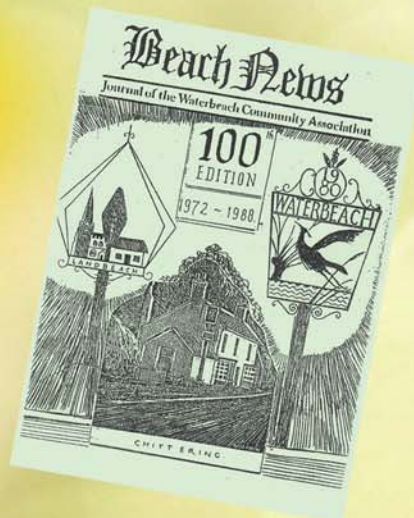


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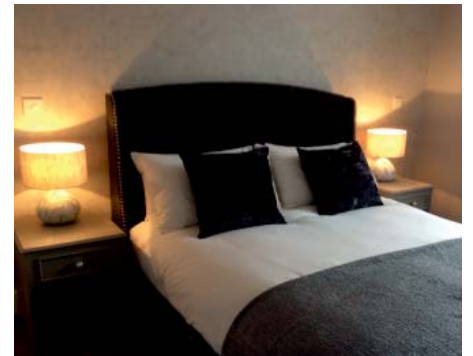
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# Community Association



**Christmas** - Although Christmas is long gone and all the tinsel and lights have been put away, we must say thank you to all those who contributed to making Waterbeach Green look so festive. Firstly, a huge thank you must go to Gary Langley and team for providing and maintaining the lights around the Green. Each year they appear as if by magic, but we know and recognise how much hard work and commitment is involved in keeping our village so festive, so thank you again. Next, to Bannold's for donating the tree and to Mark & Pam Clack for putting it up and decorating it, and then taking it all down again in the new year. Thanks also to Mark & Lynn Green who kindly stopped and lent a hand as they were passing by and Bill Moon for assisting with the disposal of the tree.

'Carols on the Green' on Christmas Eve is always a popular way to start the Christmas festivities and this was proved once again by the large amount of people that attended. From tiny babies, toddlers and some very excited children with their families, to those not quite so young, they all came to join in with the singing. Thank you to all those who helped make the event possible, before, during and after. The charity collection on the night raised £688.60 for local clubs and groups. Thank you for your support.

Applications for 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.

**Beach News** - The very first Beach News was produced in November 1972 and here we are forty four years later and have now reached the 250<sup>th</sup> edition. The full Beach News story can be found on page 15.

It is with regret we inform you that two of our loyal Beach News folders, Anne Spencer and Frank Mendham, have recently passed away. In the days before we had the magazine professionally printed both Anne and Frank spent many hours in the school hall assisting with collating and folding Beach News. Our thoughts are with their families and friends.

**Waterbeach Community Association** - We are often asked what is the Community Association and is it part of the Parish Council?

Waterbeach Community Association was formed in September 1972. It is made up of clubs, groups and organisations from Waterbeach, Landbeach and Chittering. Waterbeach Community Association is self-funding and is not part of Waterbeach Parish Council. The current chair is Jacqui Rabbett and the Secretary is Pam Clack.

We arrange various events throughout the year. These include the Waterbeach Feast, a Christmas Carol service on Waterbeach Green and charity fundraising, as well as the village magazine 'Beach News'.

Feast Day in June, now a major village event for over 40 years is organised and funded by WCA. We organise the lights and Christmas tree on Waterbeach Green and the exceptionally popular 'Carols on the Green' on Christmas Eve which is also supported by the Churches of Waterbeach.

WCA supports both existing and new local clubs and groups in the community. These have the opportunity to apply for a grant from the WCA for a specific project or a contribution towards start-up costs for new groups. Money collected from the parade on Feast Day and from the Carols on the Green at Christmas go towards these requests.

The Community Association produce and distribute Beach News free of charge four times a year. It is delivered by a dedicated team of delivers to over 2500 homes in Waterbeach, Landbeach and Chittering. Beach News is also published in full colour on our website [www.waterbeach.org](http://www.waterbeach.org)

On the website you can also find back copies of Beach News, details about the Feast, links to local groups and also the advertisers without whom we would not be able to produce the magazine. There is also a 'What's On' page which gives details of forthcoming events in the local area.

The notice boards at Waterbeach Green, old Post Office and School entrances on High Street and Way Lane, belong to and are managed by WCA and they are used to display posters advertising one off events in the area.

WCA is made up from the community to support the community. This is all part of the framework of community life that brings us all together.

# Feast 2017

**Saturday 10th June**

Here we go again, time to start thinking about this year's Feast. The theme is

'Something beginning with K.....'. So start thinking about your stalls and floats and how to decorate them, Knights, Kings, and Kangaroos, to name a few.

As usual the parade will leave the school at 2pm. We need people

to volunteer to be marshals and walk alongside the parade as it makes its procession around the village. We hope to see lots of entries from the various



categories e.g. Adults, Under Fives, Junior, Friends and Family or Individual entries. It's free to enter and you might win!



You can find all the entry forms and information you need to join in on our website [www.waterbeach.org](http://www.waterbeach.org).

You can also follow our preparations on Facebook.

We need your help to ensure the success of Feast Day, we need assistance in the organisation of the day and to help set up in the morning and clear away at the end of the day.

If you think you can help please contact Jacqui Rabbett on 01223 860993.



*Photos from Feast 2016*

# Waterbeach Colts FC



Planning is under way for our annual Football Tournament and Beer Festival, which will take place at Waterbeach Recreation Ground on the 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> May. This is a friendly community event and we welcome everybody of all ages from Waterbeach, Landbeach, Chittering and further afield.

This year we are very excited to announce that The Juliets Collective will be our headline band on the Saturday night. Come along for some great music - they are not to be missed!!

Refreshments will be available throughout the weekend. A BIG thank you in advance to the wonderful Scouts who volunteer their time to supply a BBQ almost non-stop from 6pm on Friday evening through to the Sunday evening! Other food will also be available throughout the weekend.

There will be a good range of delicious beers to sample and enjoy. Don't like beer? Not a problem – we have fruit ciders, spirits, wine, bubbly, Pimm's and soft drinks to cater for all tastes.

Why not meet up there with friends and family? Children are welcome throughout the weekend, and we will have a goal competition, bouncy castle and games. On Sunday afternoon a number of different bands will play a range of music, so please join us.

Last but not least – the football part – the hundreds of children who participate play so hard in the tournament – as well as our “home” teams, we welcome teams from across the county and neighbouring counties – and everybody receives a medal at the end for their efforts. Their enjoyment and sense of achievement is wonderful to see. Boys and girls aged 5 through to 15 will be taking part, and it marks the end of a busy season of training, league and cup matches. The whole tournament is undertaken in the spirit “respect for each other”.

Proceeds from the weekend go to the Football Club so that we can pay for coaches' qualifications and ongoing training, purchase equipment and keep annual subs at a modest level, in order to keep to our ethos “football for all”. If we do particularly well, we like to support a couple of other community groups each year with a donation.

So please come along and support – we look forward to seeing you there!

If you would like to get involved, or have any questions, please contact Elly Ruston, 07986 340 869 / [elly@ruston.eu](mailto:elly@ruston.eu)

# Community Playgroup



We have welcomed in 2017 with lots of new families and children joining the Playgroup and two new staff members joining our team too. The term has got off to an exciting start: messy Wednesdays have seen the children exploring all sorts of fun, hands on messiness: from frozen polar animals in shaving foam to healthy vegetable pizzas and a construction site of cornflakes and fiesta streamers. There has been plenty of paint and junk modelling too. Our regular Thursday morning sessions at the school gym combine a fun and lively approach to exercise with developing listening skills and promoting independence in dressing as the children are supported and encouraged to get themselves ready. Forest School for our rising 5s on Tuesday mornings gives all of the children in



their pre-school year the chance to go to the woods each week. We have been looking and listening out for birds this week. The children have been thinking about what birds eat and where they find their food. We searched the woods for berries, seeds, worms and nuts and realised how difficult it is for the birds to find food at this time of the year. Back at Playgroup, all of the children have made feeders from fat and birdseed to help the birds in their gardens at home. Please take a look at our website for more information about our activities.

Our Management Committee of parent volunteers have been supporting the Playgroup with lots of fundraising this term: they have co-hosted a Race Night with Waterbeach Toddler Playgroup and they have also once again organised the very popular Nearly New sale at the Tillage Hall. We have an Easter Cake Sale coming up on the 31<sup>st</sup> March in the school grounds, offering a selection of delicious home-baked treats for the last day of term.

We are open from 9am to 3pm daily during term time. We take children from their 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday. 15 hours government funding is available to all 3 and 4 year olds and to qualifying 2 year olds. We are situated in the primary school grounds in the centre of Waterbeach. Supporting our play-based learning, we offer weekly Forest School sessions, regular visits to Waterbeach Library and the school gym and optional French lessons. Please look at our website and diary at [www.waterbeachplaygroup.org.uk](http://www.waterbeachplaygroup.org.uk) to find out more.

We are now taking bookings for Autumn 2017. We currently have only a few spaces for Spring and Summer Term, and these places are going quickly. If you would like to come and see what we do, please call Jacqui Woods on 01223 440769 (term time) or email us at [info@waterbeachplaygroup.org.uk](mailto:info@waterbeachplaygroup.org.uk) for a Prospectus and application form.



# Military Heritage Museum

The museum is situated just inside the gates at the former barracks together with the community room. If visiting speak to the Gurkha security fellow on the gate and he will direct you.

Opening times are 10am to 4pm on the first Wednesday and Sunday of the month from March to October. There may be other opening times if there are events going on so watch out for posters and on Facebook at Waterbeach Military Heritage Museum. Our email address is

[waterbeachmilitarymuseum@waterbeach.org](mailto:waterbeachmilitarymuseum@waterbeach.org) During the short time we were open last year there were five hundred visitors to the museum.

Over the winter some work has been done to the displays and a total new one is the 'Day Medals', three boys from Waterbeach whose medals and other ephemera are displayed in seven picture frames. Two of the brothers died within 24 hours of each other at the Somme during the First World War and the third later. The display was purchased at auction by a benefactor who rightly thought this should not be lost to the village. They were given to St John's Church to look after for the village who in turn, so the display can be secure and seen by the public, loaned them to the WMHM.

On the weekend of November the eleventh last year, Plane Hunters Belgium excavated a Waterbeach 514 Squadron Lancaster NN775. The four engines and two undercarriages were dug out of the clay soil and pretty well most of what was left, which most of the aircraft. The event can be seen on YouTube in six clips. The Plane Hunters have indicated that in May they would bring over to Waterbeach parts of the Lancaster and set up a display for us, so NN775 is coming home.

If any 39 Royal Engineers or former RAF out there have any articles from service at Waterbeach and would like to donate them to the museum, we would be delighted!

Entrance to the museum is free but we invite donations. *Adrian Wright* Chairman

## Waterbeach WI

We invite you to come along to our meetings every second Thursday each month at 7.30pm in St. John's Church Room.

We have other opportunities like a Book Club, Knit and Natter group, Darts team and CFWI trips and crafts.

Our next talk on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March is by Chantal Bradley from Dementia Friends. She is a lively speaker who can give us an insight in what it's like to have dementia and how to cope and support someone with it. Visitors are very welcome.



# Toddler Playgroup



Christmas was a busy time of year for Waterbeach Toddler Playgroup, with a lot of very excited children joining in the festive activities. The Rising 5s Christmas production was as fantastic as ever, bringing a tear to many a parent's eye! The Christmas Disco was a big hit too – dancing, tattoos, glow sticks and cake!

The New Year has also seen new children joining WTP. The friendly staff soon had them settled in and enjoying the Spring term's activities. The children have been learning about space, the different planets and also about the Chinese New Year making excellent paper roosters.

**Auction of Promises** - Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February, White Horse, Waterbeach: the annual Auction of Promises with entertaining TV auctioneer David Palmer leading proceedings. Bidding starts at 8pm and there are already around 70 amazing lots to be bid for. These include gym membership, afternoon tea for two, family days out, hampers, fitness classes, to name but a few. [www.waterbeachtoddlerplaygroup.org.uk](http://www.waterbeachtoddlerplaygroup.org.uk)

**Mother's Day Cake & Flower Stall** - Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March: an opportunity to buy some delicious homemade cakes and pretty flowers for your mother – or just for yourself!



**Waterbeach Running Festival** - Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May: Do you need a goal to get fit for or fancy a local running race? WTP is organising the Waterbeach Running Festival at the Barracks again on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May and entries are now open.

There are distances to suit everyone - 10k & 5k races, 2k fun run and a fun 100m toddle for under 5s. There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd male and female finishers in 10k & 5k plus NEW for 2017 - prizes for

1st boy and girl aged 4/5, 6/7, 8/9, 10/11, 12/13 & 14/15/16 in the 2k.

If you don't fancy running why not join our team of volunteers or just come along on the day to support and enjoy the food stalls and children's entertainment in the Festival Village? We are also welcoming local businesses who would like to sponsor the Festival.

Visit [www.waterbeachrunningfestival.co.uk](http://www.waterbeachrunningfestival.co.uk) or email [waterbeachrunningfestival@gmail.com](mailto:waterbeachrunningfestival@gmail.com)

WTP still has some places available for 2017, so if you know someone who is looking for a local, friendly and OFSTED 'nearly outstanding' preschool they should contact Wayne Badcock [waterbeachtoddlerplaygroup@outlook.com](mailto:waterbeachtoddlerplaygroup@outlook.com), 07808 357729 or visit the website [www.waterbeachtoddlerplaygroup.org.uk](http://www.waterbeachtoddlerplaygroup.org.uk) for more information.

# Waterbeach Wives Group

Happy New Year. Where did December go? We had barely finished making angels – or were they fairies? (some were a little suspect) when it was time for our Group Christmas dinner, complete with a visit from Mother Christmas bearing gifts for everyone. This was a lovely evening, amazing how she manages to pick so many different gifts each year!

January was soon here, and we met up again for our 12th Night get together, including a cake with a hidden bean - to pick Queen for the night - as you do (thanks Janis) and hot toddy with a nod to custom, although not the original Wassail concoction – we did have to find our way home!

On the 19<sup>th</sup> January it was our annual visit to the local Pantomime, Sleeping Beauty this year, and all agreed that it was one of the best ever, we laughed from start to finish, a real tonic. Our thanks to Waterbeach Community Players for a fun evening, please don't ever stop!

On 1<sup>st</sup> February we had a visit from some of the members of the "SCA Shire of Flintheath", our local Medieval group, who showed us some of their amazingly made costumes, and on 1<sup>st</sup> March our own local Author, Guin Glasfurd-Brown is coming to talk to us about "The Words in My Hand".

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April brings Sue Carpenter to show us some fun cake decorations with an Easter theme, and on 17<sup>th</sup> May, Robert Dryden JP is coming to talk about the ups and downs of being Mayor of Cambridge.

Then before we know it, it will be the Feast!

New members/visitors always welcome. We meet in The Church room, first and third Wednesdays. For further information please contact Sheila Gill 861999 our Chairperson



## Waterbeach Yard Sales

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

**from 10am to 4pm**



**Maps and refreshments available at  
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# News from Cllr. Peter Johnson

**Bannold Road** - Bannold Road has become a real mess lately which has resulted in many conversations with South Cambs Planning Department and developers such as Bovis and Persimmon. The footpath from Josiah Court eastwards has become almost non-existent, not entirely due to the developers, but they haven't helped the situation with queuing lorries forcing other vehicles to ride on to the footpath. I arranged a meeting with Bovis, County Council Highways officer, Parish Council and myself to discuss this issue. This was quite fruitful and County Council Highways and Bovis will have more talks to take the idea forward of reinstating the footpath when the developments are completed. I think that Persimmon as a gesture of goodwill should also contribute to this footpath. Bovis will also be providing a footpath from their site to Cody Road junction so this will be an improvement. At this moment in time 3<sup>rd</sup> February, Persimmon have had a "Stop Notice" served on them until they observe conditions applied to them by South Cambs Planning Department.

**Streetlights** - The two streetlights in Wiles Close/Waddelow Road have eventually been repaired after 5 weeks of waiting, this was an underground cable problem but now rectified.

**High Street** - The drain on the High Street at the junction with Waddelow Road collapsed just before Christmas and despite many phone calls and e-mails this is still waiting to be repaired, until this has been repaired I would ask that parents picking their children from the school please do not park opposite this junction as it makes it extremely hazardous for vehicles getting out of Waddelow Road. I am in contact with the Highways officer who is going to let me know when a start date has been set for the repair to be completed.

**Denny End Road** - I have been asked to contact the Highways Department with regards the junction with the A10, there have been a few near misses with vehicles coming into Denny End Road on the wrong side of the bollards. After looking at this I agree that better markings are needed and I am contacting the Highways Department to look at this with me with a view to getting this done as soon as possible. Another resident has asked if a warning sign could be erected on Denny End Road coming into the village indicating a bend as you approach the Barracks entrance. Recently a car was going too fast and ended up in a resident's garden which was a bit scary for the people in the house, so a sign might help.

**Speedwatch** - Well the kit has yet to be returned which I sincerely hope will be very soon so I can arrange the next session, I have also had two new volunteers contact me which is good news. I will try and get Way Lane on the list of areas that can be used.

**Way Lane** - I have been contacted by residents of Way Lane about speeding vehicles and large vehicles associated with the developments on Bannold Road. I have spoken to South Cambs Planning Department who will speak to the developers informing them that their route is the A10, Denny End Road and Bannold Road. It has been voiced in the village to see if a 20mph limit could be introduced and I fully support this idea, but these reduced speed limits are not always easy to implement.

It is a privilege to represent the residents of Waterbeach, Landbeach, and Chittering, and I will always do my best for you all. If you have any issues or concerns that you think I should know about please contact me by whatever method you prefer, phone call, e-mail, or knock on the door.

Tel. 01223 560918 or Mob. 07947 475549

## Keep Waterbeach Rural



Unless you have been living on the moon for the last few years you will know that there are many opportunist planning applications and developments happening in our midst. Here is an update: East of Cody Road Matthew Homes approved 36 dwellings.

North of Bannold Road Persimmon Homes approved 135 dwellings (at the time of writing 8.2.17) the development has been issued with a Stop Notice by South Cambridgeshire District Council for breach of planning conditions which were set as a pre-requisite prior to starting to build on the site.

Land to the rear of Gibson Close – ongoing. Number of dwellings increased from 18 to 20.

Development of the Barracks land and Airfield MOD/Urban & Civic. A presentation was made to Waterbeach Parish Council on 7.2.17 notifying the council of their intention to apply for outline planning permission for 6,500 dwellings. Application imminent. Look out for public consultations around March/April. They will be highly publicised in one form or another. Hopefully Waterbeach Parish Council will take a strong lead with this. Do you think that there should also be a public meeting?

I would say from the presentation nothing has changed on the main issues of infrastructure, provision of utilities, congestion on the A10, capacity on trains. There does not appear to be a comprehensive plan on costs, who will meet those costs, or a timeline when they will be delivered. The A10 is not included in the first tranche of funding from the City Deal.

The Waterbeach New Town Hearing (Policy SS/5) at the Local Inquiry is scheduled for Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March if required. We will be there.

Please contact Keep Waterbeach Rural's Facebook page to give us your views/discussion on any of the above.

*Jane Williams*

# Farmland Museum



As in previous years the Farmland Museum is offering residents from Waterbeach, Landbeach, Chittering, Milton, Impington and Histon reduced rate season tickets.

This year is the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the arrival of the Farmland Museum on the Denny Abbey site. It started life as a small collection of items which a young schoolboy acquired and it grew to something very substantial with about 10000 objects, not all of which can be displayed. It opened on its present site in 1997.



Denny Abbey and the Museum is a unique resource less than ten minutes' drive from the village. Until the outbreak of war in 1939 Denny Abbey was closely linked to the village by a medieval causeway and played an important part in its life. The Abbey buildings now in the care of English Heritage tell the fascinating story of change over eight centuries (for

more information about the history of this unusual building see <http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/denny-abbey-and-the-farmland-museum/> ).

Next door, the Farmland Museum tells a more recent and also fascinating story of local farming and farming life in the nineteenth and first part of the twentieth century, before the major changes in farming practice started to take a hold in the late 1950's and Cambridge and surrounding villages grew over land once used for agriculture.

From April 1<sup>st</sup>, the Museum and Abbey are open each day to the public. It is sad that it is no longer possible to use the causeway route which was closed at the start of World War II when the airfield was constructed, but perhaps one day that route will be re-instated. Meanwhile the site is a quiet and peaceful oasis despite being less than a minute's drive off the A10 and a lovely spot just to go and be quiet. There are hands on activities for children scattered around the site and during the school holidays there are very popular Family Activity Days on each Wednesday and Thursday.

Many of you will have visited before and we hope you will come again this year. If you are new to the village, or have never been, do consider a visit, either to enjoy a peaceful afternoon where it is hard to believe that the A10 is less than a minute's drive away, or to come to our special event days or Family Activity Days. Details of these will be found on the website. You can also download information and application forms for Local Resident Season tickets.

# Beach Bowls Club

It seems strange to think about bowls when the weather has been so cold and dreary. But we know that the daylight is increasing and spring will shortly be upon us and in no time, we shall be getting ready for the forthcoming season. In the meantime, we have meals to enjoy. Nearly all members with some partners and supporters will be joining together in a local hostelry and a few weeks later some members will represent the club at the annual dinner of the Cambridge and District Bowls League. The purpose of the latter is to collect the two trophies that we won in 2016. The first is as winners of Division two and the other as Champion of Champions.

In early March, we shall get together to discuss the forthcoming season when we shall aim to retain our position in Division one and do well in the other leagues and competitions. We intend to have a pre-season open day which will in all probability be held on the last Sunday of April. We shall hope for better weather this year. Anyone interested in playing bowls will be very welcome and posters will be put up outside the bowls green and around the village. We are also hoping to arrange roll ups more frequently during the season when players can practise their skills or just enjoy themselves without playing in any league. Again details will be publicised.

Anyone wanting any information about the club please contact Terry Pauley on 01223 860600 or Chris Rushmer on 01223 861354

# Day Centre for the Elderly

Denson Close Community Centre: Monday and Wednesday 11am to 3.30pm

***What we've been doing*** - Before the Day Centre closed for the Christmas break over 40 of our senior citizens enjoyed a four-course Christmas lunch with entertainment and a visit from Father Christmas. In November, we held a successful Christmas Sale and enjoyed a day out at a local garden centre. We are now planning activities for the coming year, and the first of these will be our Easter Sale.

***Easter Sale*** - Saturday, 8 April from 2.00pm. Come along... lots of bargains, raffle, tombola, bric-a-brac, homemade cakes and lots more!

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

grants from the Waterbeach United Charity, Waterbeach Parish Council, and Cambridgeshire Community Foundation (CCF). The Day Centre is extremely grateful for the support of these bodies.

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

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

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

If you would like to know more about the Waterbeach Day Centre, please contact Mary on 01223 564666. Or come along to the Denson Close Community Room - we'd love to meet you.

## Urban&Civic

It has been a busy few months at Waterbeach Barracks and Airfield, as the team get ready to put in the Outline Application for the development of the MOD-owned site. The recent Urban&Civic newsletter outlined a summary of feedback from the consultation events held in September and October which have helped shape both the Outline proposals, and will also be drawn into the more detailed applications which would follow on from an Outline consent.

U&C will provide a summary of the Application for all households in the village over the next couple of weeks, prior to the consultation events which will be organised by South Cambridgeshire District Council. In summary, the application is for:

- Up to 6,500 homes
- 3 Primary schools, with early years provision, and a secondary school
- Space for a health centre, community, cultural and sports facilities
- Green space including parks, woodlands and ecological areas
- New access from the A10, and other car and bus access routes
- Cycle, bus and pedestrian routes and a Park&Ride facility
- Associated drainage works, groundworks, infrastructure, demolition and remediation



If anyone would like to meet up with the team to talk through the plans in more detail, then please let us know. U&C has assisted the Parish Council in appointing an independent planning consultant to help the community and Parish Council work through the detail of what will amount to eight formal documents and 18 folders of supporting information, survey material and strategies. These documents include information on how the development will be rolled-out alongside investment in community, utility and transport infrastructure, including work with the County Council and other partners on the strategic transport investment planned along the A10 Corridor.

Tim Leathes, from Urban&Civic, said:

“We know that applications for these large sites are complicated and at this stage high level, with further detail to come for each phase of development, and then reserved matters applications before we can build anything. So we are keen to provide all the information, guidance and answers people need to understand and feed into the process.

We have been pleased with the positive feedback we have had to date and are hopeful that the application will also respond to the key concerns and questions raised through our engagement. As ever bringing in the voice of local people to help shape the plans can only make them stronger and ensure we minimise the negative impacts and maximise the benefits to local people.”

In the meantime on site, the community facilities continue to be used and we are looking forward to providing space for a number of events over the summer including the 10K run and the” Summer at the Beach” Open Studios events. We are also continuing the work to expand the village cemetery and improve the cemetery footpaths. Work is due for completion at the end of March. And we look forward to the reopening of the Museum next month.

To find out more about the current facilities and future plans, please call Rebecca on 07739 339 889 or email [rbritton@urbanandcivic.com](mailto:rbritton@urbanandcivic.com) or see the website at [www.waterbeachbarracks.co.uk](http://www.waterbeachbarracks.co.uk)

## Happy Folks Club

As spring approaches, we look forward to another year of fun. We are off to Peterborough Greyhounds on March 1<sup>st</sup>, then on March 23<sup>rd</sup> it's off to London to see the show Motown.

On a sad note, we lost a lovely member in Larry Bly. Larry was in his 92<sup>nd</sup> year, and was such a great addition to the club. He was very independent and we will miss him greatly.

We have now amassed 60 members! When I joined the club in 2003 we had 27!! Some of our members have been here longer than me, however, they still enjoy their Friday afternoons at the Beach Club. Look out for our coach in the village, we have trips planned for the coming year, roll on summer.

# The 'Beach News' Story

In the beginning. . . 'Beach News' was without doubt the most ambitious project that Waterbeach Community Association ever conceived and it is a surprise to some people that it is still going strong after all these years. It has always been a genuine 'community' project involving many different people who, with varied skills and gladly giving up many hours of their precious time, have contributed to the success of the magazine for over forty-four years.

It started when Waterbeach School, under headteacher Roger Kilsby, was designated by the County Council as a 'Community' school. This meant, among other things, that there were responsibilities to the local community by way of making available various school facilities that could be utilised by local groups after school hours, and the Waterbeach Community Association was formed to enable the requirements of the various affiliated groups to be identified and addressed where possible.

One of the first ideas put forward by Roger Kilsby and teacher David Eynon was using school facilities to produce a village magazine to let the village know what was going on. In November 1972, the then school secretary (Mrs Whiterod) and other willing typists were recruited to type the 'skins' used on the school's direct image duplicator and production began with an edition comprising one flat sheet which was delivered around the village by school pupils.

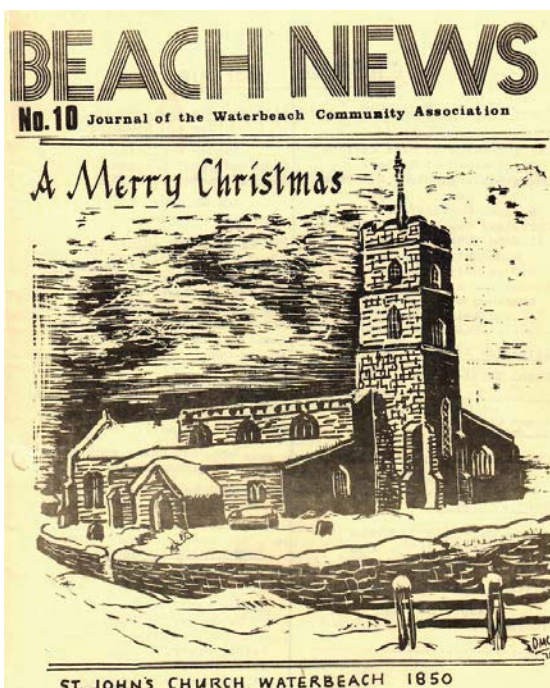
Improvements followed thick and fast and in no time editions comprising several sheets of foolscap paper were being folded and collated by Sid and

Joan High on their kitchen table after being laboriously printed on the hand operated Gestetner duplicator by Les Holmes.

The editorial content also went from strength to strength with articles from such knowledgeable village personalities as Alfred Bavester, Keith Hinde, Harold Darling, Sid High, Phil Sullivan and Benny Burton with artistic contributions from Denis Cheason, whose incredible talent always managed to produce wonderful drawings to illustrate his 'Nature Notes' and a seasonal front cover drawing, all of which were miniature works of art.

Other changes followed due to various circumstances and Sue Cheer and Beryl

Chapman took on the typing and on advice it was thought inadvisable to continue with the school pupil delivery service. By this time a small team of



*Beach News - Christmas 1973  
Cover by Denis Cheason*

'finishers' had been recruited by Les Holmes to fold and collate the copies which by now comprised several pages of adverts and several more of reports, articles and ever-popular personal recollections from older residents. Les Holmes arms were beginning to tire with the extra pages and it was decided to 'go automatic' and a power duplicator was purchased. At about this time Dave Halsey was appointed as school caretaker and, as an ex-compositor in a weak moment offered advice on the way that pages were being typeset and made up, and Roger was glad to hand this duty over to him, and this was to become his problem for nearly twenty years thereafter! Technical improvements continued to be made in both typesetting and printing methods and with money made available from the Waterbeach Charities a top-of-the-range computer was bought to take care of the typesetting and to introduce photo content. Compared with present day standards the new computer was tiny, having only four megabytes of memory and running at twenty-five MHz. The price from Currys was £999.99! This machine was way above the output of the school's BBC computers and it was no longer necessary to wait twenty minutes for a scanned picture to appear only to be told that there was 'not enough memory for this operation'! The late Mike Machen often came to the rescue and produced many full A4 size pictures of Waterbeach School classes from Miss Hatley's collection which were printed as a centre-page spread and caused much interest among older residents who enjoyed picking out their friends and relatives over forty years on.

Shortly after that a further improvement took place when a Ricoh autoprinter was acquired that made its own plates. This produced a good result and the production team of Sid High, Denis Cheason, Les Holmes, Ted Rowlands and Dave Halsey were rewarded for their combined efforts when 'Beach News' was awarded first prize out of 145 entries in the 1995 village magazine competition run by The Society of Industrial Editors and 'Cambridge News'.



*From left: Denis Cheason, Sid High, Dave Halsey, Ted Rowlands and Les Holmes - 1995*

At this time Les Holmes, having no more handles to turn, set out to recruit a larger team of 'finishers' whom he managed with military precision for many years thereafter. This team of stalwarts comprised mainly older village residents and was sometimes over twenty strong and seemed to enjoy

getting together in the school hall six times a year to fold and collate 2,500 copies of 64 pages with only coffee and biscuits as a reward plus a good catch-up on local events!

By this time the fame of 'Beach News' as an advertising source had spread far and wide resulting in a waiting list for space which continues to this day. Rules had to be made regarding the use of full-page adverts and priority to local advertisers. The revenue generated went towards the production costs and together with money received from printing for other people ensured that 'Beach News' became not only self-supporting but made a modest profit.

Further improvements in production saw the acquisition of a 'real' offset litho machine which, although excellent results were obtained, had the disadvantage of requiring toxic chemicals for making the plates and a skilled operator and expensive servicing together with special storage being required for materials. This was a financially unviable situation and the development of the new digital scan printers meant that as soon as they were within reach financially a reconditioned one was acquired which was both efficient and cost effective and a much better proposition all round.

In 2002 when Dave Halsey retired, Pam and Mark Clack took over and collected and collated the articles to produce the final copy, ready for printing on the school's Risograph. The printing was done over a period of two weeks in the evenings, by Trudi Osler and then Jacqui Rabbett. The pages were collated and ready to be folded on a Saturday morning in the School Hall. Mike Sharp organised the group of willing volunteers, including members of the Scout Group and then the magazines were delivered to your door, often by the same helpers.



*The last session of folding Beach News - December 2010*

Some of our readers no longer live in the area but still like to catch up on the local news and copies were forwarded to friends and relations further afield. We know we have readers as far away as Canada and Australia. As technology progressed we were able to publish Beach News online making it much more easily available for all.

Times moved on further and in 2011 it was decided to have Beach News professionally printed. This gave a cleaner, brighter finish and the quality of the photographs was greatly improved. We then progressed even further and in September 2013 we produced Beach News with a colour front cover.

In this our 250<sup>th</sup> edition, it is appropriate that we should say thank you to the many volunteers who over the years have been associated with the production of 'Beach News' in one capacity or another, some no longer with



*Beach News Folding Team - December 2010*

us. From Roger Kilsby who started it all those years ago, to Mark & Pam Clack who keep it going today, and all those in between who are far too

many to name. To those who have written articles, stories and poems, sent in news and reports, the advertisers without whom none of it would be possible and of course the deliverers who have distributed the Beach News to homes in Waterbeach, Landbeach and Chittering.

One of the children from Waterbeach School who used to deliver Beach News in its early days was Pam Enfield (now Clack) and she was in fact part of the team who delivered issue number one. Forty four years later she is still very much part of Beach News and although she had a break during that time, continues to deliver copies of the magazine today.

The Cambridgeshire Collection at the Central Library has a comprehensive collection in their archive from issue number one and this can be used as a reference to anyone interested. There may be other private collections around the village, but issues one to seven are fairly difficult to find!

It is a great achievement to have reached our 250<sup>th</sup> edition and we look forward to the continued success of our local magazine, Beach News.

## Gardening Club

2017 got off to a really good start for the Gardening Club with the ever-popular New Year Social which saw members treated to a meal and a quiz (just for fun!) in the Church Room. A good time was had by all. Our programme of talks resumed in February when we were visited by local gardener Joe McWilliams whose talk was entitled 'Fungus: Friend or Foe'. New members and visitors are welcome at any of our events, the next one being a talk by Andrew Sankey on the subject of 'Companion Planting' on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March. We are sure to be inspired to try new ideas in our own gardens. In a change to the advertised programme, we will be visited by the owner of a local vineyard in April. Look for details on the posters displayed around the village.



# Library News



One of the many joys of being involved in the Library is the variety of nationalities we meet among the many new Waterbeach residents who have recently joined our Community, who become members of the Library. We constantly hear how they feel they have been welcomed into the Community, how helpful others are, how they feel they really have created a home for their families, and how they are so pleased to find their Community has a Library for them to enjoy. One gentleman came in recently wishing to use the computer but was a little rusty IT wise, however he was helped by Ollie, our young Volunteer who completed his Scout library badge with us some time ago, and the project was finished to everyone's satisfaction. During the time with us the gentleman was heard to say on the phone to a friend that he was being helped by a 12 year old at the Community Library and was totally amazed at the help and welcome he had received. Possibly that sums up Waterbeach as a Community in a nutshell, from children to adults all are welcome, there are no strangers in our Community.

Two of our Duke of Edinburgh Volunteers finished their voluntary project recently with flying colours. Both James and Jack have served the Community over the past four months and proved highly adept at catering for Library members, whilst learning many aspects concerning the Library and its operation. We encourage participation of this type as it assists the young people in understanding how the world works, but also builds up their confidence in addressing the needs of others. Watching a six foot tall James helping a 3 yr old to find the book of his choice is a good example of working together. We would like to congratulate both James and Jack on finishing their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award.

For some time we have wished to upgrade the Non Fiction children's section by the purchase of two new bookcases, this would also provide extra space for one section of the Adult Crime and Adventure. This would allow children to access Non-Fiction books easier, plus allow us to provide newer books for their use. By increasing our frugality with the funds the Community provide even further we feel we have saved enough funds to undertake this task now so you should notice the new bookcases very soon in your Library. We are also purchasing an extra display stand for the top of one of the bookcases to enable us to identify books relevant to the projects the children undertake in school. At present our display stands cover World War II, Roman Britain, and a larger display indicating various aspects of evacuee experiences in time of war.

As is our normal practice many new books have been purchased, for adults and children, as we endeavour to keep the Library as relevant and up to date

as is possible within a Voluntary Library budget. Whilst numbers are not something any of us dwell on we were very pleased to see we were high on the list of County performance scales recently, which also included County run Libraries.

The new opening time on a Wednesday afternoon has proved very successful, allowing many to visit who perhaps could not in the past. Please remember you can order any book from the County and ask for it to be delivered to Waterbeach, saving you the bother of going to town. All Cambridgeshire Library books can be returned to Waterbeach whereupon we will arrange their return to various libraries. We do have many of the books in the Library which are ordered online, but the charge indicated when you order online will not be collected by Waterbeach Independent Library as we decided it was not acceptable to implement this charge. So you can collect your books from Waterbeach and the charge will be waived. We would also remind you if you do incur any overdue charges at any time it would be rather nice if you could pay those charges at Waterbeach Library as we are able to retain any charges made at our Library. Every time you pay an overdue book charge you are paying toward another new book for your Community Library - not a bad incentive!

We welcome all at Waterbeach Independent Library. We are not a quiet Library, we welcome children and babies who invariably make less noise than the Library Volunteers who are a great bunch of people. So come down to see us, we are on the left down the school drive. Hope to see you there.

## District Councillor's Report

***Beaches Community Warden Scheme:*** Over the past few months I have been working on the Community Warden project alongside Jane Williamson (Parish Council). We have been spending time securing funding for the project and liaising with Age UK who have agreed to manage the service. Our contact has significant experience in this field and manages numerous successful schemes in South Cambs villages. We have secured over half the necessary funds so far, and are waiting to see if we will be accepted for further grant funding from the County Council amongst others.

The role of the warden is varied and can range from picking up prescriptions/local shopping, making appointments, signposting or simply a cup of tea and a chat. Wardens are able to build relationships with clients and are able to liaise with GPs and family should they have any concerns about well-being. If you would like to find out more or register your interest please email [cllr.tregoin@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.tregoin@scambs.gov.uk)

***Update from Amey:*** I attended the latest Community Liaison Group at the end of January. As you may be aware, Amey plan to install a new waste

water treatment plant to safely dispose of leachate generated by landfill. There have been concerns amongst some local residents that this could result in further increases to traffic if leachate from other sources was brought to Amey. Currently waste water is taken off site in tankers. The new plant is expected to reduce this traffic considerably and Amey have assured me that they currently have no plans to take leachate from elsewhere.

Due to the prevalence of avian flu in the U.K., there have been temporary bans on using the birds of prey, which is Amey's preferred method of bird (mainly seagull) control. Until this ban is lifted, they are keeping gulls away using fireworks!

**Going forward:** My next task is to engage Anglian Water to find out more about their plans for the Waterbeach sewage plant. We all know that more capacity is needed in our area: you may have seen the tankers removing 'surplus material' (often following wet weather) as the plant fails to cope. I would like to know more about how Anglian Water plans to manage the extra load placed on the sewage works once the Bannold Road developments fill up. I would like some assurances that sewage flooding is not something that Waterbeach residents will have to experience again.

Watch this space for an update!

*Ingrid Tregoining*

## Patient Participation Group

We would like to invite everyone locally to another Open Evening on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April at The Beach Social Club at 7pm. The main speaker is Sue Mayes from Carers Trust (Cambridgeshire Crossroads Carer service), who will give us information on the Family Carers' Prescription.

If you are caring for someone and you need support, information and access to a flexible break Sue can explain your rights and how to access support.

Your GP can help you access the prescription and contact the Carers Trust Cambridgeshire, who will respond quickly and provide the information service and an agreed break if you choose, without any charge to you.

The service is designed to respond quickly to urgent need. If you cannot come to the meeting the following may be useful to you. If you have a friend or relative who you feel could benefit from help please let them know about this meeting or come on their behalf.

To contact Carers Trust Cambridgeshire - Telephone: 01480 499090

Website: [www.carerstrustcambridgeshire.org](http://www.carerstrustcambridgeshire.org)

Thank you to those who contacted me about being a virtual member of the PPG. We would love to be able to contact more people directly to ask for opinions and give information about health issues relating to our community.  
vivcooper@talk21.com



# Fen Edge Festival



The start of 2017 means the countdown has begun to this summer's Fen Edge Festival which will take place between 23<sup>rd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> June.

Already booked are the acts that will bring us three evenings of music and dancing. Big10 and the Keith Pearson Trio will provide the free entertainment on Saturday and Sunday. And the Festival's musical entertainment will get off to a great start on Friday when Cottenham Primary School's PTCA Summer Dance will feature popular band Swagger. Each band promises a great way to enjoy the long and warm summer evenings!

There's more musical entertainment on offer at The Venue, our setting for live music and performances throughout the weekend – all at no charge. With its eclectic mix of music and entertainment The Venue allows local musicians and performers, of all genres and ages from the Fen Edge villages, to showcase their talent. This year The Venue is sponsored by the Aviva Community Fund and our thanks to everyone who voted for the Fen Edge Festival at the end of last year so that we could receive this valuable funding. If you or your group would like to perform at this year's Festival please email: [info@fenedgefestival.co.uk](mailto:info@fenedgefestival.co.uk)

The Festival will be centred around Cottenham Village Green which will be the setting for many of the activities, attractions and events we have planned. The Green will also be the venue for the ever popular Festival market with stalls selling everything from food and drink to gifts and craft goods and much more. If you are interested in having a stall there may still be space available. It's a fantastic opportunity to reach thousands of people, so please get in touch by email: [stalls@fenedgefestival.co.uk](mailto:stalls@fenedgefestival.co.uk)

There are also events planned at Cottenham Community Centre and Cottenham Village College. New activities and events are being added to the programme all the time so if you run a group or organisation and would like to be part of the Festival please email: [activities@fenedgefestival.co.uk](mailto:activities@fenedgefestival.co.uk). The Festival is organised by a sub-committee of the Fen Edge Community Association (FECA). FECA underwrites the cost of putting on the event, which in 2015 totalled thousands of pounds to pay for the entertainment and attractions plus the cost of marquee hire, first aid, security, toilets, insurance and more. In 2017 we have already received generous sponsorship from Cottenham Parish Council, Malary, Voland Roofing, Cambridge Glass and Harradine Haulage and we hope that many more local businesses will help us to put on this great community event. Amey Cespa have also committed to provide us with significant facilities for the event.

Any profits made by the Festival are available to fund grants to organisations

that are members of FECA and to stage future social or recreational events. If you'd like to know more about FECA and the work it does within the community, please visit: [www.fenedge.co.uk](http://www.fenedge.co.uk)

It's going to be a packed weekend; make sure you have the dates in your diary so you can be part of it. The Fen Edge Festival – 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> June 2017. The best way to keep up to date with what's happening is to check the festival website: [www.fenedgefestival.co.uk](http://www.fenedgefestival.co.uk)

And Like us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/fenedgefestival](http://www.facebook.com/fenedgefestival)

# Salvation Army



Wow! People of Waterbeach, Landbeach and Chittering you are amazing! With your donations and of course your spending, our Mammoth Charity Sale 2016 raised £7164!! We at the Salvation Army want to say 'A MAMMOTH THANK YOU' for your kindness and generosity, this also includes all you lovely people who so kindly give of your time and your energy to help sort, set out and price the goods, we couldn't do it without you. We have always given 10% to another project, which this time we put into our 'Big Collection.' The 'Big Collection' is our door to door collection which we do every September and we would also like to thank you for your donations which amounted to £1672.86 for Waterbeach. This money goes into a central fund which supports the Social Work of The Salvation Army in the UK. If you would like to know more, please check out the web site [www.salvationarmy.org.uk](http://www.salvationarmy.org.uk) and select The Big Collection. We would also like to thank you for supporting our other events through the year and we look forward to seeing you again this year.

**Mammoth Charity Sale** dates for this year: We will have a van on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May to collect your donations, especially large items such as furniture (upholstered furniture must have the kite mark unless it is pre-1960). We cannot accept electrical items, as they have to be checked, tested and certified by a qualified electrician. The Salvation Army Hall at 7 Station Road will also be open to receive your donations from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. and again on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. All help greatly received!! It would help enormously if toys could be bagged or boxed in their sets (e.g. Lego and bricks), they take hours to sort.

## **Opening Times:**

*Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May, Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May & Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May - 9am-4pm*

*Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May - Late Night Shopping! 9 am-8pm*

*Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May - Closing Down Sale! 9 am-12 noon*

Refreshments all day, every day, so come and have breakfast, morning coffee, lunch and afternoon tea!

For information - Tel:01223 571477 [www.waterbeachsalvationarmy.org.uk](http://www.waterbeachsalvationarmy.org.uk)

# WASPS



The children and staff at WASPS enjoyed the festive build up and countdown to Christmas in December, the children created their own advent calendar display board at the club to open each day. In the last week of term, children at the After School Club had a Christmas Party; they joined in traditional party games such as musical chairs and musical statues, enjoyed party food, pulling crackers and of course sharing their jokes! The Breakfast Club children enjoyed some yummy treats at their 'Christmas Breakfast' including pain au chocolate and croissants on the last day of term. The children attending the Christmas Holiday Club enjoyed Christmas arts and crafts.

**'Thank you'** to those of you who have recently donated items to WASPS, the children really enjoy exploring new toys, games and resources. If you are having a clear out at home, please remember us! Good quality puzzles, games, toys and craft resources that your children may have out grown or no longer need, will be very welcome at WASPS! We are also in need of more 'U' rated children's DVDs and outdoor equipment suitable for 4-11 year olds...please help us spread the word.

**Free time on your hands?** Do you have some free time during the afternoons? Maybe you are recently retired or work part time? Do you have an interest or experience in working with children? Would you consider joining our Bank Staff? Bank Staff work ad-hoc hours as and when needed to help support busy sessions and cover regular staff absences. This is a paid role, to find out more please contact – details below.

**Holiday Club** is open to 4-11 year olds, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. for a full day. We also offer flexible booking with half day sessions and bookings for a minimum of 2 hours. Half day sessions can also be extended on an hourly basis and a sibling discount is available. Snacks and drinks are provided throughout the day, but a packed lunch is required from home.

By the time you read this article our February Half Term Holiday Club will have already taken place, then planning will be underway for our Easter Club. The club will be open for one full week, Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> to Fri 7<sup>th</sup> April and on the training day Tues 18<sup>th</sup> April 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Holiday Club will also run during May/June Half Term, Tues 30<sup>th</sup> May to Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> June and training day Mon 5<sup>th</sup> June 8:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m. Summer Holiday Club will run for 3 weeks, Mon 24<sup>th</sup> to Fri 28<sup>th</sup> July, Mon 31<sup>st</sup> July to Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Aug and Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Aug to Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Aug 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**Breakfast Club** runs from 7:45 a.m. - 8:50 a.m. and **After School Club** runs until 6 p.m. on all school days. Our term time clubs are currently quite busy with limited availability. Please inquire with a Co-ordinator to book a place.

**20 years of WASPS!** We will be celebrating 20 years of WASPS in September and are starting to think about marking this occasion. If you/your family have had involvement with WASPS over the years and you would like to be involved in helping to plan a celebration, we would love to hear from you!

**Contact us:** For more information, please visit our website: [www.waterbeach-wasps.org.uk](http://www.waterbeach-wasps.org.uk) or telephone 01223 861140 during opening hours. Outside of opening times, please leave a message and a member of the team will return your call when convenient. If you would like to book a time to call in and meet the team prior to making a booking, let us know.

# Waterbeach Scout Group



Firstly, we must say a huge thank you to the people of Waterbeach for your very generous donations and support when Santa came to visit your street before Christmas in his shiny rebuilt sleigh. This year's donations vastly superseded last year's total. Thank you.

Cubs celebrated their 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016. We



would like to say a special thank you to Urban & Civic for letting us have the use of the old control tower on the airfield of Waterbeach Barracks. We had an awesome time playing games, making paper airplanes and eating cake. We went out on the balcony to renew our

promise the same time as all other Cubs around the country. We had a great time.

*Written by Edward R, Eddie P, Harrison W & Ibbby*

Scouting is thriving in Waterbeach. For the past twenty five years girls have been able to join. At the moment we have one lonely girl in each section. It would be good to have a few more. If you are interested and between the age of 6 & 18 please come along and give it a go. Beavers 6-8yrs Monday 17:45 till 18:55, Cubs 8 -10½yrs Thursday 18:30 till 20:00, Scouts 10½ -14yrs & Explorers 14-18yrs both Tuesday 19:00 till 21:00.

If there are any adults out there with a bit of spare time on their hands we could always do with more Leaders. Please contact Bill on 07879 626682 or email [william.moon1@ntlworld.com](mailto:william.moon1@ntlworld.com)

# Beach Social Club

Happy New Year everybody, we hope your Christmas went well. Ours did at the Club. We had a number of functions, all of which were well attended and enjoyed by all.

We held our Christmas Draw and were entertained by 'Jinx Brothers' Classic 60's-80's covers. Then we had the children's Christmas party with Disco Dave (eventually). The Christmas Eve Disco, with the kids until 9-00 and then adults only. New Year's Eve, with a buffet and music from 'The Spree' was followed in January with our annual over 60's party, which has been held for over 40 years.

*Upcoming dates to note:*

18<sup>th</sup> March St. Patrick's Night - 'Mean Eyed Cats' Rock 'n' Roll power duo

7<sup>th</sup> April Quiz Night

15<sup>th</sup> April Easter Bonnet Parade with Disco Dave and prizes

3<sup>rd</sup> June Comedy Night & Disco with Johnny Dee

There is possibly another family night in May

All functions are advertised in the Club; in the outside display case and on windows, as well as around the village. Or call us on 01223 860033 for details.

We have had a number of private functions at the Club, for birthdays and anniversaries etc.

The club function room is available for members of 12 months or more to hire at a preferential rate and for new members to hire for a small additional cost. It can be used for parties/meetings etc., for daytime or evening functions.

We may also be able to accommodate local groups and organisations on a regular basis, daytime or evenings. Contact me or Secretary, Carol Monteith at the Club for information, or call into the Club.

The Club garden is very popular during summer months and your children are welcome to be with you in the garden.

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+

We also have Snooker, Darts and Crib teams and the Club is used by Beach Bowls Club for their post-game drinks.

All of those organisations welcome new members.

If anyone would like to form a Pool team, then we would accommodate you. New members to the Social Club are always welcome. Call in to collect an application form and have a look at our facilities. Then you can enjoy the lowest cost drinks in the area (probably).

*Geoff Donovan*

# Fire and Rescue Service



Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service are committed to supporting the safety and wellbeing of residents in all of the communities that we serve.

The Safe and Well visit will provide us with sufficient information to support you and, with your permission, refer you to selected partner agencies who will be able to support you further. We will not share your data with marketing companies or for other purposes.

Our visit will last no longer than 60 minutes and is completely FREE of charge. Our visit will assess five key elements:

1. Fire safety in the home - including cooking, general safety and escape plans.
2. Falls prevention - including simple remedial action such as replacing lightbulbs or taping down loose carpet.
3. Alcohol use - Alcohol related illness in the over 65s is on the increase. We can provide you with helpful information.
4. Stay well and warm - Can you afford to heat your home? Do you have access to a hot meal? Do you have access to all the services available to you?
5. Crime reduction - We can provide advice on making your home more secure in addition to advice to make you less vulnerable to scams or fraud.

You are under no obligation to answer any questions that you do not want to, but the more information you provide us with, the better we will be able to support you. We can also provide advice in relation to promoting the health and safety of individuals with hoarding concerns, as well as providing valuable information to care providers.

During March, we will also be raising awareness of the fire risks associated with smoking, with national No Smoking Day on the 8<sup>th</sup>.

We often find smoking is one of many factors making someone more at risk of fire, for example, when combined with poor mobility, health problems or being elderly, it increases someone's chance of having a fire.

Here are some tips to take on board or give to friends and family that smoke:

- Never leave a lit cigarette or pipe unattended.
- Always use a proper ashtray and make sure the contents are cold before you tip it in the bin.
- Never smoke in bed and avoid smoking in a chair if you are likely to fall asleep.

Most importantly, fit a working smoke alarm and test it regularly. Don't forget to also test the smoke alarms of those you love. If you have an elderly or vulnerable relative, friend or neighbour, pop by and make sure they have a working smoke alarm. If they don't, that is something we can provide as part of a Safe and Well visit.

Eligibility - To find out if you are eligible for a Safe and Well visit, Enquire online. Alternatively, if you are unable to apply online or have a query about an enquiry form that has already been submitted, please telephone 0800 917 9994.

# Jazzercise

We are well into 2017 with Jazzercise Fitness on your doorstep!

We offer a first class free and class fees to suit all. Do come along and try us for free with our advert in the Beach News if a new customer.

March 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> some of us will be at our annual fitness convention in London with 500 Jazzercise Students and Instructors from all over the UK along with Guest Instructors from Italy & America.

We aim to offer in 2017 Junior Jazzercise workshops for your children and Booster classes out of schedule. Checkout our Facebook page Jazzercise Waterbeach and Waterbeach Babble for postings of events and Booster Classes. Contact 07531505806 for more information.

*Bev Tumber* - Instructor/Class Owner Jazzercise Waterbeach

## Don't swallow up your NHS

### ***Local NHS reveals the cost of prescribing basic medicines***

Health Chiefs in Cambridgeshire are urging local residents to buy basic medications from pharmacies instead of getting them on prescription.

Last year your local NHS spent over £4 million on prescribing medicines that can be bought easily from local pharmacies or supermarkets. This includes £1.5million on prescribing pain relief (paracetamol), £1.2 million to treat upset stomachs, £550,000 on antihistamines and £320,000 to treat heartburn and indigestion.

All of these medicines can be bought at local pharmacies or supermarkets for less than it costs the NHS to prescribe.

This is how much the local NHS spend on medicines and how much they cost patients to buy:

- Pain relief (paracetamol) - cost to NHS £1.5 million, cost for patient to buy 25p (16 tablets)
- Upset stomach treatment - cost to NHS £1.2million, cost for patient to buy £1 (six capsules)
- Antihistamines (hayfever) - cost to NHS £550,000, cost for patient to buy £2.75 (30 tablets)
- Heartburn and indigestion treatment - cost to NHS £320,000, cost for patient to buy £2 (200ml)
- Travel sickness treatment - cost to NHS £93,000, cost for patient to buy £2.30 (10 tablets).

Sati Ubhi, Chief pharmacist added "Keeping a selection of essential medications at home can help you treat common conditions at home such as colds, coughs and flu and avoid unnecessary trips to see your doctor."

Further information on self-care visit

<http://www.cambsandpeterboroughchoosewell.co.uk/>

# 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

## Community Listener

### **Volunteers Needed**

Lizzie, she is one of our local Healthwatch Cambridgeshire volunteers and is helping us with a new project to look at how health and care services communicate with people who have a sensory loss. Lizzie's told us *"I am a service user myself and have disabilities so I rely on good healthcare and support, such as having a good relationship with the GP."*

Our volunteers are people like you who live or work in Cambridgeshire. You know the place you live and the people in your community. We need your help to talk to more people about Healthwatch and find out what care is like for them.

- You will listen to people within your local community who have used health or social care services. This may be your family, neighbours and friends, or people you meet within your local networks.
- You may visit local groups, chat with people and record what they have to say.
- You might talk to people about Healthwatch Cambridgeshire. This may involve giving a short presentation, or working with us on a display stand.

We will give you training and support, as well as paying agreed out of pocket expenses.

As a Community Listener, you could also train to take part in our ‘Enter and View’ visits to local health or care services. This is our legal right to visit places that provide publicly funded health or care services, to see and hear



how people experience care. In the last year, we have visited Addenbrooke's and Hinchingsbrooke Hospitals.

Contact Heather or Elizabeth for an informal chat. Call 01480 420628, email [enquiries@healthwatchcambridgeshire.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@healthwatchcambridgeshire.co.uk) or visit [www.healthwatchcambridgeshire.co.uk](http://www.healthwatchcambridgeshire.co.uk)

# Bin Day Changes

**What?** - From the end of February most households across South Cambridgeshire will have a change to the day that their bins are emptied; the sequence of their collection (order that black or blue and green are put out); or their collection time (the time of day the bins are usually emptied). Everyone will still have their black bin emptied one week and their blue and green bins emptied the following week.

**When?** - The new bin days will start from Monday 27 February 2017. All residents affected, will receive a leaflet from the Council ahead of the changes with a collection schedule for their village. For collections in the meantime (up to 24 February), residents are urged to check the winter issue of South Cambs Magazine or the website - [www.scambs.gov.uk/bin-changes](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/bin-changes)

**How?** - Residents are asked to continue to put their bins out on their usual day up to 24 February, and after this date use the new schedule (this will be included in the spring South Cambs Magazine - out between 28 Feb and 19 Mar). Please ensure bins are out for collection by 6am to avoid missing the collection.

**Why?** - In order to save £700,000 over three years, we now have a shared waste collection service for South Cambridgeshire and Cambridge City. New bin collection rounds will work across the City and South Cambs boundary, travelling approximately 20,000 fewer miles per year saving money and reducing traffic and emissions. The savings will help meet some of the Council's overall targets as the funding we receive from Government has been cut considerably. The new rounds mean that we need to make changes to collection days for most properties.

## New Collection dates

Bins must be out by 6am at the latest on your collection day



Green bin



Black bin

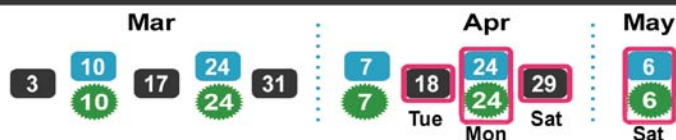


Blue bin



Later collection day

**Friday A** - Cottenham, Histon, Impington, Landbeach, Orchard Park, Rampton, Willingham



**Friday B** - Chittering, Fen Ditton, Horningsea, Milton, Waterbeach



# Creative Movements



Creative Movements now in Waterbeach!  
Weekly Classes Friday afternoons at Tillage Hall  
3pm for 2-4 years  
3.45pm for 4-6 years

Look out for special themed workshops in the school holidays too!

Classes combine dance, movement and storytelling and celebrate children as individuals; encouraging creativity and imagination. Classes are non-competitive and fun but also enable children to acquire new skills and use their inner resources to move, communicate and explore characters and stories.



Creative Movements run weekly classes across Cambridge (from toddler to 6 years), themed workshops in the school holidays, and children's parties! They also run nursery sessions – Little Stars Nursery have a visit every Thursday morning for dance and storytelling!

Creative Movements Cambridge has been running for almost 4 years and are now offering classes in Waterbeach!

Michelle Smith who runs the classes is delighted to bring something new to the village where she is now a resident.

Michelle studied Drama, Applied Theatre, and Education at the Royal Central School of Speech and Drama in London and worked for many years in Early Years and School settings delivering dance and drama classes and workshops. She started working as an assistant for Creative Movements in London and loved the ethos and work so much she decided to take on her own Franchise and bring it to Cambridge.

Last year Michelle was nominated for the "Most Outstanding Activity Leader for the Under 5s (EAST)" in the What's On 4 Juniors Awards and volunteered as Artistic Director for the 2016 Mill Road Winter Fair Parade. She ran a series of community workshops based around The Wizard of Oz story and took part in the parade with her team and local children from the area.

Check out Michelle's CM website <http://creativemovements.co.uk/cambridge>  
Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/cambridgecreativemovements/>)  
or simply give Michelle a call for more details 07837844759  
[michelle@creativemovements.co.uk](mailto:michelle@creativemovements.co.uk)

# What's On

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# Waterbeach Barracks and Airfield

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The former barracks and airfield at Waterbeach offer a range of community facilities for local groups including:

- Sports Hall
- Studio area
- Tennis Courts
- Squash courts
- Community rooms

## Military Heritage Museum

Open from 11am to 4pm on the first Wednesday and Sunday of each month, March to October, and by appointment with Adrian Wright (01223 861846).

## Find out more

Urban&Civic hold regular events to keep you informed and give you the opportunity to shape the future development of this special place. If you or your local group would like to find out more, meet us for a coffee and have a tour of the site, contact Rebecca Britton on 07739 339 889 or email us: [rbritton@urbanandcivic.com](mailto:rbritton@urbanandcivic.com)



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