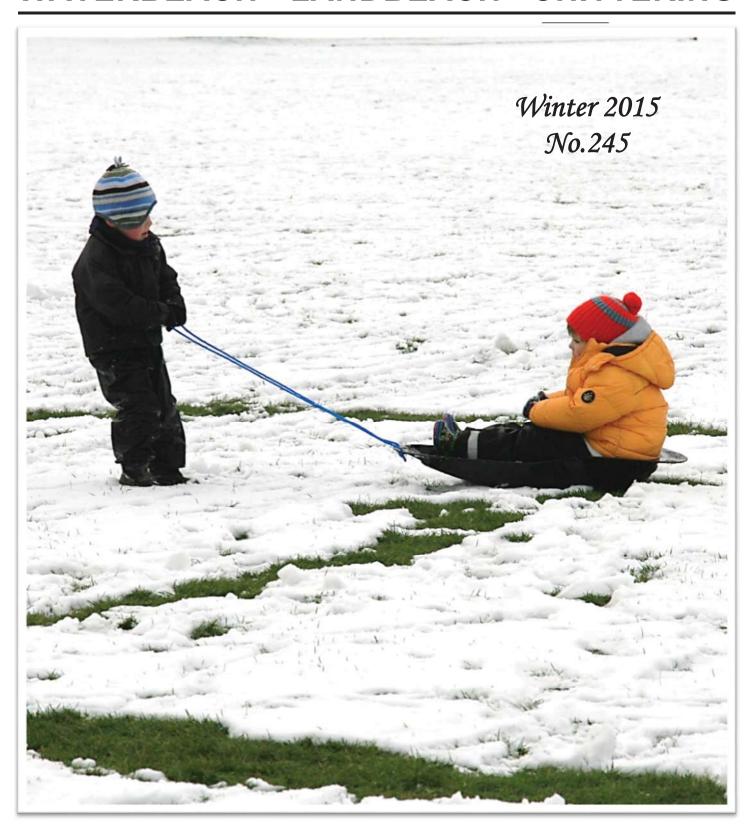
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Community Association



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 the three Waterbeach churches - Salvation Army, Baptist Chapel & St. John's Church who will jointly 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 delivered the tree and Gary Langley and team for doing their 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 and clubs. 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.

Over the years we have been able to support many local groups and clubs

including; Waterbeach Day Centre for the Elderly, Waterbeach Salvation Army, Guides, Beach Churches Together, Waterbeach Toddler Playgroup, Waterbeach Community Playgroup, Rainbows, Waterbeach Brass, WASPS, Waterbeach Baptist Chapel and the WAY Project.

Applications for 2015 donations are now welcomed from both existing and new groups in the community area, e.g. for a specific project or set up costs. All applications giving full details of exactly how the money would be used to be sent in writing to The Chairperson, Jacqui Rabbett, 9 Providence Way, Waterbeach, Cambridge CB25 9QH.

Feast 2016 – To organise the Feast requires a solid team of dedicated people. 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! A meeting to discuss next year's Feast will be held on Monday 18th January 2016 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. If you have any questions please contact Jacqui Rabbett Tel: 01223 860993 or Email: feast@waterbeach.org

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

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

Tribute to Sid High

It is with great sadness that we have to inform you of the loss of a longstanding member of Waterbeach Community Association, Sid High, who passed away on 27th September 2015.

Sid was born in Waterbeach in 1922 and spent the early part of his life at Denny Abbey Farm where his father was a horseman. He attended school in Waterbeach, where he was taught by Miss Hatley – a formidable character whom taught him well. He passed the 11+ and gained a place at Cambridge

High School for boys, but due to family financial restraints was not able to take up the place offered.

After leaving school he worked at Bulls the butchers in Waterbeach, but although Sid gained excellent butchering skills, he did not enjoy it.

His passion was football and he was scouted by Cambridge United, then known as Abbey United where he played as an amateur. Sid turned professional with a move to Luton Town F C in 1946 for two seasons. In 1948 he transferred to Watford F C for one season, and then in 1949 he transferred to Kings Lynn Town F C. This is where he met Joan, and they married in 1952. Sid by this time had retired from his beloved football, plagued by recurrent injuries.

Sid had a variety of jobs during the years. He had an interest in antiques and collectables and worked in a shop on Chesterton Road Cambridge until regrettably the



lease ran out. This prompted a change of employment to Pye where he worked for several years and then to Gestetner in East Road, Cambridge. Here he learnt printing skills and finally this took him to work for Cambridge University where he printed medical and veterinary exam papers until he retired.

Although Sid moved away from Waterbeach for short periods, he spent most of his life living in the village with his family close by. Sid and Joan had one daughter, Susan, and later they became proud grandparents to Charlotte and Stephanie.

Sid was an avid member of the community and worked tirelessly for the village for over 25 years. He was part of the Beach News team when the magazine was originally formed in the early 1970's and continued to assist with its production for many years thereafter. Waterbeach Feast was the biggest event of the year on his agenda, hours of planning and a lot of paper – no computers in those days!

Many years later after full retirement he coached the Waterbeach School football team, something he enjoyed and kept him fit. He never lost his love of football!

Sid will be sadly missed and our thoughts are with his family and friends.

Gardening Club

The first weekend in September saw an interesting variety of entries for the vegetable, fruit, flower, domestic, arts/crafts and

children's classes being carried into the School Hall for the Gardening Club's Annual Show. After the judges (to whom we are grateful for giving their time) had reached their decisions, the Show opened to the public in the afternoon and the entrants were all keen to learn the results. This year's winners were:

Best exhibit in show: Sheila Lynn RHS Banksian Medal: David Lynn Bannold Supplies Cup: William Temple Regency Gallery Cup: Anna Purcell A P Abrahams Children's Cup: Millie Cotton Eunice Bacon Memorial Cup: Anna Purcell Oakington Garden Centre Cup: David Lynn Shirley Howe Memorial Cup: Ann Brown Jean Clarke-Kentley Rose Bowl: Maureen Ling Lowlands Nursery Cup: Maureen Ling Gardening Club Silver Salver: Sheila Lynn Landbeach Marina Park Cup: Julie Purcell Transcore Transformers Shield: David Lynn Ridgeons Trophy: Terry Chapman Hudsons Windows Cup: Adrian Wright Donarbon Championship Cup: David Lynn

Our programme of talks resumed in September with Nigel Start giving useful suggestions for gardeners getting to grips with a new garden or re-designing an established garden. At the AGM in October the committee was re-elected en bloc and the formal meeting was followed by an illustrated talk on East Anglian gardens worth visiting. In November we were entertained by David White whose 'A Packet of Parsley' talk told the story of his life in horticulture. He brought some unusual plants to sell to members – a popular element at several of our recent meetings.

After a break for our New Year Social in January the talks resume in February with Mike Day telling us about unusual vegetables followed by Margaret Nimmo-Smith giving advice on making the most of a small garden at the March meeting. Meanwhile, members have been taking advantage of one of the benefits of membership by ordering from the King's Seeds catalogue at heavily discounted prices – perhaps dreaming of success at the 2016 Annual Show!

New members are always welcome and visitors can attend individual meetings for £3. We meet in the Church Room on the third Thursday of the month. Email wandc@outlook.com for more details.

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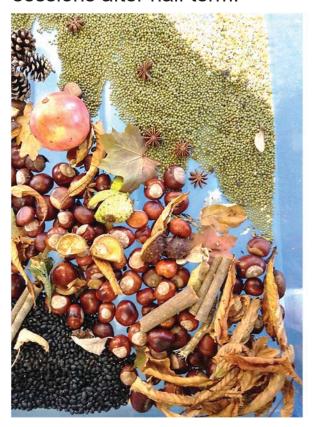
Coffee Morning at Waterbeach Salvation Army in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support

Thank you to everyone who helped, baked, supported and donated The total raised was £1037.00

Community Playgroup

It has been lovely to welcome all our children and families to a new and exciting autumn term. As always in September, we have enjoyed waving to our summer leavers as they confidently walk past the Playhouse on their way to big school.

We have started the term on a high note, following our "good" judgement from Ofsted in the summer and our staff are having lots of fun thinking up new, exciting and challenging activities for all our children. We are enjoying the early autumn sunshine together in our garden, building dens, making outdoor pictures and exploring the smells and textures of the season in our sensory trays. The children are also enjoying their regular Monday visits to Waterbeach Library and Thursday morning sessions at the school gym and we are very much looking forward to launching our own Forest School sessions after half term.



At Waterbeach Community Playgroup we provide a fun, safe environment where children can explore and learn through play. We work in partnership with our families to help our children achieve their individual potential. We provide a supportive environment, for children with English as an additional language and for children with additional needs.

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.

We offer 3 sessions a day, morning (9am

to 12 noon), lunch (12 noon to 12.30pm – children bring a packed lunch) and afternoon (12.30pm 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 offer places to 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.

We are currently still taking bookings for 2015 - 16. 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

News from Cllr. Peter Johnson

Pedestrian Crossing - Following on from comments that have been made regarding the siting of the crossing I did attend a site meeting with the County Council Highways officer and other Parish Councillors to get a final positioning that it is hoped will please most parishioners. After much debate the Highways Officer stated that this is the only site they will allow us to use It will be set slightly offset of the Baptist Church doors so the flashing Belisha beacon does not reflect inside the church as this could be disturbing.

Former Barracks Site - The sports hall is now in use and the museum is taking shape so not all doom and gloom. There were two open sessions for people to go and have a look round and to give ideas to Urban & Civic on what they want to see happen on this site. Speaking to people as I go round the village there are many different thoughts on this so it will be interesting to see what the next moves are.

The Local Plan & Neighbourhood Plan - We have started to divide into groups to look at the various sections we need to address and there is a lot of work ahead, but this is something for the village and residents should join in and help with this project. There is a wealth of knowledge and experience amongst our parishioners and it would be so good to see that being put to good use. This is your village and your plan so please come and join us; this is the future of Waterbeach and your chance to help shape it.

Station Car Park - Well after hitting the proverbial "brick wall" I asked Lucy Frazer if she could put any pressure on Network Rail to be a bit more communicative and here is the response:

"Network Rail created a business case which upon review, the cost far outweighed the income and did not meet our hurdle rate. Therefore our property team could not take the proposal forward. We then detailed this with the council who, at this stage commented that they may have funding available. However, we received confirmation from the week commencing 2 November 2015 in writing, that the council did not have funding available. In the attached map Network Rail is already in discussion with Govia Thameslink Rail (GTR) about the old station car park for proposed development. But, this is a small piece of land and is used for track access. Potentially this may only be offered as either disabled or Premier parking by GTR".

So the car park has hit the buffers until I can find another way round this hurdle, I have asked the County Council if they would buy the site and lease it out but I get the usual response, "no money". There must surely be a way round this but I am slowly running out of ideas.

Speed watch - We have had our first exercise and in two hours only three people were exceeding the speed limit when they passed the check board. There were quite a few who slowed down when they spotted us in our hi-vis so it did have the desired effect. We will have another session before Christmas but with limited hours of daylight and of course people working there are not so many opportunities, but we will be about during the day somewhere in the village.

Primrose Lane - The latest news on this subject is to extend the width of the road/path to provide a suitable surface for vehicles and pedestrians, allowing cars to travel without disturbing the kerb stones or the ground to the side of the road/path. It has been decided to construct a solid surface to reduce the vibration to the buildings close to the road, and also give a low maintenance and long term solution to the ongoing problem. The council will be on site at a date yet to be set so the residents can discuss the plans, and then a start date will be proposed so that disruption is kept to a minimum.

Flooding & Drainage Issues - There was a follow up meeting at South Cambs after the July meeting but Anglian water were not present which was not helpful as they are the party who can provide answers to many of the issues. I will continue to chase them as they cannot be allowed to run away from their responsibilities.

I would now like to wish all the residents of Waterbeach, Landbeach, and Chittering a very Happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year, I always feel very privileged to represent you at South Cambs District Council and I always try to get the best for our villages, and remember, any time you have a question, just give me a call or knock on my door, my contact details are: *Telephone:* 01223 560918 *Mobile:* 07947 475549 *Email:* Cllr.Johnson@scambs.gov.uk *Address:*25 Jubilee Close, Waterbeach, Cambridge CB25 9NY

Happy Folks Club

As we come to the short days and long nights, the time has come to look back at our year. We have had a very good year all told, trips to the coast and places of interest. We will be going to Wicksteed Park to see the show Swinging into Christmas, then our last trip of 2015 is to Ipswich for some retail therapy! We have gained some new members over the past year, although we also had some move away. The next year opens with lunch at the Five Miles From Anywhere. Our AGM will decide where we are going next year, meanwhile we meet on Friday afternoons at the Beach Club at 2pm. Why don't you look in, we play bingo have auctions and a free draw for Tesco vouchers, tea and biscuits and a chance to win cash on the lottery bonus ball, but most of all a good laugh. Merry Christmas to you all from the Happy Folks Club.

Badminton Club

Waterbeach Badminton Club move to new courts!

For about three years we have really appreciated the use of the small gymnasium at the School for Badminton Tuesday evenings, and have thanked the school, especially as they initially marked out the court on request.

Now, we look forward to new courts - four in fact - at the Sports Hall/gym at the old Barracks. Every MONDAY from 1930 we welcome new players, experienced or wanting to tighten up their game, meeting from Monday 9th November. For the time being we continue as an adults only Club, but foresee the possibilities of running a junior membership some time in the future.

If you have not been playing, and wish to come along for the first time, please could you contact Norman on 862404 or Janet on 863028.

It is important to note that you will need to change any outdoor shoes or trainers for clean trainers, and suggest you bring water, towel etc. First Aid will be available for minor accidents. The charge has yet to be agreed, but will be worked out very soon, and we normally ask players to pay for a set term or agreed period in advance. Any new equipment including shuttlecocks will be purchased by us.

We are grateful to Becca from Urban & Civic for her help and encouragement, which has enabled others to use the facilities.

Waterbeach WI



We meet every second Thursday in each month at St. John's Church Room at 7.30pm. We have a varied programme of speakers and activities and enjoy meeting up, making new friends, having a chat and refreshments.

Our numbers have been growing and we now have over 30 members. You are welcome to come along as a visitor and try out a few evenings to see if you would like to join. It is often a good idea to come along with friends. Recent talks have been on Tudor Queens, Knitting and an interactive Hand Bell Ringing session. Our December meeting is a Christmas Party and on January 14th Dr.Edward Turner from Madingley Hall is telling us about The Trials and Tribulations of Research in a Tropical Rainforest. We have a Knitting group, Book group and Darts team which meet regularly. We also take part in fund-raising events for various charities.

As a member of our WI you can also join in visits, day schools and activities organised by Cambridgeshire Federation of WIs (CFWI). If you would like to know more details please phone Sheila Lynn on 860948.

Landbeach Busytots

Busytots' Christmas Party

Wednesday 16th December 10am-11.45am @ Landbeach Village Hall

Kids can enjoy fake snow messy play, glittery play dough, Christmas songs, and receive a gift at this baby and toddler group special. Includes snacks for kids, and mince pies or chocolate yule log for grown-ups. Plus have a go at our raffle. Festive outfits encouraged!

£1.50 single child families, plus 50p per additional child.

Christmas & New Year opening times

We are usually open 10am-12 noon every Wed, but we are having a festive break on 23rd & 30th December. Re-opening on Wed 6th January 2016.

Volunteering Opportunity

Busytots is a not-for profit baby and toddler group, run entirely by volunteers at Landbeach Village Hall.

Would you like to get involved?

Can you spare a few hours, once a month, on Wednesday mornings?

What sort of things does volunteering at Busytots involve? Helping set up and clear away. Welcoming families. Delivering simple craft activities and singing songs.

If you'd like to find out more phone Gemma on 07986 717958 or email busytots1@hotmail.co.uk

Find us at facebook.com/LandbeachBusytots

Waterbeach Turbary Charity (Reg No 201529)

Applications for heating grants

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

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

Applications must be on a need basis, and may not be accepted. In order that funds of the Charity can be targeted at those most in need, candidates with savings over £10,000 should not apply.

Please send details to:

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

Closing date for applications is 15 December 2015

Looking back at Waterbeach

We have lived in Waterbeach now for 44 years. During that time the village has gained many new homes, the train service has improved beyond recognition and the bus service has become worse. We have gained a village hall and we have lost, amongst other things, a bank, a hardware shop, two green grocers and the Royal Engineers. The post office has just moved into the Village Stores. So much has changed but so much is still the same. I thought of this the other day when I was privileged to receive a chapter of an autobiography which is soon to be published by Alan Brown, grandson of Wilfred and Rose Burton. He spent a few memorable childhood years from 1939 to 1945 living in the village with his brothers and mother at his grandparents' house while his father was serving in the RAF. The chapter he sent to me describes his life in the village during that time.

Alan's grandparents lived in Denny End next to Jack Branch's garage, which I remember passing on bus journeys from Ely after work each day in the early 1970's. That site is now Providence Way. His neighbours were the Benton's who ran the bakery in Station Road. That was still there and being run by David Benton (who was a child in the war years), in the 1970's and 80's with a lovely smell of baking wafting down the road early in the morning The description of Alan's grandparents' home could almost be a description of the 1940's cottage at Denny Abbey with its rag rugs, outside privy and wash house. There was no running water; Alan's grandfather would carry him and his brother in the big buckets when he went to collect water from a nearby pump, one of which is still in Denny End today. There was also no mains drainage at that time in the village and many privies had to be emptied each week. This continued until the mid-1960's when mains drainage was installed just a few years before we came and it heralded the start of the growth of new developments such as Rosemary Road and the many others which followed.

The local doctor then was Dr Hartley who was retired when we came but still standing in for Dr Pritchard and Dr Whitmore on occasions. His and his wife's long service to the village are commemorated by a plaque in St John's Church and by the Close named after them.

On weekdays Alan went to the primary school in Cambridge Road (the present school wasn't built until 1953). On Sundays he went to the Baptist Chapel with his grandfather. The pastor was nick named 'Kick the Pulpit' because that is what he did when he got excited during his sermons. It woke any drowsing members of the congregation including Alan's grandfather. Nice's garage was next door as it still is today. The Salvation Army were

not where they are now but in Chapel Street. I remember their building being behind the Village Stores when we came. They moved to Station Road in the early 1970's after the Methodist congregation had dwindled to near extinction and they moved in to the chapel there.

The buses then and until quite recently were the 109 and 150 but their routes were very similar to the no 9 and 156 which run today, though we have lost the hourly regular service through the village to Ely. Trains north from Waterbeach called at Ely, Littleport, Downham Market and Kings Lynn (does this sound familiar? but what about Watlington?) on the way to holidays at Hunstanton.

Reading Alan's story brought home to me how the overlapping memories of different generations create a continuity of change, there are always the things that have been, the things that are the familiar and the things that are new, and always a sense of belonging to something very permanent.

Alan would very much like to hear from anyone who remembers the war years or anything about his grandparents. He can be contacted by e-mail: alan.brown37@talktalk.ne or through Jane Williamson, telephone 01223

Jane Williamson

Day Centre for the Elderly

Since the Day Centre re-opened in September, our numbers have increased, with a nearly full house on Mondays and a good attendance on Wednesdays. In November, there was a well-attended outing to 'The Good Old Days of Variety' in Soham on Friday, 13th and on Saturday 14th November we had another good turn-out for our Winter Fair with a profit of around £300 to go into our funds.

The next event will be Christmas Dinner for all our members on Monday, 14th December. We'll be enjoying a four-course dinner with all the trimmings and entertainment starting at 12.00 noon..

The Day Centre will then close for the Christmas break after lunch on the 14th December and recommence on Monday, 5th January 2016.

The Day Centre offers a home-cooked meal two days a week on Mondays and Wednesdays to the senior citizens of Waterbeach, Landbeach and Chittering. Coffee is available from 11.00am at the Denson Close Community Room and the day ends with tea and cake at around 3.00pm. The Centre is not a lunch club, and our aim is to provide a social meeting place for a chat, a catch-up, or to make new friends. If you are over 60 and would like to join us, please ring Mary Longstaff on 01223 564666 for more details.

WASPS

Another school year has started and our reception class children are settling into the Breakfast and After School Clubs at WASPS.

We have had a great term so far with lots of fun outdoors on the play structure and equipment. As the longer dark nights begin we are now planning more indoor crafts and activities for the winter months to come. We are also starting to think about Christmas and will soon be making decorations to brighten up the Playhouse.

We held the WASPS AGM in September and have elected a new Management Committee from parent volunteers. The committee are currently busy finding out about their new roles and a busy time is anticipated. Thank you to all the previous committee members for all their hard work – without our parent volunteers WASPS would not be able to continue. Thank you also to all the staff, WASPS families and local support for WASPS during the community events we have participated in over the last year. We have not yet arranged any fundraising events for the New Year, but we will keep you all informed.

October Holiday Club was exciting for the children who enjoyed many Halloween themed activities including baking, Halloween crafts, Premier Sport and gym activities.

Winter Holiday Club – is now taking bookings and the opening dates are: 21st, 22nd and 23rd December and 4th January 2016. If you need to do some last minute Christmas shopping without the children, why not consider using WASPS whilst you pop into town.

The Holiday Club runs from 8am – 6pm for a full day, but we also continue to offer more flexible bookings. Our half day sessions can start at any time between 8am and 1pm. We also take bookings for a minimum of 2 hours at any time during our opening hours, or a half day can be extended on an hourly basis.

February Half term Holiday Club – this is not open for bookings yet, but the planned dates are 15th – 19th February 2016.

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 Scouts



"The first week of the summer holiday was spent on Scout camp at Thriftwood Camp site in Brentwood. We had fun playing games at night and having camp fires, but the best part is the daytime activities such as abseiling, quad biking and the first days activity was setting up camp with all the tents.

The only let down was the amount of people who were sick and ill. Some had to go home. Seems someone brought a virus to camp.

At night the Leaders prepared night time activities such as find the glow stick or hide and seek. This camp we played space hopper jousting! At night we have a campfire with singing and marshmallows. Bed time was at 9 with lights out by 10.

We also had Splash Wednesday where we played in the lake with water inflatables."

Written by Harry Winter

Towards the end of August the Cubs went camping at Skreens Park camp

site, Chelmsford. We had to work the crafts and activities around the weather as it was very mixed. That didn't dampen the spirit. The Cubs still managed to fit in the Archery and Go Karts. The theme was bugs and insects, plenty to choose from. They decorated sun catchers and insect homes, towards their Nature badge. We managed a couple of evenings with outdoor games and a campfire.



Beavers had a day out in October. In the morning the mad Scientist came to show them a few experiments. They then had an hour to make a robot from recycling. After our packed lunch we made our way round five bases, making goo, flat bread, chocolate bridge etc. They all really enjoyed themselves and at the end of the day they were all given a badge.

Our Prize Bingo season is well underway. It's a fun family evening out. The games begin at 7-30pm and we are normally finished about 9pm. Our next Bingo will be the Christmas one on Friday 11th December. New Year dates are as follows, Friday 8th January & 12th February.

If you are having a clear out over Christmas, please think of us. We will be having our annual Jumble Sale on Saturday 30th January 2016, 10am till 1pm. We will also be selling bacon rolls if you fancy a snack while having a rummage.

Library News

Over the past three months the numbers joining the Library have risen, at a time when Libraries are once again under threat of closure. We are sure this will not impinge on Waterbeach Library as we are an



independent, voluntary library, run totally by volunteers from the Community, for the Community, funded by the Community.

The Waterbeach Library has had a very successful Summer Reading Challenge with 139 children completing the Challenge. Certificates and medals were presented to 111 children at Waterbeach Community Primary School on Friday 6th November, so there were a lot of very excited children (a third of the children according to the Head Ms Green) who received a big round of applause from their fellows.

The remaining children's certificates were presented at playgroups and nurseries, or delivered directly to their homes. This year included many children from schools in Cambridge, which is always an added accolade for a small independent voluntary run library. We would like thank the schools for their support, and equally the parents who recognise the importance of reading skills in an increasingly demanding world.

In the coming months Waterbeach Library will be working with the Dolphin Centre to assist with IT access. We will also be working with mother and baby groups, to open up further opportunities to those who may experience difficulty accessing such opportunities.

Waterbeach Library is located in the Community Room on the Waterbeach School site, down the drive, on the left. If you have not visited your Community Library yet, please pop in to see us. We are open Monday morning 10-12pm, Monday afternoon 3-5pm, Wednesday 6-8pm, Friday afternoon 2-5.30pm and Saturday morning 10-12pm. We are not a "shush" type of library - a child's terminology! - we love meeting people, babies can cry without any problem and many have learned to walk by cruising round the book boxes. There are 10,000 books waiting for you and a welcome whenever you visit.

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 www.facebook.com/WaterbeachLibrary which provides information about various happenings.

Mobile library visits

The mobile library calls once a month, on the second Monday, so forthcoming dates are 14 December, 11 January, 8 February, 14 March. 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, or ask at any library.

Refugee Crisis

Across our community, there have been a range of individual and group responses to the distress of those forced to flee their homes in the Middle East. Waterbeach residents have generously donated as individuals to the work of voluntary organisations like the Red Cross and Save The Children Fund, have been in proactive support to projects in Calais, and a number of Christian initiatives.

Since 2013, Waterbeach community and churches began to be aware of the problems facing displaced peoples. We have focussed support on Médecins Sans Frontières, an impartial medical aid and humanitarian charity working in the Middle East and Africa to provide preventative healthcare as well as crisis medical care; more recently MSF has rescued boat-peoples. At the time of writing, Waterbeach and its friends have, thanks to Gift Aid, raised over £6,000 since 'Sound Out for Syria'.

Collecting tubs have been out at Waterbeach Feast; The White Horse and The Sun 'Third Space' events; The Post Office; St John's Parish Church. Informal drop-ins at 'Poems in the Kitchen' have resulted in fun, worthwhile conversation, poetry – and an appearance on the new Cambridge TV!

We know that MSF's logistical skills enable impartial aid to go where it is needed, even in the face of hostilities. Your donations help vitally in these short-term initiatives; they also help MSF to provide evidence and statistics to assist with the longer-term planning which we know will be needed.

What began in our village as a 'fun event' to bring people together has made a serious difference in some nightmare situations. The steady support of the Living With Integrity group and St John's clergy and congregation have underpinned all. May we, in turn, thank you, Waterbeach, for all your generosity and support to this date.

Do contact us to learn more: http://stjohns-waterbeach.org.uk/living-with-integrity/ and, for Poems in the Kitchen, angelastoryteller@gmail.com

Beach Social Club

In September we held our annual charity auction and raised £780 which was added to money already raised. That money was presented to Arthur Rank Hospice and Gt. Ormond St. Hospital. Each received a cheque for £1555 and that was collected by their representatives who gave us an insight into the work of each organisation. The Neville Staples night raised a further £1261 and when that reaches the bank a further cheque for £630 will be forwarded to each charity. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the fundraising. The charities chosen for the next year are: East Anglian Air Ambulance and Diabetes UK.

Bingo, sessions continue to be popular 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:

13th December Children's Christmas Party

19th December Christmas Draw with AJ Comedian/Singer

24th December Family Disco

31st December 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 on a Friday most months. 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/meetings etc. We may also be able to accommodate local groups and organisations on a regular basis, daytime or evenings. Contact me or Secretary Carol Monteith for info, or call into to the club and speak to Nigel or Jacky.

There is a good possibility of a Juniors Karate class starting in January with a female instructor. Further details when available will be on our website and Club notices.

New members are always welcome. Call in to collect an application form or download one from www.BeachSocialClub.co.uk. You can enjoy the lowest cost drinks in the area (probably) relaxing 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 plus Facebook and Twitter

We at Beach Social Club wish everyone best wishes for Christmas and New Year and we look forward to seeing you here in the future. Geoff Donovan (Chairman)

Waterbeach Community Players

Saying Goodbye to the 1970s and Moving on to Cinderella!

As I write this we are just finishing our latest production 'One Way or Another' which combined 1970s and 80s nostalgia with fabulous tunes from our brilliant live band. If you were one of the lucky people who managed to get tickets for this sell-out show then hopefully you weren't too shocked by how awful we all looked back then. The hairstyles and blue eyeshadow were bad enough but add in the crocheted tank-tops and the flared trousers, what a picture, and did I mention the hairstyles! Farah Fawcett and Princess Di, eat your heart out! As you can see we had a lot of fun so thank you for coming and being part of it all.

As you read this we are now in the middle of rehearsals for the annual pantomime, Cinderella! Probably the best loved of all fairy tales, this traditional family show features all the important characters; Ugly Sisters, Buttons, Prince Charming, Fairy Godmother and of course our own, very beautiful Cinderella. For those of you who have seen us before in panto, you will know that we really love putting on a good family show with all the traditional bits that a panto should have; kids bit, mime, UV and loads of songs to sing along with and that we have the best dame for miles around! Even better our version of Cinderella is only £28 for a family ticket (2 adults and 2 children). The dates are 21-23 January 2016 so you have time to get Christmas out of the way, though to avoid disappointment please do book early as tickets are already selling well. To get tickets either phone 01223 880023, go online at www.wcp.ticketsource.co.uk or visit The Sun pub on the Green. Look forward to seeing you there!

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

Message from Cllr. James Hockney

Could I firstly take this opportunity to wish you and your family a Happy Christmas and a Wonderful New Year. This year has been full of challenges and opportunities. Please read about some of the recent issues I have been working on as below:

Local Plan - 'Waterbeach Barracks - No New Town' campaign update - The Local Plan process has restarted. The next three stages are: (1) South Cambs District Council (SCDC) Planning Portfolio Holder meeting on 17 November 2015 (2) SCDC Full Council on 30 November 2015 (3) Public Consultation on 2 December 2015 and which runs until 25 January 2016.

To keep updated on all the latest news please visit the Facebook page; www.facebook.com/saveourvillagenonewtown/

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, starting petitions and organising rallies.

The town concept has been rejected three times before - so nothing is inevitable and we must maintain the community fight to protect our rural and village identity.

Improving School Road Safety - 'Action for School Road Safety' - On behalf of the community I made a presentation to the County Council Highways Committee to express the views and concerns of the community (thank you to the 1,300+ who signed the petition).

Already the Secondary School bus route has been returned to the priority gritting route and new buses and coaches replacing the old ones. This has also meant more transport with seat belts. I took these County Council issues on in addition to my District related workload because I appreciate the need for action.

We have ensured that the need for a crossing person is advertised with the County Council willing to provide this on a job-share basis. I have, with others, pressed the need for a crossing at the Parish Highways Committee and this is being considered in a forward plan of projects.

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.

I have now chaired a multi-agency meeting at South Cambridgeshire District Council and are working on the next meeting to bring 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.

Preserving our history - Landbeach Tithe Barn - There is a strong partnership approach taking place between the emerging Tithe Barn Trust and

the District Council (who own the building) to ensure this building is restored. Recently the roof was covered with tarpaulin to help protect it from further deterioration.

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

Our Facebook page is www.facebook.com/FriendsofLandbeachTitheBarn. The page has links to the membership form and pledge form. We are also looking for trustees and volunteers - if you value this building then please do come forward.

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.

I have already been successful in bringing the MoD and District Council together to secure Park Crescent as the first local connection housing scheme in Waterbeach. Local connection housing ensures that those on the council housing waiting list with a local connection are placed at the front of the queue.

Supporting good causes - Charity fundraiser at Bollywood Spice - Thank you to everyone who supported the event in October. We raised £2,250; this meant £750 each for; Waterbeach Toddler Playgroup, Arthur Rank Hospice Charity and Addenbrookes Neonatal care unit (SCBU/NICU).

I am now working on the charity event to take place in March and would welcome suggestions of which charities to support.

Supporting the local economy - Local Business Club - It is great news that a new business club has started locally called the 'A10 Business Network Group'. This will be for all businesses and business people in Landbeach, Waterbeach, Milton and Chittering. Regular monthly networking events will take place at Bollywood Spice every month. There is a facebook page www.facebook.com/businessdinnerclub. For more information please see the more detailed article in the Beach News.

Key services - Waterbeach Post Office move - I am sure that we all wish the Village Stores success in having the Post Office now located there. By the time you read this the formal opening of the Post Office will have taken place.

It is clear that it is more urgent than ever that we have safer crossing on Chapel Street. Indeed the 'Pedestrian road safety campaign' petition that I ran compelled the County Council to work with the community on a solution. Although this really must happen sooner rather than later.

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

Telephone: 01223-441289 Mobile: 07958-389713 E-Mail: j_hockney@btinternet.com Facebook: James Hockney Web: www.jameshockney.com Twitter: @CllrJHockney

WAY Project



Hallowe'en came a day early for our youth club members! On Thursday 29 October (the last youth club day of the week) a group of our young members went off to Cow Hollow Wood for an hour or two's fun in the dark accompanied by staff and one or two parents. Scary stories and some games ensued. The evening was rounded off back in Tillage Hall (with the lights on) for some much-needed soothing cocoa.

The new term has been busy as our new Lead Youth Worker settles in. On the practical side, we are in the process of sound-proofing the TV room so that our musicians can strut their stuff without deafening everyone else. Our buddying scheme goes from strength to strength as more of our older members sign up to mentor and support those in their first-term at 'big school'. We celebrated Black History month with quizzes, food, history and discussions.

In October, we were the grateful recipients of a grant which will allow us to do 'aspirational lives' work with our young people. This will involve sessions on health (including healthy eating and mental health), practical community work and being an active and valuable member of our community. One of our community activities will be a community Christmas lunch in the Tillage Hall. Some of you have already been invited, and if you would like to join us, please contact our Lead Youth Worker – Anwar Haq anwarhaq40@gmail.com or our Chair – Shelagh Robertson shelagh@richard-blake.com or by phone 01223 860445.

It only remains to wish you all a Happy Christmas and our best wishes for the coming year.

Shelagh Robertson - Chair, WAY

Patient Participation Group

A Core Group of 15 members of WPPG meet every couple of months with Waterbeach Surgery Practice Manager to discuss how we can support our doctors and nurses. We organise Open Meetings on a variety of topics, which we hope will help members of our community.

At the Beach Social Club on 6th October we had a speaker from Age UK who was able to tell us of a wide range of services they provide. They have left a large number of leaflets at the surgery, which you could ask for or can visit their website on www.ageuk.org/cambridgeshire/ We had over 20 people present. If there is a medical topic you would like to have an Open Meeting on please let us know. We have had very useful evenings on COPD, Diabetes and Dementia and are thinking of Meningitis as a possible topic.

Please use the surgery website to access further information.

<u>www.waterbeachsurgery.co.uk</u> *Viv Cooper* - Chair of Waterbeach PPG

Farmland Museum & Denny Abbey

Thank you to all our visitors who have helped to make this year a big success! Although we are now closed until the February half-term (details on website) our final event for 2015 is:

Christmas at Denny - Saturday 12 December

Activities between 12 noon - 5pm; Museum buildings open 12 noon - 3.30pm Tea Room open 12 noon - 3pm; Museum Gift Shop open 12 noon - 3.30pm Celebrate Christmas with us -

Children's Craft Activities: 12 noon - 3pm - Make something special for the season. Admission to site: £3 per family (children must be supervised by a responsible adult at all times to avoid accidents with glitter & paint)

Friends' Carols In The Abbey: 3pm - 5pm - Wrap up warmly, bring a torch and join in with the singing! A popular annual event organised by the Friends of the Farmland Museum. Free admission - donations welcomed.

Did you know that we offer a Local Residents Season Ticket for people living within Waterbeach, Landbeach, Chittering, Histon, Milton and Impington? Full details and an application form from www.farmlandmuseum.org.uk

We welcome enquiries about volunteering at the Museum. There are a wide range of opportunities that we offer for people aged 16 +.

Keep up to date with all our events and news by following us on Twitter: twitter.com/FarmlandMuseum or Facebook: facebook.com/Denny.Farmland

Sing to Remember

Sing to Remember is a new singing group for those with dementia and their carers, led by Jan Payne, a highly respected local musician, teacher and choir leader.

The aim of Sing to Remember is to encourage those whose memory loss makes them uncomfortable joining a mainstream singing group, to come and enjoy a good hearty sing. Partners, friends and carers are welcome and encouraged to join in the fun.

The weekly group will be starting on Thursday the 3rd of December at Landbeach Baptist Church, with tea and biscuits at 11 am followed by singing from 11.30-12.30.

The first session is free, then £5 per person per session to include their carer. If you would like to come along to the group, or if you think you could spare a couple of hours now and again on a Thursday morning to join our team of volunteers, please contact: Jane Johannessen, Community Development Officer, Care Network on 01954 211919. Email jane.j@care-network.org.uk

Toddler Playgroup

Twenty-eight excited children took part in their graduation ceremony from WTP in July and celebrated this first of many

academic transitions with the rest of the playgroup at a fun family day out to the Botanic Gardens. Some were as thrilled about the train ride to Cambridge as the bug hunt. Meanwhile many parents were just intrigued to see the much talked about flowering Titan Arum.

It marked the close to another successful year nurturing and educating local $2\frac{1}{2}$ - 5 year olds and before long the much loved staff were opening the doors again to welcome this year's intake.

Many exciting topics have already been covered since September, including fairy tales, birthdays, autumn and the weather. If you want to know how to make your own "snow" just ask one of the children who attends the playgroup! With a new intake of children comes a change in committee. The new committee is committed to continuing the great fundraising work of years gone by. As a charity, WTP relies a lot on financial and material donations, grants and fundraising activities and are continually grateful for all the support they receive from across the Waterbeach Community. If you would like to support WTP in any way please get in touch.

Fundraising activities have already kicked off well with a successful cake stall at the Skate Park opening and a busy November Nearly New Sale. If you didn't make the Nearly New Sale don't worry – there will be another one in the spring where you can either sell or buy good quality kids' clothes, toys and baby equipment. The children also learned more about nature with their sponsored Autumn Search over half term, raising even more funds. If you missed out on WTP's popular Reindeer Hot Chocolate kits, Christmas Cookie Mix and Reindeer Food at the School Winter Fair, get in touch with Wayne (wayne@waterbeachtoddlerplaygroup.org.uk) and the WTP Elves will see if they can magic some to you!

WTP still has some places available for 2016, so if you know someone who is looking for a local, friendly and OFSTED 'nearly outstanding' preschool they should contact Wayne Badcock (wayne@waterbeachtoddlerplaygroup.org.uk, 07808 357729) or visit the website www.waterbeachtoddlerplaygroup.org.uk for more information.

Dates for your 2016 diary:

Thursday 3rd March: Auction of Promises at the White Horse pub Saturday 5th March: Mother's Day stall selling flowers and cakes

How to make your own snow from baking soda and shaving cream

Put a large box of baking soda into a container then slowly mix in most of a can of shaving cream. Watch as the cold, mouldable snow forms in front of your eyes. It feels just like fresh fallen powder. Source www.growingajeweledrose.com

Neighbourhood Development Plan

"Do you want to help to protect the identity, and shape the future, of your village and community?"

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the public consultation on the Waterbeach Neighbourhood Plan Development Area. In assessing the application, the District Council cited the positive contributions from the community as being a significant factor in their decision to grant the application. The area defined includes the whole strategic site comprising the former barracks and farmland beyond. This has been accepted despite opposition from developers.

The Neighbourhood Development Plan will give us a platform to express our views on the future development of Waterbeach and Chittering. Following independent inspection, the Plan will be voted on by local residents and, once agreed by community referendum, it will come into force. From then on any developers will have to comply with it.

For this plan to properly reflect the views and priorities of our community, it is vital that we have input from as wide a section of our community as possible. We would therefore welcome input from anyone living or working in the development area.

Do you have an interest in, experience in, or enthusiasm for:

- Flooding and drainage
- Health and welfare
- Transport infrastructure
- Education
- Rural nature and environment
- Community and recreation
- Business and Employment
- Housing/Planning
- Conservation and heritage

If so then please join the focus group for your area of interest and help the Neighbourhood Development Plan Working Group form a plan for the future of our community.

To find out more or to get involved, please call 01223 441338 or send your details to council@waterbeach.org.uk

The Landbeach Society

Christmas Celebration

with

Waterbeach Brass

and

Festive Nibbles

(NB: This means food and drink, it's not the name of a band!)

Wednesday 16th December 2015 at 7.30pm Landbeach Village Hall

No charge, but donations towards the work of the Society gratefully received.

All Welcome

Foodbank



Cambridge City Foodbank (CCFb) has plans to open a distribution centre in Waterbeach in collaboration with the

Baptist Church. CCFb already has six distribution centres in Cambridge and one in Cambourne but its management team thought that a new centre in Waterbeach would give better access for people local to the village and surrounding area and reduce travel costs for people who would otherwise have to go into the city.

The opening date for the centre is Thursday 4th February 2016. After that it will be open every Thursday from 10.30-12.30, operating from a welcoming and child-friendly room at the back of the church.

Between now and February CCFb is recruiting volunteers for the centre. The qualities we are looking for in volunteers are reliability and an empathetic, non-judgemental outlook. It also helps if you are able to lift and carry boxes. CCFb is entirely run by volunteers and if you would be interested in joining us please go to the website where you will find an application form or email Susan at volunteers@ccfb.org.uk

In the past twelve months CCFb has supported over 4,000 individuals in Cambridge and area with 3-day emergency food. The number supported in the past 6 months has risen by 8% over the same period in 2014. Low pay and inadequate hours are the fastest growing reasons for people turning to the foodbank, along with benefit delays.

All the food is donated by people across Cambridge so this is a way for us to support one another in times of need.

Vouchers that entitle people to support from the Foodbank will be held by a number of different agencies in Waterbeach, including the Children's Centre. More information about where you can get vouchers will be given on noticeboards around the village.

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 2015). 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 2015.** These grants will be considered early in the New Year.

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

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

Keep Waterbeach Rural



Waterbeach, Chittering and surrounding areas huge changes, challenges opportunities as to how our communities are shaped in the future. The Local Plan Inquiry is still on hold until further supporting evidence is submitted to the Inspector. Public consultations are proposed during December and January 2016. We will be ensuring that consultations and schedule dates will be given a high profile so that our communities have every opportunity to have a say in the process. We hope that there will be a Waterbeach Hearing when the Inquiry resumes. We can then put our case to the Inspector as to how a huge new settlement will impact upon our villages. Issues such as affordable homes for local

people, a proper transport strategy which addresses the existing congestion in the village, A10, A14 and railway. Ensuring education and health services are maintained for all, the right mix of shops and businesses, keeping the rural nature of Waterbeach as a vibrant community. A place for children to learn and grow. Create green spaces for recreation and wildlife. The ability to maintain valuable agricultural land, consider climate change and flooding. Bearing in mind all of the above the Parish Council and members of the community are working together to formulate a Neighbourhood Plan. Once completed and approved it will give us legal powers to decide how our communities evolve. So far the "Designated Area" the current Parish, has been formerly agreed by South Cambridgeshire District Council. A main factor for approval was due to the positive response from villagers. The promoters of Waterbeach New Town, Urban & Civic and RLW Estates objected to our application. A Neighbourhood Plan will enable us to negotiate with the promoters if the Inspector approves the proposal for a possible 8,000 (very likely more) dwellings on the former barracks land and adjoining Greenfield land. It is largely agreed that some development should happen on the barracks land but that it should be done in a considered and proper manner for the greater good. At every stage of the Neighbourhood Planning process we will be asked for ideas/views. This is our Plan. If you would like to know more, become involved, have some expertise which could help or just a passion for our villages. Contact: council@waterbeach.org.uk telephone 01223 441338

Keep Waterbeach Rural is on Facebook

Jane Williams

A10 Networking Group

Are you interested in business networking? Do you enjoy meeting likeminded people and have a taste for Indian food?

Are you a business looking to develop a network of potential clients or contacts? Are you looking to grow your business in 2016?

If you answered yes to any of the above then we may be what you are looking for, we are a group of local business owners based along the A10 corridor, and we meet the first Monday of each month, our next monthly meeting will be held on Monday 4th January.

The event is held at Bollywood Spice, just as you enter the village off of the A10 and the evening unfolds as follows:

Arrive 7pm, meet in the bar area where we can get to know each other before the event. We sit down and go around the table taking turns to introduce both ourselves and our businesses, towards the end of the dinner we shall have a speaker who could speak on any of these subjects, politics, business or motivation. We finish at 9pm but you are welcome to stay longer and network some more. Bring plenty of cards and an idea of what you would like to gain from these meetings.

As numbers grow we have some ideas to develop the network and to offer members more value and opportunities, all this for just £5.00 per event including an Indian buffet.

If you would like more information please give Andrew a call on 07734711839 or visit our Facebook page A10 business networking club.

Fire and Rescue Service



It is the time of year when we're enjoying a tipple 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.

Contact: 01480 444500 or wwww.cambsfire.gov.uk

Stay well this winter

In the past year as many as one in four residents in Cambridgeshire visited A&E when they could have used an alternative service or looked after themselves at home.

Each visit to A&E costs the local NHS £87, and that's before any treatment is given. When you look at the figures, this costs the local NHS over £4million a year. In turn this is the equivalent cost of 677 hip replacements, or 287 liver transplants or 115 more dementia nurses.

Using A&E when you don't need to can also have a knock-on effect to the rest of the hospital, as busy A&E departments resulted in 500 cancelled operations and procedures because a bed was no longer available, and longer waiting and referral times.

But you can help

- Stay healthy get a flu vaccination if you are eligible
- Look after others check on elderly friends, relatives and neighbours especially in spells of cold weather, help them to keep warm and have the medication they might need
- Be prepared get your prescriptions in early before the holidays and see your pharmacist or GP for any issues you might be putting off
- Choose the right service your local pharmacy can provide confidential, expert advice and treatment for a range of common illnesses and complaints, without having to wait for a GP appointment.

For help with finding local NHS services visit http://www.cambsandpeterboroughchoosewell.co.uk/

Waterbeach Community Association Carols on Waterbeach Green



Christmas Eve 6.30pm

Please remember to bring your lights, lanterns and torches



A copy of the carol sheet can be downloaded in advance from www.waterbeach.org

Help to stop human trafficking

Do you ever look at a situation and sense 'Something not quite right there'? We are being asked by Cambridge Constabulary to honour that 'sense' and perhaps use it to help to stop people-trafficking in our area. One or two observations from us could be part of a big picture of vital evidence.

Slavery happens here, in our part of South Cambs. People are held against their will to work at illegal tasks, to live in conditions which degrade. Sometimes they are confined to buildings. If they are 'out and about' they may be unsuitably-dressed, malnourished, nervous – and maybe under the control of one member of the group.

There is a long way to go in dealing with the forced labour, drug-production, prostitution, violence and abuse which are taking place in facilities and buildings probably within fifteen miles of us. We are being asked to 'Get Closer' – and to look closer - to help save lives and to give back control to those being exploited. At the moment, many of the profiteering offenders are getting away with outrage against humanity.

'We need your help to put a stop to this' say Cambridgeshire Police. They ask us to call 101 and stay on the line, or to ring Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111, or contact eCops, or visit www.cambs.police.uk if we sense, after observation, that comings and goings 'don't add up' and that maybe someone is being put at risk or mistreated. Chief Inspector James Sutherland, Area Commander for South Cambs Police, says that his team and the partner agencies take seriously genuine calls beginning 'I'm not sure but I think I've spotted...' Every observation may be a vital piece of information which adds up in a bigger picture and enables them to act.

Alongside our local police are organisations such as the Salvation Army and Cambridge Soroptomists. They can step in with specialist, funded and safe facilities to support victims within this region and beyond. The Salvation Army has a 24/7 referral line: 0300 303 8151 but can also continue restoration support once legal procedures have been gone through. You may have seen Cambridge Soroptomists' Purple Teardrop Campaign focussing on exploitation, including sexual exploitation, of Women and Children. www.purpleteardrop.org.uk. Both organisations welcome donations.

Amongst other internationally-linked partners are www.hopeforjustice.org: they sponsored a set of stunning but concise informational short films which formed part of the presentation and training offered recently to parish councillors, voluntary and church organisations who attended a short conference and training in October; South Cambridgeshire District Council offered their premises for free to facilitate what they see as an important community initiative against People Trafficking.

We are asked to trust our senses. We can pick up that someone is fearful, submissive – paranoid, even. We can tell that they are not familiar with our neighbourhood or healthy lifestyle. We can begin to sense that they are not in control. If we responsibly report those suspicions, then rescue, advocacy and restoration can follow via new laws and help from skilled partner organisations. Cambridge Police would be glad to hear from us.

Fen Edge Community Association

Fen Edge Community Association and the Fen Edge Family Festival We need you!

The 2015 Fen Edge Family Festival held in Cottenham and sponsored by the Fen Edge Community Association (FECA) attracted large numbers of visitors and the organising committee received many messages of thanks and congratulations. If there is to be another in 2017 planning needs to start soon. The organisation of the biennial FEFF is done by a sub-Committee of FECA and success relies on having new people with fresh ideas and a commitment to the shared interests of the 'five-village-community' of the Fen Edge: Cottenham, Rampton, Willingham, Waterbeach and Landbeach).

FECA is a charity that supports clubs and groups that contribute towards the social, recreational and leisure facilities in the Fen Edge villages. It publishes the Fen Edge News which keeps the villagers in touch with each other and promotes termly adult and family educational aspects of Cottenham Village College, and runs a website www.fenedge.co.uk for local happenings. Through modest annual subscriptions and the FEFF, FECA has funds available as grants to support those member groups in various ways and enable them to raise their own funds.

But times change, and many of the women and men who have served for a number of years on the FECA Committee or on the FEFF Committee (many on both) now need to move on to other commitments and will be standing down at the AGM in May 2016. This is an opportunity for new people from the five villages to be part of making the Fen Edge a vibrant community.

These are the roles which need to be filled: Chair of FECA; Treasurer, Editor of the Fen Edge News; Trustee of the FECA Committee, Secretary of the FECA Committee or member of the FEFF sub-Committee to contact us on chairfenedge@gmail.com or to write to: Eileen Wilson, Chair, Fen Edge Community Association Office, Cottenham Village College, High St Cottenham, CB24 8UA.

Any of the FECA Committee members would be happy to talk to you or your group about what these roles entail. You are welcome to come along to future meetings to find out more or to put forward innovations that you would like to introduce. We look forward to hearing from you.

Eileen Wilson - Chair

Cambridgeshire Constabulary

Residents are being urged to check their home security to help prevent a rise in burglaries over the winter months. Dwindling hours of daylight and the Christmas period often combine to result in more break-ins at homes in the county.

The force is prioritising burglary as part of a new campaign called Operation Hunter and is using all tactics available to reduce the number of crimes through prevention work and catching and putting offenders before the courts. However, as part of the operation, detectives are also urging members of the public to do their bit by taking precautions and making their homes unattractive to burglars.

In the three months from August to October last year, there were 569 dwelling burglaries in the county, compared to 628 during the following three months (November-January), a rise of more than 10 per cent. Detective Chief Inspector Mike Branston said: "Burglary is a top priority for the force because it leaves victims feeling vulnerable and can have a massive impact on their lives. A series of burglaries in a particular area can also leave communities feeling vulnerable so we are committed to tackling this type of crime from all angles. We are relentlessly targeting offenders but we also need the public's help to make it as hard for the crooks as possible.

Taking security steps at home and remembering to always leave your windows and doors locked is a great start but we would also ask people to keep their eyes and ears open and report any suspicious activity to police. Information we receive from the public is crucial and people should never hesitate to report something that appears unusual or suspicious in their neighbourhood."

Residents are urged to:

- Always keep doors and windows closed and locked or in a ventilated but locked position, even when they are inside the house. Always check and lock doors with a key - never assume that just pushing up an internal handle will lock the door.
- Remove keys from window and door locks, but keep them in a familiar and safe place where all members of the family know where to find them in the event of an emergency.
- Never leave items such as keys, bags, presents and money on show through a window.
- Consider the position of key racks or shelves next to a door and ensure that they cannot be reached through the letter box.
- Use timer switches to turn on lights and radios when you are going to be away from your house at dusk.

- Consider the use of lights at the front and rear of your property that are activated when someone approaches.
- Consider the use of bolts and padlocks on side gates. Place the bolts at the top, middle and bottom of the gate, as just a top bolt might be easy to reach and open.
- A visible intruder alarm box can prove to be one of the biggest deterrents to an opportunist burglar, so consider installing a DIY or supplier installed system.

Anyone with information should contact police on 101 or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111or online at www.crimestoppers-uk.org.

Update from Urban&Civic

Over 400 people came along to two Open Days to help shape the future development of the Waterbeach Barracks and Airfield site, at events held on Saturday 17 and Wednesday 21 October.

Developers Urban&Civic – who have been appointed by MOD to deliver the project – offered tours around the site, and discussions with the design team to talk about the future development. As well as big aerial maps and information on the timeline and process, the team had a range of information boards which followed the themes of the parish's Neighbourhood Plan, including:

- Housing and Development
- Transport
- Environment and Conservation
- Flooding and Drainage
- Heritage
- Health and Education
- Recreation Facilities
- Business and Employment Tim Leathes, Development Director for Urban&Civic, said: "These two events were about asking questions and listening to feedback, which will help shape our thinking in these early days of developing future design



options. We were pleased with the turn out, the range of comments raised and useful discussions held: people's links to the site historically, temporary use of facilities, and aspirations and concerns about the future development."

The Open Days were the initial stages of a master planning approach agreed with local partners and the Parish Council. The strategy will ensure that local people can shape the development coming forward and be kept up to date with information and engagement on a regular basis throughout the process. A summary of the feedback will be published and headline details shared in our Christmas newsletter. A number of working groups are being set up to develop the points in more detail and feed into the Design Team.

A copy of the display boards are available online at www.waterbeachbarracks.co.uk.

Community Facilities

A number of local sports and community groups are now using the sports hall and adjacent suite and community rooms on a regular basis. Further details about the facilities for hire and the groups using them will be featured in our Christmas newsletter. If you would like to use the facilities at all, please get in touch or see our online booking form.

Contact us

People can keep up to date with the latest news through the website and quarterly newsletter. You can also set up individual site tours and meetings with Rebecca at any time through emailing rbritton@urbanandcivic.com or calling 07739 339 889.

Beach Bowls Club

Bowls may not be what people think about at this time of year especially with it being gloomy and cold. However it is a time to celebrate and Beach Bowls club can be very happy with their achievements in 2015. Having been top of their division in the Cambridge and District League we took part in the competition to find the Champion of Champions. On a lovely September afternoon at Chesterton we took on Bassingbourn who had topped Division One. The games on all four rinks were very close and hard fought. The match went to the wire with it all depending on the last rink to finish. Happily Beach held their small lead and the end result was an overall win by 7 shots. A week later we played Histon of Division 2 at Melbourn. Again the weather was kind. Despite every one trying very hard unfortunately the result of the previous week was not repeated. Nonetheless the club members can be proud to be runners up.

We shall welcome any new players. 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.

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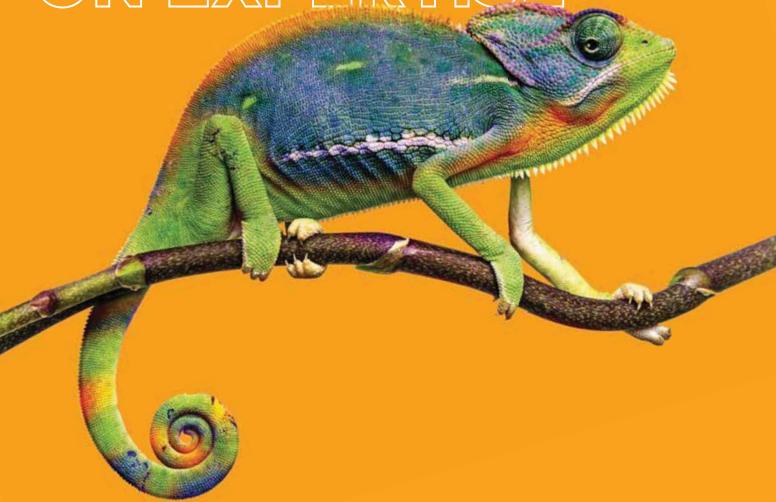
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