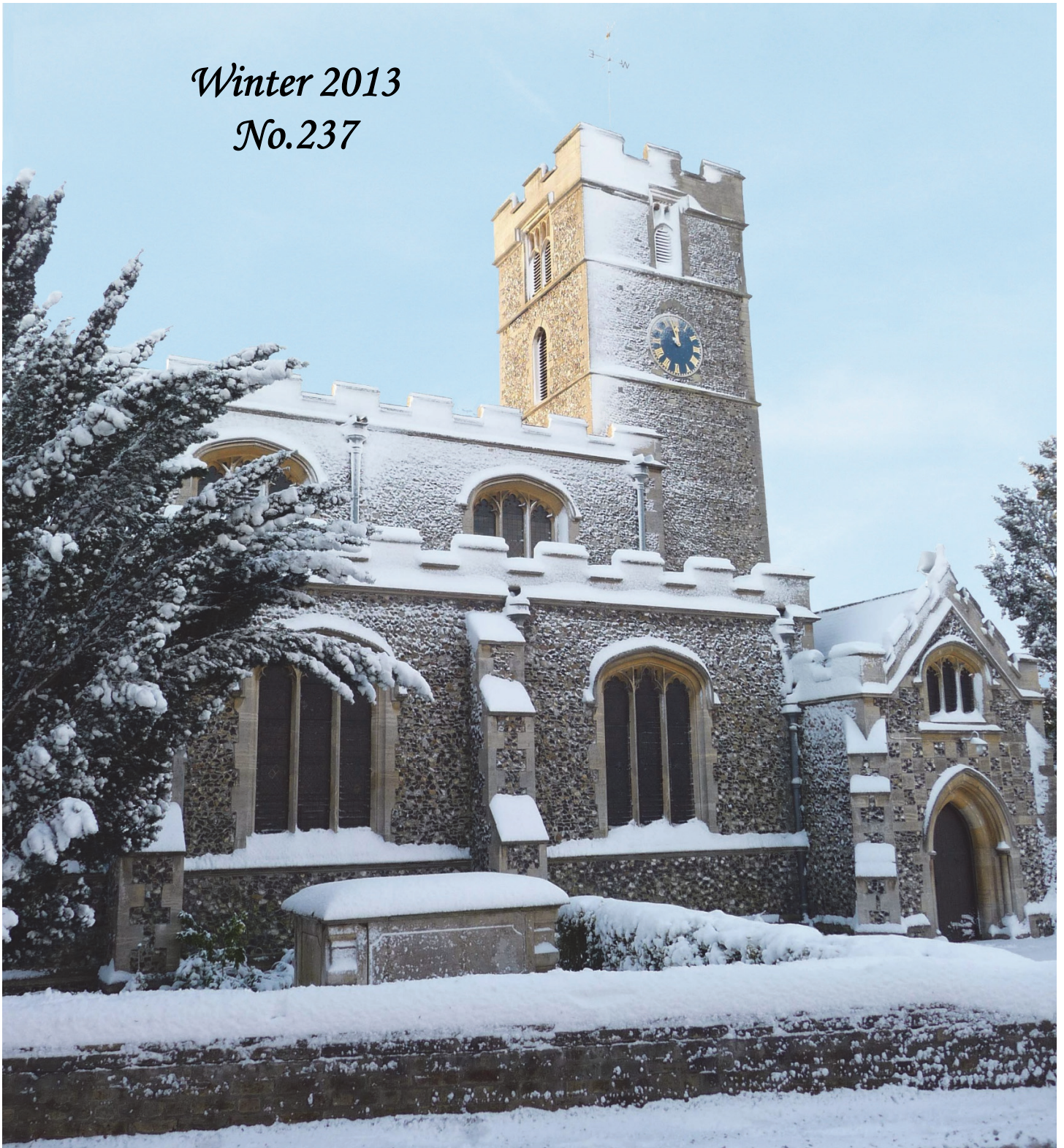


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Community Association



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 for doing 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 local groups and to assist those wishing to form new groups. Community Association members will carry collection buckets during the carols, so please bring your loose change and give generously. There will also be a collection bucket near the bands on the Green.

Applications for 2013 donations are now welcomed from both existing and new groups in the community area, e.g. for a specific project or set up costs. All applications giving full details of exactly how the money would be used to

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

This year we have already supported the following local clubs and groups:
1st Waterbeach Guides, towards camping equipment and fees for their summer camp in Norfolk.

Waterbeach Churches Together, towards the cost of resources and materials for a Children's Activity week during the summer holidays.

'Young at Heart' Party – A party for all residents of Waterbeach, Landbeach and Chittering aged 60 plus to be held in the hall at Waterbeach School on Saturday 8th February 2014. This a great 'get together' with entertainment, good food, drinks – and all provided free for our senior citizens by Waterbeach Community Association.

You will find your invitation and place confirmation form on page 30. This needs to be returned by Friday 10th January 2014. If you book a place and are then unable to attend, please ring 01223 860993 or leave a message on 01223 476601 as soon as possible, so that we can adjust the numbers and are not using Waterbeach Community Association funds unnecessarily.

Feast 2014 - Feast Day next year will be 7th June 2014 and planning is already well under way. We will continue to work through the alphabet and therefore the 2014 theme will be 'Something beginning with H...' It's never too early to start thinking of ideas!

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.

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 2013).

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 2013**. These grants will be considered early in the New Year.

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

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

County Councillor's Report

By the time you read this, the first part of the road resurfacing in Station Road should have been done. The county council decided to take advantage of the closure of the road and the level crossing to do the work to that end of Station Road. The remainder of the resurfacing work, up to the church corner, and the work to make the pavement level again, is due to be done in February.

Resurfacing work is also planned for Cody Road and the Capper Road estate. I am pleased that some of the worst pot holes in Winfold Road have been filled, but I have also asked for the resurfacing of Winfold Road to be included in the schemes for the next six-month period, summer 2014.

The consultation for the A10 crossing for the Landbeach cycleway has now been completed. We are still waiting for the final proposals to be agreed. The work on the crossing is due to start in January. As part of that work new lines are to be painted at the Landbeach end of the cycleway to remind cyclists that the dual-use finishes and they should cycle on the road rather than the pavement in the village.

The County Council's main pre-occupation at the moment is next year's budget. The indications are that the grant the council receives from the government will be cut again this year (and for each of the next five years!). This means that the council is anticipating cuts to its services as well as an increase in Council Tax. The Council tax increase is likely to be fractionally under 2% next year. The services being considered for cuts include children's centres and care for dependent adults. Once again there is unlikely to be enough money spent on road maintenance to prevent them deteriorating further. We are working on proposals to reduce the cuts to front-line services by identifying economies in other areas such as offices, energy use and greater co-operation between councils.

The old school site on Cambridge Road (more recently called the IT Centre) is currently being offered for sale by the County Council. The Parish Council was given first refusal but decided not to buy it.

The long-awaited covered cycle racks at the station car park have been installed at last. Although they are very welcome, judging by the number of cycles still being locked to the railings in front of Lodeside Mobile Home Park, there are not enough of them! I will be suggesting that additional racks should be provided in the car park extension proposed for the yard between the present car park and the up (southbound) platform.

Work is progressing with the new street lights in Landbeach. As in Waterbeach, on the whole this seems to be fairly satisfactory, with one or two issues still outstanding. If you have a particular problem, and Balfour Beatty are not able to sort it out for you, do let me know.

As ever, do please contact me if you think I may be able to help.

Maurice Leeke - Email: Maurice16@ntlworld.com Tel: 01223 441562

Toddler Playgroup



The Autumn term has seen us welcome new children into our 'Advancing 4s' group at the playgroup and we have all been amazed by how quickly they have settled in and made new friends. This was enabled by our induction program which allowed the children to start in small groups at a time, with parents being welcomed to join them for the first few sessions to help them settle in. All of the children now seem very much at home and are keen to join in with the session activities as soon as they step through the playgroup door.

Our curriculum this term has covered such familiar favourites as Bonfire Night, as well as the Hindu festival of Diwali. This was enjoyed by the children in the 'Rising 5s' group in particular, who made clay diva lamps and puppets of the characters Rama, Sita, Hanuman and Ravana. They even



had a go at Bollywood dancing together with the staff! Other activities have followed a transport theme, with the children having great fun engaging in some large vehicle making, as well as carrying out traffic surveys and building their own boats. The 'Big Box Spaceship' (as shown in the

photo) which was made collaboratively by the older children has been the artistic centrepiece of the topic. Needless to say, if you have any spare materials that you think might be useful for the playgroup in helping enhance the learning experiences which we offer to our children (cardboard boxes, old plastic bottles, even crates and old traffic cones) then please do get in touch. Later this term the children will also be involved in a series of activities and events which will welcome in Christmas. This will include our annual Christmas Performance which we are delighted again this year to be sharing both with parents and with the residents and visitors of Hatley Court and Denson Close. We then plan to close the term with a Christmas Party for the children, which will include some magical entertainment as well as a visit from a traditional seasonal guest.

The fundraising work of the Playgroup Management Committee has also continued with fervour, with our ever popular Nearly New Sale and Cake Stall at the Salvation Army Hall being an impending event at the time which this article is being written. We are sure that it will be a success as usual and

thank everyone who turns out to support us for such events. This March also sees the return of our Auction of Promises, at The White Horse pub, Waterbeach on Thursday 6th March 2014. If you think that you may be able to support us by donating something, then please be in touch. If not, then we would still love to see you there! All of the money raised by such events goes straight into projects and resources which enhance both the learning opportunities and environment which we are able to offer the children, so your support in their success is something for which we are very grateful. If you wish to find out more about the playgroup, please check out our website or contact our Play Leader, Wayne Badcock on 07808 357729 or via e-mail at wayne@waterbeachtoddlerplaygroup.org.uk . Alternatively, any of our committee members would be delighted to talk to you!

Waterbeach PTA

Waterbeach Community Primary School has a brand new PTA Committee!

While the out-going committee led by Elly Bohme will be a hard act to follow, the new team is full of enthusiasm and fresh ideas. We hope you will support us as we find our feet, fundraise for the school and put on events and activities for everyone to enjoy.



What will our fundraising achieve? The PTA has agreed to fund: colourful chairs and shelves for the new school library; outdoor play equipment for year one classes; a theatre trip in January 2014 for year 6 to see a performance of Shakespeare's *Macbeth*; world atlases for reception children; and autograph books for school leavers.

Winter Fair, 1st December: At the time of writing we are busy organising our annual Winter Fair. We anticipate that it will be a highlight of the festive season, with a Santa's grotto, a real British Antarctic Survey Tent, raffles, children's hampers, tombola, games, crafts, gifts, a nearly new stall, BBQ, cakes and mulled wine, and a performance by our very own school choir. We'd like to thank all of the local area businesses who have donated raffle prizes and the fabulous volunteers who help to make PTA events fun for the whole community. We hope you joined us!

How you can help. Come along to our events – over the next few months we'll be putting on fairs, pub quizzes, bake sales and more. Fancy skydiving? Do a sponsored fundraiser on our behalf! Or simply donate your unwanted clothing, soft toys, bedding, shoes, bags, etc. for our Nearly New Sales. Keep your eyes peeled for posters or check out our Facebook page for information about upcoming events and activities. Thank you!

Join us on Facebook – search for Waterbeach School PTA

Library News



The Waterbeach Independent Library has had a busy summer with many visitors and considerable activity surrounding the Summer Reading Challenge. Seventy two children registered for the Challenge, 70 completed by reading six books over the summer period, but many children read far more books. On Monday 8th November 62 students of Waterbeach Community School were presented with their certificates and medals at morning assembly. The remaining 8 students were from a variety of schools - Milton School, Perse Girls School, Perse Preparatory, St Lawrence Roman Catholic School and Fulbourn Pre-School. Whilst the number of children completing the Challenge was fantastic, one other fact was quite outstanding, that being there were 37 boys and 33 girls completing. It is accepted it proves more difficult to engage boys in reading than girls, therefore the numbers are usually higher for girls than boys, but we have bucked the trend, something we are extremely pleased about. At the Library we work hard to engage children with books, to enjoy books, and enter the Reading Challenge which offers recognition of their efforts. We have attempted to identify the types of books our young readers engage with and bring those into the Library, it appears to have been successful. It is not about numbers it is to ensure young people appreciate being able to read opens up a world of opportunity. So to see the youngsters faces as they collect their certificates and medals was fantastic. The Library will take a pat on the back, but we have also to thank the parents who recognise the need for literacy and encourage their children to read on a regular basis. We also need to acknowledge the teachers and Heads at Waterbeach School and all the other schools who have reading at the top of their priority list, who manage to enthuse young people with such curiosity and imagination whilst battling the standards and statistics they encounter every day Thanks to the parents and schools, you have done a great job, but most importantly enormous congratulations to the young people, who are the stars of our Community.

The Babies and Books on a Friday afternoon appears to be gathering pace as we head into the dark evenings, allowing parents to bring their young ones into the Library at 2.15pm onwards on a Friday to read books and enjoy the atmosphere before collecting siblings from school. Book deliveries to homes has also proved useful to a small number of people who have been house bound for a variety of reasons.

The Library continues to welcome a different Year Group for a half a term from Waterbeach Community School every Friday afternoon providing the students an opportunity to select a book of their choice, to view the Library

display which aligns with the various projects they undertake, plus an opportunity for discussion. On Monday the 8th November we were pleased to welcome Jill Terrell, the new Head of Libraries, and Marjorie Smith in charge of LAPS, from the County Library service to view our Library. They were both very impressed with the Library, but also with the numbers we had engaged within the Reading Challenge. We are all pleased the Library is going from strength to strength, welcoming more members weekly which is quite impressive as the general trend is a falling in numbers. If you would like to keep in touch with the Library just look for us on Facebook, we have a lively page.

Waterbeach Library is located in the Community Room on the Waterbeach School site. If you already have a Cambridgeshire Libraries card this can be used at Waterbeach, or you can join at Waterbeach Library to enjoy all the benefits of all Cambridgeshire Libraries. We can order books from other libraries for you, or you can order them online, for collection at Waterbeach. Books borrowed from other Cambridgeshire libraries can be returned to Waterbeach.

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

Mobile Library visit - The mobile library calls once a month, on the second Monday, so forthcoming dates are 9th December, 13th January, 10th February and 10th 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 <http://hipweb.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/mobiles/> or ask at the library.

Gardening Club

The programme for August 2013 was dominated by two important events the Sunday Lunchtime Barbecue held in the Church Hall and Garden, and the Annual Show at the end of the month held in the School Hall. The Club is beholden to both organisations for making the occasion so effective in cementing our companionship with the whole Village and the District. We cannot thank them enough. The Show could not be held without the financial sponsorship of the event by AMEYCESPA and, once again, we thank them for their continuing very generous support. The Show was well attended and despite another unusual season the exhibitors produced a great display. The prize-winners are set out overleaf.

The Annual General Meeting in October 2013 was very well attended and after the usual review of the year and a detailed analysis of the state of the



funds, the following Committee was elected: Chairman- Jerry Cooper; Vice-Chairman- Peter Dixon; Secretary- Ann Bonfield; Treasurer- Pat Murfitt; Programme Secretary- Jill Briggs; Trade Secretary, - Ann Brown; Committee Members- Terry Chapman, David Lynn, Joy Morter and Norman Setchell. The formal proceedings were followed by a Photographic Essay given by the newly elected Chairman, Jerry Cooper on 'The Plants of New Zealand'. This was a masterly, beautifully illustrated account of Natural New Zealand with the occasional deviation to a Botanic Garden. The scenery was magnificent, the tree ferns handsome, the evocative Maori names of the plants were a new experience ... WE ALL WANT TO GO!

Membership of the Gardening Club offers its members a continuing programme of gardening related activities, events and a chance to listen to experts, socialise with and question them, and exchange a view. In terms of economic benefit the Trade Secretary organises a purchase system of members' requirements with a Seeds-man, this year with Kings Seeds, to give members a decent discount. Oakington Garden Centre in addition to having donated a Trophy for the Show gives members a discount. The visit to the RHS garden at Hyde Hall showed the benefits of being an affiliated Club as the entry was free and a coach-load of members had a great day. But it is the two social events: the Barbecue and the New Year Social which show the Club at its cohesive best: the Club provides the liquid refreshments and the members 'Bring and Share' a wide range of delicious eats reflecting the variety and high quality of the Domestic Classes on display at the Show. Come and join us - visitors are welcome at all our meetings. You do not need a garden, allotment or a window box-a Spider Plant on the kitchen windowsill is sufficient qualification - we offer Honorary Membership to Juniors and, of course, to Centenarians.

Annual Show – August 2013 'Prize-winners'

Open to all Exhibitors

RHS Banksian Medal - Roger Nichols

Children's Classes:

Bannold Supplies Cup - Abigail Temple

Regency Gallery Cup - Anna Purcell

Eunice Bacon Memorial Cup - William Temple

Adult Classes: Club Members only

Oakington Garden Centre Trophy - David Lynn

Shirley Howe Memorial Trophy - Ann Brown

Jean Clarke-Kentley Rose Bowl - Sheila Lynn

Lowlands Nursery Cup - Brenda Read/Sheila Lynn

Waterbeach Gardening Club Salver - Viv Cooper

Trancore Transformers Shield - Barbara Setchell

Ridgeons Trophy - Tom Brown/Terry Chapman/Roger Nichols

Hudson Windows Cup - Sheila Lynn

Donarbon Championship Cup - Viv Cooper

Forthcoming events:

Thurs 20 th February	Peter Jackson - 'Shrubs for all Season's
Thurs 20 th March	Nigel Start - 'Self Sufficiency from your Garden'
Thurs 17 th April	Lamorna Thomas - 'Seasonal Hanging Baskets-a practical demonstration and the 'Spring Show'
Thurs 15 th May	David Holmes – 'Raking up the past - Gardening Antiques'

Cow Hollow Wood

Have you been down to the wood today or recently by Waterbeach railway station?



During 2013 a good deal of work has taken place.

In contrast to 2012 all the rides and open spaces have been well cut making a more user friendlier wood. A place to walk, picnic, play games, explore or just sit on one of the new seats and enjoy the wood and wildlife around you. In 2012 the Woodland Trust in conjunction with the children from Waterbeach Community School, named various areas of the wood or the gates. Sign posts have been erected directing visitors to places or gates. We have Mouse Gate and the Green Giant Gate (painted green) an osier bed and the Explorers area for games and picnicking. The osier bed is to be made larger to show what one is like. There were many round Waterbeach in the past and can be seen on the old maps.

The University of Cambridge architectural students designed, project managed and built a Living Willow Bridge across the ditch running through the middle of the wood. Coincidentally at the point where the children built one when I organised the celebrating a decade (2010) of the wood planted in 2000. Three wonderfully carved seats have been placed in the wood for your enjoyment recently.



Unfortunately some of the ash trees have ash die back which is under surveillance. No ash is to be moved out of the wood to prevent the spread. We want you to enjoy Cow Hollow Wood so please give me, Adrian Wright a ring should you see any wildlife of interest and of course any damage or litter. Trees and branches or bushes can sometimes fall across the paths so let me know so they can be cleared.

If you have not been to the wood recently take time to walk in there and enjoy the peace. It would make a nice Christmas or New Year walk!

Adrian Wright local volunteer Wood Warden - Tel 01223 861846 or for further information please contact the Site Manager - Ian Froggatt: ianfroggatt@woodlandtrust.org.uk

Message from Cllr. James Hockney

I am pleased to update you on some of the issues that I have been working on for the good of the local community - Waterbeach, Landbeach & Chittering.

Waterbeach Barracks and the Local Plan - Thank you to everyone that responded to the Local Plan consultation. Both Councillor Johnson and I have worked very hard to represent the community view to South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC).

This includes;

1. Attending the three exhibitions held in the community.
2. Making the case at SCDC meetings leading up to the consultation including Cabinet on June 27th, the Portfolio Holders meeting on June 11th and Workshop 4 meeting *'How Many Homes? Where? And 'Last Issues for the Plan'* on May 14th.
3. Making countless phone calls and e-mails to SCDC.
4. Meeting with the key decision makers at SCDC.
5. Attending the Keep Waterbeach Rural August meeting.
6. Sending in a formal representation to SCDC in response to the Local Plan Consultation.

Councillor Johnson and I have launched the last three campaigns against the Town. To be clear, we both have consistently opposed the Town and have been fighting this issue for over a decade. That said, the Barracks land cannot remain derelict. The debate is very much what will happen to the land. Surely a smaller scale development on the built area, as a village extension, is a better idea. This could be brought forward sooner, which would help to meet the housing need and help our local economy.

The Facebook page www.facebook.com/waterbeachbarracksnonewtown continues to grow in support with a record number of 'likes' and visits. It is the largest Waterbeach Ward related page on Facebook - which clearly underlines the community feeling on the issue. Thank you for all your support. We are strongest when we are united on this issue.

A10 Safer Junctions Petition – Resulting in action! - On September 10th I was invited by the County Council to make the case for action on these two junctions. This follows the handover of the petition on August 29th, signed by over 1,200 local residents to Cllr. Mac McGuire (Highways Portfolio Holder) at Cambridgeshire County Council Shire Hall. The petition calls for action to make the two junctions at Landbeach/Milton and Waterbeach/Landbeach safer.

Following the meeting, Councillor Mac Maguire personally wrote to me crediting the petition with prompting; (1) The consultation for improving the Landbeach/Milton junction (2) Leading to a review of the Landbeach/Waterbeach junction.

Although road safety is a County Council issue, Councillor Johnson and I (as your District Councillors) have taken on many County Council issues in addition

to our District Council workload.

Substantial demand for the former MoD properties - It is great to see the former MoD properties starting to be occupied. At the time of writing, Annington Homes have reported to me that the first two releases of homes are occupied or reserved. Clearly welcome news for the local economy.

To speed up the transfer of the properties in the first place (from the MoD to Annington Homes), I organised and chaired two multi agency meetings on the issue. I will do everything I can to help support the local economy.

As you may be aware, Annington are releasing the properties on a phased basis. This means it could be over a year before all the homes are occupied. But at least the process has now begun.

'Shop Local, Shop Waterbeach & Landbeach' Scheme - With the Barracks closure it is more important than ever that we support our local community businesses. This is why I have been working so hard to build the 'Shop Local' campaign. The Facebook page www.facebook.com/shopwaterbeachward - is a free way for local business to promote themselves – support for the page is growing with record numbers visiting the page – as many as 1,000 people per week.

In addition, at the time of writing, I am busy organising a Waterbeach Ward business summit to work with shop owners to look at ways of building the 'Shop Local' scheme. I will update you in my next article about this meeting.

Pharmacy/Village Stores Crossing - I am delighted that the Waterbeach Parish Highways committee has been reintroduced. I always found this committee to be a great way of bringing together Waterbeach Parish, County and District Councillors.

Councillor Johnson and I have run many petitions on road safety issues. This includes the 'Pedestrian Road Safety' petition, which directly led to plans being produced to improve the road safety along by the Pharmacy and Village Stores. The issue has been getting together the funding required to make this happen. I have always said such a scheme needs to include time limited parking opposite the Village Stores. We really must see action sooner rather than later.

Charity Fundraisers - This year I have organised three coffee mornings at my home. These were in aid of local charities; Waterbeach and Landbeach Action for Youth (£175 raised), East Anglian Children's Hospices (£315 raised) and the Shetland Welfare Pony Trust Landbeach (£120 raised).

Local E-Mail News Updates - Currently I send out regular e-mail news updates on the latest local news and events. Many residents have said to me how useful they find the updates. If you would like to be added then please send me your e-mail address and I would be delighted to add you to the e-mail list.

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Advice from Trading Standards

Plagued by nuisance calls?

Recent figures released by the Communications Regulator, OFCOM, show that around 10,000 unsolicited marketing calls and 3,000 silent calls are received by UK consumers every month. The majority of these calls are made between 8am and 6pm Monday to Friday.

As well as interrupting whatever you are doing at the time, many such callers use pressure selling to persuade you to agree to something without giving you the chance to consider it properly.

What can you do to reduce the number of nuisance calls you receive?

Firstly, register with the Telephone Preference Service. The service is free and can reduce the number of unsolicited marketing calls you receive from UK companies. You can register by calling 08450 700707 or by visiting www.tpsonline.org.uk.

Secondly, speak to your telephone service provider to ask what call blocking technology they would recommend. Three Scottish Trading Standards authorities have recently tested some of the latest call blocking devices and found them to be very effective in reducing such nuisance calls. Some telephone providers also offer their own call blocking facilities. There may be a charge involved for such a device.

Thirdly, if you need to give your phone number to a business, make sure you opt out of receiving promotional information from them and third parties by ticking the relevant box on their website or clearly stating this if you are dealing with them on the telephone.

Fourthly, become ex-directory as some businesses use phone directories to compile marketing call lists.

Finally, many nuisance calls originate from overseas so ask your telephone provider to block international calls to your number (although be aware there may be a charge for this service).

Never divulge personal details such as your bank details to a cold caller, regardless of who they claim to be (Police, your bank etc.) and never agree to any loans or credit over the phone.

Dealing with cold callers

When it comes to dealing with pressure selling on the telephone, remember that it is likely they are using this technique because their prices are uncompetitive – they don't want you to have time to compare their prices with other companies. False claims that this is a 'one day only' offer or that the price is hugely discounted are common tactics.

Tell the caller you are not interested and ask them not to contact you again. If they ignore your request, report them to the Information Commissioner

(ICO) online at www.ico.org.uk or by phone 0303 1231113. You can also report automated pre-recorded calls to ICO. If possible make a note of the business name, the number they called from, the date and time they called and what they were trying to 'sell' e.g. PPI, accident claim, credit. You should also make the ICO aware of any distress, damage or loss you suffered as a result of these calls.

If you need advice on anything you have bought or agreed to as a result of such a cold call, contact our advice partner, the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline, on 0845 4040506.

Waterbeach Day Centre

Come and join us!! We're here for you.

Waterbeach Day Centre was established in the 1980s to benefit all residents of Waterbeach, Landbeach and Chittering of pensionable age. The Day Centre meets in the Denson Close Community Room on Mondays and Wednesdays from 11.00am until 3.30pm. Members are provided with morning coffee, a home-cooked hot lunch and afternoon tea and cakes – all for the price of £3.50 per day per member. There are also activities and plenty to chat and laugh about together.... if you are a senior citizen in one of our villages why not come along and join in!

Costs are kept low through grants from the Waterbeach United Charities, Waterbeach Parish Council, and Cambridgeshire Community Foundation (CCF). The Centre is extremely grateful for the support of these bodies.

BUT (there's always one ...) ***we urgently need more helpers*** to keep things going. Can you spare a couple of hours a week? All you need to bring is a pair of able hands and a happy disposition....a willingness to help out with washing up, serving lunches and tea and coffee and just being around is all the work experience required.

Here are some dates for our future events:

Saturday, 1 February 10.00 – 12.00 Coffee Morning and Sale
Raffle, Tombola, White Elephant

Saturday, 12 April 10.00 – 12.00 Easter Sale and Raffle

If you would like to join as a member, or if you can spare some time to help us provide a wonderful community resource for our older citizens, please ring Mary Longstaff on (01223) 564666.

LocalGiving.com... no time to spare? A donation would be very welcome! - We have recently established 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!

Waterbeach Brass

Waterbeach Brass have had another busy year and have enjoyed playing a variety of concerts, including the bandstand at Hunstanton (see photo!), our exciting concert with guest soloist Steven Mead in Cambridge and a dinner concert at Landbeach Village Hall. We are digging out our jingle bells in preparation for Christmas - see below for details of our engagements, why not come along and get into the Christmas spirit?



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

Forthcoming Engagements

7th December Aldreth Village Hall concert, 19:30

18th December Landbeach Village Hall, Carols followed by concert at 19:00

20th December Waterbeach School Christmas concert with Eversden Youth Band, 19:30

Charity Halloween Party

A fundraising Halloween party was held at the Tillage hall in Waterbeach on 31st October for 40 local children.

The event was held to raise money for Teamlenk, a local charity set up to send inspirational 14 year old Tristan Lenk and his family on the holiday of a lifetime after he has spent the last year fighting Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma (a teenage cancer). Whilst spending over half the year in hospital, he and his family have raised thousands of pounds for Lymphoma charities.

Thanks to everyone who came and supported us. The total amount raised from the party was £270.

A big thank you to Mr Marvel for entertaining the children (and adults!) with a magic show and disco, to Helen and Stewart from Castle Fun for the bouncy castle, and Jules from the Tillage Hall. We have many other people to thank, those who made cakes, to local businesses who donated raffle prizes and individuals who gave their time to help out. The children had a fantastic time!

Watch out for future local fundraising events.

Royal British Legion



The Legion branch would like to thank villagers for their support at the Remembrance Day service and to the three churches in the organisation of the service.

Your local branch meets in the Beach Social Club and we welcome you to join us at our meetings. The dates of meetings can be found on the Legion notice board outside the club.

Serving members of the Services, Ex-service and non-ex-service can join as members in supporting the work of the Legion.

1914-1918 - One Hundred Years Anniversary - The Legion branch are organising an event for the weekend of September 6/7th September 2014 to commemorate all those who served during 1914-1918 from the villages of Landbeach and Waterbeach.

Did you have a grandparent, uncle or any relation that was in the services during the First World War? Do you have any mementos, medals, letters, cards, uniforms that you would like to include in a special display to mark the event that the Legion branch are holding? If you are a relative of someone who served we will be holding a Tea and Biscuit meeting during the summer so that you can share your memories.

Please contact the Legion branch secretary for further information Tel: 01223 474622 or Email: waterbeachlandbeachrbl@yahoo.co.uk and look out for more details on the community notice boards.

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 your Christmas dinner. 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 conform 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!

Like our fan page on Facebook: www.facebook.com/cambsfrs, follow us on Twitter @cambsfrs.

To find out if you are eligible for a free home fire safety check, call 0800 917 99 94.

Waterbeach Village Society

The Season has begun well, with interesting talks by an ex-prison chaplain, maps and surveys about Waterbeach and the Enclosures, and an exploration of the geology of Waterbeach under our feet. On 17th December Dr. Ken Sneath will tell us about life in the 18th century, and January 28th 2014 will be the Annual General Meeting and Social evening, to which all are welcome. The New Year will continue when, on Tuesday 25th February, David Hammond will give an intriguing and no doubt humorous account of life "Behind the Skirting Boards with a pest control Officer." On the 25th March we will travel around the British Isles with John Neat, of Stretham, and "Four Men in a Boat."

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

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

Beach Sessions

The Beach Sessions started out over two years ago with the aim of bringing a few original bands to Waterbeach to play in The Sun Inn. 18 sessions later we are proud to have put on some amazing music and comedy with a combined audience that would fill The Corn Exchange. We still do regular Sessions in The Sun but we also programme larger events, some as part of national tours, to play in the newly refurbished Waterbeach Baptist Chapel. The chapel, which is celebrating its 150th anniversary, is a unique and intimate venue, with great acoustics, which offers a rare chance to get close to the artists.

So as we embark on our 3rd year of programming we are looking forward to announcing some exciting acts. Here are the dates for your diary.

Sat 8th Feb The Sun - artists tbc - free entry

Sat 8th March The Sun - artists tbc - free entry

Sat 10th May Blue Rose Code return to the Chapel. Tickets on sale from wegottickets.com/beachsessions in the New Year.

To find out more please visit beachsessions.co.uk or like us on [Facebook.com/thebeachsessions](https://www.facebook.com/thebeachsessions)

Chittering

A meeting with Paul Brown a few weeks ago and the opportunity to explore the fascinating and very detailed information he has gathered about Chittering and his family, made me think that it was time that Chittering (which is part of the civil parish of Waterbeach) got a mention in Beach News. Although Paul does not live in the area he is a member of the large family who played an important part in the life of the hamlet and his father and grandfather were born and grew up there. Some of the Brown family still live there today.

Much of the information for this article has come from Paul's publication 'Chittering and Elmeney - A selective report of the history, geography biology and family memories of a fen margin farming hamlet in Cambridgeshire.'

As you travel up or down the A10 between Waterbeach and Ely the traveller whisks past Chittering in a matter of seconds. A blink and you have missed a converted Chapel, a disused pub and a few houses and the turn into School Lane. But it has a history and life of its own and is a part of the civil Parish of Waterbeach. In the past a causeway linked Chittering first to Denny Abbey and thence to Waterbeach village. Signs of the causeway at Denny Abbey are still visible at the Western boundary of the Abbey site and on busy event days forms part of the over flow car park

Although there is evidence of occupation since Roman times and possibly earlier, the Chittering hamlet did not exist as such until the drainage of the fens in the 19th century. Then it grew to become large enough to have a school, a pub (for a short time there were two) a Chapel, and a post office. The school was opened in 1877 and designed to accommodate 70 pupils though at the time average attendance was about 40. Most children stayed until they left to go to work. By the start of WW2 in 1939 there were about 20 children and the school finally closed in 1969.

The Chapel was built in 1859 to provide a meeting place for the Baptist congregation who had previously met at first Hawthorne Farm and then Fruit Farm. It was opened by Charles Spurgeon, the famous Baptist preacher, after whom the Chapel in Waterbeach itself is named. The fact that it was a Baptist chapel rather than an Anglican church is evidence of the large number of non-conformists in the area at that time (this was after all Cromwell Country in an earlier century). At its peak there were two Sunday school sessions and two services on a Sunday. In 1905 the Chapel was extended to create another school room which also acted as the village hall. Evening services on a Sunday were still being held in the 1970's and there were still some services during the early 1980's until the chapel was damaged during

a storm. There were no funds to repair it and very few worshippers, so it had to close and was sold in 1986 and became a private residence.

The Pub, the Travellers Rest was far less of a focal point for members of Chittering than the school or the Chapel. It was in existence at least as far back as 1842, but the fact that so many people in Chittering were Baptist and signed the Pledge not to drink alcohol meant that most of the customers were people travelling up and down the A10. It survived longer than the school or the Chapel but now stands empty. There is no sign now of the post office which was a bit further up the road north from the Travellers Rest and was still in existence at least until the late 1970's

The advent of mechanisation with the reduction in the number of people working in agriculture and the ever increasing use of the motor car had a major effect on a small rural hamlet. Although it is very different now from even forty or fifty years ago it still has a distinct identity of its own and you do not have to venture far down School Lane to feel something of a very different time.

Campanology

Summer of 2012 was both a very difficult time and a very rewarding time for me. I had experienced a year of trauma which unfortunately continues but I also was inspired to try a skill which I had often considered - that of campanology. The inspiration came from responding to an invite by Landbeach Bell Ringers to ring a bell for the start of the Olympics - a brave venture in itself of the bell ringers to invite complete novices into the belfry to ring a bell. I was ably instructed to put my hands on the sally with the tail end in my left hand and pull - of course the bell ringer in charge did exactly the same so confidence was already on the up and the bell and I were in no danger! And so my journey started - by Christmas I was able to ring the bells in the band for Christmas morning in a simple 1, 2, 3, 4 and by the beginning of July I was able to ring a variation on the pattern and to achieve the target I had set myself to ring at a friend's wedding - made particularly special as the bride and her family were suitably intrigued since they have nothing like it in their home country.

The bell ringing band is friendly, encouraging and patient. Bell ringing is rewarding, challenging and inspirational. I would encourage anyone - young or old - musical or non-musical - unfit or fit to come along to practise sessions and watch or have a try. It is very rewarding and satisfying and even contributes to a fitness programme!!

If you would like to know more about bell ringing, the bells at All Saints, Landbeach or taking part contact Barbara Le Gallez whose contact details are in the directory at the back of this magazine.

Sarah Smart

Community Playgroup



Our theme this term has been 'Our Wonderful World'. The



Children have been exploring natural elements during autumn, both at Playgroup and with their parents at home. They have been collecting pine cones, conkers, acorns and leaves for our sensory tray (pictured) and looking at seasonal changes

This theme has developed into protecting our environment through recycling. We have been very fortunate to have been

visited by the Amey Cespa Outreach Officer. He ran a tailored activity for the children's age and ability looking at numbers, colours and recognising different types of materials. This progressed further into 'sorting the recycling', categorising the materials and putting them into the correct coloured box. The children looked at and discovered the differences between plastic and glass bottles, paper and fabric, and food and drinks cans.

During his second visit he led the children in a junk modelling extravaganza. Parents came and, together with the children and staff, we made a giant castle that is big enough for the children to play in. It will form our role play area for the rest of the term and already the princesses and knights have had to defend it from several dragons. The children also made smaller castles to take home. This activity was designed to allow the children to practice their scissor skills as they cut castellations in toilet rolls to make towers and gate houses.



To celebrate 'International Talk like a Pirate Day' on September 19th the children dressed up as Pirates. Mums, Dads and carers came into playgroup and took part in pirate themed activities. The children searched for gold doubloons, made pirate hats and decorated biscuits to look like pirate treasure with icing and sweets. Everyone had lots of fun and we raised £26 for Each Children's Hospices.

We are starting to look forward to Christmas. There is a Nativity performance and Christmas party planned for the children and we will have a stall at the PTA Winter Fair. Most excitingly, the children will be adding to the festive

decoration around the village with their own artwork stunt. These will be individually decorated posters stuck up in windows. So as you take a stroll around the village, perhaps after your Christmas dinner, look out for the artwork created by our children. How many will you spot? More information on our website.

Waterbeach Community Playgroup provides a fun, safe environment with an emphasis on learning through play. If you would like to visit us, please call in during one of our sessions, where you will be warmly welcomed by a team of happy and well qualified staff. Alternatively please contact Jacqui Woods on 01223 440769, info@waterbeachplaygroup.org.uk

Please take a look at our website too, to see more of what we do: www.waterbeachplaygroup.org.uk

Choose Well this winter

Local residents reminded to Choose Well this winter

Residents in Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire are being reminded to find the right health service for their illness or injury this winter.

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) who commission health services in the area are asking local residents to familiarise themselves with the range of local health services and which illnesses and injuries they can treat. Last year local people using A&E when they didn't need to cost the local NHS £2million, this could have treated 500 heart attack patients or bought 250 hip replacements.

Here's a reminder of what local NHS services can treat.

- Pharmacies can help with bugs and viruses, skin conditions, allergies, pregnancy testing and help with stopping smoking.
- GPs can help with back ache, ear aches, painful coughs, mental health conditions and any illness or injury that won't go away. Make sure that you have your doctor's number to hand. There's also an out of hours GP service which can be accessed by calling your normal doctor's number - you will be put straight through or hear a message with the out of hours service number.
- Walk-in centre or minor illness or injury unit – these can help with minor burns and scalds, bites and stings, strains and sprains and minor eye or ear problems.
- Or you can look after colds, coughs, sore throats, hangovers, tummy upsets, grazes can all be treated at home with a well-stocked medicine cabinet.

Remember if somebody is unwell and you are not sure as to the best course of action, it is often best to call first for advice. For more information please visit www.cambridgeshireandpeterboroughccg.nhs.uk/choose-well

News from Cllr. Peter Johnson

This year we have seen the public consultations for the proposed new town in Waterbeach come to an end with various displays and opportunities for residents to have their say regarding these proposals. I have at every opportunity stressed that Waterbeach must remain a village with its green spaces to maintain the rural feel that comes with a village such as ours. The houses on Cody Road, Capper Road, and Kirby Road are being refurbished and being re-occupied again and that is good to see. These are really good houses and it was criminal to see them standing empty when so many people are looking for houses. It will also be good for our village economy to get these properties occupied again but we have to make sure that the residents of these houses are aware of how much our village has to offer.

Our street lights are still giving cause for concern with some in the village still not working even though new columns have been erected alongside them. I have been told that this is due to the cabling not being up to standard and has to be replaced by EDF, so yet another contractor has to be involved which makes for a longer time to get the lights working. I am still waiting for the missing lamp post in Rosemary Road to be replaced with one for the industrial estate, once all these lights are replaced/repared then I will do a lighting survey.

Well the long awaited cycle racks at the station are in place and it is hoped that the cyclists who chain their cycles to the railings alongside Lodeside Mobile Home Park will start to use these racks as there are times when the cycles are so many that they start to block the pavement.

I am still working with the Parish Council to get outdoor Gym equipment installed on the Rec. This has been going on for quite a long time but we are slowly getting there and I really hope that this will become a reality next year. I am also working with the Parish Council and the young people of our villages to get our skate park refurbished. The youngsters have shown they really do want a new skate park and are prepared to do fundraising to help achieve this, judging by the enthusiasm shown I have every faith in them. We have had a few meetings and are involving the youngsters where possible as their input will help us to try to create the skate park they want. New opportunities are being looked at to provide land for more houses in Landbeach to accommodate people with strong local connections. This is not going to be a quick fix but at least it is being looked at. It is nice to hear that Walnut Close has become the desired area it was supposed to be with the disruptive element removed.

The possibility of a car park extension at the old goods yard at Waterbeach station is being closely looked at now with Network Rail in talks with South

Cambs District Council Planning officers. I honestly feel that this is close to becoming a reality and hopefully will reduce the amount of cars being parked round the Green, the Gault, and in Lode Avenue.

We have several footpaths in the village that frequently get overgrown, I have cleared some myself as I get fed up waiting for the persons responsible to do the job. Some of these are South Cambs and I chase them at every opportunity, some are residents so if you have a hedge that encroaches the footpath please give it a trim, the last one I cleared this summer was a County Council footpath.

Chittering will be getting its pub back. I would like to think that this is good news for the residents of Chittering as there hasn't been a pub for a few years now. From speaking to people it will open as a pub to start with and then food will be available shortly after. This site has been quite controversial over the past few years with various planning applications but perhaps this new change is what everyone wants, I will be very pleased to get feedback on this.

A final call is to motorists parking in our village, please be aware of the dropped kerbs that are so invaluable for our residents with prams, buggies, and of course users of disabled buggies. When cars block them off it causes great inconvenience to these people.

It is a real privilege and an honour to be elected as a District Councillor to represent you all at South Cambs District Council and for that I say "Thank You". Please remember I work for everyone in our villages so if you have any problems or issues you would like to talk to me about please contact me by whatever means you prefer, telephone, e-mail, or knock on my door, don't forget I am here for all of you.

Jazzercise

We have had another great year of jazzercise at Waterbeach. I will be warming up the Santa's for the Milton Hospice Santa Run 2013 in the Grafton Centre at 9.50am on Sunday 15th December. Why not come along and do the Run I have forms in class or you can register online.

Last class before Christmas will be on Thursday 19th December and the first class after Christmas will be on Thursday 2nd January 2014!

We do offer a free first class to all new to jazzercise at Waterbeach so you can experience this fantastic Exercise Dance Program.

We will also be offering junior jazzercise after Christmas at Waterbeach School.

Please visit Facebook page jazzercise waterbeach

We hope to see you in class soon.

Busytots

Busytots has been awarded a grant!

Busytots is over the moon to announce that we've been supported by Cambridgeshire Community Foundation (CCF) and awarded a grant.

Busytots is a not-for profit baby and toddler group, based in Landbeach Village Hall, entirely run by volunteers. The grant has been awarded from the October Fund, managed by CCF, which offers small grants to local voluntary and community organisations based in and around Waterbeach and Landbeach.

Volunteer Gemma O'Shea says "the grant we've been

awarded will cover Busytots' rent for a whole year, as a not-for profit group this will make a huge difference. It means that we can continue to have something for local families to enjoy right on their doorstep."

Busytots is open every Wednesday from 10am till 12 noon and everyone is welcome. It's a great way for parents and carers to meet new people, and relax with a cuppa, in a place with lots to keep their little ones entertained. Kids can get hands-on with different weekly craft activities, toys and either a sing along or story time. Snacks are included for kids, plus perhaps more importantly cake and tea for grown-ups.

Find us at facebook.com/LandbeachBusytots or email Tosha, Tiff and Gemma via busytots1@hotmail.co.uk

Busytots is currently recruiting additional volunteers. Would you like to join Busytots volunteer team? Can you spare a few hours on a Wednesday morning? We're looking for someone to help prepare and serve snacks and another volunteer to help with the baby and toddler group. To find out more email Gemma via busytots1@hotmail.co.uk

Opening times - Every Wednesday 10am till 12 noon

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

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

How to find us - Landbeach Village Hall, Green End, Landbeach, CB25 9FD

Free parking or No. 9 Stagecoach bus stops near Cockfen Lane.



Keep Waterbeach Rural

Another big thank you to all in Waterbeach, Landbeach and Chittering for helping with the Campaign to let South Cambridgeshire District Council know our views as a community regarding the Local Plan and the proposals for Waterbeach New Town. We could not have done it without you. All of the comments submitted have to be registered against the correct policies on the Council's web-site. Once registered we will each be sent a formal confirmation. The representations will then be available for sight by the public. There have been 8,000 representations made in total but we don't know yet how many were lodged by our area. We hope to find out by the end of November 2013.

The Planning Policy and Localism Portfolio Holder Councillor Pippa Corney will consider the issues raised by the representations during early Spring 2014 and assess whether the Plan is ready for submission to the Secretary of State for examination. Should anything more than minor changes need to be made then a further round of public consultation will be required extending the adoption timetable.

Once the Portfolio Holder considers that the Plan is ready to be submitted for examination she will recommend to a meeting of full Council to agree the Submission Local plan. Wonder what happens if Councillors vote against the motion?

Once the local Plan is submitted an independent Planning Inspector will be appointed to hold an examination to consider the "soundness" of The Local Plan. This will include considering the representations received by the Council from the recent consultation and holding a series of public hearings where the Inspector will decide if more information is necessary to come to a final decision that the Plan be adopted. This should take place during Summer/Autumn 2014.

The Local Plan is on the District Council's web-site but have to say that it is very complex and you need to know what to look for. Also would say that for the public it is a bit of a hard ask for us to comment when everything is in "planning speak" and not plain English. Follow this link:-

<http://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/planning-policy-news>

Thank you once again and we will be following the process and keep you posted as to how the Local Plan is progressing and any updates that come from South Cambs.

Please stay in touch with us on our Keep Waterbeach Rural Facebook page or email brianwilliams984@btinternet.com or telephone 01223 861818

Army Cadets

Waterbeach detachment is a small thriving detachment located at the Cadet Training Centre just off Denny End Road. We parade on a Tuesday night at 7:30pm to 9:45pm. We get up to lots of exciting and interesting things and there is ample opportunity for our cadets to try strange and wonderful activities as well as army style training. It's the only youth group where young people can receive army style training. Here are a few of the things we can get up to whilst at detachment and also on regular camps.

On a detachment night cadets can enjoy lessons such as skill at arms which teaches cadets how to use rifles correctly and safely before we let them onto a range. They learn how to camouflage themselves so when we are living out in the field over a weekend camp they can hide from other troops and the adult staff. We also teach drill and marching so cadets can learn how to be self-disciplined and how to take pride in themselves and their uniform. We also teach vital skills such as first aid and cadets can also take part in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. All the skills that cadets learn in their career with us are fantastic life skills.

On weekend camps we usually take the cadets to Thetford Forest where they learn field tactics and field craft so they know how to live and survive when they are out in the forest. They also get to take part in field exercises where they are able to carry rifles around with them.

Every year the cadets get to go on an annual camp to camps all over the UK. This year Cambridgeshire Army Cadet Force went to Swynnerton camp up in Staffordshire where they then are split into different training groups depending on how far they have progressed in cadets. I was working with the senior cadets where we spent most of the time out in the field for field craft training. All the cadets really enjoyed the training and always enjoy annual camp because it's so jam packed full of activities and adventure.



Our most recent event that the cadets have taken part in was the remembrance parade in the village. The cadets really enjoy this day as they feel proud to support our troops both fallen and still serving. As a new Troop



Commander I felt extremely proud of them all. The cadets decided that they wanted to march further this year as they felt the green to the church was not far enough so we all agreed that we would march from the barracks. I know that they all really enjoyed this and parents were also really proud of them too.

If you would like more information please go onto www.armycadets.com and search for Cambridgeshire or alternatively please come down to the detachment where our staff will be able to help and answer any questions you

may have and we will help you as much as possible. Also it's the best way to get a feeling of the detachment and see what it's like. So why don't you come down and join us on a Tuesday night.

Adult Social Care needs YOU!

Homecare workers required

More older and vulnerable people are requiring homecare to ensure they feel safe, happy and independent. To achieve this, the County Council is recruiting compassionate and caring people to start a career in care through a unique apprenticeship programme that enables them to "earn while they learn" by supporting them to get a job with a local homecare provider whilst being paid the standard rate of a care worker.

If you want to make a positive difference to people's lives and would be interested in a career in care, contact Emma Laskey-MacRae, Apprenticeship Project Coordinator on 07917 615360, or email Emma.Laskey@cambridgeshire.gov.uk for more information about this unique apprenticeship programme. Your age and background doesn't matter, if you are looking for a career in care somewhere in your community there's a job you can do to help others.

Stay independent, safe and well

If you or someone you care for needs advice about keeping independent, safe and well this winter, the County Council's adult social care websites Your Life, Your Choice www.yourlifeyourchoice.org.uk and AskSARA online advice and equipment guide www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/asksara provide information about keeping warm, preventing falls and the help that may be available to older and vulnerable people if they are unable to get out and about. If you are unable to access the internet staff and volunteers in the library can help you to find the information you need or you can contact adult social care customer services on 0345 045 5202

Annington Homes ANNINGTON

Thriving new Waterbeach community provides a happy home for local house hunters.

Annington's Haling Place development is proving popular as Waterbeach's newest community, providing a welcoming home for a number of local first-time buyers and families. The properties in the first phase launched in October, all of which were reserved within a week, as eager purchasers joined the pursuit to own one of the homes and become a part of the exciting new neighbourhood.

Ideal for those seeking a quiet village location within easy reach of the transport connections and also the facilities of the larger surrounding towns. The first phase of homes released comprised of three-bedroom houses and proved particularly popular with local first-time buyers, who made up more than three-quarters of the sales, having been attracted by the large room proportions, good sized gardens, sense of openness across the area and reasonable prices.

Angela Walsh, Head of Sales and Marketing at Annington, comments: "The property market is particularly challenging for first-time buyers and we are delighted that at the Haling Place development we are able to provide great houses which are helping these purchasers on to the first rung on the property ladder. The community atmosphere at Haling Place makes it the ideal place for first-time home owners to put down their roots and start what is an exciting new chapter in their lives."

Reflecting its status as the destination of choice in the area, the majority of the purchasers at Haling Place are local residents, and all bar one are from towns and villages within a 20-mile radius of the development.

Angela comments: "We are very proud of the homes we are providing at Haling Place and are pleased that local house purchasers have been able to become a part of this thriving new community. We have invested a lot of time and money in the properties to produce a high standard of housing which is ready to move in to and we look forward to seeing the community grow and develop."

All of the properties have undergone external and internal refurbishment, with contemporary new kitchens and bathrooms fitted in all of the homes. The grounds and communal spaces are also being improved to include additional landscaping and private parking spaces.

The sales office and show home are open 7 days a week from 10:30am - 5:30pm. Alternatively, please visit www.annington.co.uk

‘Young at Heart’ Party



INVITATION

All residents of Waterbeach, Landbeach and Chittering aged 60 plus are invited to the
Waterbeach Community Association ‘Young at Heart’ Party on
Saturday 8th February 2014
from 2.00pm until 5.00pm
at Waterbeach School Hall

There will be entertainment, afternoon tea and a raffle. This is all *free*, but we do ask you to return the slip below to book a place. Please return the slip below to Mark Clack, 5 Spurgeons Avenue, Waterbeach, CB25 9NU or to Jacqui Rabbett, 9 Providence Way, Waterbeach, CB25 9QH by **Friday 10th January 2014**.
Regrettably we cannot provide transport, so please talk to your friends to arrange a lift. If you will be in a wheelchair for the afternoon, please let us know so that we give you plenty of room.
Unfortunately we are unable to cater for special dietary requirements other than vegetarian.

For further information Tel. 01223 860993

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‘YOUNG AT HEART’ PARTY- PLACE CONFIRMATION

Please reserve place(s) at the ‘Young at Heart’ Party on **8th February 2014**

Name(s) :

Contact Address

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Telephone.....Email

Please tick if you will be in a wheelchair ☐

Please tick if vegetarian ☐

*Please return by **Friday 10th January 2014***

Waterbeach Community Players

Well thanks again to all of the lovely people who responded to our leaflet drop and all the many posters around and came to our latest production of The Memory of Water. We had lots of great feedback and as someone who watched it five times (I was front of house and publicity) I would say it was a beautifully written, very funny and very touching play. So hopefully if you didn't come you will pencil in next May for the next time we will do a play which is another cracker called Entertaining Angels.

Moving on its Christmas time before that which means of course that it is panto time and this year it is Puss in Boots! A classic pantomime with all the traditional panto characters and of course some timeless songs for you to join in with. Dates are 16-18 January 2014 at Waterbeach School at 7.30pm with Saturday matinee at 2.30pm. Tickets £7.50 adults, £6 concessions or a family ticket (2 full + 2 concessions) £25. Tickets are already selling fast, particularly the matinee, so hurry and get yours now by phoning 01223 880023 or online at www.wcp.ticketsource.co.uk or this year via The Sun pub on the green. Look forward to seeing you there!

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Our new Youth Work team members have settled in well, and very much appreciate the support of all our new volunteers. We also have two new Trustees – Allan Whyte and Jamie Goodland. Allan breaks the mould by being our first Trustee from Landbeach. We are sorry to lose Alan Ball from the Trustee group and will miss his always constructive contributions.

The autumn has been very busy at the Youth Club and Sarah – our new Lead Youth Worker – is working with our Youth Forum to plan activities. Our members are keen to get involved in fundraising and during half term organised and ran a jumble sale, complete with cake and drinks. A group of our young female members wowed the crowd with their song at the Sing out for Syria event in St John's. They did so well, they were asked to sing it again! Before the Christmas holidays start, our members will be treated to a Reptile evening – so if you like slithery, creepy things, do get in touch to check the date which is still to be decided.

During next term, we will be using Monday night for projects and sports, and we are hoping to have a film night (complete with popcorn) on the first Wednesday of every month. We recently received a very generous donation of a drum kit, guitars and a keyboard and are in the process of persuading some of our local musicians to come and teach our members how to play them.

We still have room for new members, so do encourage your teenagers to come and see what we offer.

Fen Edge Archaeology Group

The Fen Edge Archaeology Group (FEAG) began in 2008 with the aim of giving anyone who is interested the chance to get involved in archaeology and promote interest in archaeology in the villages of the Fen Edge Patch, Waterbeach, Landbeach, Cottenham, Rampton and Willingham. Our major venture is the 'Twenty Pence Project', an exploration of part of a Romano-British settlement north of Cottenham. For two weeks each July since 2011, we have dug test pits and trenches to study features revealed by geophysics. We have excavated several ditches and found that they contained a wide variety of pottery – over 40 different types from the Roman period or earlier – as well as cow, sheep/goat, horse and pig bones (archaeologists love ditches and the rubbish accumulated in them!) The weather played its part in how much we achieved this year. The topsoil was removed by machine and the subsoil baked hard in the hot, dry conditions, providing a different challenge from last year's prolonged rain. A real surprise was the discovery of a straight-edged feature which might mark the site of a corn-drying oven or malting floor; further excavation will be needed to investigate this. Participants included members of FEAG and members of other local archaeology groups – everyone was welcome whatever their level of experience.

If you are interested in history or archaeology, come and join us, for talks, visits or fieldwork. The first speaker meeting of 2014 will be on 23rd January in the 6th form building, Cottenham Academy. For more information, see www.feag.co.uk, or call Vicki on 01954 250340.



ADULT LEARNING at Cottenham Village College ENROL NOW FOR SPRING 2014 COURSES

Tel: 01954 288751 Email: community@cvcweb.net Direct Link: <http://community.cvcweb.net/>

Enrolment evening with FREE Tasters on Tuesday 14th January 2014

British Sign Language 7.30pm, Egg Tempera Demo 7pm, Jewellery Making 7pm

T'ai Chi 7.15pm, Tap for Improvers 6.30pm, Yoga 6.30pm, Zumba 7.30pm

Courses start week commencing 20th January

**In WATERBEACH we're continuing our 'Fitness for Mature Movers' at Tillage Hall
on Mondays 10am-11am from 20th January**

As well as our traditional programme NEW COURSES at Cottenham VC from January

<i>Creative Sewing (Monday eve)</i>	<i>Designing for Making (Monday morn)</i>	<i>Egg Tempera Painting (Tuesday eve)</i>
<i>Intro to Sign Language (Tuesday eve)</i>	<i>Photoshop Beginners (Monday eve)</i>	<i>Digital Photography Beginners (Tuesday eve)</i>
	<i>Adult Ballet (Thursday morn)</i>	

National Heritage Pear Project

Help save the UK's historic pear trees!

The National Heritage Pear Project was launched at RHS Garden Harlow Carr in Harrogate on 16 November 2013. The aim is to record the location of, identify and conserve surviving old pear trees. Pear trees can live for up to 400 years! Another part of the project is to build a pear identification web site based on the successful FruitID (<http://www.fruitid.com/>) which already covers many common apple varieties (170) with many more descriptions and photographs in the pipeline.

While many pear varieties came from the continent there were also many varieties bred in East Anglia particularly in Sawbridgeworth from 1860 to 1900 including the well-known Conference pear and Bedford in the early 1900s with several Laxton varieties. There are no "Cambridgeshire" Pears listed by the East of England Apple and Orchards Project but perhaps some may yet be discovered. For the past 50 years the acreage of traditional orchards in the UK has been steadily decreasing, with an estimated loss in area of 60 per cent nationally since 1950, and looking at old maps of Waterbeach you can see little remains of the orchards that used to surround the village.

Please email me kate@ninetiles.com if you have a veteran pear tree or know of one locally and if you have additional information such as its history, variety etc. that would be very helpful. I will be acting as an editor for some of the pages of "PearID" and it would be nice to get local varieties well represented from the beginning.

I have also helped Cambridgeshire Orchard Group when they have been "ground truthing" records of the location of traditional orchards in Cambridge using data from land use records, aerial photos etc. and comparing this information with what actually still exists. (Traditional orchards are defined, for priority habitat purposes, as groups of fruit and nut trees planted on vigorous rootstocks at low densities in permanent grassland; and managed in a low intensity way). Do you have 5 or more veteran fruit trees on your land, or does your garden have one or more fruit trees that were once part of a larger orchard and together with the trees in your neighbour's gardens would make a group of 5 or more? Again please email me with details so that I can help make sure Landbeach and Waterbeach orchard records are accurate.

Calling all motorcyclists!

Keep an eye out in the next edition of Beach News for an article on the Ashley Martin Memorial Rideout 2014, raising money for Magpas
For more info www.ammr.org.uk and find us on facebook

Crime Prevention

Police are urging residents to take crime prevention measures this winter as part of a campaign against burglary.

Properties are generally broken into from the rear because the burglar doesn't want to be seen so people should make it as difficult as possible to access their back garden. Tall fencing, noisy gravel, spiky hedges and an alarm system are all worth the investment. And of course, windows and doors should always be locked when there is no one at home.

Other crime prevention measures include:

- 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 and money on show through a window, as these can prove a real temptation for an opportunist burglar.
- Consider the position of key racks or shelves next to doors 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.
- Consider chaining together all high value items stored in outbuildings, as this will make it harder for them to be removed. Also consider the use of a wireless alarm or link your shed or garage into an existing home intruder alarm system.
- Homeowners are urged to check their home insurance policies to ensure their property meets the security standards required. Insurance companies often refuse to pay out if properties do not meet these standards or are left unsecured.
- Don't leave pets' food and water outside the house if you are out at work, as it can indicate that no-one is at home.
- Don't leave car engines running whilst windows defrost and you nip inside for the rest of your breakfast. Last year folk did.....and you can guess what happened!
- Remind elderly and vulnerable people not to let people in without checking ID unless they know who they are.
- Sign up for e-cops at www.ecops.org.uk/ for regular news about local crime and crime prevention.

Waterbeach United Charities (Reg No 201528)

General Grants - In general terms Waterbeach United Charities provide financial support for local residents of all ages and who may be “in need or distress”.

Electric Wheelchairs - Waterbeach United Charities also continue to provide electric wheelchairs for those people who find it difficult to get about so if you would like to be considered please get in touch at the address below. Sometimes short term help can make a real difference, if you are unsure if we would be able to help please ask.

All personal applications are confidential.

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

Healthwatch Cambridgeshire

Healthwatch Cambridgeshire is the new champion for people using local health & social care services; we launched in July 2013. We work to ensure that people’s voices are heard in making important decisions about local NHS, social care and public health services.

We talk to people in the local community about their experience of the care they receive to help us understand how well local care services are working. We make sure we feed this information back where it matters to the people buying, providing and regulating local care services.

- Tell us about your health & social care experiences. We want to hear about the good and not so good, as this feedback can help improve care for everyone.
- Join our Consultation Network, which will connect you with organisations that should know about your experiences and opinions of care in Cambridgeshire.
- Get problems resolved... We can make sure you know where to go if you need to sort out a problem with a local care provider. We can give you information about how different complaints systems work and who can help you get your complaint resolved.
- Find out about local care. We are developing a Signposting & Information Service, to help you find out about your choice of health & social care services.

Find out more about Healthwatch Cambridgeshire and get involved by calling us on 01480 420628, emailing

enquiries@healthwatchcambridgeshire.co.uk or visit our website
www.healthwatchcambridgeshire.co.uk

Foster Carers...we need you!

Cambridgeshire County Council needs you to help change the lives of local children and young people.

Foster Carers provide a stable family support network for local children and young people when they are unable to live with their own family. Every year we have over 425 children and young people looked after by Cambridgeshire County Council.

The shortage of Foster Carers means that children and young people are placed with (independent foster carers or residential units some outside of Cambridgeshire) they may also be looked after within the county children's homes. We need to recruit more Foster Carers in order to give them the best possible future.

Foster Carers come from all different kinds of backgrounds. It may be that you have your own children or you may have worked with children before. You may have no experience of children or possibly considering a career change?

Every child is different so we need different Foster Carers, if you can offer stability, security and the positive experience of a loving family then we want to hear from you.

You might be: Married, in a civil partnership, single or living with a partner
From an ethnic background
In a same sex relationship
In work, unemployed or retired

Recruiting local people will mean that children and young people can live in their own community, continue to attend the same school and maintain contact with their family and friends.

We offer generous allowances including a start-up package, 24 hour support and full training.

Call our Freephone number on 0800 052 0078 or email fanda@cambridgeshire.gov.uk



Waterbeach Community Association Carols on Waterbeach Green

**Christmas Eve
6.30pm**

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



Watch your waste, not your waist

Christmas is traditionally a time for generosity, indulgence and feasting. We love to give beautifully wrapped gifts, feed family and friends and eat our own bodyweight in festive fodder.

It's not only our waistlines that gain weight at Christmas, festive bins are the heaviest and fattest of the year, with an extra 750,000 tonnes of waste in England alone compared to the rest of the year. That's an increase of around 30 per cent and is generally made up of food waste, glass bottles, packaging and gift wrap. To make it as easy and convenient as possible for you to recycle and compost your festive waste, here are a few tips:

Blue Bin

Most packaging can be placed in the blue bin, including;

- Glass bottles and jars
- Tins and cans
- Cardboard (*large pieces can be flattened and placed next to your blue bin for collection*)
- Greeting cards
- Gift wrap (all types)
- Plastic pots, tubs, trays
- Plastic packaging
- Plastic film (all types as long as clean)

If your blue bin is full, extra recycling can be placed out for collection in a cardboard box or returnable container.

Paper Caddy

- Newspapers
- Magazines
- Leaflets
- Greeting card envelopes

Green Bin

- All food waste (cooked or raw)
- Real Christmas trees (only when cut up and placed inside the bin)

If you follow these simple steps, your black bin should remain practically empty with only non-recyclable and non-compostable items, such as polystyrene and nappies.

Remember, collection days change over the festive period due to the bank holidays. Look out for your collection calendar in the winter edition of the South Cambs Magazine. You can also find it online at

www.scambs.gov.uk/bins-by-parish

Black Bins:

Wednesday, 11 December, 2013

Friday, 27 December, 2013

Thursday, 9 January, 2014

Blue bin, paper caddy and green bin:

Wednesday, 18 December, 2013

Friday, 3 January, 2014

Wednesday, 15 January, 2014

Advice from Trading Standards

Buying a second-hand car?

At Trading Standards, the most frequent type of consumer complaint we receive relates to the purchase of second-hand cars. They are one of the most expensive purchases we make and many of us are dependent on them for going about our daily lives. As a result it can be a daunting process to buy a second-hand car. Below we provide some advice to help you.

Check before you buy

- Check the validity of the MOT on [VOSA's website](#) and check the car's details are correct on the MOT certificate. If it states there were advisory points, make sure you see the details so that you know what work is likely to be needed before the next MOT.
- Check the VOSA website to check the vehicle has not been recalled.
- Check its service history. How often has it been serviced, and has it been serviced in line with the manufacturer's recommendations?
- Carry out an [HPI](#) check to make sure there is no outstanding finance on the car that could lead to it being repossessed by the finance company. An HPI check will also tell you if the car has been written off or if it is stolen.
- In terms of physically checking the car, carry out a walk around check and test drive the car. If you are not mechanically minded we would also strongly recommend you have the car checked by an engineer.

More advice can be found on www.adviceguide.org.uk/consumer

Your rights against the seller - If you buy from a private seller, your rights are limited if you find a fault with the car after buying it. The seller must have the right to sell the car and the car must be 'as described', but other than that you have no recourse if things go wrong with it.

By comparison, if you purchase the car from a trader, again they must have title to the car and it must be 'as described' but in addition it must be of satisfactory quality, taking into account its age, mileage, condition etc. For instance, it would be reasonable to expect a brand new car to be free from wear and tear issues when you buy it. However if you were to buy a ten year old car with a mileage of over 100,000 then naturally there will be wear and tear on the vehicle. If faults arise due to wear and tear, it is unlikely you will have any recourse against the trader. Where a fault occurs which is not due to wear and tear, you may be able to seek a repair by the trader in the first instance.

The rights explained above are in addition to any rights you may have under a warranty.

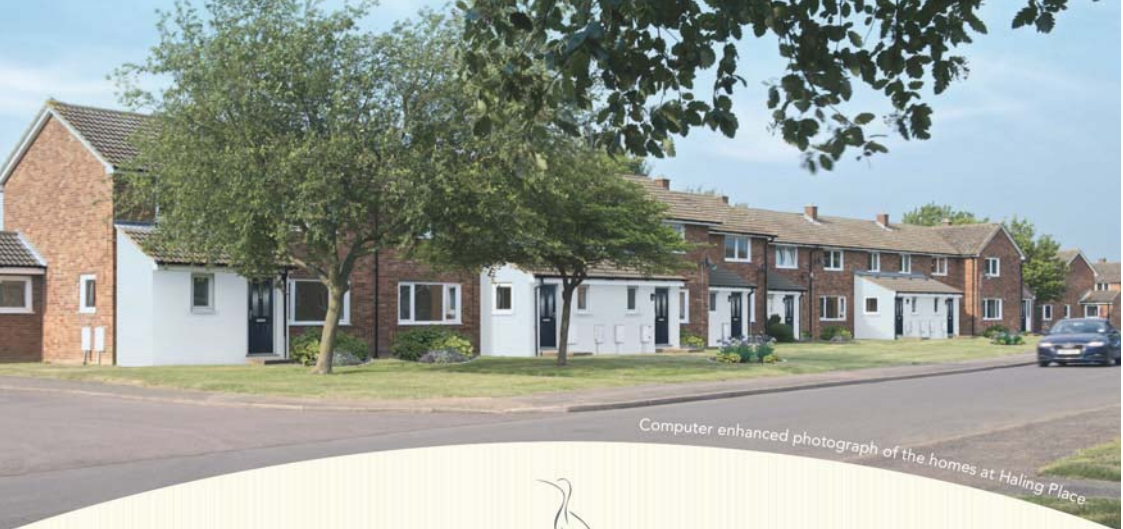
You can find more information about your rights when you buy a secondhand car on the [Citizens Advice website](#) or you can view a video about buying a used car on [You Tube](#). Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline, 0845 4040506

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Other useful numbers:

BEACHES COMMUNITY CAR SERVICE	07807 875878
COUNTY COUNCILLOR	Maurice Leeke - 01223 441562
DISTRICT COUNCILLOR	James Hockney - 01223 441289 or 07958 389713
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