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Community Association

THE YEAR AHEAD



Welcome to the first edition of Beach News for 2008 – and a very Happy New Year to all!

Firstly, let's just have a quick look at **Carols on the Green**. Very many thanks to everyone who helped to organise this. It just seems to happen so easily every year – the lights go up, the tree goes up and we all meet on Christmas Eve for a great start to family Christmas festivities. As always many thanks to Pam Thorn and Robin Giles, Mark and Pam Clack, Mike Sharp and the Langleys for all their hard work and preparation.

What's going on this year

60+ Party. We've had 60+ Party on **Saturday, 10th May**. All our readers over 60 (but young at heart) are invited to come along for an afternoon of entertainment and fun, excellent food and general good cheer. A booking form is on page 5 of this edition of Beach News; please return it as soon as possible so that we know

Waterbeach Feast. Make a note of the date, **Saturday, 14th June**. All organisations who would like to have a pitch on the Green or the Gault need to book now (booking form on page 28 of this edition of Beach News). The theme for this year is „Something Big + so get your thinking hats on. Feast Day is always a wonderful village day, with everyone turning out to make it enjoyable for both villagers and visitors. However, the Community Association is running short of helpers - for various reasons – so if you could spare some time to help to organise some aspects of this year's Feast Day, your time would be wanted. If you want to keep Feast Day going, it calls for many helping hands – so if you've got some, please let us know and contact Jacqui Rabbett, Association Chair on Cambridge 860993.

Eco-J] ` ` Up in the Air You may have seen coverage of this in the Cambridge Evening News. There are two articles in this edition giving views about the possibility of a new village to the north of Waterbeach. If you have strong views on this, please write to Jacqui Rabbett, Waterbeach Community Association, 9 Providence Way, Waterbeach CB25 9QH.

Farewell..... and many thanks to Trudi Osler who has been our Community Association Secretary for the past four us in this time, arranging Feast entertainment and, taking minutes and organising meetings, printing the Beach News and generally being a great sort! We will miss all her help – anyone want to take over (just let us know!).

Beach News

Beach News is produced and distributed entirely by non-professional volunteers and is delivered free to over 2,500 local homes four times a year. The production of the magazine takes an awful lot of time and we would like to ensure that it is worthwhile. If you have any comments, good or bad, we would like to hear from you, ~~if we don't~~ ~~when it~~ ~~is~~ ~~on~~. Beach News always welcomes contributions on subjects of local interest. If you have a story to share on times gone by or information on something new, please write an article and send it along. The addition of pictures or photographs always helps to make an article more interesting.

Comments and articles can be emailed to BeachNews@BeachNews.org or sent to Beach News, 5 Spurgeons Avenue, Waterbeach or Jacqui Rabbett, Community Association Chairperson, 9 Providence Way, Waterbeach. Beach News is *your* magazine, so please let us know what you think.

Royal British Legion



THANK YOU FROM THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The Legion Branch would like to thank everyone who assisted with the November 2007 Poppy Appeal and Remembrance Day Service.

The village collection for Waterbeach and Landbeach totalled £2811.37 and other donations £1834.30, making a total collection of £4645.67.

During the year the Poppy Collectors celebrated over 300 years of assisting, with Collectors receiving certificates, some for 10 years up to 35 years.

We are holding a social for Veterans of the village on Saturday 21st June, with a buffet and organist. If you are Ex-Service and live within the village contact Norman on 474622 for a Free ticket (plus 1 guest). We have a limited number so please apply early.

Karate



ENKATSU!! (HARMONY)

Waterbeach Karate club has changed; we have associated ourselves to the British Karate Association, which now means apart from entering national competitions we are able to easily get CRB checks, child welfare courses and insurance.

We have also aligned ourselves to Master Jeff Keerie and his Tang Soo Do Association. This was done to ensure our survival and I thank Jeff for stepping into the Senior Grade position vacated by Steve Gawthrop.

We have had a long association with Steve and we thank him for all he has done for our club, and whilst we have gone separate ways, I hope he will maintain links with us.

What we can offer

- ◁ An efficient, effective and progressive self-defence system.
- ◁ Practical Karate taught within a Shotokan syllabus, but not limited by it.
- ◁ A good aerobic work out
- ◁ Lessons taught in a disciplined but friendly manner
- ◁ Full insurance
- ◁ Fully qualified instructors
- ◁ A Karate qualification recognised by the BKA (British Karate Association)
- ◁ Weapons training at appropriate level Bo Staff and Sword.

Details

Waterbeach in the School Gym.

Tuesday nights 6pm to 8pm

Ages from 7 upwards

Cost; Adults £4, Juniors/Students £3, Family £7.00

Congratulations!!

We have our first Enkatsu grades; over the past few months I have been given the honour of training and grading six girls from the youth club. It has been a great honour and privilege to work with these girls and I hope they will continue within Martial arts.

Well done!



Waterbeach Parish Council

PARISH NEWS

Youth and Community Building

The Parish Council has submitted plans for a Youth and Community Building on the Recreation Ground near the Sports Pavilion. This project has been considered for a long time and there have been a number of false starts, but we hope that we are finally going to be able to have a building in the village which will provide space for more community activities and a new home for the Youth Club. The proposed building will have an area for Youth Club which can be partitioned off when not in use and a community area which will include meeting space, kitchen and toilets.

Plans have also been submitted for proposed new building. This will enable the Parish Council to have improved storage facilities for equipment and materials on the Recreation Ground.

Precept

At the February meeting of the Parish Council the precept for 2008-9 was set. This is the amount of money which is paid by council tax payers to the Parish Council. It was agreed that the precept should increase by 4.7%. This amounts to an increase of about £2.40 a year (or less than 1p a day) for a band D property.

The September Parish Council newsletter which was included in Beach News explains how the precept is spent. Visit www.waterbeach.org.uk and click on the Parish Council link to find it.

Dates for your diary

Arnold Scrivener Cup Ę Sunday 18th May

Get your team assembled now for this on the Recreation Ground to play, just come and cheer on the teams.

Annual Parish Meeting Ę Wednesday 21st May

This is an opportunity to meet your Parish Councillors and to find out about events during the past year. Put the date in your diary now.

Club 60 *Plus* Party



INVITATION

You are invited to the Community Association Club 60 *Plus* Party on

Saturday 10th May 2008

from 2.00pm until 5.00pm

at Waterbeach School Hall.

There will be entertainment, 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 or to Jacqui Rabbett, 9 Providence Way, Waterbeach by **Friday 25th April 2008**.

I am afraid that we cannot provide transport, so please talk to your friends to arrange a lift. If you will be in a wheel chair 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.

For further information Tel. 01223 860993

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CLUB 60 *PLUS* PARTY- PLACE CONFIRMATION

Please reserve place (**10th May 2008**) here

Name(s) :

Contact Address
.....
.....

Telephone

Please tick if you will be in a wheelchair

*Please return by **Friday 25th April 2008***

Concessionary Bus Fares

NEW BUS PASS SCHEME

The Government's 2006 Budget statement announced a new national Concessionary Bus Travel scheme would be introduced in April 2008. The scheme will allow eligible residents (over 60s and people with certain disabilities) to use their bus pass after 9.30am until the last bus, Monday to Friday and all day on weekends and bank holidays, in any part of England for the first time.

Everyone will need to reapply for a new bus pass. To receive your new bus pass on time, complete an application form today. Contact your District Council for more information or phone 01223 718779.

WAY È Youth Club

THE İWAYĐTO INVOLVE TEENAGERS

The WAY project was set up in July 2002 to collect together available youth funding, ranging from government and local council funds, major funding bodies and personal pledges. The charity then uses those funds to pay a Community Youth Outreach Worker (Dave Beasley) for 26 hours each week, running both the youth club evenings and a support and advice drop-in centre 2 afternoons a week, based out of the youth club building on Waterbeach Recreation Ground. Dave also works within the local community offering support at home for a number of families.

Individual supporters have been amazingly generous financially and the project, now in its successful 6th year has helped support many young people, both in difficult personal situations and those out of work into jobs. Our community police officer, Constable Phil Shulver, reports that youth crime has significantly decreased compared with similar villages in the area.

Many young people enjoy the benefits of what is on offer at Youth Club, we currently have 268 registered members, aged 11-19 years and frequently see over 50 young people at each session. Over the last 3 months we have

been able to offer a variety of activities including free Karate classes for teenage girls, a free trip to Go-Ape in Thetford Forest, visits from Shepreth Wildlife Park and the Reptile Experience, free fruit kebabs, many craft activities, sport activities, pool knockouts, air hockey, free use of wireless laptops and generally a place to socialise with friends in a safe environment.

Youth Club is open on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday evenings, from 7pm and we offer afternoon drop-ins on Mondays and Wednesdays for personal advice and support. So, if you are aged 11-19 and have not yet encountered the delights of what we have to offer, please call in and see what's going on, we would be delighted

We have just received some funding from the vProject to implement a „ Village Volunteers project . This programme of volunteering opportunities for 16-25 year olds to work at short taster sessions of volunteering within their community. If you would like to be involved in the project, either as a volunteer, or as a recipient of some volunteer time, please contact me.

If you are interested in finding out more about the WAY Project, or if you would like to offer some financial support to the work we are doing with young people, please do contact me, I can provide regular updates on specific projects and special appeals.

For more details about Youth Club sessions please contact our Lead Youth Worker, Dave Beasley on 07790930191.

Suzy Kay (01223) 502620 or email suzy.kay@btinternet.com

LOOKING FOR A LITTLE CLEANING JOB?

We have a vacancy for a cleaner at Waterbeach Youth Club
Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays for a total of 5 hours per week

For more information please call Suzy Kay (01223) 502620

Waterbeach Eco-town

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Many of you will have seen in the local paper headlines relating to proposals to build one of the government's new towns on the Waterbeach Barracks site.

To those of us with longish memories, these plans are just a rehash of the proposals put forward about five years ago when the County Council was determining its structure plan and deciding upon the location of a new settlement. The result of that process was that Northstowe was agreed as the site, and this was confirmed by a government inspector at an Examination in Public. However, there has been quite a bit of publicity recently about these plans, and about other eco-towns or eco-villages proposed in the area so I thought it might be useful to try to give some idea of what is going on.

If you want to see details of the prospectus, then you will find links on www.waterbeach.org.uk/pcnews. This article is a very brief summary of what I know and may be coloured by my very considerable reservations about this scheme. Can I emphasise that the views I express are my views and have not been approved explicitly by any of the local Councils.

What are eco-towns?

The government says that

“ Eco-towns will be small new towns of at least 5-20,000 homes. They are intended to exploit the potential to create a complete new settlement to achieve zero carbon development and more sustainable living using the best new design.”

They go on to say that

“ Government is looking to encourage the private sector to bring forward around five new schemes.”

There are good ideas here and we should all welcome sustainable communities. However, the main thing that worries many of your locally elected representatives including your Parish Council, your District and County Councillors and your local MP is that decisions on eco-towns may be made independently of the local planning process. As one Warwickshire County Councillor said when referring to a local development "I believe planning 6,000-plus houses on a piece of paper does not build community cohesion in an instant like that."

What about the Waterbeach proposal?

The idea is to use the barracks site plus other land between the barracks and the railway to build a new town of 10,000 homes. Waterbeach currently has around 2,000 homes so you will see just how huge this development would be. The town would include up to 4,000 jobs and would have its own schools and shops. The proponents say that they would turn the A10 into a dual carriageway and that they would build a new station to serve the town. They also say that it will link with the guided bus although it is difficult to see how that works.

There is not space here to go through the proposals in detail and discuss why some of us believe they simply will not work. However, here are just a few points, some of which we made five years ago when Ray Gambell from Landbeach and I appeared before the Examination in Public of the Structure plan.

- < With 10,000 houses and just 4,000 live within the settlement get to work?
- < There are sections of the A10 that simply cannot be dualled because of development on either side. What about the section from Denny End to the Slap Up?
- < The Army are expanding at Waterbeach and would only move if money were found to finance a new location
- < The area is low-lying and, although not in an obvious flood risk area, would become much more susceptible if covered with housing at the high densities proposed
- < Although roughly half the site is MoD land and airfield, over one third is good quality agricultural land
- < Although the railway will provide good transport links, the availability of fast and frequent services to London is bound to encourage those who work there rather than helping to alleviate the pressure on Cambridgeshire's housing.

The Parish, District and County Councils are all opposed to this development as is our local MP. But what do you think? We opposed the original proposals something over five years ago but attitudes may have changed. Please let us know. You can email me and your other local councillors at the addresses you can find on the Waterbeach Parish Council web-site. You can telephone me on 860899 or write to me at The Willows, Long Drove, Waterbeach, Cambridge CB25 9LW. Please let us know what you think.

Michael Williamson – County Councillor

WASPS

WASPS ARE CELEBRATING!



Waterbeach After School Playscheme (WASPS) first opened in September 1997. This academic year 2007/2008 we are celebrating our 10th Birthday! We are also celebrating as we had our Ofsted inspection in September; the result of the inspection was „ Good which represents a high level of provision!

WASPS aims to provide an atmosphere similar to home. During their time at the club the children are able to direct their own time and play using our resources, they choose the activities that suit them best. Whether it is joining in with the planned activities such as arts and crafts, relaxing by the television or chatting with friends, reading, doing their homework, drawing, playing board games, playing football or other outdoor activities - all under the guidance of our experienced and qualified team of Play Workers. The children are provided with snacks and refreshments throughout the session – there is always plenty to talk about at toast time!

For the first few years of WASPS we were based in a spare classroom at Waterbeach Community Primary School and then later in the school hall. As the numbers of children attending grew and grew our small club expanded and we employed more staff and added a Holiday Club (now running through the majority of the school holidays) and Breakfast Club (running each morning before school) to our services. In 2001 we moved into our new purpose built building „ Waterbeach Community Primary School which we share with Waterbeach Community Playgroup, this was funded through the National Lottery.

As part of our celebrations we are planning a birthday party in April, we will be inviting children and their families past and present and other people who have been involved with WASPS over the years. We are hoping to send invites out very soon...if you don't receive an invite, please don't be surprised as it is difficult tracking everyone down. We felt that a party would be a nice way to thank everyone involved in WASPS, present and past, in making it the successful club that it is.

We have a small sub-committee working on preparations for the party, consisting of staff and committee members and some past WASPS children (now young adults!), we are very grateful for their support. If you would like to get involved with our sub-committee or would like to find out more about WASPS please contact Louisa or Zoë on 07889 233229 (7:30 a.m.-8:30.a.m. / 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. or voicemail)

Waterbeach Community Players

30TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR



Our January pantomime Mother Goose marked the start of WCPth anniversary year. The group has grown over that time and continues to go from strength to strength. As well as stalwarts that have been involved from the very early days, we have new members joining all the time.

WCP's 2008 festival *One Mistake* a new one-act play by our own Stephen Smith. This will be entered in both the Sawston Drama Festival (Sawston Youth Centre, New Road, Sawston 3-5 April) and the Cambridge Drama Festival (Mumford Theatre, East Road Cambridge 14-19 April). *One Mistake* has a cast of three, made up of Christine Easterfield, Kattreya Smith and Stephen Smith and will be directed by Mark Easterfield. Your support at both or either venue would be much appreciated.

In May we present yet more new writing from Stephen with *Bar Talk*, from 14 -17 May. Do come along and share a glass with us. *Bar Talk* is set on the Saturday and Sunday nights at the bar of a country hotel with two separate one act plays. *One Mistake* and *Psychic Babble*, to be directed by Mark Easterfield and Stephen Smith respectively. *One Mistake* is a light drama as a wife tries to prove her *Psychic Babble* is a comedy with three ladies attempting to win the hotel quiz by using the help of a self proclaimed psychic. Box office for advance bookings is 01223 570109.

From 12 – 15 November we present John Teechers! from which we will go straight into rehearsal for our January 2009 pantomime which is to be *Babes in the Wood* written by Julie Petrucci & Chris Shinn. We look forward to welcoming you all joining us to celebrate 30 years of WCP.

Waterbeach Charities

WATERBEACH UNITED CHARITIES

(REG NO 201528)

Waterbeach United Charities provide financial support or pays for services that help to alleviate individuals residents of Waterbeach Parish.

Electric Wheelchairs

We also continue to provide electric wheelchairs for those in need. If you would like to be considered please let us know. At the time of writing we do have an electric wheelchair available.

Distress Grants

The Trustees would like to hear from individuals who may be IN NEED OR DISTRESS. If you think we could help, and to find out whether you are eligible for assistance, whether it be loaning equipment to you, or providing financial support, please contact:

All personal applications are confidential.

The Secretary
Waterbeach United Charities
25 Payton Way
Waterbeach
Cambridge CB25 9NS

39 Engineer Regiment Waterbeach Station Open Day

Saturday 28th June 2008

Demonstrations of military equipment and side shows

Further details will be available locally nearer the time and in the next edition of Beach News

Entrance will be via the gate at Denny End Road next door to the Army Cadets

The Farmland Museum



SEASON STARTS SUNDAY 16TH MARCH

Events in March, April and May

*Sunday 23rd and Monday 24th March, 12-5pm - **The Great Easter Egg Trail***

Complete a circuit of activities and find your way to the treasure
Eggcellent Stuff - decorate a paper spun egg. Straw Barn - take a look at our barn and have a go at making a mini one using art straws. Wiggly Worm Way - wind your way along the giant wiggly worm path. Illuminating Illustrations - in the setting of the Abbey make like a monk and illuminate a letter with bright colours and fancy patterns. Cottage Conundrum - explore our cottage and see if you can find all of the bogus objects that have been planted. Willow Weaving - have a go at the traditional craft of basket making.

March 27th, 12-4pm - Drop-in Children's Holiday
Farmland Museum and Denny Abbey.

Paper Mosaic Picture Frames - Make your own picture frame out of colourful paper mosaic tiles.

April 3rd, 12-4pm - Drop-in Children's Holiday
Ac Museum and Denny Abbey.

Recycling Extravaganza

Fantastic Flowers - Create a colourful spring flower using recycled materials
Recycling Bus - Hop aboard and see what fun they have to offer.

These informal days run by the education department during the holiday are aimed at children who are 4+ and accompanied by an adult. Normal admission prices apply. No need to book

Meeting from April 10th for 10 weeks

University of Cambridge Institute of Continuing Education

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4pm £58 (£48 concessions) Every work is a product of its time. Looked at this way, the history of art becomes an ever-changing kaleidoscope of ideas-a cultural history in visual form. The course will explore the impact of the Renaissance right down to the twentieth century. Pre-booking required.

*April 12/13, 10am-5pm - **Garden Willow Weaving Workshop***

Learn about and make simple and practical supports for your garden plants at this hands-on workshop. Beginners will get the opportunity to make a piece for the garden using the traditional craft of basket-making. Those who already have some experience will benefit from the skill and guidance of a professional basket-maker.

The workshop will be led by Sandra Barker, who demonstrates, teaches and works throughout the world. Trained in London and Europe, Sandra is a Yeoman of the Worshipful Company of Basket-makers, of whom there are only eight worldwide.

Both days cost £55 and Saturday only will cost £40. Prior Booking Required.

*April 20th, 10-5pm - **Japanese Felting Workshop***

Learn how to make a lightweight felt, also known as Nuno felt which is used to make clothing. £40 including materials.

*April 27th, 10am-1pm - **Life Drawing Workshop***

Tutored life drawing class with professional model. Suitable for all levels from beginners to more advanced. £12.

*May 5th, 12-5pm - **Friends Country Skills Event Day***

Travel back to the days of your grandparents for a day of country demonstrations and activities inspired by the museum collection and displays, from splashing about during a Victorian wash day to creating a 1940s style cottage garden.

17th May, 12-5pm

Free day for all as part of Museums and Galleries month

*Sunday 25th and Monday 26th May, 12-5pm - **1940s Fete***

All the fun of a village fair through the ages, with traditional stalls, games, maypole dancing, music and races.

May 29th, 12-4pm - Drop-in Children's Holiday At Museum and Denny Abbey.

Scarecrow Making – Create your own life sized scarecrow for your garden.

Please contact us on 01223 860988, info@farmlandmuseum.org.uk, The Farmland Museum and Denny Abbey, Ely Road, Waterbeach, Cambridge, CB25 9PQ for more details or to book a place on any of the workshops or lecture series. www.dennyfarmlandmuseum.org.uk

Neighbourhood Watch

DISTRACTION BURGLARIES

We are fortunate that the level of crime in our villages is relatively low. However that does not mean that crime does not happen or that we should stop being vigilant. Across the district there have been a number of instances of bogus callers and distraction burglaries, where someone has called at the front door possibly posing as an official from the police or a utility company, whilst someone else has gone in through the back door. High visibility patrols are being used to reassure residents. However by taking a few precautionary measures, the risk of becoming a victim can be reduced.

- ◁ Ensure your front and back doors are locked (to prevent anyone just walking into your home)
- ◁ Ensure all windows; especially those on the ground floor are fitted with locks.
- ◁ Take care with open windows. Did you know that an intruder can gain entry through an opening no larger than

When answering the door to a caller remember the following:-

- ◁ **Lock!** Before opening the front door, ensure the back door is locked.
- ◁ **Think!** Are you expecting anyone? Do you normally get callers at this time?
- ◁ **Stop!** Always put the door chain or door bar across before you open the door. (This presents a physical and psychological barrier which shows the caller that you are in charge)
- ◁ **Check:** Never assume that what the caller is saying is true. Always ask for their I.D., take your time to check it and feel free to close the door whilst the checks are being made. Be aware that a bogus caller will have bogus I.D. so don't allow telephone numbers, especially mobile numbers. Always use the phone directory to authenticate identification. Remember a genuine caller will not mind waiting or will call back at a more convenient time.

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If you have any information about suspicious callers/vehicles in your area please call the Police on **0845 456 456 4** quoting **Operation Promenade**. If you feel you are the victim of a crime and the suspect is still in the vicinity or you are witnessing a crime **dial 999 immediately**.

Satellite Navigation Systems

Don't leave your SatNav on the dash board. If you leave the car hide it in the boot and make sure the connecting lead and holder are also hidden. Make sure there are no suction marks on the dashboard. Leaving the glove compartment open to show that you have not hidden one away there may help deter thieves breaking in on the off chance of finding something valuable.

Dog fouling

Remember that allowing your dog to make a mess on the pavement is an offence and can result in a large fine if it is reported, as well as being very unpleasant and a potentially serious health hazard for other pedestrians. **Always clean up after your dog.** And thank you to the many responsible dog walkers who already do this.

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NOT ALL JAM AND JERUSALEM!

Landbeach W.I. are a small, but friendly, W.I. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.30p.m. in Landbeach Village Hall. Come and find out what the W.I. really get up to – it's not a "Jerusalem"! For further information, telephone 01223 860918.

Landbeach W.I.

Present

Arts and Crafts in Landbeach

at which craftspeople will be selling their wares

Landbeach Village Hall
Saturday 26th April 2008
10.00a.m. – 12.00p.m.

Entry: £1 (to include one cup of tea/coffee and one piece of cake per person)

If you are interested in having a stall at the event,
please telephone 01223 860918 for details/booking form.

Stalls: £10 each



Waterbeach Parish Plan

YOUR VILLAGE. YOUR SAY. YOUR FUTURE.

Back in November 2006 we told you about the Parish Plan and the steps involved. Since that time the 9-strong committee has been gradually working through the stages shown below, with help and support from many people in the village.

How will the Plan be prepared?

Members of the steering group will talk to both groups and individuals to find out what matters and what needs to change



Prepare a questionnaire based on the above



Encourage EVERYONE in the village to fill in and return the questionnaire



⇒ Analyse the results and plan actions based on them ←



Test out the vision for the future and the action plan to make sure it makes sense



Prepare the plan and communicate it to everyone

We would like to thank everyone who filled in the survey questionnaire – you have given us the information we needed. Since that time we have been analysing the results and we have now reached the stage where we are keen to share the findings with you. Knowing what needs to be improved or preserved is only part of the story; what really matters is converting that into an Action Plan and making it happen.



The Your Village. Your Say. Your Future day on **Saturday, 1 March 2008** from **10.30 Æ 4.30** at the **Salvation Army** is the start of the Action Plan. We will present the results of the survey and some thoughts about the action needed. We also want your views on the best way to achieve what is important to the people that live here. We are particularly excited about sharing with

you a series of short films produced by young people of the village. The "Inside Stories" project has given through these films, their thoughts about living in Waterbeach.

If you feel passionate about preserving the best of the village, dealing with the traffic and problems of crossing the road, or the way the future developments take place the Your Village. Your Say. Your Future day needs you. Your views, your expertise and your help of every kind will make the Action Plan real and Waterbeach a better place for us all.

The Waterbeach Village Society

SPRING NEWS

The Waterbeach Village Society rounded off 2007 with a Christmas Party and Quiz evening in the Community Library.

Peels of laughter could be heard coming from the members as they attempted the various quizzes, fuelled with refreshments and drinks. Some of the questions were considered quite hard and specialist, whilst others were answered with ease.

2008 started with the Annual General Meeting informing the meeting that the year had been most successful and the Village Fete had proved to be most profitable. The Chairman gave thanks to all those who helped during the year and was sorry that Beryl Flack the Secretary was unable to continue in that capacity due to other commitments. This was followed with a home grown village speaker, in specialist grower Alan Shipp who was invited along to relate how he got involved with growing and propagating several hundred varieties of the colourful hyacinths. There is no doubt that this has led to an interesting life and introduced him to growers throughout the world. Not to mention his involvement on a national and international level. A truly interesting evening that had members engrossed throughout.

The next meeting will be held again in the Community Library in the Waterbeach Community School grounds on Tuesday 26th February 2008 when Nick Shipp from Ede and Ravenscroft will be giving details of the history, service and tradition of the company.

Whilst March's meeting 25th will be Rodney Tibbs on the subject of „Morocco Bound

All are welcome at all meetings.

District County News

A MESSAGE FROM COUNCILLOR JAMES HOCKNEY

Since 2004 it has been a real privilege to be your local District Councillor. Many of you have contacted me with problems and issues to address, and I will always do my level best to help.

Since the last Beach News there have been a number of new developments on issues to report as detailed below.

Waterbeach Road Safety

The Highways Department have agreed to put a 20mph speed limit on the High Street and two flashing Interactive Speed Signs on Denny End Road. It is expected for this work to be at the very least substantially completed by the end of March.

Cllr Johnson and myself will now turn our attention to campaigning for improvements entering Waterbeach along Car Dyke Road/Cambridge Road. If you have any thoughts or ideas on this then please let us know.

The issue of a pedestrian crossing near the Pharmacy/Village Stores remains and this will also be an issue which we will not rest until it is resolved.

Waterbeach Barracks

As some of you might have already heard, we are under the renewed threat of a new town being built on Waterbeach Barracks.

In 2004 we faced the threat when the Buchanan Report earmarked Waterbeach for a potential development of 5,000 houses. The petition campaign that was organised sent a clear message that we did not want a new town, people power certainly won the day with the large numbers of residents who got behind the campaign and signed the petition.

This new proposal would be for 10,000 to create a so-called 'new town'. This has come about as last year the Government asked development town proposals of at least 5,000 to be considered. So far there have been 10 proposals, but these will be whittled down to ten schemes, which could be announced by the time you read this article.

Just as before I will stand with local residents to ensure that Waterbeach remains the wonderful rural village this it is.

Bus Service

Many of you have contacted me to raise your concerns about the cut backs and changes to the local bus service for Landbeach and Waterbeach. I am pleased to report that I have launched a campaign to press Stagecoach for an improved service.

Thank you to all the hundreds of residents that have already signed the petition so far.

Cllr Peter Johnson has put forward a proposal to increase the bus service by re-adjusting the timetable, this I fully support.

The petition can be found at; Waterbeach Village Stores, Pharmacy, Library, Bakers, Fish & Chip Shop and Post Office.

If you would like to contact me regarding any local issues please get in touch. Tel:01223-861419 E-Mail:cldr.hockney@scambs.gov.uk

Waterbeach Salvation Army Mammoth Charity Sale

Tuesday 20th May to Saturday 24th May
At the Hall, 7 Station Road, Waterbeach

The Hall will be open to receive donations
on Saturday 17th May
from 10 am to 2 pm

We accept most items except electrical goods and
furniture must have a fire safety mark

Large items can be collected Tel: 01223 571477

Thank you for your support

Immobilise

PROTECT YOUR BELONGINGS

Immobilise is a free way to identify property and catch thieves. This website is searched thousands of times every day by police officers resulting in thieves being removed from the streets and property returned to its rightful owner.

It is very simple to register items on www.immobilise.com. A user I.D. and password is generated allowing YOU to access your site and add or delete items at any time. There is no limit to the number of items you can register. Registered items are instantly identifiable making it far more likely that your property will be returned, the thief found and a successful prosecution achieved.

Any item with a serial number, like Sat Navs, Laptops and ipods can be registered FREE of charge. For items like jewellery, antiques or horses there is the facility to upload photographs.

Imagine the scenario that your house has been burgled and your computer, which contains the inventory of your belongings, has been stolen. If you had registered with immobilise you could go to any computer, log on with your own I.D. and password and print out an inventory for the insurance company and the police.

If you had a mobile phone stolen it is possible to register in retrospect on Immobilise simply by contacting your airtime provider and asking for the IMEI number. The reason for doing this is as follows:

Having registered the IMEI number of the phone it is possible to go straight into the account and register the phone as lost/stolen. This means that, if the phone turns up in the hands of the police anywhere in the country, when they run a check on the IMEI number it will not only show that you are the registered owner but also the crime details. This will give police a fighting chance of finding out who committed the theft. It can give good evidence to support a successful prosecution and once blocked the handset will be „ Immobilised „ and even replacing t work again.

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Waterbeach Scout Group



EVENTS FOR THE SPRING

We are still here. After a busy 2007 with the centenary celebrations, as well as our own camps and outings, we are now looking forward to the new challenges ahead in 2008. Come November we will be celebrating again, though on a smaller scale, Scouting in Waterbeach will have been established for 80 years, more to come on that later.

Scouts have got their winter camp coming up the beginning of February.

May Fun Day will be held on Sunday 4th May. Bring your family and friends along to join in the fun. Look out for the posters for more details.

Bingo is a good fun night out for all the family. Everyone is welcome; you do not have to be connected to anyone in the Scout movement. Eyes down is at 8pm, we normally finish about 9.30pm. Easter bingo will be on Friday 21st March. Our last session for this season will be 11th April. Bingo will be back again in October.

Gardening Club

BIRDS AND BEES!



Having enjoyed two social events – the Christmas Social and the New Year dinner, the Club now looks forward to meetings about our favourite subject - Gardening. By the time you read this, we will already have heard Richard Ayres, MBE, talking about gardening and energy, it is not likely he will be recommending sitting watching the grass grow.

The March meeting will be particular Question Time with a panel of professional gardeners. This meeting will be held, just for this one time, in the Beach Social Club. In April, Bob Lemon will tell us about the yearly round of the bee-keeper and will have some of his own delicious honey for sale. Bob is well known to many of us as a former resident of Waterbeach; he is President of the Bee-keeper Association. We round off our Spring season with a visit from an officer of

the RSPB. Most of us like to attract birds to our gardens, so this should be a popular evening.

As you start your Spring planting, please do look ahead and think of growing produce for the Feast and Annual Show in the generous way you usually do.

Just a preliminary note; the summer outing on Saturday July 5th, will be to RHS Wisley and we may, eventually, be able to offer seats on the coach to non-members. SoWatch This Space!

March 20th Gardeners Question Time

April 17th A Year in the Apiary

May 15th RSPB in the Fens

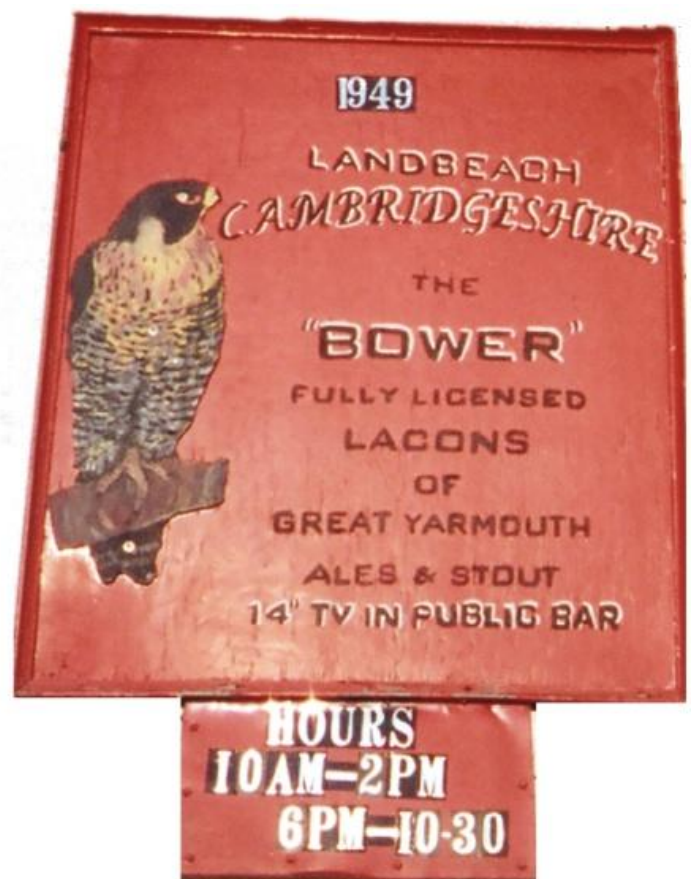
Non-members always welcome. Entrance £1.

The Bower

DO YOU REMEMBER THIS LANDBEACH PUB?

Beach News has recently heard from Des and Barbara Halls who used to live in Landbeach. In 1949 they took on the Bower pub on Landbeach High Street and were there for three years. Later in 1957 they moved to Canada, but they frequently think of the Bower when they look at the old sign from the pub, now displayed on their barn. They are still in contact with a few old friends, but would love to hear from anyone who remembers them.

A few of the people they recall from times gone by are John Morgan, Gerald Webb, Cyril Waldock, Gord Mitham, Charlie Arnold, Rosie Easy and Mabel Pullen. If you would like to reminisce with them please contact us here at Beach News (details inside the front cover) and we will pass on the details.



Waterbeach PTA



GAMES FOR THE PLAYGROUND

Christmas Fayre

A big *THANK YOU* to everyone who donated their valuable time, energy and commitment to our hugely successful Christmas Fayre. We managed to raise a record-breaking £1700.00!

An additional £850.00 was raised from Haart via the signage boards, so thank you to those people who agreed to have a board in their garden. We would also like to thank the following businesses for their fantastic raffle prizes Haart, The Bridge, Strikes, Funky Funhouse and Hotel Chocolat. The money that has been raised is going towards the new playground interactive games in the KS2 playground. These were completed just before the Christmas break. Without the support of parents, teachers, pupils, friends and family this would not be possible so a massive thank you once again!

Dates for your 2008 diary

Wednesday 27th February – Bags2school (see below for more information)

Friday 29th February – Quiz Night

Saturday 19th April – Murder Mystery Evening

Saturday 5th July – Summer Fayre (if you require a stall or any further information please contact Karen Graves (PTA Chair) on C 861690)

Bags2school

Bags2school is a company that specialises in good quality second hand items. All bags collected are weighed and they pay £200 per tonne (20p per kilo) – the more we collect the bigger the benefit to our school. They collect the following items for REUSE: Clothing, Bedding, Curtains, Soft Toys, Shoes, Belts & Handbags

The more they weigh the more they pay so please bring your bags to school on: *Wednesday 27th February 2008 BEFORE 9.30am*

If you have items that you wish to donate but are unable to bring them to school then please contact Karen Graves (PTA Chair) on: C 861690 to arrange for the items to be collected.

Murder Mystery Evening

We are busy organising this event for Saturday 19th April (more information to follow). To make this event fun and successful the PTA will require support in setting up and preparing food prior to and on the day .We will also require help clearing away the day after. If you are able to help in anyway then please contact Karen Graves (PTA Chair) on: C 861690. Any help would be gratefully received

Purple Door

The school can earn money and it does so through the Internet via Purple Door. So please try to remember this rhyme and support the school when shopping online. The website is www.purpledoor.co.uk/shops/waterbeachcommunityprimaryschool

Ink Cartridges And Toners

Just a reminder! We have a recycling box at the school office. If you have any at home or work please bring them in. Any money raised will be used to purchase resources for the classroom.

Waterbeach School

NEW TERM

Our first term in this new year has been busy with the consultation process for the new School Plan which has to be updated every two to three years. Alongside reading suggestions and ideas about the Plan from the children, parents and adults in our school, we have developed new rules. This is a wholesome and refreshing process. We have been talking in great depth about the point of rules really is! So the focus of our new rules is their learning, their attitude to their work, their behaviour towards one another and to adults, keeping healthy, clean and safe and helping each other. The „golden rules“ are well known and have been agreed democratically by all our children and we will use them on a daily basis in the same way that we use the current ones. They will be used as a tool for helping our children work well and kindly with each other. Our children are quick to respond to things not going well, whatever the circumstances

may be, and they tell us their worries and anything that happens in their life that unsettles them.

We have very thoughtful children at Waterbeach School and they are quick to respond to not only village issues, but worldwide issues too. Listening to their stories shows us their refreshingly youthful approach to life. They behave well in school, speak well to each other and want to share their thoughts and ideas. We are very proud of them and know that they are an excellent asset to our village life.

GOVERNOR NEWS

It seems a very short time since Christmas and the New Year has turned our thoughts to the School Improvement Plan. The school has been working hard with governors, staff, parents and children to draw together the priorities for the school over the next 2-3 years. This gives governors the opportunity to look at the key issues for the school as well as continuing to develop new ideas on learning, sport, community activities and staff development.

The governing body is split into sub-committees which have also been busy since Christmas. The curriculum committee have been reviewing, amongst others, the policy for worship in school. The finance committee are working on the budget for next year. The community and communication committee have been working on improvements to the school website working with the ICT co-ordinator. The premises committee are considering how to extend the out-of-hours use of the school.

The school has much good news to celebrate with the local community. We would welcome the help of anyone with PR experience to help with drafting press releases. Please contact Sara Noel on 01223 862978. The time commitment would be small.

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor and a community governor. If you feel you could contribute some time and enthusiasm to your „ o u t s t a n d i n g l o c a l s c h o o l w e y o u a r e I c interested, please telephone Sara Noel or me (01223 860540) and we tell you more about the role.

If you have any comments or suggestions about the school then we would also be pleased to hear them. Please contact me directly or Mrs Williams via the school office.

I will take this early opportunity to wish you a very happy Easter.

Naomi Wright - Chair of Governors

Young Wives

SPRING CALENDAR

- 5th March Young Wives are 25 years old and will have a celebration evening.
- 19th March Easter Flowers. Hands on for all doing baskets and arrangements to place in church.
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The Essential Guide:

Communicating, networking and pitching your organisation

- ◁ A day of training and networking for voluntary and community groups in South Cambridgeshire
- ◁ Improve your communication skills through workshops and information sessions
- ◁ Enter the *Dragons' Pen* and learn to pitch your organisation to funders and stakeholders
- ◁ Prizes on offer and lunch provided

Saturday 8 March, 11am - 2pm
Impington Village College

FREE to attend but advance booking is essential

For more information contact
amy@start-arts.org.uk or 01954 288748
gillian@start-arts.org.uk or 01954 234476

FEAST DAY 14th JUNE 2008 È PITCH BOOKING FORM

Please complete and return to 9 Providence Way, Waterbeach, by 23rd May 2008.

Please note the conditions that we would like you to conform to on the day.

- < All stalls / equipment must be erected by noon and vehicles moved from the area.
- < The limits of the marked pitch are not to be exceeded. **Please ensure you order the correct amount of pitches to fit your tent. Mistakes cannot be rectified on the day.**
- < All stalls / equipment must be removed by 6pm.
- < Prices for all the rides / stalls **must** be clearly advertised.
- < All rubbish to be removed from your pitch (and taken to the skip provided, **not** left with the bins around the ring) at the end of the day.
- < Please inform us if you are unable to attend the Feast at the last moment.
- < Pitches are a standard width (frontage) of 12ft for a single pitch.
- < No tents, gazebos, tables or chairs will be provided.

PITCH FEES

Community Association Members	Single 12ft pitch - £10 Additional 12ft pitch - £20 each
Charity Stalls	Single 12ft pitch - £30 Additional 12ft pitch - £30 each
Trade Stalls	Single 12ft pitch - £50 Additional 12ft pitch - £50 each

For Health and Safety reasons the Waterbeach Community Association is required to hold Risk Assessments from each pitch user before Feast Day. Therefore

ALL Pitch users are required to submit a Risk Assessment by 27th May 2008.

If you require a Risk Assessment form please leave a message on 01223 476601

We would like to book a pitch: (confirmation of pitches will be forwarded subject to availability).

Organisation / trade name:

Number of pitches:Adjoining: .YES / NO

Use of stall:

Float being entered: YES / NO Risk Assessment attached: YES / NO

PLEASE STATE (charity, member or trade)

Contact details – Name.....

Address.....

.....Telephone.....

Email.....

PLEASE ENCLOSE PAYMENT WITH BOOKING FORM

SIGNED:

DATE:

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

1ST WATERBEACH BROWNIES	Rowena Small - 01223 570850
1ST WATERBEACH GUIDES	Lorraine Warburton - 01223 864496
1ST WATERBEACH RAINBOWS	Diana Morgan - 01223 861398
32ND CAMBRIDGE (WATERBEACH) SCOUT GROUP	Bill Moon - 07879 626682
BEACH BOWLS CLUB	Tony Reuben - 01223 861001
BEACH SOCIAL CLUB	Richard Hall - 01223 860033
CATS PROTECTION	Information Line - 01223 441880
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION CHAIRPERSON	Jacqui Rabbett - 01223 860993
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION SECRETARY	01223 860993
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION TREASURER	Mike Sharp - 01223 862969
HAPPY FOLKS CLUB	Mrs A Coxall - 07767 072169
LANDBEACH VILLAGE HALL	Mrs. Bullman - 01223 860692
PARISH PATHS GROUP	D. Armstrong - 01223 861586
RECREATION PLAYGROUND GROUP	Mrs S Kay - 01223 502620
ROYAL AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION	P Melling - 01954 251178
ROYAL BRITISH LEGION	Norman Foster - 01223 474622
ROYAL ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION	T.W. Marshall - 01223 862298
SALVATION ARMY	Emma Knights - 01223 506217
ST JOHNS CHURCH	T.B.C.
ST JOHN S YOUNG WIVES	Sheila Gill - T.B.C.
ST LAWRENCES CATHOLIC CHURCH	Fr David Paul - 01223 704640
VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT	Janice Maltby - 01223 861191
VILLAGE SOCIETY	Beryl Flack - 01223 860960

WATERBEACH AFTER SCHOOL PLAY SCHEME (WASPS)	Zoe Palmer - 07889 233229
WATERBEACH BAPTIST CHURCH	Robin Giles - 01223 862494
WATERBEACH BARRACKS - STATION STAFF OFFICER	Dave Hornby - 01223 204406
WATERBEACH BRASS	Richard Dean - 01223 355987
WATERBEACH COLTS FOOTBALL CLUB	Chris Nelson - 01223 863346
WATERBEACH COMMUNITY PLAYERS	Julie Petrucci - 01223 880023
WATERBEACH COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP	Diana Morgan - 01223 861398
WATERBEACH CRICKET CLUB	Tom Reynolds - 01223 860250
WATERBEACH FOOTBALL CLUB	T. Lawton - 01223 861025
WATERBEACH GARDENING CLUB	David Lynn - 01223 860948
WATERBEACH INDEPENDENT LENDING LIBRARY	T.B.C.
WATERBEACH MEADOWS	Adrian Wright - 01223 861846
WATERBEACH SCHOOL P.T.A	Karen Graves - 01223 861690
WATERBEACH TODDLER PLAYGROUP	Wayne Badcock - 07808 357729
WATERBEACH TURBURY CHARITY	Pam Gooding - 01223 861003
WATERBEACH UNITED CHARITIES	Pam Gooding - 01223 861003
WATERBEACH YOUTH CLUB	Dave Beasley - 01223 863237
WOMENS INSTITUTE	Betty Jones - 01223 860218

Other useful numbers:

POLICE - Non Emergency Calls	0845 456 456 4
FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE - Non Emergency Calls	01223 376217
WATERBEACH SCHOOL	01223 718988
PARISH COUNCIL	01223 440018
YOUTH OUTREACH WORKER	David Beasley - 07790 930191
COUNTY COUNCILLOR	Michael Williamson - 01223 860899
DISTRICT COUNCILLOR	Peter Johnson - 01223 560918 or 07947 475549
DISTRICT COUNCILLOR	James Hockney - 01223 861419