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Front cover – Landbeach

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Community Association



Christmas 2013 - 'Carols on the Green' on Christmas Eve was well attended and the charity collection raised £553.70 for local clubs and groups. Thank you for your support.

Further to the donations made at the end of last year, we have now supported another four local groups with contributions to assist specific projects.

- Baptist Chapel, towards replacement carpet
- WAY, towards an MP3 player
- Waterbeach Day Centre for the Elderly, towards members Christmas lunch 2014
- Waterbeach Community Playgroup, towards an all-weather outdoor notice board.

Young at Heart Party - Unfortunately due to the very low number of replies received, this event had to be cancelled as it was not viable to run for such a small number.

Feast - 7th June – Planning is now well underway. We are continuing through the alphabet and the theme this year is 'Something beginning with H....' You can find the pitch booking form and all the entry forms needed to join in the activities on our website www.waterbeach.org or ring 01223 476601 and leave a message giving your details for a form to be sent to you. The parade is free to enter and is open to groups, clubs, families and individuals, just dress up and join in the fun.

Tribute to Dave Halsey

It is with great sadness that we have to inform you of the loss of a longstanding member of Waterbeach Community Association, Dave Halsey, who passed away on 2nd February 2014.

Dave was always very active within Waterbeach since he moved here in 1975. He was landlord of The Star public house in Station Road, Waterbeach and then became caretaker at Waterbeach Primary School until he retired in 2002.

Over the years Dave was involved in many local organisations in his spare time. He was a member of Waterbeach Parish Council, ran the Youth Club, organised the Coffee Mornings at Chapel Close and was a key figure in Waterbeach Community Association.

When Dave became caretaker at the school he volunteered his expertise in printing to assist in the production of Beach News. He continued to set and print the magazine for over twenty years. As part of Waterbeach Community Association Dave was also very involved in the organisation of Waterbeach Feast for many years.

Dave was a keen writer of poetry and we are pleased to say that we have been given a number of his poems which we will publish in future editions of Beach News.

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



Waterbeach WI



Come along on your own or with friends to experience our monthly meetings and the opportunities to opt into Cambridge-wide activities including craft activities, literary speakers and outings to name just a few. We have a darts team which plays other WIs, a lunch club and book group. Here are the dates and outline of our programme for the next few months of the year. Meetings are held on the second Thursday in each month at 7.30pm in St. John's Church Hall and new members of all ages are always welcome.

Thursday 13th March - 'Hi Five Workshop - A Capella Group'

Thursday 10th April - 'Holocaust Survivor' - Eva Clark

Thursday 8th May - 'Pudding Evening' and discussion of National Resolutions

Contact Sheila Lynn 01223 860948 for more information.

Waterbeach Village Society

Our monthly meetings were well supported during 2013, and the remaining three talks for 2014 promise to be interesting and relevant to Waterbeach and the local community. On the 25th March we will travel around the British Isles with John Neat, of Stretham, and “Four Men in a Boat.” John, a local engineer, used his skills to renovate an older craft and with three friends spent several months and many adventures sailing around the coast from Essex before returning to his home port. “The Waterbeach Parish Chest” will be opened by Philip Saunders on Tuesday April 22nd, when we should learn many hidden things we didn’t know about Waterbeach. Frank Bowles in an interesting character. His childhood was spent in wartime London’s dockland, and experienced evacuation. His career was spent mainly in London financial offices, but through his import/export work with a well-known Cambridge scientific firm, he founded a successful business, Walden Export, at Convent Drive, Waterbeach. His talk will be on Tuesday 27th May, and will be the last talk until we reopen on Tuesday 23rd September 2014.

For more information on the above and the rest of the Society’s programme, contact Adrian Wright, Chairman, on adrianj.wright@ntlworld.com or 01223 861846, Ray Rice, Secretary, on 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

Community Navigators

Everyone wants to remain independent at home for as long as possible, but when someone needs to find a little bit of help it can be very difficult to know where to turn.



Community Navigators are friendly local volunteers who try and point people in the right direction. Whether someone is looking for a cleaner, a gardener, lifts to appointments, equipment for the home, benefits advice or whatever, we want to have a local person who can help them find it. This person could be you!

We will provide you with free training and on-going support to help you build up your knowledge of available services. Plus your local co-ordinator will always be on hand to help you with any queries you may have. Being a Community Navigator only takes a few hours a month, and compliments any involvement you may already have in your community. Contact Rob Wallace for more info. T: 01954 212100 E: Rob.W@care-network.org.uk W: www.care-network.org.uk

Spurgeon's Chapel

Celebrating 150 years of Spurgeon's Chapel in Waterbeach

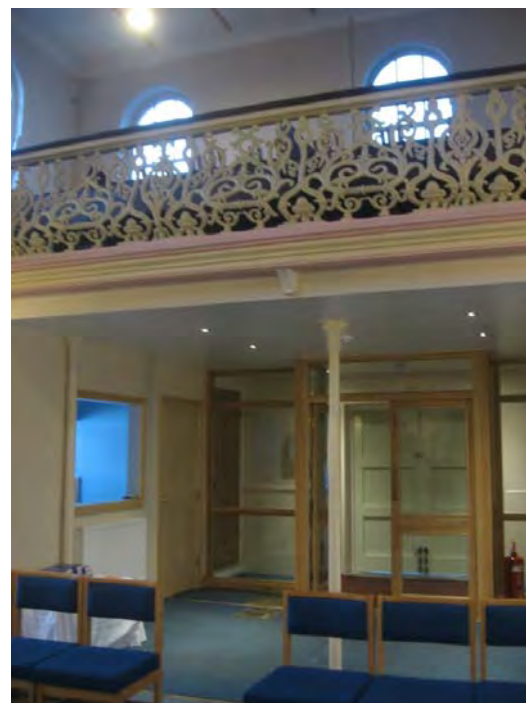
The first Baptist chapel opened in Waterbeach in 1803. It was here that the young Charles Spurgeon began his ministry, starting a lifelong journey which led him to become one of the greatest preachers of the 19th Century. Known as the 'Prince of Preachers', he was renowned in London and further afield. To this day Spurgeon's association with Waterbeach draws visitors from around the globe.

Disaster struck Waterbeach chapel in 1863, when an errant spark set fire to the chapel's thatched roof reducing the building to embers. But later that year £850 was raised by the church members and Spurgeon returned to lay the foundation stones of the new building with James Toller. The brick chapel still stands beside the green today, having witnessed the great changes to village life brought by the last 150 years.

Now 2014 sees a new era in the life of Spurgeon's chapel, renovation work on the interior is complete and we invite you to join us in May to celebrate the newly functional building coinciding with the 150 year anniversary of the completion of the new chapel in 1864.

With our doors now open to the community we would like to invite you to drop in to the Chapel to see the finished work. Do join us in May for one, more or all of the events:

WBC 150: May Events	
Sat. 3 rd 7.30pm	Cabaret and Canapés Jazz and sophistication on your doorstep
Sat. 10 th 8.00pm	Beach Sessions Original music in an intimate space with the return of Blue Rose Code
Tues. 13 th 4.00pm	Mr Marvel Party An afternoon of fun with Waterbeach's favourite entertainer
Sat 17 th 2.00-9.00pm	A Day at the Beach A 'Pop-up' gallery – art exhibition with a tea and cake cafe
Tues. 20 th 7.00pm	Waterbeach's Got Talent! Urban Saints host an evening of talented fun
Sat. 31 st 3.00pm	Thanksgiving celebration Join us for a time of celebration and reflection



For more information and updates, like us at

<https://www.facebook.com/wbc150> or email us at wbc150@gmail.com

Also in May... Following the success of Razzmatazz Robots, Beach Churches Together invite children aged from 4 to 11 to come along to a taster session for this year's holiday club 'SEASIDE ROCK' on Wednesday 28th May between 10.00 and 12.30pm.

County Councillor's Report

The road and pavement restructuring work on Station Road, Waterbeach has now been completed and it is a tremendous improvement. I am still pressing for Winfold Road to be included in the list of schemes for this summer, and I am hopeful that it will be.

I have also asked the Highways Department to repair the southern end of Spaldings Lane, Landbeach which has become very uneven, with large puddles whenever it rains. The grips (the channels in the verge that take rainwater from the road into the ditch) need to be re-cut, and I have also asked the parish council if they are able to dig out the ditch along the western and southern side of the play area on the recreation ground.

The winter always shows up any weaknesses in the state of our roads. Some new pot holes appear, some old ones re-appear, and there are some new ones which have appeared next to repaired old ones! There is an inevitable delay between reporting a problem and the work being completed, but it is always worth reporting them. You can do this on the Cambridgeshire County Council website.

Although this winter has been fairly mild – up to the time of writing at least – it has been very wet. We have been spared, this time, the awful flooding that other parts of the country have endured, but it is a stark reminder of the inadvisability of building houses on low-lying land. I hope the planners are paying close attention!

The parish council have submitted a request for a long-awaited pedestrian crossing on Chapel Street, Waterbeach located between The Gault and Nice's Garage. Norma Kay, Peter Johnson and I made a presentation to the relevant committee, and we were able to stress the need and local support for the crossing as well as the length of time we have been trying to get one at this location.

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

Maurice Leeke. Maurice16@ntlworld.com . 01223 441562

Doctors Surgery

Waterbeach surgery would like to announce the retirement of our senior partner, Dr Machen, on 31st March 2014.

Dr Machen would like to say goodbye to any of her patients she is not able to tell personally. She wishes them all well. Her replacement will be announced when confirmed.

Community Playgroup



Continuing with our theme 'Our Wonderful World', the children have been exploring and talking about the weather. This has included playing in the wind and splashing in puddles. So far this year there has been a lot of puddles but it's great to hear the children giggle and laugh as they jump in and out of puddles and watching how far they can make the water splash. Inside we have been making snow pictures and exploring freezing and melting with ice cubes with frozen toys. The children also created a festive display of a wonderfully decorated Christmas tree.

As part of our theme, we have asked the children to bring in information from home to show us where their family is from or where they have visited. Their pictures are being put on display and the places are marked on a big map of the world. So far we've had pictures from India, Guyana, Bognor Regis, Peppa Pig land and Copenhagen. The children have been fascinated to learn all about these different places and have enjoyed sharing their own stories. We hope to continue to build on our display as the year progresses with more information from them.

Our annual Christmas crafts morning went well. Parents came in to spend a morning with their children helping them create Christmas decorations to take home. They painted salt dough ornaments to be hung on a tree. Glued



paper holly leaves to create wreaths and decorated Christmas biscuits. The parents also enjoyed a mince pie or other homemade treat with tea and coffee whilst having a catch up with other parents and members of staff.

Our Nativity this year was lots of fun. All the parents gathered to watch the children dressed up and singing Christmas songs. These included old favourites like 'Away in a Manger' and 'We Wish You a Merry Christmas' to some fun ones like 'When Santa Got Stuck Up the Chimney'. Our traditional Polish song was also

performed brilliantly by the children. Here are our Mary and Joseph in costume, enjoying being part of the traditional story.

Later this term the Playgroup will be making a trip by train to Planet Zoom in Ely. We will also be continuing with our theme and looking at the differences spring brings to 'Our Wonderful World'. We have our fundraising

Easter Cake stall on the last day of the school term, Friday 4th April and the children will continue to enjoy playing inside and out, playing, creating, exploring and having fun at the Playhouse.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to Waterbeach Community Association for donating £150 towards our all-weather notice board for displaying the children's artwork. We shall be continuing to fundraise but hope to have the notice board installed over the summer.

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

Library News



Waterbeach Independent Library experienced a very good year in 2013 with a very successful Summer Reading Challenge with more children registering, and completing, than in previous years. This was down to the enthusiasm of our Volunteers, the children, the parents/carers and the excellent teachers at the school, all of whom played a part. During the year we managed to add many new books to our stock and to find new and innovative ways of displaying books to make it easier for all ages to find the type of reading material they require. It has been quite amusing sometimes when things have been moved to be informed by a three year old that he likes his books where they are now because he can reach them better. When we hear those kind of comments we know we are going in the right direction and serving the Community to the best of our ability. During the year we have had new Volunteers join us allowing us to offer an even better service, but one of our long standing Volunteers, Kate Martin, who has provided tremendous support over the years, decided to call it a day and take a well earned rest, so we would like to thank her for her loyal service.

From the end of February we are intending to commence a Storytime Session once a month, from 10.30am until 11am on a Monday morning, so we hope parents and carers will join us. Last year we were lucky to receive two Storytime Sessions provided by the County, but unfortunately there have been cutbacks in the service with some individuals being made redundant. As they were so popular and we have the expertise within our own Library, we decided we could run these sessions ourselves. Please see our

Facebook page to check the dates on which they take place.

The Friday Books and Babies Session has resumed after the Christmas break with the Library being open from 2.15pm. This has proved very successful and many parents/carers sit and read stories to the babies, who enjoy themselves enormously. Research has shown that babies exposed to books at a very early age become excellent early readers. All children regardless of age can be registered with the Library and hold their own card and registration is free. The card can be used at any Cambridgeshire Library, plus you may not be aware that any library books from other libraries can be returned via Waterbeach Library.

At the beginning of March we will be launching a drawing competition with the title "My favourite book", for children aged 4 to 14 years. There will be three prizes of W. H. Smith tokens for three categories: 4 - 6 years old, 7 - 10 years old, and 10 - 14 years old. There will also be three second prizes and three third prizes. There is no entry fee. The pictures should be on no larger than A3 paper and will be accepted on condition that they may be displayed in the Library and on our Facebook page after the awards have taken place.

If you have any suggestions as to how your Library can be improved we are always pleased to hear them. We are a Community Library, supported by the Community and run purely by Volunteers from the Community. It is your Library, your facility - we hope to see you visiting soon.

Waterbeach Library is located in the Community Room on the Waterbeach School site. If you already have a Cambridgeshire Libraries card this can be used at Waterbeach, or you can join the Library there to enjoy the benefits of all Cambridgeshire Libraries.

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

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

Mobile library visits - The mobile library calls once a month, on the second Monday, so forthcoming dates are 10th March, 14th April, 12th May and 9th June. Timings are: Waterbeach – Denson Close 13:30-14:00; Waterbeach – The Green 14:05-14:25; Waterbeach – Chapel Close 14:30-14:50; Waterbeach – Buchanan Centre 14:55-15:30; Landbeach – 9 High Street 15:40-16:20.

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

Denny Abbey and Farmland Museum

Driving on the A10 near the Amey Cespa roundabout the traveller is hardly aware of the existence of Denny Abbey which is almost hidden from view. Turning off the A10 and passing between two impressive gate posts brings you within 30 seconds to a tranquil and historic site which feels a long way away from the pressures of the outside world. Visitors are barely, if at all, conscious that they have climbed up a very slight hill, but this is the reason that the site has evidence of occupation at least since Roman times.

The Abbey buildings which still survive today started life as a Benedictine monastery in 1159. They became home to Knights Templars in 1170. In 1327, a few years after the Knights Templars had been arrested and their



property confiscated, the buildings were given to the Countess of Pembroke and it is largely thanks to her that the Abbey building which we have today has survived. She arranged the relocation of the Poor Claire nuns who were living at Waterbeach Abbey to the drier lands of Denny Abbey. Nothing remains of that abbey today apart from the humps and bumps in the field visible from the south bound platform at the railway station or from the St John's Church car park.

The Countess demolished the chancel of the existing abbey at Denny and built a large new church and she converted the remains of the old abbey buildings into a house. This meant that when religious buildings were being destroyed by Henry VIII, much of the house survived and it continued to be lived in as a farmhouse until the middle of the 20th century.

The other building to survive was the nun's refectory which was used as a barn.

As happens to houses with a long life the Countess's house was modified by the various occupants through the centuries and from the South side a first glimpse of the Abbey building suggests a strong Georgian influence. Both the Abbey building and the Refectory were eventually put into the care of what is now English Heritage who worked over a number of years on a restoration project. They peeled back the fabric of the Abbey building to reveal its fascinating history. There are details relating to the three religious orders as well as life as a farmhouse and it is a now building where every visit can reveal something new.

Denny Abbey is today owned and maintained by English Heritage but it is managed on a day to day basis by the Farmland Museum which owns the site adjoining part of the site. The Farmland Museum started in a small way in Haddenham over forty years ago when a small boy began to collect items connected to farming. The collection grew from filling a shoe box to filling a large garden. When his parents Mike and Lorna Delanoy, who had taken over looking after it, decided that they needed to retire, South Cambridgeshire District Council and a band of dedicated volunteers were instrumental in purchasing the land it presently occupies which had a number of redundant farm buildings and setting up the Farmland Museum as it is today.

The Museum tells the story of agriculture and agricultural life in the area. Many of the exhibits come from the villages of Waterbeach and Landbeach. Extracts from recordings made by village people can be heard in some of the exhibition rooms. It is a very child friendly museum with a lot of simple interactive exhibits (milking the cow is particularly popular), a small play area and plenty of space for imaginative games or just to run about.

The casual visitor is hardly aware of the distinction between the ownership of the Abbey and the Museum, the two together provide much more than the sum of the parts. Many visitors come and spend hours on the site using expressions such as that it is a 'hidden gem' to describe it when they leave.

Special rates for Waterbeach and Landbeach residents for the 2014 season at the Farmland Museum and Denny Abbey

The new season starts on April 1st and runs to the end of October. Because the Museum and Abbey has so many links with the villages, the Museum is offering special reduced rate season tickets to all residents of Waterbeach and Landbeach for the coming season. We hope that lots of people from our villages take up this offer and visit the museum frequently over the summer. Details about how to apply will be circulated soon.

To find out more about the Museum and Abbey visit www.dennyfarmlandmuseum.org.uk/

Waterbeach Scout Group

Firstly we need to give a big thank you to all of you who made a donation when Santa came to visit your street. It really starts our Christmas well to see the faces of the children when they come out to see Santa. We collected a grand total of £1157.67. We have a cheque awaiting collection by the Friends of the Prince of Wales Hospital.

Our Bingo nights are continuing in the Scout Hut from 19-30-21-00hrs. We have another on Friday 14th March, Easter Egg bingo Friday 18th April and our last for this season on Friday 9th May. We then take a break for the summer. Starting up again on Friday 12th September.

We have our Spring sale and BIG BREAKFAST on Saturday 22nd March from 10-00 till 14-00hrs.

Fun sports day will be held on Sunday 4th May. Any children between the ages of 6 & 14 wanting to join in the sports will need to be at the Scout Hut to register at 13-30 ready for the games to begin at 14-00. Come along and have a family day out. There will be the Gat guns, raffle etc. and if you get peckish there's the bar-b-que, baked potatoes and cakes.

Scouts are making plans for their weekend away at the end of March. Cubs will be going to Phasels Wood for a weekend in April and plans are already underway for the summer camps. Watch this space for their reports.

Dementia Carers Support Service

Caring for someone with Dementia? We can help!

The Dementia Carers Support Service improves easy access to care, support and advice following the diagnosis of Dementia.

Former carers become volunteer befrienders, supporting current carers of those with dementia throughout their caring journey.

Successfully piloted in East Cambridgeshire the service now covers Cambridge City & East and South Cambridgeshire.

We currently have a team of volunteers supporting carers in various ways varying from face to face contact, or by telephone/e mail.

If you are interested in the service, or just want more information then please contact the Co-ordinators:

Sally Kitchen on 07432 701833 (Mon - Wed) Sally.kitchen@cpft.nhs.uk

Fe Franklin on 07506 579367 (Thurs & Fri) Fe.franklin@cpft.nhs.uk or

Terry Dellar 01353 652092 (Fri only) Terry.dellar@cpft.nhs.uk

We would also be very interested in hearing from those who may wish to volunteer.

We look forward to your call!

Waterbeach Brass

Waterbeach Brass had a busy Christmas period, with carolling and a fantastic Christmas concert at Waterbeach School with Eversden Brass. We spent the Sunday before Christmas playing carols at Milton Tesco, entertaining shoppers and raising £380 for the East Anglia Children's Hospice at Milton. In January we competed in the Butlins Mineworkers Championships, a national competition held in Skegness. Not only did we have a fun weekend away, but the band put in a good performance to finish first out of the bands in our region, 13th overall. This was a good result to build on heading into the regional competition in March.

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.

Become a Foster Carer in 2014

Cambridgeshire County Council needs more foster families to help transform lives and meet the needs of local children and young people. Although the service has seen an increase in enquiries they still need to encourage more people to make that call and consider fostering.

People become Foster Carer because they want to give children and young people a home for as long as they needed it. There are so many positive changes that a families love and commitment can make and anyone who has a caring nature should consider fostering.

Every child is different so we need different Foster Carers. If you have a spare room and 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 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.

In return 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

WASPS



The start of the new school year brought many new families to WASPS and the children settled in well. The increase in numbers led to us expanding our staff team and welcoming some new faces. Zoe and Wayne continue to be the Co-Ordinators for Breakfast Club and After School WASPS (respectively) and Tracey is joined by Jools as Joint Co-Ordinators for Holiday Club.

In December we held a successful and entertaining “Pampered Chef” cooking show evening in the Playhouse. We raised some much needed funds for WASPS through the commission on sales on the night. We thank Sarah Southall for her hard work in making this evening a success.

We will continue to fundraise as much as possible as we (and Waterbeach Community Playgroup, with whom we share the Playhouse) are planning to refurbish the outside play area. The biggest part of that project is to replace the outdoor climbing structure which has become extremely ‘tired’ after 13 years of use by energetic and active children.

Last year WASPS was one of the Beach Social Club’s nominated charities. We were delighted to be presented with a cheque for over £1700 in October and we will be adding this to the refurbishment project funds so that both WASPS and WCP can benefit from this money. We thank the Beach Social Club, and their supporters, once again for their generosity.

Our big fundraising event this year will be our 10 km fun run on the 11th May, held this year in the Milton Country Park. We will also hold a short 250m race for children directly before the main event. Please join us on the day!



Challenge yourself for any multiple of 2.1 km or the whole 10.5km. The details and registration are available through the website: <http://www.wasps10krun.org.uk> or you can pick up a form from WASPS during opening hours.

For those not familiar with WASPS, we have been running since 1997 and are a registered charity, regulated and inspected by Ofsted and managed by a small voluntary Management Committee made up of working

parents/carers who use the out-of-school Clubs. We aim to provide a home-from-home atmosphere at the Clubs, which are for children aged 4-11, and we pride ourselves in fostering friendships across the ages creating a peer-led support network, which benefits the children whilst in the care of WASPS and when they are at school. We ensure we create an environment where the children can play freely with a variety of resources, either by choosing their own activities or via playworker-led activities. This year we have secured use of the school gym during Holiday Clubs, so we can offer even more active games whatever the weather.

We are confident that our team of staff have many great sessions planned to take the WASPS children on a fun 'journey' through the rest of the school year and school holidays. *Breakfast Club* opens at 7:45am before school. *After School WASPS* runs until 6pm.

Holiday Club opens 8am-6pm for most of the school holidays and Waterbeach Primary School inset days. You do not need to use our Clubs during term-time or attend Waterbeach Primary to use our Holiday Club. A great selection of activities is on offer each day and you can pick up a timetable for these in advance.

If you would like any information about WASPS please look on our website: www.waterbeach-wasps.org.uk, email: playhouse@waterbeach-wasps.org.uk, or call 01223 861140.

Beach Social Club

Happy New Year from all of us at Beach Social Club. So far this year we have had the 'Happy Folks' party and our annual over 60's party. We had a very successful Burns Night with 'Haggis, neeps and tatties'

We now have Bingo every Monday evening from 7-9. Everyone is welcome to join us for these sessions.

A big night coming up is March 21st with the 'March of the Mods' night, which raises funds for the Teenage Cancer Trust. Entrance for this is by ticket available from the club. All moneys go to the charity.

Every other month we have 'Open Mic' night when local bands, musicians and singers come along and perform; in fact anyone who would like to come along and take part is welcome. Feb to April we have several evenings with bands or soloists providing entertainment for members and guests.

Our Club charity this year is Waterbeach Scouts and Guides groups and we will be raising funds for them until October.

I look forward to seeing you here in the future.

Details for all events are available at the Club and at:

Beach Social Club <clubs@pitchero.com>

Geoff Donovan Chairman

Message from Cllr. James Hockney

Below are just some of the issues that I have been working on for the good of the local community - Waterbeach, Landbeach & Chittering.

Waterbeach Barracks & adjacent farmland - no new town campaign - This has been a long fight; we saw the town concept rejected three times before - in 2008, 2004 and 2001. This is because the MoD has had a policy to realise the asset value of the land since 1998.

The current town concept has reduced from 12,750 to 10,500 to 8-9000 houses. Whilst reductions are welcome - it is still a proposed town (on the barracks and adjacent farmland) similar in size to Ely. This would start with 1,400 houses between 2026 to 2031.

Many residents have said a better vision would be to just build a village extension on the built area of the barracks and leave it at that.

Having led the campaign with the community for over 10 years - this has been a long road. I have consistently and have always opposed the town concept.

We have a facebook page www.facebook.com/waterbeachbarracksnonewtown. If you would like to learn more about the campaign or proposals then please let me know.

The District Council will consider the Local Plan and the Waterbeach town proposal at Full Council on March 13th. Residents can attend this meeting - so please do. The Local Plan will then go to an Independent Planning Inspector in the Summer/Autumn.

Landbeach Tithe Barn - securing the long term future - The Tithe Barn is a wonderful building near Waterbeach Road. Tithe Barn's are now rare with Landbeach being the last one in Cambridgeshire.

Currently the Tithe Barn is in need of a roof repair and to be opened on a regular basis to secure its long term future.

In October I chaired a meeting with representatives from the Landbeach Society, Landbeach Parish Council, Denny Abbey Farm Museum and Cambridge Past Present & Future. As well as going to an open day in January. Together we can secure the long term future of the barn. I will do all I can to help this worthy cause.

'Shop Local, Shop Trade Local' Waterbeach Ward - We have taken great strides recently. On November 25th I organised and chaired a business summit at the District Council. This led to a business network being founded with breakfast meetings in January and February - thank you to the Beach Social Club for holding these. I also worked with the District Council to secure funding for two workshops to develop an overall strategy to boost our local economy.

The Facebook page www.facebook.com/shoptradelocalwaterbeach - is a free way for local business to promote on.

I will continue to do everything I can to fight for our local economy.

Substantial demand for the former MoD properties - Great progress is being made to get the former MoD properties occupied. At the time of writing the 3 stages of the 250 homes are as follows; Abbey Road (Tranche 1 - 99 units) – just under 40% let. Cody Road (Tranche 2 - 83 units) – 36% sold.

Cody Road (Tranche 3 – 72 units) – Due for release this summer.

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.

Pharmacy/Village Stores road safety - Having campaigned on this issue for over ten years now - I share the frustration that this issue has not been resolved. The delivery of this is between the Parish Council and County Council. As a District Councillor I have done what I can to support efforts including running a petition that directly led to compelling the County to work with the community - this saw two sets of plans being worked up.

It is right that Waterbeach Parish Highways committee has been reintroduced. The committee is a great way of bringing together Waterbeach Parish, County and District Councillors. Success will only be achieved (in my view) in us all pulling together and getting action once and for all.

Waterbeach Crime - Recent times have been very difficult for Waterbeach given the number of burglaries and thefts that took place. For instance the crime statistics for the rolling month of November 9th - December 9th for Waterbeach showed over 30 theft related crimes.

I pressed the Police who agreed to; (1) An increased visibility of Policing in the village going forward. (2) More community updates via E-Cops. (3) Police giving more support to the Neighbourhood Watch as needed.

The Police also launched a division wide 'Operation Oakland' with the key focus of reducing burglary and vehicle crime. I asked that Waterbeach was one of the first villages and it was on December 20th.

Crime levels have reduced sharply, but any crime is too much crime. I will work with the community, Neighbourhood Watch and the Police to keep crime as low as possible locally.

Charity Luncheon Event - On April 6th I will be holding a charity lunch for East Anglia's Children's Hospices at Bollywood Spice. Tickets are £18.95 which includes a 3 course lunch. There will also be a raffle and auction. If you would like to attend, donate a raffle/auction prize or make a donation then please let me know.

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Toddler Playgroup



The new year has made a colourful start here at playground and at the homes of our children, where the mini crocuses planted and nurtured by the children before Christmas have given an early blast of spring to many kitchen windowsills. Inside the playgroup building, every spare space has been given over to colourful displays of the children's work reflecting our theme of All About Me and My Family. The children have made wonderful self-portraits, pictures from hand prints and have also had a go at a spot of genealogy, by creating their own family trees. The end of January saw us reflect the multi-cultural world in which we live by celebrating



Chinese New Year in style. With thanks to the hard work of staff, the children were able to welcome in the Year of the Horse with their own lucky red envelopes, as well as adding even more colour with a vibrant display of paper horses alongside other creatures from the Chinese New Year story, as can be seen on the photo.

The committee's fundraising efforts have also welcomed in 2014 with a colourful blast. On

Thursday March 6th we are heralding the return of our celebrated Auction of Promises and hopefully your copy of the Beach News will have arrived in time so that as many of you as possible will be able to join us at 8pm in The White Horse. This will once again be led by 'celebrity' professional auctioneer David Palmer from Bargain Hunt and Cash in the Attic. The auction will feature lots to suit everyone's tastes and budget, from sailing and flying lessons, to meals out and money off vouchers, all kindly and very generously donated by businesses, organisations and individuals in and around the village. All of the proceeds from the auction will go directly towards playgroup activities, facilities and resources, so your support in joining us, and maybe even bidding, will be much appreciated. We look forward to seeing you there! 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 Day Centre

The Day Care Centre re-opened on 6 January 2014 after the Christmas break. Before Christmas on Monday, 19 December the Centre hosted its annual Christmas Lunch with over 40 local senior residents attending. After an excellent 4-course meal, there was an afternoon of very enjoyable entertainment, finishing around 4.30pm. Very many thanks to everyone who took part and helped in any way.

In November, we raised over £330 from our Christmas Sale, with a good variety of crafts, cakes, jams and Christmas decorations on sale – as well as a raffle and tombola.

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 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 Care Centre aiming to provide a social environment - and members are asked to attend for the whole period, not for lunch only.

What do we need – Volunteers.....Can you spare a few hours on a Wednesday? We are in desperate need to helpers on that day.

What else

LocalGiving.com - 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!

Forthcoming Events - We will be holding our Easter Sale on Saturday, 5 April 2014 from 2 – 4pm at the Denson Close Community Room. Cakes, bric-a-brac, crafts, raffle and tombola. Why not come along.....
If you would like to know more about the Waterbeach Day Care Centre please contact Mary on 01223 564666. Or come along to the Denson Close Community Room.

Waterbeach Wives Group

The group has been running for over 30 years now. Our former name was Young Wives, but although we are still young at heart, as the '0' birthdays came, we felt it was time to take the 'young' out of the title.

We try to have a varied programme.

Wednesday March 5th – 'A Social history of Cambridge: a Woman's Viewpoint' by Marian French.

Wednesday March 19th – a short AGM followed by a fish and chips supper.

Wednesday April 2nd 'Fashion Evening'

Wednesday April 16th Flower arranging for the Easter Church flowers. A chance for members to have hands on involvement.

Each year the members vote to raise money for a different charity. This year the chosen charity is Arthur Rank. They are very much in need of air conditioning units as it gets very hot in the building for the patients in the summertime. Our final opportunity to raise money for this charity is Saturday 8th March. We are holding a Sale in St. John's Church Room from 10am to 12 noon. There will be a wide range of things on sale and also a chance to sit and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and cake.

We meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm in St. John's Church Room. Please come and join us, we look forward to your company. All ladies very welcome.

Tillage Hall

Waterbeach Tillage Hall has now been open for nearly two years. We are steadily building up the amount of use with the Youth Club meeting three times a week, Slimming World on a Tuesday evening, Buggy Boot Camp every Tuesday morning. In addition we host wedding receptions, lots of children's parties, and the hall is often hired by outside bodies for meetings. Despite all this, we are keen for it to be used even more, in particular by voluntary groups.

If you think that you would like to start up an activity, especially during the day, then do contact us. We offer reduced rates for start-up activities so they can test the water to see if there is any demand. This is a community facility, managed by an independent group of Trustees, and we are very keen to see it used even more. We also welcome interest from anyone who might like to become a Trustee - the commitment isn't huge, and you would be helping to make this new community facility even more beneficial to all of us.

To find out more, just visit the website, www.tillagehallwaterbeach.org.uk and to get in touch, just use the Contact Us link on the left-hand side. We look forward to hearing from you.

A Day At The Beach

As part of the 150th anniversary of Waterbeach Baptist Chapel a group of local artists will take over the church on May 17th for 'A Day At The Beach' - a pop up art gallery complete with its own funky café serving tea and cakes. Featuring an eclectic mix of original work from several artists, the gallery will be open from 12 midday until 9 pm and will provide the perfect retreat to enjoy some inspiring paintings, illustrations, sculptures, photography, video, millinery and even book readings from published authors.

There are also plans to include a display of art by budding young artists from the primary school – a chance to discover early works from the next generation of Tracy Emmins and Picassos.

Many of the artworks will be inspired by the village and surroundings, there will even be stereophonic soundscapes and time-lapse videos recorded in locations around Waterbeach.

It's completely free - so drop in and support the local art scene, enjoy some art and cake, and witness the transformation of the newly refurbished chapel building. And if you want to take a piece of art home some of the works will be available to buy on the day or some artists will take commissions.



Exercises at Denson Close

As a registered Physiotherapist I spent 12 years in the NHS in the community in Cambridge, seeking to keep elderly people healthy and independent. My first place of work was in Waterbeach and I came to know it well.

Now I am a resident of Denson Close and am ideally placed to continue to give chair-based exercises and advice on healthy living. We have a group on Tuesday mornings in Denson Close Community Room from 11.00am to about 11.30am open to all in Waterbeach. Those living outside of Denson Close pay £2.00 to attend. You are welcome to come at 10.00am for a cup of tea or coffee included in the £2.00.

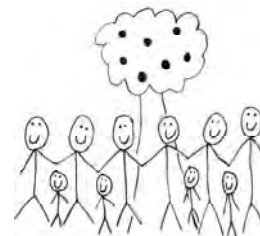
We believe in laughter, movement and information on improving our well-being. Please come and join us and learn to grow older slower and fitter!

Margaret Coles

Waterbeach PTA

Autumn / Winter Term Round-up

The rookie PTA committee would like to thank everyone who has helped us in our fundraising endeavours to date. We couldn't have done it without our helpers and your generous donations!



Winter Fair - Our annual winter fair was a Christmas cracker! It appeared that most of the village turned out to sample our BBQ, cakes and home-made waffles to the uplifting sounds of our very own school choir. Thanks to everyone who helped out, took part and attended and to local businesses who donated prizes. And an extra special thank you to Nigel Seamarks who is sadly hanging up his Santa's sack after many years in our Santa's grotto. You'll be a hard act to follow! Any volunteers? Real beards are optional.

New Year's Discos - The kids heralded the New Year with a bop in Gangnam style! Thanks to Robert's team from Waterbeach Scouts for keeping the music playing!

Non-uniform day - On the last day of term the children and teachers got to wear what they wanted, the PTA got £1 voluntary donations. Everyone wins!

Quiz Night - At the time of writing we are busy organising our annual quiz night for the grown-ups on 28th February. Teams are assembling and rivalries are hotting up. Only one team can win the grand prize, but everybody wins when you support the PTA! Come join in the fun next year!

Why so much fundraising? - All monies raised fund events and outings for the children and items needed for the school. We've already funded furnishings for the new library, a Year 6 theatre trip, and atlases for all reception children. We'll also be funding outdoor play equipment, autograph books for school leavers and learning aides, ranging from ping pong balls to play dough to top soil and pond nets. Our fundraising can only go so far, so we would be honoured to work with local businesses or eager philanthropists who would like to sponsor items for the school or do some fundraising on our behalf. Your local school needs you!

Find us on Facebook – search for Waterbeach School PTA .

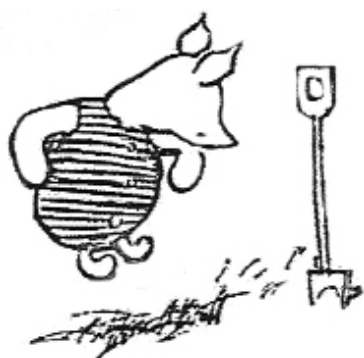
Gardening Club

The first of the 2013-14 season of meetings was given by the very knowledgeable Margaret Nimmo-Smith on 'Foliage Plants for the Garden'. The presentation was beautifully illustrated by an extensive series of superb photographs of a diverse range of plants and, as a bonus, she had brought along a sample of some of the most desirable for sale to members.



The New Year Social and Charity Draw in January was in support of the WAY Project. Shelagh Robertson, the Project Chair joined us for the evening and spoke about the new and future developments. The members and guests enjoyed the 'Bring and Share Finger Buffet' and a glass of wine. Our Raffle Queen, Joy Morter, had excelled herself and we were able to give the project a decent cheque.

By the spring issue of the Beach News the Club will have welcomed our February speaker, an old friend and expert, Peter Jackson of Scotsdales speaking on 'Shrubs for all Seasons'. The details of the March, April and May meetings are set out below. The May meeting 'Raking up the Past – Gardening Antiques' sounds very interesting; why not visit the garden shed, dig out that Victorian gizmo you cannot identify and bring along to the meeting.



The Club normally meets on the third Thursday of the month but please note the April meeting coincides with Maundy Thursday celebrations and we will meet instead on *Wednesday 23rd April*. We have moved the Spring Show to the April meeting. The Show is Open, a stress-free, trophy-free event to celebrate the end of winter.

There are three simple Classes: 1. A pot of Spring Bulbs. 2. A pot of Spring Flowers. 3. A small arrangement of Spring Flowers and/or Foliage. (All entries to be grown by the exhibitor) Why not pick a posy, pop it in a pretty pot and promptly pop along on the 23rd.



The planning for the Club contribution to the Feast, Saturday 7th June, is underway. The Annual Show will be held in the School Hall on the 6th September 2014. The Show Committee is hard at work and the subjects for the Photographic Classes are:

Adults: Rural Cambridgeshire Garden Tools Water

Juniors: Waterbeach

Forthcoming events:

Thurs 20th March 'My Life as a Gardener' by Barry Gayton of Desert World Gardens.

Wed 23rd April Seasonal Hanging Baskets – a practical demonstration by Lamorona Thomas of Garden Inspirations and the Spring Show

Thurs 15th May 'Raking-up the Past' – Gardening Antiques by David Holmes

News from Cllr. Peter Johnson

2014 has brought us a lot rain so far but no flooding so we are lucky in that respect. Since Anglian Water have taken responsibility of the ditch in Denny End Road that has kept the water levels down, but I will be chasing them to clear the rubbish from this ditch as that will block the culvert up if left and plus it doesn't look good to people coming into the village from the A10 in that area.

The local plan is very much in the public eye just now with meetings at Cambourne to be held in February and March, I will be attending these to express the views of the residents of Waterbeach, Landbeach, and Chittering. The major concern appears to be the infrastructure needed to support a major housing development as well as the impact of having several thousand houses being built and what that would do to our villages, effectively we would become a town. It is good to see the former barracks houses being occupied again which should help to feed the economy of our village and reduce the risks of businesses closing. The Shop Local scheme is moving up to another level and will be "Shop Local, Trade Local" with a view to building a directory of all businesses and trades that are operating in our villages and I have to say I am very pleased to be involved with this by bringing the South Cambs District Council in to support the scheme.

The old goods yard at Waterbeach Station has been a hive of activity lately with new workshops being erected. This is Network Rail having the facility to do maintenance work locally and when these buildings are completed at the end of March they will be looking to use the remaining space for car parking. Car parking is very much an issue for our village as the current station car park just isn't big enough. Lately there have been issues regarding car park charges at the station as the machine that issues tickets was stolen last November, this has resulted in some people getting a fine for not paying, but the only way you could pay was by phone and in my opinion this isn't right. I have contacted Network Rail and First Capital and they have agreed to not issue fines until a satisfactory means of paying is introduced.

The missing street light in Rosemary Road by the passageway to Burgess Road has been replaced, it isn't working as yet but I have been in touch with the County Council to get this rectified as soon as possible. Ideally there are other areas in the village that would benefit from extra street lights such as Payton Way end of Rosemary Road and Pieces Terrace to start with, so I will continue to press for extra lighting.

The new cycle racks at the station car park are not being used as much as they could with cyclists still using the Lodeside caravan park railings. Network

Rail have said I can put notices on the station to inform cyclists of these under-used racks to reduce the amount of bikes secured to the railings.

Well the Outdoor Gym Equipment is on order with installation probably March/April, this is something I have been working with the Parish Council on but sometimes it does take a while for projects to be realised. The Parish Council will organise a Launch Day when I hope as many people as possible will come and have a go on the equipment, believe me it is good fun using the equipment and is suitable for all ages from 9 to 90.

The skateboard park is another project I am involved with by being a member of the working party, by speaking to the younger members of our community it is important to get this project moving. As it is a well used facility it is essential that skateboard users are involved and also immediate neighbours will be kept informed of progress.

At last the Travellers Rest pub and restaurant at Chittering is open again and well worth a visit. After being closed for a few years this is an important facility for and deserves support as we all know we have to support our local businesses if they are to continue.

I feel I have to continue to remind 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.

I attended a meeting at County Council Highways with Norma Kay, Parish Council Chair and County Councillor Maurice Leeke, and we were able to present our case for having a safe crossing point in the pharmacy area. The committee did seem impressed with our presentation and I eagerly await their decision which I hope will be in our favour.

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.

Advice from Trading Standards

Spotlight on scams and mis-selling

Recently the national press have covered the story of Sylvia Kneller, a pensioner who lost over £200,000 to scam letters over the past 56 years. Friends and family warned her that these were scams, but she didn't want to believe them, ever hopeful that a big windfall would soon be hers.

At Trading Standards we sadly come across residents in Cambridgeshire who have lost significant amounts of money, for some their life savings, to such scams. These scams are operated by career criminals who use sophisticated tactics to persuade you to part with your money. We hope the article below will help you to avoid many of the most common types of scam.

Scam letters

- Commonly these claim you have won a prize and ask for a small payment in advance ... and then another, each time requesting a larger sum. No prize is ever forthcoming. We also frequently uncover letters from supposed 'clairvoyants' who claim they can bring you luck or protect you from harm in exchange for payments. These are all scams and once you send money to one, you will be inundated with more.

Telephone scams

- Beware of callers who claim to be calling about the non-payment of telephone bills and threatening to disconnect you unless immediate payment is made. Check the facts and contact your provider on the number provided in your paperwork. Ensure there is a dialling tone before calling them in case the fraudsters have remained on the line ready to pose as your service provider. If there is not a dialling tone, try again in 5 minutes.
- You may experience a series of silent calls, followed by a call from a company offering to help prevent silent calls, for a fee. This call is made by the same fraudsters who were making the silent calls.

Door-to-door callers

- With regards to house alarms, beware of telesales calls (often followed up by a house call) offering an alarm system at virtually no cost. The catch is the annual service charge which amounts to thousands of pounds.
- Beware of any trader who knocks at the door offering to do home improvement or gardening work for you, no matter how friendly they seem or how cheap the job appears. This is the prime way rogue traders find customers.
- Be cautious of door-to-door callers who claim to be ex-convicts who are trying to turn their lives around by selling domestic products such as dusters. Their story is untrue and once you buy from them they will call on you again and again.

For further information or to report a scam, visit Action Fraud's website www.actionfraud.police.uk or call 0300 1232040.

If you feel that you are trapped in a cycle of responding to scam letters/calls and are sending frequent payments, we can provide you with support to help you break the cycle. Please contact us via the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline, on 0845 4040506.

Waterbeach Community Players

Well a new year is again with us and all the excitement with the pantomime is over. Thanks to everyone who came and joined in with Puss in Boots, as audiences

you were fabulous and all the little children on the stage for the kids bit, oh so cute! So now we are back to the plays for the rest of the



year and what a selection we have. In May (14th - 17th May to be precise) our production is 'Entertaining Angels' by Richard Everitt. This was originally on at the Chichester Festival and starred Penelope Keith so as you can imagine it is a high quality, biting and very sharp-witted comedy. Tickets are already on sale either online at www.wcp.ticketsource.co.uk or by phoning 01223 880023. Following Entertaining Angels we have another comedy, this time by one of our old favourites, Alan Ayckbourn. This play is called 'Communicating Doors' and it will be performed from 12th - 15th November 2014, again at Waterbeach School. This is not only very funny, as well as a little bit sad, but also has a really ingenious plot, but no spoilers now! On top of all of this activity we are working on our Drama Festival entry, 'Lady Glanville's Fritillary'. Written by one of our own, Tim Boden, this is such a sweet and enchanting play, which for those amongst you who recognise the title, involves a butterfly. If you can't get all the way out to Sawston to see us on Friday 21st March then how about coming to the Mumford Theatre and see us at the Cambridge Drama Festival (28th April – 3rd May) instead. Finally if you have enjoyed reading this article and are hankering after something more, why not think about coming and being part of the group. As you can see from the picture we are a lovely bunch! Indeed three of the roles for plays in this new season have gone to new members. Auditions for the November production are Thursday 29th May and for the panto sometime in October. For more information look on our website <http://www.wcponline.org.uk>.

Shop Local, Trade Local

After the closure of Waterbeach Barracks in 2013 it led to a loss of between 10% and 50% of business for local shops and business in our area.

The 250 former service houses on the Barracks have been transferred to Annington Homes. Once these houses are re-occupied, new residents will potentially put spend back into the local economy – this is something that we as a group are promoting and it would be excellent if local people would think using local shops/trades before searching further afield.

So a new group has been set up in Waterbeach to promote local shopping and business trade more assertively, selling the benefits of local, e.g. avoid queues and congestion in Cambridge and to build local community spirit and pride in Waterbeach – which should include children who seem to have greater community spirit/participation than parents – in fact the children at Waterbeach Community Primary School will soon be designing our new logo!

So Waterbeach Shop Local, Trade Local is a group of business men and women who are determined to promote their businesses and each other's within the local community and to offer greater service and value for money to the community.

With the help of South Cambridgeshire District Council the group have had two meetings so far this year which have been held at the Beach Social Club on the first Wednesday of the month at 8.00am. These meetings usually last no longer than an hour and have been used to discuss the merits of this scheme and how we, as local business and shops, can take this forward.

The businesses involved so far are very diverse and cover a wide spectrum of services and trades. But we need more local businesses, large or small or very small, to get involved and help us all improve our business growth and promotion.

The next meeting which will be on Tuesday 11th March 2014 at the Beach Social Club at 8am until 10.15am and will be primarily a Workshop hosted by South Cambs District Council with input from Exemplas (local business training) and Deyton Bell (business development specialists). The objectives of this workshop are to produce a Local Vision and Action Plan based on the Shop Local, Trade Local theme, and considering potential for promoting Waterbeach as a place of destination with village facilities and businesses, for tourists (the River Cam, Bottisham Lock, village history, Denny Abbey, the Farmland Museum etc.), the Emmaus shop, and walks and cycle rides in the area.

The future objectives of the group will include some work with Visit Cambridge to promote Waterbeach to residents of Cambridge City.

To make this all work we need more businesses and shops to get involved!

This project will only work if all the businesses and shops in the Waterbeach, Landbeach and Chittering ward work together for the good of the area. People need to get involved for the sake of their businesses and for the sake of the local community.

You are invited to attend the next meeting / workshop on Tuesday 11th March 2014 at the Beach Social Club at 8am until 10.15am.

If you are running a business in the locality, and you have reasons for perhaps not wanting to join this group please do take the trouble to email us as to why. All feedback is valuable. It may be as simple as the timing of meetings don't suit you, are your concerns the time required to invest in this project or is it that you don't feel that this initiative will be of benefit to your business? All responses will be treated with uppermost respect.

Contact us via email waterbeachshoplocaltradelocal@gmail.com

Denson Close Social Club

We are a small community within Waterbeach of pensioners living in a bungalow complex. Up until a few years ago we were looked after five days a week by a warden who called round to each bungalow to see if we were alright. Unfortunately South Cambs District Council have made cuts and we now only see a warden one day a week.

There are seven of us who run the centre - having jumble sales, raffles etc. We also organise fish and chips dinners and various meals during the year for about 25 people. Last year we had a Christmas dinner and this Easter we are having a meal and an Easter Bonnet competition. There will also be a Spring Sale on 8th March.

This year we have been very lucky and for the first time ever have received a grant from Waterbeach United Charities, for which we are very grateful. We hope to take some of the residents on a coach trip to the Flower Show at Sandringham and in the summer maybe a trip to the seaside.

As well as the above we have a fun afternoon where we do a few easy exercises, badminton over two ropes tied together, table tennis, indoor bowls etc. On Thursday afternoons we now weigh ourselves and if anyone has put on weight they have to pay 50p! We round off the afternoon with a game of Hoy and tea and biscuits. Thursday evenings we also have Bingo at 7pm.

We have lots of laughs and enjoy ourselves.

My Memories of WWII

"Listen, it's a Jerry", the words were whispered to me by my brother as we huddled in the darkness in our beds. Sure enough the irregular beat of the engine of an aircraft passing overhead identified the German plane beyond all doubt. As if to reinforce the fact the Anti-Aircraft guns at the Battery about a mile away opened fire to the wailing of the air raid siren. We had grown used to the blackout and the pattern of searchlights criss-crossing the dark sky, but this was my first real experience of the enemy.

It was the winter of 1940 already, as school children we had carried our gas masks to school every day and had witnessed the influx of evacuees from London. These small children had been unloaded from buses at the Village Hall opposite our house. Some were very young and many adults shed a tear especially for those tots clutching a teddy bear or doll. The village school could not accommodate the extra number of children and to our delight we local children only attended school in the mornings. For children from London the countryside presented a great and mysterious world. We had problems understanding their accents and it was the same for them.

The village at which I lived, like Waterbeach, bordered the Fens to the east, to the west the land rose dramatically to form the East Anglian Heights and its' main street was the then A1, London to Edinburgh. There had been little change in the village for many years. The school opposite the church had coped with the village children for more than fifty years. The child population had been fairly static during this time with diseases like diphtheria and scarlet fever controlling the numbers by annual lethal visits.

World War II was to change the even tenor of village life in ways that the recent World War I had failed to do, the first change was the sudden disappearance of the younger men of the village as conscription came into effect. This was soon followed by the presence of army lorries and army despatch riders (motor cyclists) escorting the convoys of lorries and Bren Gun Carriers (small tanks) rumbling through the village. My first view of the enemy was to go to see the remains of a German bomber that had crashed in a local field. Even after almost seventy years I remember the smell of burnt materials and the scattering of metal pieces which had once been an aircraft. Sweets had disappeared from the shops and food rationing was in force. As is the way of all children we accepted the appearance of ration books and Identity Cards as the norm. We played at soldiers in the local fields and woods unaware of the grim battles and dreadful events that were taking place on the nearby continent.

The local buses were mostly painted grey and the seats were arranged along the sides of the bus to allow standing at three abreast. Virtually all private cars, though very few in number compared to today, were taken off the roads for 'The Duration', a phrase much used to refer to the years that the war would last.

Bryan Parr

Shape Your Place

Have a say about your neighbourhood and get things done!



ShapeYourPlace.org is an award winning website giving local residents across Cambridgeshire a real say about what matters most to them where they live. It acts as a one stop shop for the community where you can have conversations with each other and local public services about local issues and news.

On the site you can:

- Raise issues affecting where you live
- Start campaigns and debates and have conversations with other people
- Blog about local events and community activities
- Share community news and issues.

Where an issue is raised by a resident, the police, fire service and local councils have agreed to respond in 10 days about how they can resolve the issue if possible.

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We offer free training to help you report on what happens in your local area using words, audio, images and videos. Community reporting is a great way to be part of your local community life, meet new people and develop your broadcasting skills, so why not give it a go?

In spring ShapeYourPlace will be visiting the villages across South Cambridgeshire so look out for our brightly coloured inflatable sofa and join us for an informal chat about issues that are important to you.

There are some new exciting monthly features on ShapeYourPlace this year so come and visit our site to get more involved. If you are a keen gardener why not come and check our monthly Grow Your Own blogpost and share your own gardening tips with us? If you are a local community group, get in touch with us to be featured in our regular Meet Your Local Community Group blogpost to share your achievements, publicise your events and activities and advertise for volunteers.

For more information, visit <http://southcambridgeshire.shapeyourplace.org> or contact Anna, Shape Your Place – South Cambridgeshire, Tel: 07769304132, Email Anna.allen@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Charity Motorcycle Event

Ashley Martin Memorial Rideout to Hunstanton, 11th May 2014

It's time to dust the cobwebs off of those motorcycles and take part in a Magpas fundraising event. AMMR was formed in 2009 after the death of a local businessman, part owner of Wheelfit Motorcycles, Ashley Martin. Friends and colleagues wanted to do something to remember a motorcycling friend and raise money towards the charity that tried to save him roadside at the accident he was involved in.

This year's event is the 6th since 2009, it's about motorcyclists / bikers coming together as a social, riding our bikes and raising much needed funds.

We're meeting at the Cambridge IQ Research Park on the A10 just past Waterbeach.

The event starts at 9am with prompt departure at 10.30am. Donations to take part are £5 for a rider & £7.50 for rider and pillion, we then ride as a group to Hunstanton where West Norfolk Council kindly let us park on 'The Green' for free. Riders then sample the delights that the seaside town has to offer, then make their way back whenever they want.



Last year we had around 200 bikes take part, so come along, meet some new faces, have a laugh raising money for a great cause – you never know when you may need their help. We're on social media

facebook/Ashleymartinmemorialrideout, twitter @CambsBikers and our website is www.ammr.org.uk, more details are on there, pre donation can be made via the website and is strongly advised to speed up access to the start site. Hope to see you there.

Beach Sessions

Beach Sessions springs into life in 2014

We are very excited about our spring programme which features inspirational original music from a couple of bands who have given memorable performances at past gigs at the Chapel and two acts who are on for the first time.

First off - is our March 8th Session at The Sun featuring the amazing voices of Stefan Melbourne and Chloe Leavers. Many will remember their spellbinding performance supporting The Slow Show. This time Stefan has included a Beach Session as part of his first national tour which takes him across the country to promote his new EP 'THE WAY WE FALL' launched on the 10th March. Discover more at stefanmelbourne.co.uk

Sharing the stage is Jess Morgan, another great song writer/performer from Norwich who drops in before heading off on her European tour. Find out more www.jessmorgan.co.uk

Then we are back at the Chapel on Sat May 10th for what promises to be a special night with the return of Blue Rose Code (aka Ross Wilson) complete with his full band including a newly recruited drummer. After two amazing shows in the Chapel over the past 2 years – it is guaranteed to be another intimate and heartfelt show. After his last session the band were whisked away by Radio 2 and Bob Harris to play a high profile show in Nashville to showcase the best in new British talent. The session is part of a national tour to coincide with the release of his second album and is also part of the Chapel's 150th anniversary celebrations. See more at bluerosecode.com

Support comes from another bearded gentleman - M.G.Boulter from the Lucky Strikes, who will be playing a solo show. Here's a taste of what the critics say "When you hear an album that reminds you of your childhood and your dreams, the best film you've seen all year, your favourite record of all time, and your first love – that has to be a good day" - find out more www.mgboulter.co.uk. Tickets for the gig in the newly refurbished Baptist Chapel are £9 for adults and £5 for accompanied teenagers - available from The Sun or at www.wegotickets.com/beachsessions. Doors open 8pm.

Please continue to support live music in the village and if you haven't been to a session yet, come along and we guarantee that you will leave feeling inspired.

To find out more visit www.facebook.com/thebeachsessions or www.beachsessions.co.uk

Stirling House Business Centre

Stirling House Business Centre in Waterbeach celebrated an incredible first year in business on Thursday 21st November and raised a £796.30 which was doubled to a fantastic £1592.60 by Barclays £ for £ challenge in aid of the Arthur Rank Hospice Charity.

The drop-in champagne reception was organised and hosted by Haley-Su Hostead, the proprietor of Jazzy Bean, the in-house cafe at Stirling House.

A delighted Aisha Hunt, Community Fundraiser for the Hospice, commented "This is an exciting way for businesses and organisations to come together and we would like to say a huge thank you to everyone that participated".



Stirling House Business Centre has just welcomed international I.T. Provider Atos, who were previously based in Histon, into the building.

In the new year, Aspire Recruitment from Cottenham and Core Solutions from Croydon, near Royston, are also set to move in.

For more information on Stirling House Business Centre, please contact Rick at Paragon Holdings on 01353 861436 / 07941 870049 or rick@armourstore.co.uk

Carers Support Team

Drop-in sessions for adults with long term care needs and their carers

A series of drop-in events has been organised to provide free and confidential information and advice to adults living with a long-term illness or disability, older people struggling with an age-related condition, and anyone providing unpaid support to adult family members or friends who could not manage without this help.

The drop-in sessions are being held on the last Wednesday of the month during 2014 at the Horizon Centre, 285 Coldhams Lane, Cambridge CB1 3HY (near the roundabout opposite Sainsbury's). Each session includes a guest speaker or opportunity to take part in activity sessions. The next drop-in session on 26th March will feature specialist information from the Village Benefits Advice Team. Come along any time between 1.30pm and 3.30pm for a cup of tea and to find out about the support available to you.

For more information phone 01480 377616 / 01480 373220, email

Drop.InSessionsAsc@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or visit www.cambridgeshire.net and search "Adult Support Drop-in".

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