change to monthly during winter when far less garden waste is put out for collection.

Monthly collections will start at the end of November and will return to fortnightly in March for the rest of the year.

Collection dates can be found on page 24 of the autumn South Cambs Magazine or online at [www.scambs.gov.uk/bins-by-parish](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/bins-by-parish)

For more information visit

[www.scambs.gov.uk/content/changes-green-bin-collections-over-winter](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/changes-green-bin-collections-over-winter)

# East Anglia's Children's Hospices

## *Can you challenge yourself for Charity?*

Would you like to see Cambridge from a unique perspective? Do you know anyone brave enough to scale the 80 foot drop off the historic Cambridge Guildhall? Registration is open to be part of the East Anglia's Children's Hospices (EACH) Cambridge Abseil on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October. Sign up, take part and help raise valuable funds for EACH, who care for children and young people with life-threatening conditions across Cambridgeshire.



Spaces are limited so please do book quickly to avoid disappointment. People who take part always feel a great sense of achievement – so even if you don't have a head for heights why not push yourself to take part and raise money for a great cause at the same time! Entry fees are £15 per person, with a minimum sponsorship figure of £85 per person for anyone aged 17 and over or sponsorship figure of £30 per person for anyone aged 16 and under. Minimum age for participants is 12 years.

Abseilers will be in the safe hands of professional company, Creation Climbing Centre, who will be running the event on the day.

To sign-up for the abseil visit: [www.each.org.uk/cambridgeabseil](http://www.each.org.uk/cambridgeabseil) or call: 01223 204916.

## Local Therapists

In order to raise local awareness of their services in the village, Liz Cradock (Physiotherapist and Reflexologist), Louise Eisner (Craniosacral Therapist and Physiotherapist) and Phil Atkin (Therapeutic Massage Therapist and Reflexologist) took the opportunity to set up a stall for the first time at the Feast to answer questions and explain what they do.



There was a free to enter "Anatomical Numbers Quiz" for which there was a good deal of lively interest and the winner was D Spencer of Waterbeach with a score of 70% and correct tie-breaker answer. He won a £15 Garden Centre voucher.

Having had a great day on the stall, Phil then went on to entertain the crowds in front of The Sun playing his drums in The Silverbacks Blues Band in the evening.

# 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. Find us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, visit [www.cambsfire.gov.uk](http://www.cambsfire.gov.uk) or call 01480 444500.

## Concert for Military Heritage Museum

A concert by Waterbeach Brass will be held at 7.30pm on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at John's Church, Waterbeach. All profits will go to Waterbeach Military Heritage Museum, located in the former Waterbeach Barracks.

Waterbeach Brass was formed in 1978 and is one of Cambridgeshire's premier brass bands, and has won several local and national competitions. This concert is part of their autumn programme. [www.waterbeachbrass.org](http://www.waterbeachbrass.org)

Tickets are £7.50 to include a glass of sparkling wine and nibbles, in the interval, and are available from Rosemary Newsagents, Waterbeach and the contacts below Waterbeach Military Heritage Museum Chairman - Adrian Wright 01223 861846, Treasurer - Alan Shipp 01223 571064, Trustee - Robert Stripe 01223 862297 or by email to the Hon. Curator, Oliver Merrington [rafwaterbeach.museum@gmail.com](mailto:rafwaterbeach.museum@gmail.com)

The Barracks Museum was set up by 39 Engineer Regiment to commemorate the men and women that served at RAF Waterbeach Station from its opening in 1941 until 1966, and also those in the Army (Royal Engineers) from 1966 to 2013. Much of the material in the Museum was donated by members of 514 Squadron RAF who flew Lancasters from Waterbeach during the Second World War, and who continue to have an annual reunion in the village. In 2013 the Army donated the whole collection to a newly formed charitable trust "Waterbeach Military Heritage Museum".

# The Cambridgeshire Regiment

The village of Waterbeach is strongly linked with the Cambridgeshire Regiment and during the Great War many of the young men from the village and surrounding area served in it. The Regiment was formed in 1908 and unlike most regiments of the time it was only a Territorial Force unit with no Regular Army battalions. This meant it



was made up of non-professional part-time volunteers who lived and worked locally but attended weekly drill nights as well as an annual training camp. At times of national emergency they would be called up for home defence but would only serve overseas if they specifically volunteered to do so.

Several men from the village joined the Cambs during a highly successful recruiting drive in January 1914. Shortly after war was declared in August men across the county answered their country's call and those from Waterbeach were no exception. On the 7<sup>th</sup> September a large group of around twenty young men from the village travelled to Cambridge and enlisted in the Cambs. Nearly all these men waived their right to serve at home and volunteered for overseas service. Other local men volunteered and joined up as the war continued on.

For many of the men who joined the Cambs early in the war their first experience of the trenches and the front line came shortly after the 1/1<sup>st</sup> Battalion went over to France on the 14<sup>th</sup> February 1915. They were initially moved into the Ypres Salient in Flanders and the men from the village suffered their first casualty a month later on the 14<sup>th</sup> March 1915 when William Andrews was killed at the fighting around a village call St Eloi.

Ten men from the village were killed or died of wounds whilst serving with the Cambs and at least another fourteen were wounded. One young man named Frank Levitt of "The Willows", Waterbeach was awarded the Military Medal for his bravery after he tried repeatedly, despite poisonous gas and great personal danger, to rescue three men trapped and buried in a tunnel underground.

A wealth of information on the Cambridgeshires including its origins, its organisation, the men who joined, the medals and insignia, and a month-by-month breakdown of the Battalion's service during the war can be found on our website at the link below. We would also really love to hear from anybody with information, pictures, or items relating to the Cambridgeshire Regiment during the First World War that may help with our research.

Website Link: [www.cambridgeshireregiment1914-18.co.uk](http://www.cambridgeshireregiment1914-18.co.uk)

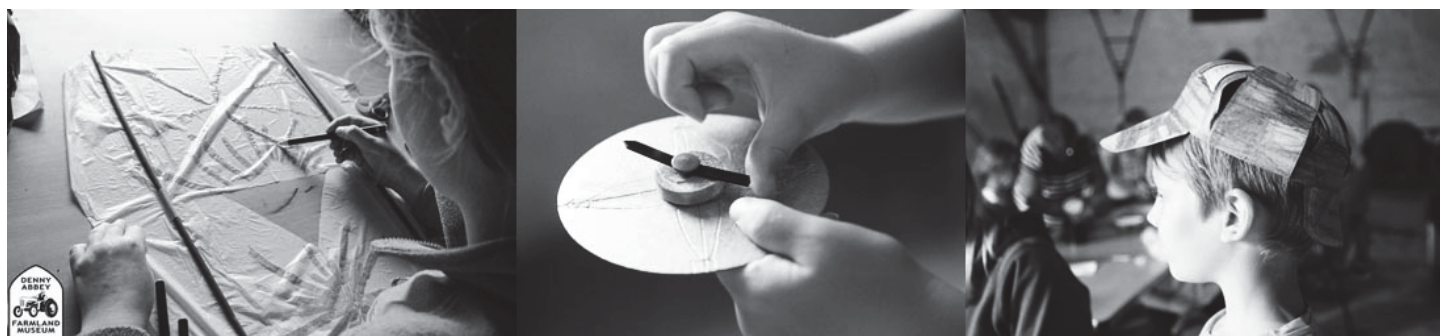
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# Farmland Museum & Denny Abbey

What a summer at the Farmland Museum and Denny Abbey! We enjoyed making kites, compasses, corn dollies and even deerstalkers (Sherlock Holmes style) during family drop in sessions.

For next half term, come along and join us Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October to build amazing spooky lanterns.

To carve pumpkins and get the shivers, join us on Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup> of October 2015. To obtain further information about the forthcoming events do not hesitate to follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Denny.Farmland>



## Foster Carers

An event to welcome the newest foster carers to Cambridgeshire County Council's fostering service was held in early summer. The last 12 months have seen a record breaking 32 new families from across Cambridgeshire become foster carers with the local authority and many of these new carers attended to join the celebrations.

Jill Blose, Service Manager for Fostering said "We extend a huge thank you to all of our new foster carers, many of whom are already providing safe and loving homes to local children and young people unable to live with their own families. However, we urgently need even more people in Cambridgeshire to follow in their footsteps and consider fostering. We are particularly keen to hear from people who feel they are able to foster older children and young people."

To be a foster carer you need to be over 21. You don't need to own your home, but you do need to have a spare room. Foster carers can be single, married, in a civil partnership or living with a partner. We welcome applications from people of all ethnic backgrounds and from people who have their own children, as well as those who haven't raised children of their own.

Cambridgeshire County Council offers foster carers comprehensive training, 24 hour support and generous allowances. Carers can also earn additional payments as they develop their skills and experience.

For more information on fostering please get in touch today on 0800 052 0078 or visit [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/fostering](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/fostering).

# Crimestoppers



## ***Cambridgeshire Crimestoppers Tackling Crime on Your Doorstep***

The independent crime-fighting charity Crimestoppers is reminding the residents across Cambridgeshire to be aware of doorstep crime during the long days of summer and autumn and to report any suspicious activity. Doorstep criminals typically employ a number of ruses to gain the confidence of victims before defrauding or stealing from them. They will also target the more vulnerable members of our communities.

Between May 2014 and April 2015 there were over 500 instances of suspected rogue trading reported to Cambridgeshire Police.

The most common types of doorstep criminals are those more commonly known as a 'rogue traders'. These criminals masquerade as genuine businesses and set out to deliberately overcharge for unsatisfactory goods or services.

Typical services preferred by rogue traders are driveway maintenance, pressure-washing, gardening, roofing and guttering.

Rogue traders rarely offer the statutory 14 day cooling off period applicable for work costing more than £42, often insist on large amounts of cash up front and can be intimidating. Once they have found a victim they often return in the future under a new guise.

Another group of doorstep criminals are those who trick their way into victims' houses with the intention of stealing any valuables they can find within. These 'distraction burglars' often pose as workmen who ask to check something in the house and whilst left alone they, or an accomplice, will look for something easy to steal, such as cash, a handbag or jewellery. Among the most common of the excuses offered are needed to check the water supply and searching for a lost pet or ball.

### ***How to deal with unexpected and unwanted visitors on your doorstep***

Remember the following 4 principles:

**LOCK:** Ensure you keep exterior doors and windows locked.

**STOP:** Before you answer the door, stop and think whether you are expecting anyone.

**CHAIN:** Put the door bar or chain on. Look through the spyhole or the window to see who it is. Always keep the bar or chain on while you are talking to the person on the doorstep.

**CHECK:** Ask for and carefully check the caller's ID card as all genuine callers will always carry one. If they do not have an ID card then do not let them in.

Doorstep callers are adept at high pressure sales techniques. They will catch you unawares. They are polite, persistent and persuasive and they will rush you to make a decision. Say "No thank you" and then immediately close the

door. Always get three quotes from recommended traders before you go ahead with home maintenance work.

There are few better crime prevention measures than having good neighbours. If you live close to an elderly or vulnerable person you can volunteer to be a Nominated Neighbour. This is an informal Trading Standards scheme whereby if a vulnerable person receives an unexpected caller they can immediately direct them to a trusted neighbour. Details of how to set up a scheme can be found at [www.tradingstandards.gov.uk/ncwinfo](http://www.tradingstandards.gov.uk/ncwinfo). Good neighbours can also assist with reporting any suspicious activity in the local community and this is where Crimestoppers can assist as it allows the public to report crime or suspicious activity completely anonymously any time of the day or night.

Cambridgeshire Crimestoppers are keen to gather information to enable the police and Trading Standards to investigate and prevent doorstep crime.

Local Chairperson Lisa Oddy states: "Doorstep crime victimises the most vulnerable members of the community and we want to put a stop to it in Cambridgeshire. If you know of anyone undertaking such activity or have seen suspicious persons or vehicles in your neighbourhood please let us know, completely anonymously, so together we can tackle this criminality."

If you have any information about crime or criminals, please call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111. No one will ever know who you are. Individuals can also pass on information anonymously via the Crimestoppers website at [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org).

## **Slimming Group Goes Double!**

Jo White, who runs the Waterbeach Slimming World group, is setting up a second Slimming World session in Tillage Hall Waterbeach – in less than a year since she launched the group.

Jo launched the Slimming World group at the Tillage Hall in October and since then has seen the group grow in numbers. So much so, that they are running out of space in their 7.30pm session. So a second session at 5.30pm is being added from Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September to allow even more people the chance of changing their lives and live healthily. By following the Slimming World Food Optimising plans members are learning how they can eat healthily, fill up on loads of sumptuous foods and lose pounds of weight!

Jo said: "When I became the consultant for Waterbeach in October I had a goal of opening a second session, but I never dreamt it could happen this quick."

To find out how Slimming World can help you, come along to the Tillage Hall, Cambridge Road Waterbeach. We meet every Tuesday 5.30pm & 7.30pm. If you would like more information please call Jo on 07790 660709

# Waterbeach Football Club 1964

One of our readers has sent us this photograph (complete with names) of the Waterbeach Football Club from 1964. At this time all the players lived in Waterbeach except three who came from Landbeach. Do you recognise yourself or maybe someone you know? Hopefully it will get you reminiscing and talking about days gone by.

If anyone has any stories to tell of times past in Waterbeach we would love to hear from you. Details of how to contact us on inside of front cover.



## Waterbeach Football Club 1964

*Back row* – Fred Davis, Roy Stinton, Bill Spencer, David Neville, Barry Smith, Neville Diver, Gil Cooke, Tony Lord, Bob Drayton, Mick Ritson, George Gifford

*Middle row* – Ken Jefferson, Bob Howlett, Ken Belfield, John Morris, Paul Lemmon, Rolph Misson, Keith Taylor

*Front row* – Roger Smith, Maurice Jefferson, John Morton, Roger Rowe, Roger Howlett, Mick McElhone, Colin Diver

## Groups, Clubs and Regular Activities



We are currently in the process of updating the list displayed on the Community Association noticeboards of groups, clubs and regular activities held in Waterbeach, Landbeach and Chittering. The list shows the name of the group, club or regular activity, the day it takes place and contact details for more information.

If you, or someone you know organises a group, club or regular activity and would like to be included on the list please email [beachnews@waterbeach.org](mailto:beachnews@waterbeach.org) and we will forward the necessary form for completion. Closing date for inclusion on next list is 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2015.



# Keep Waterbeach Rural

## **Local Plan - Inquiry Update Autumn 2015**

As you will probably be aware by now the Inspector has officially suspended the Local Plan Inquiry until March 2016. This is because more detailed information has been requested by the Planning Inspector from South Cambridgeshire and Cambridge City to enable them to decide if the Plan is sound.

Some of the major issues raised by the Inspector is the sustainability of new settlements such as those proposed at Waterbeach and Bourn. It has been identified by the inspector that the City/SCDC need 29,000 affordable homes out of the total 33,000 new build proposed for the area. As you can imagine there is much work for our local Councils to do. Let's not even get started on our already congested roads and public services creaking at the seams!!!!

In the meantime Waterbeach Parish Council together with members of the community have started the process of formulating a Neighbourhood Plan which will give us a say as to how our villages are shaped in the future. SCDC have agreed that we can keep our existing Parish boundary which includes Waterbeach, barracks land and Chittering. Urban & Civic and RLW Estates who wish to develop Waterbeach New Town (includes the barracks land and prime green field land and could accommodate 12,000+ dwellings) objected to our proposals. They now have to acknowledge that we do exist and will need to negotiate and consult with us from now on.

As I write Urban & Civic will be presenting their planning proposals to Waterbeach Parish Council on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September. Previously they had said that they would adhere to the Inspectors decision regarding the Local Plan. In the Local Plan 1,400 dwellings would be required by 2031. What are Urban & Civic proposing and how will it affect our villages and infrastructure? Nigel Hugill of Urban & Civic clearly stated at a meeting in the village that there would be very few affordable homes within the new development. If you click on this link here is their vision of Waterbeach New Town which would look fine in an urban environment but is it appropriate in a rural environment such as ours? Who is it for? [www.urbandcivic.com/media/pdf/2015/Urban&Civic%20plc\\_Report%20and%20Accounts%202014.pdf](http://www.urbandcivic.com/media/pdf/2015/Urban&Civic%20plc_Report%20and%20Accounts%202014.pdf)

So this is where we are at the moment. Much work to do but you know it's worth it. If you "do" Facebook you can follow us on Keep Waterbeach Rural.....This is where we live.....

*Jane Williams*



## **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: 07788 565502

Email: [Andy.Swallowe@Cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:Andy.Swallowe@Cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

# Stop Loan Sharks

***Do you know someone who's swimming with sharks?*** They may not have fins or killer jaws, but loan sharks – or illegal moneylenders – are every bit as dangerous and predatory as their name suggests.

Victims are not only charged astronomical rates of interest, but very often face violence, intimidation or blackmail if they fall behind with their payments. Great news - a specialist Trading Standards team is helping to hunt down the illegal money lenders.

***What is a loan shark?*** A loan shark is someone who lends money without the permission required by the Financial Services & Markets Act 2000. Permission is granted by the Financial Conduct Authority to individuals or companies whom they believe are “fit and proper”.

***Loan Sharks - Dispelling the Myths*** One of the things that has become apparent is that there are lots of myths around loan shark activities that have no truth whatsoever. For example:

- ***MYTH - There's nothing you can do about loan sharks***
- ***FACT – It is illegal for anyone to operate a money lending business if they do not have permission from the Financial Conduct Authority***
- ***MYTH - You have to pay back what the loan shark says you owe***
- ***FACT - A loan made by an illegal money lender (without a license) is unenforceable without permission from the Financial Conduct Authority. This means that you cannot legally be made to pay it back.***
- ***MYTH - If you borrow from a loan shark, you commit an offence***
- ***FACT - It is the loan shark who is behaving illegally. Reporting the loan shark's activity will not get you into trouble with the authorities.***
- ***MYTH - Loan sharks provide a reasonable priced service***
- ***FACT - The average cost of borrowing from a loan shark is three times the price of the highest cost of legal credit. The highest interest rate the team have come across so far was 131,000% APR. One victim was receiving benefits of £74 per week. The loan shark took £50 a week, leaving just £24 to live on.***

## ***How can you help?***

1. Talk to your friends and family about loan sharks – ask them if they know of any loan sharks operating in your area.
  2. Tell us! The only way we can help is if we know about the problem. You don't have to give us your name or sign an official statement if you don't want to. If you or someone you know is a victim of a loan shark operating in your area, contact Trading Standards Illegal Money Lending Team in strictest confidence: 24 hour confidential hotline - 0300 555 2222 or text 'loan shark + your message' to 60003. Alternatively email [reportaloanshark@stoploansharks.gov.uk](mailto:reportaloanshark@stoploansharks.gov.uk)
- For more information visit [www.gov.uk/stoploansharks](http://www.gov.uk/stoploansharks)

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### Other useful numbers:

BEACHES COMMUNITY CAR SERVICE	07807 875878
COUNTY COUNCILLOR	Maurice Leeke - 01223 441562
DISTRICT COUNCILLOR	James Hockney - 01223 441289 or 07958 389713
DISTRICT COUNCILLOR	Peter Johnson - 01223 560918 or 07947 475549
DOCTORS SURGERY – WATERBEACH	01223 860387
FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE - Non Emergency Calls	01223 376217
LANDBEACH VILLAGE HALL	Anne Bullman - 01223 860692
PARISH PATHS GROUP	D. Armstrong - 01223 861586
POLICE - Non Emergency Calls	101
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# Waterbeach Pharmacy

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