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# Community Association



Hello everyone and welcome to the summer edition of the Beach News. This is a community newsletter and we are open to articles and photographs on a wide range of topics – please contact [beachnews@waterbeach.org](mailto:beachnews@waterbeach.org) to submit an article.

Waterbeach Community Association runs a number of events as well as publishing the Beach News. All our events are run by volunteers who balance busy family and work lives with their volunteering. Thank you very much to all of them for the hard work that they do for our community. We are looking for volunteers to help us with our activities. If you are interested in helping out with the Beach News, would like to help us at the Feast or can help with Feast planning and publicity please get in touch. Please don't assume that someone else will do it, it's all too easy for community groups to fade away with lack of support.

**Feast 2025** - Waterbeach Village Feast will be held on Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup> June 2025. Last year's Feast was very successful. It was good to see so many people out enjoying themselves, and we'd love to see you again this year. If anyone is still interested in having a stall or entering the parade – please get in touch as soon as possible; booking forms are available on the Community Association website [www.waterbeach.org](http://www.waterbeach.org)

For anyone new to the village, welcome, if you are wondering what Waterbeach Feast is all about here is a quick summary. We'll also try and keep you up to date with messages on our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/waterbeachfeast>).

Waterbeach Feast is an annual village fete which takes place on the Green and Gault, that is the grassy areas between Greenside, Chapel Street and Way Lane. On the main Green there will be many stalls where you can

participate in a wide range of fun activities and games, buy some treats or take part in one of the raffles or prize draws. Please come and see us at the Community Association tent, we'll have information on the days activities and you can buy tickets for the Feast Raffle. Raffle ticket sales are our way of fundraising and all the money raised goes towards running the event or other community projects. Our raffle is very well supported by local businesses and community groups and a ticket or two are well worth it considering the amazing prizes that are donated.



We also put on a wide range of entertainment at the Feast, with fairground rides on both the Green and the Gault. Waterbeach Brass start the day's entertainment with a performance in the arena in the centre of the Green starting at 12:00. There's much more

entertainment in the arena with music and dance performances, a martial arts display and the return of Shire of Flintheath medieval reenactment. On the Gault we will have the music stage with performances by Transposition, a local jazz band, Gemma Bearpark, singer songwriter and Just Jamming to provide the finale.

With a 12 o'clock start it's the perfect time to come down and enjoy lunch with a wide range of food available at the Feast. Alongside the regular attendees, Scouts BBQ, PTA pop up café and the ice cream van, we've got the biryani van from the Taps and a local pizza van. Don't forget our local hospitality establishments who do a great job of running specials and their own entertainment to join in the festivities.

The parade starts at 14:00 and proceeds from the school, down the High Street, around the outside of the Green, along Chapel Street before looping back to the Green via St. Andrews Hill, Way Lane, Cattells Lane, High Street and Greenside. The parade arrives in the arena at around



14:45, where there is a prize giving to celebrate the efforts of the groups to follow this year's theme – 'Something beginning with Q'. We always see lots of children in the parade and we'd encourage accompanying adults to get involved with the theme too. The parade will once again be led by the Arco Iris Samba Band, and we'd like to encourage the group entrants to bring their own themed music to add to the carnival atmosphere. This year's charity collection will be on behalf of the Ely Foodbank to thank them for the work they do on behalf of the village. The village is always very generous and thank you for past contributions; please find that loose change once again.

We have been granted permission to close the roads for the duration of the parade (14:00 – 14:45). Those who live on streets directly affected will receive a letter giving details of the closures. The affected streets are, High Street, Greenside, St Andrews Hill, Way Lane and Cattell's Lane (plus some side streets leading off these). Chapel Street will be temporarily shut to allow the parade to pass. We will endeavour to keep disruption to a minimum and access will be allowed where possible. We apologise in advance for any disruption caused, but we must prioritise the safety of the parade participants. Parking along the side of the Green marked by cones is also prohibited for the day, please remove any parked cars the night before if possible. Information on road closures is also available on the County council Highways events website

(<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/highway-events>).

The Feast is a village event and we really appreciate all the support that comes from the whole community, just by turning out you are making the time we spend organising this worthwhile. If possible, please consider donating some time to help us run the Feast. We need quite a few volunteers to enable the Feast to go ahead safely. If you can spare 30 minutes to an hour on the 7<sup>th</sup> June please volunteer. We have vacancies for helpers to setup before the event, take down and tidy afterwards, as well as for traffic marshals and stewards.

As well as volunteers, the community is always very generous in donations to the Community Association raffle. If you are able, please do make a donation, as the proceeds of the raffle go towards the running costs of the Feast and supporting the local community.



**Community Projects** - Thank you to everyone who helped out with the Community Litter Pick on Sunday the 29<sup>th</sup> March. With some lovely spring sunshine, it was a great day to be out and about. Special thanks to the team at WAY and the Waterbeach Wombles for organising and Urban&Civic for providing refreshments. The litter pick was run in conjunction with the Everest Explorer Unit and thanks to all the explorers and scouts and leaders that came along to help. The next litter pick will be in the autumn and more information will be in the next edition of Beach News.

Thanks, and I hope you enjoy the rest of the Beach News.

For any comments / questions or for more information please contact me [wcachair@waterbeach.org](mailto:wcachair@waterbeach.org) or Tel: 07751 786040. *Alasdair Pentland* - WCA Chair

# Herons' Preschool



What an amazing Spring term we have had!

This Spring we had the pleasure of being 'parents' to 10 eggs. 'What will they hatch into?' was the question the children asked- a bird? a dinosaur? a chick? Who knows what....

Well, we didn't have long to wait! Soon we had 10 beautiful chicks hatch and the children helped to keep watch, handle and feed them. Handling the chicks was very important for us as this helped with getting them used to humans as they would be moving onto live with a member of staff at her home. The chicks were right at home and liked to sit on shoulders and walk around the carpet.

This experience for our children has been so valuable in talking about life cycles, new life, babies, what we need to survive and looking after something. We get regular updates from Jordan (our member of staff) on how the brood are doing and the children love to see them grow and flourish. We are hoping they will come back for a visit soon.

As well as this amazing experience we have also enjoyed our usual activities- Tennis 4 Tots, Cooking Club, Forest School and our Herons' Holiday Club- all that take place at our preschool. Other great events we have had include treating our 'Mums and Special Others' to an Afternoon Tea and special Forest School session, invited all to join us for a Book Day Story Session, Our Herons' Happy Hour (a chance for parents to come in with their children to see Herons' from their view), celebrating Science Week with lots of experiments and Ben came in to conduct some experiments too (he's a real scientist!) and hosting a joint training session for the parents with the local Children's Centre on Boundaries and Behaviours.



Do you want to know more about our fabulous Preschool? We have an amazing Open Morning coming up on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July 10-12pm, so please feel free to come along and enjoy finding out what Herons' can offer you and your family. For more information, have a look on our website [www.heronspreschoolwaterbeach.org](http://www.heronspreschoolwaterbeach.org) or contact us on

[info@heronspreschoolwaterbeach.org](mailto:info@heronspreschoolwaterbeach.org)

# Waterbeach Cricket Club

Sunny days are here again (hopefully to stay) and your local cricket club is all geared up for the new season. The AGM took place in February, and plans made accordingly. League and friendly fixtures have now been agreed and a list of these is appended to this item.

Alasdair Pentland, Justin Davies and Steve Cardy remain Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer respectively. Rakesh Panigrahi who has been captain for the past 3 seasons has decided to step down, but will still be available to play. The club would like to thank Rakesh for his coordination and organisation both on and off the field, to say nothing of his success in a playing role. The new captain is Sandesh Dambekodi who has been a member for 3 seasons, so we hope for great things under his captaincy.

The Player of the Year for 2024 was agreed as Will Charlton for his all round performances.

The Club plays in a local midweek league, usually on a Wednesday evening from 6.00 pm, and games are comprised of 15 eight ball overs. There is a chance for anybody/everybody to show off their batting, bowling and fielding skills, and the same goes for umpiring and scoring. Home games are played on the village recreation ground, and post match entertainment and conviviality take place at the Brewery Tap pub (more commonly known as 'The Taps'). Likewise, after away games; just a little later. Real ale is available, it is dog friendly, and, most importantly, it is now run by two of the cricket club members.

A number of friendly games have also been arranged including one or two on a Sunday. The main one of these in the past has been club's annual 'head to head' with The Sun. This season we are planning to extend it to Waterbeach CC vs Pubs of Waterbeach

Through word of mouth in the close season we have been able to recruit some new players for 2025, and we welcome them with open arms, and hope that they enjoy their cricket with us. We are, however, as always, on the look out for more. We accept members of all ages and of varying skill levels. So, if you wish to have something to do on balmy summer evenings and the occasional Sunday afternoon, make contact by email or phone

Chairman, Alasdair Pentland: [apentlandnano@gmail.com](mailto:apentlandnano@gmail.com) 07751 786040

Captain, Sandesh Dambekodi: Sandesh.a.dambekodi 07424 523494

Or messages can also be left at The Taps via Rakesh or Sukhi. Rakesh is on 07521 061487

In addition, contact can be made via the club WhatsApp group - use any of the above numbers.

## **Waterbeach Cricket Club Fixtures 2025**

Please note that these may change as the season progresses.

### **May**

21<sup>st</sup> - Milton at Home

28<sup>th</sup> - Kingston Home

### **June**

5<sup>th</sup> - TTP Away (Tuesday)

8<sup>th</sup> - The Sun (Friendly)

11<sup>th</sup> - CTS Home

18<sup>th</sup> - Qualcomm Home (Friendly)

25<sup>th</sup> - Jaguars Away

### **July**

2<sup>nd</sup> - CTS (Friendly) Home

9<sup>th</sup> - Cambourne 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Home

16<sup>th</sup> - Madingley Home

22<sup>nd</sup> - Barrington Away (Tuesday)

29<sup>th</sup> - Stapleford Phoenix Home (Tues)

### **August**

6<sup>th</sup> - The Swaffhams Away

We look forward to seeing you in the summer.

*Steve Cardy* – Waterbeach Cricket Club

## **Waterbeach Independent Lending Library**

As spring turns into summer, we'll be looking forward to the annual Summer Reading Challenge, which helps children stay motivated by reading 6 books over the summer holiday.

This year's theme is 'The Story Garden – Taking Reading to the Great Outdoors', so be inspired to get outside with your books and picnic rugs to enjoy our parks and countryside! There will be brand new books to borrow, stickers and a certificate awarded for completion.

All children aged 4–11 can register for the Challenge – each child will need to have their own library card. Registration will open towards the end of the summer term and the Challenge launches on 12 July.

Before then we'll have a stall at the Feast – do drop by and say hello, have a go at our crossword puzzle, register for a library card or pick up a Reading Challenge registration form for your child in advance to save you time in July. Registering for a library card, borrowing our books and using the library are all absolutely free. There are charges for ordering adult books from other libraries (children's and Young Adult reservations are free), for overdue books and for printing.

The library is open as follows:

Monday 14:45 - 17:00 (except Bank Holidays)

Wednesday 14:45 - 17:00 and 18:00 - 20:00

Friday 14:00 - 17:00

Saturday 10:00 - 12:00

To contact the library, email [waterbeachlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:waterbeachlibrary@gmail.com). The volunteers look forward to seeing you soon!



# WASPS



The children have enjoyed getting out more into the WASPS garden over the past few weeks, now we have lighter evenings again. They have been taking part in various ball games, group games as well as climbing and swinging on our play structure and monkey bars. The children have taken part in building and creating their own dens and bases for role play outside too. We are planning to refresh our garden area over the next few weeks so it's all ready for summer. This will include the installation of new replacement Easi-grass, as our existing artificial grass is showing signs of wear after many years.

We have some recruitment news to share, we have recently appointed Dawn as our new Club Manager and are looking forward to welcoming her to the team soon! We also recently appointed Sarah, a Playworker too, to help us out during busy sessions and at Holiday Club.

The children have been busy at our recent Easter Holiday Club, they took part in many Easter crafts including making flower bouquets and Easter egg wreaths, they planted sunflower seeds and enjoyed an Easter Egg hunt in the sunshine! There were lots of opportunities for free play too alongside our activities, both inside and outside.

Our next planned WASPS Holiday Club dates:

- Mon 18<sup>th</sup> – Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Aug
- Mon 25<sup>th</sup> – Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Aug

At WASPS we are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. All

positions at WASPS are subject to references and enhanced DBS checks.

WASPS has a Facebook page, @WaterbeachWASPS, please like our page to find out the latest news, updates and about our employment opportunities too.

Breakfast Club runs from 7:45 a.m. until the start of school and After School Club runs until 6 p.m. on all school days. Please enquire to find out availability and book a place.

Contact us: For more information, please visit our website:

[www.waterbeach-wasps.org.uk](http://www.waterbeach-wasps.org.uk). For enquiries, please email us [wasps.waterbeach@outlook.com](mailto:wasps.waterbeach@outlook.com) or telephone us on 07858 975397 during opening hours. Outside of opening times, please leave a message and a member of the team will return your call when convenient.



# Waterbeach Parish Council

The Parish Council, meets on the first Tuesday of the month in the New Sports Pavilion on the Recreation Ground. Some Committee Meetings may be held in the Parish Office as they are smaller. Details of all meetings along with the Agendas and Minutes and associated reports can be found on the Parish Council Website [www.waterbeach-pc.gov.uk](http://www.waterbeach-pc.gov.uk).

The website has been updated more since the last article and whilst there is more to do it is taking shape. The aim is to make it a village resource and point of information so please do keep us updated with events or notices (not businesses) we can share for you.

By the time this is printed we will have installed 3 new benches on The Gault and one on the Recreation Ground to replace those that had become unsafe due to deterioration. Memorial plaques that were on the old ones will be transferred to the new ones.

Memorial benches mean a lot to the families of loved ones so if you are interested in buying one and would like to know costs please contact the Locum Clerk for an initial conversation.

New plinths have been installed in the cemetery meeting the future need for burials. We get a lot of compliments about the cemetery and our Grounds Team pride themselves on it being a place of beauty for loved ones to visit and pay their respects. The drive is also much smoother since the team have filled potholes and laid it with chippings.

Memorial Testing has been carried out in the cemetery which is a legal requirement to undertake. It ensures headstones are not at risk of falling and causing injury. Some will be laid down and others tagged to alert those with responsibility for the plot they need to make the headstone safe. We are very aware this can cause distress. Our Grounds staff are respectful and sensitive whilst ensuring the safety of the cemetery. If you have any queries about a headstone that has been tagged or laid down please do contact us.

The damaged bus shelter in Denny End Road has been removed for safety reasons. We are working with the insurers to get this replaced and hope to be able to install a new one very soon. We don't know how the shelter got damaged so it is taking longer to resolve.

At the time of writing an election is due to take place on the 1<sup>st</sup> May to elect a new Parish Councillor along with an election for a County Council representative. It is normal practice for candidates to be proposed and seconded by Councillors they know as well as friends or family in the village. The vote determines the outcome. Good luck to all candidates.

The Council is soon to advertise for a new full time Parish Clerk and Deputy Clerk/ Responsible Financial Officer. These roles are pivotal and the skill set needed is expansive. Qualifications begin with a 1-year course in Council law and finance. Further qualifications go up to degree level. We are advertising nationally to invite the right applicants and hope to see new faces by mid-summer.

We wish you all a lovely, warm, summer and look forward to hearing any ideas you may have for new projects in the village.

**Contact your Council** - You can contact us in a variety of ways:

Telephone: 01223 441338      Text: 07923 134471

Website: [www.waterbeach-pc.gov.uk](http://www.waterbeach-pc.gov.uk) Email: [council@waterbeach-pc.gov.uk](mailto:council@waterbeach-pc.gov.uk)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61567343578674>

Instagram: waterbeachpc

Our Socials are shiny and new, so please 'like' or 'follow' us to stay informed this way.

## Gardening Club

Members of the Gardening Club have continued to enjoy a varied and interesting programme of talks. In March we had another visit from Tim Fuller, owner of 'The Plantsman's Preference' nursery near Diss. This time his topic was "Grasses" and his illustrated presentation gave us many ideas to try in our own gardens. As usual, he brought a selection of plants from his nursery to sell to us. In April we were entertained by David Livermore speaking about "The World of Alpines". A visit to Austria many years ago sparked an interest in alpine plants and he has become an expert after travelling to many countries to see the plants in their natural habitats. The final talk before the summer break was the intriguingly titled "Ratty Goes to Chelsea" by Angela Potter. She told us all about the work that goes into producing a show garden at the Chelsea Flower Show.

We also enjoy the opportunity to visit a variety of gardens. In April we were treated to a guided tour of Jesus College gardens in Cambridge led by the Head Gardener. In June we will be visiting Benton End in Suffolk when the irises should be at their best.

Members have been growing plants to sell on our stall on Feast Day. We look forward to meeting many of you then. Do take the opportunity to ask us about the benefits of joining the club. Talks will resume in September when Vicky Hallam will be talking about "Being a Botanical Artist". All talks are held in St. John's Church Room, starting at 7.45pm on the third Thursday of the month. Non-members are welcome at our meetings upon payment of £5 on the door.

# Community Playgroup



The second half of the spring term was a busy one at Community Playgroup with lots of fun and exploration. We celebrated British science week, with some amazing experiments. World Book Day, where we explored our favourite stories and finally with the weather warming up, we looked at all things spring and Easter.

We also celebrated world sleep awareness day, turning the playhouse into our very own playgroup campsite. Sleep is so important for young, growing children and lack of sleep can really impact our health, so teaching our children about sleep and good bedtime routines can really help them develop a healthy relationship with sleep. We had a great time playing in playgroup camp, created with lavender playdough, looked at good teeth cleaning practices, made dream catchers, and did some relaxing yoga. The children shared a special snack, and we had campfire stories and songs. It was a fantastic day made all the better because we could wear our pyjamas and slippers.

This term we are exploring growth and change and are all eagerly awaiting the arrival of 5 precious duck eggs as we join in a duckling hatching project, watching the ducklings emerge and grow before heading off to their forever home is an amazing experience which we will document on our website gallery so why not pop over and check out our new arrivals.

Waterbeach Community Playgroup provides a fun, safe environment with an emphasis on learning through play. You can see what we get up to by checking out the gallery on our website

[www.waterbeachcommunityplaygroup.org.uk](http://www.waterbeachcommunityplaygroup.org.uk)

Children are welcomed from their second birthday and can attend sessions between 9am and 3pm, Monday to Friday, term time only. We offer 15 and 30hrs funded places to qualifying families as well as paid sessions. We currently have some availability for 2025-26 but places are filling fast.



You can get in touch for more information either by email: [info@waterbeachplaygroup.org.uk](mailto:info@waterbeachplaygroup.org.uk) or by phone on 01223 440769.

# Community Litter Pick

## ***A Successful Day of Wombling***

On Saturday, 29th March, over 30 volunteers gathered for the Spring Community Litter Pick organised by the Waterbeach Community Association. Local residents George and Milie were instrumental in organising the logistics of the event and their efforts helped ensure the key areas of need had volunteers allocated to them. We were delighted to see such a strong turnout of young people thanks to the local Scouts Explorers group, who took pride in supporting the event and documenting all the random items they collected!

Throughout the weekend, volunteers collected an impressive 40 bags of rubbish, along with several larger items of fly-tipped waste. This effort made a noticeable difference, with the village looking much cleaner by the end of the day.

The event was made even easier thanks to the support of the South Cambs Refuse Team, who provided some of the necessary equipment and took away all the collected rubbish the very next day.

Cake and refreshments were provided by U&C in the Community Room after the main event, offering a perfect opportunity to meet like-minded neighbours.

While the Parish Council and our groundsmen do an excellent job keeping our village clean, events like this are important as it reminds us that we all play a part in maintaining the beauty of Waterbeach, reinforcing positive habits that help preserve our village for future generations. Thank you to all who participated and helped make the event such a success.

The Community Association are committed to organising these Community Litter Picks twice a year. Our next litter pick will take place on Saturday, 18th October, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. The meeting point will be the Community Room by the Military Museum and we hope to see even more of you there!

# Waterbeach Surgery News

I hope you had a Happy Easter and thank all of you for your support and good wishes.

We now have an NHS Health check Point-of-Care machine to ensure that we can complete NHS health checks in a more efficient manner. The testing machine enables us to test a small sample of your blood before completing the health check in the surgery.

Due to the high demand for blood tests, we will be asking you to attend where

possible the Park and Ride testing centre at Newmarket Road. We can refer you to Waterbeach Pharmacy for certain ailments. The pharmacy is now part of the new NHS initiative of 'pharmacy first'.

GP Update: Dr Jess Macnaghten will be joining us in May that will bring the total of 4 salaried GPs now employed at the Surgery, along with one locum, and an ANP (Advanced Nurse Practitioner). Below are the days covered by our clinicians.

Dr Rosie Gordon Mondays & Wednesdays

Dr Rasa Hampson Monday to Thursday

Dr Jon Buckler Tuesdays & Fridays

Raheal Alia (ANP) Tuesdays & Thursdays

Dr A Hussain (locum) Monday & Every other Friday

Dr Jess Macnaghten Thursday & Fridays

Surgery Pod: Our Surgery Pod Solution for Microtech Health Services saves staff time and encourages patients to self-monitor with the latest in Telehealth Technology. It is a secure computer system sited in the GP surgery off the reception area. It records accurately patient data and takes health readings before any face-to-face appointment. The user-friendly telehealth care system aids patients and clinicians to collect data and monitor physical and psychological health via vital signs measurement and validated health questionnaires.

Patients can use the Surgery Pod unaided to measure blood pressure, weight, BMI and compare a wide variety of questionnaires. Results are automatically read and coded into your health care record and any abnormal results are flagged centrally. The technology offers greater freedom and opportunity to monitor patient health without having to wait on an appointment.

We continue to have very positive feedback regarding the new phone system. We now offer call back. The system will ask you if you would like a call back. This will keep your position in the queue. Another feature we have introduced is a message that informs patients that the surgery has no 'on the day' appointments left. This has seen a reduction in frustration.

When you have a GP telephone appointment, please can you ensure that you have your mobile with you at all times and that it is not on silent. Those without a mobile will need to be close to their landline. The GP or ANP (Advanced Nurse Practitioner) will ring at least twice. Some patients are phoning repeatedly to check they've not missed their call. This is putting more pressure on staff.

We no longer prescribe medications that can be purchased over the counter. This is because it is government policy to reduce the amount of money the NHS spends on prescriptions for treating minor conditions. If you are wanting help or

advice about this, please ask. Please be aware that we do not take repeat prescriptions over the phone. If you require a repeat you will need to put this in writing and place in the letterbox at the entrance of the surgery or take to reception. Please allow 5 working days for your prescription to be processed. Waterbeach Pharmacy are requesting 7 days' notice to prepare to ensure that the prescription is ready for collection.

Please don't leave requesting your prescriptions until Friday afternoon because you have not ordered in time. We aim to process prescriptions as quickly as we can. If you are really worried please ask for help. When a patient's medication is changed during an inpatient hospital stay or day case one, the hospital will ensure that the patient is provided at discharge with a minimum of 14 days' supply or sufficient to finish a treatment course with the exception of the following:

- 1) Patients who have been assessed as requiring a dosette box on discharge - 7 days' supply of medication in a dosette box will be provided. With the patient's agreement a referral through the discharge medicines service will be made to the patient's nominated Community Pharmacy.
- 2) Patients requiring pain medication after an acute intervention will be given a suitable quantity up to a maximum of 14 days. This should be provided to cover the patient until the point where the patient's pain can be managed with over-the-counter medications in discussion with their local pharmacist. This should be clear on the discharge summary.
- 3) In the instance where the hospital is supplying acute medicines i.e. a defined course of antibiotics or steroids, the hospital will supply the entire course unless agreed with the patient and the GP in advance or is clinically inappropriate to do so.

Please can patients with a smart phone or tablet device consider using the NHS App, as it enables you to order your prescription online without using paper and it reduces workload for the prescription clerks. You can find the App on the App store or for Android on the Play Store.

Like all GP surgeries there is a big issue with patients missing appointments. These DNAs (Did Not Attend) are costing a huge amount of time and money. If you cannot attend your appointment, for whatever reason, please can you contact the surgery to inform us so we can then accommodate other patients? We recognise that sometimes it is unavoidable that an appointment may be missed; you will be phoned or sent a letter to follow this up. If you do not attend on three occasions you may be asked to register at another practice. The new messaging should help this not to be needed. There has been some talk by politicians of fining patients, who miss appointments. We can stop the need for this if patients are more considerate.

I constantly get challenged why are there no appointments left. Last month was no exception as we had a high number of calls from patients. The frustration for me is that if the 153 patients who didn't turn up had contacted the surgery, the spare appointments could have been reallocated to sick patients. This number covers now both Waterbeach & Cottenham. If the reception staff advise you there are no appointments, then they are telling you the truth.

We can serve you best when there is good, polite and respectful communication. The surgery team is very positive about our ability to take care of our Waterbeach community. If you have any concerns about your care, please contact me or another member of the management team at the surgery straight away by phone so we can discuss your concern. You could also use the feedback link on the Waterbeach surgery website.

Please be aware of the following event organised by the Surgery's PPG

***Prostate Cancer Awareness*** by G.P. Dr. Jon Buckler

A talk and chance to ask questions about prostate cancer.

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June at the Beach Social Club. 7pm to 8pm.

*Bruce Abel* - Practice Manager

# Waterbeach WI



Dear Ladies of Waterbeach Village and Town,

We welcome all ladies to our monthly meeting on the second Thursday of every month at St. John's Church Room 7.30 to about 9.30pm. We have a diverse range of activities. Recently we have had Rebecca Pharo, a local businesswoman, who spoke about 'How to overcome a Fear of Public speaking' and Lisa Broad, who led a session of Seated Yoga. In May Jonathan Crisp will talk about 'What do we mean by Recycling' and in June Sue Butler and Caroline Buckley will talk on 'Roma, Traveller and Gypsy Culture in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, whilst Ben Hudson will talk about 'My life as a Tree Surgeon in July.

We are a friendly supportive group of women, who are open to new ideas and suggestions. We have a regular book group, a walking group starting up again in June and a new proposal for a lunch group. We have a summer outing and by becoming a member you can share in activities like crafts, theatre trips and outings with CFWI, a Cambridgeshire-wide group and the national WI-hub with a huge range of online talks and guided crafts and exercise activities.

Please come along on your own or with friends as visitors initially and then join as a member. We shall have a stall on the village green Feast Day 7<sup>th</sup> June where you can find out more.

With very best wishes, *Viv Cooper*

# Cam Sailing Club

At the beginning of March, before the birds had started building their nests in the reeds, club members got together for the club's annual Cam Clean-Up. Working from boats and walking along the riverbank, rubbish was collected on the stretch of the Cam from the club grounds at Clayhithe down river to Bottisham Lock. Afterwards, the volunteers were rewarded with a delicious BBQ lunch in appreciation of their efforts.



*Cam Clean-Up March 2025*

Sailing is in full swing now and a varied diary of racing, training and social events has been put in place. The Open Day was popular, as always, with many visitors enjoying trips on boats and enjoying the facilities the club has to offer.

If you were unable to get to the Open Day this year and are interested in the Cam Sailing Club and would like more information, please visit our website: [www.camsailingclub.org.uk](http://www.camsailingclub.org.uk) or email: [secretary@camsailingclub.org.uk](mailto:secretary@camsailingclub.org.uk)

## ***History of the Cam Sailing Club Part 7***

***1961 to 1972 More Members, New Buildings*** - This period was one of great activity and increased facilities at the club. A new clubhouse was built in 1967 and, as there was little competition from other sailing clubs in the area, the membership rose rapidly.

The club's Cadet Squadron was also very successful during this period and developed some excellent helms. One such helm joined the club as a Junior, learned to sail in the Cadet fleet, moved up to sailing an Enterprise, and was selected to sail for England in the World Junior Enterprise Championships in 1969. He won the series and the World Championship, due it is said, to his superior skill at roll tacking acquired by sailing on the river.

It is difficult to believe in these safety conscious days that it wasn't until 1972 that the club purchased a Rescue Boat. Capsizes down the river meant a long haul back along the bank in wet woollies and slacks, the sailing gear of the day, which could be a daunting task. The first Rescue Boat, which had only a 4 HP engine, was very slow and barely adequate to tow a boat home against a strong wind. It was a major advance in sailing comfort however even if it was not very capable of speedily attending an incident!

Throughout the 60's the river quality deteriorated. There were several floods and the river became badly silted. In 1970 the Royal Engineers, then stationed at Waterbeach Barracks, carried out the dredging for the club. This was only partially successful as the equipment could only reach 12 feet across the river, resulting in a deep channel with a 12 foot 'ridge' along the bank. This made sailing interesting.

During the seventies the Cambridge Motor Boat Club, like the Sailing Club, came under severe pressure for greater space for boat moorings. An approach was made by the Motor Boat Club with a view to establishing a mooring basin, which would give both clubs additional moorings and better facilities. Some of the sailing club land would be used for a new cut which replaced the existing ditch.

Sailing cruiser owners immediately saw that it would be possible to have a cruiser slipway leading into the new cut. Club funds were allocated and while the cut was being dug a new concrete slipway was laid by the members. The quality of the work done in 1972 is evidenced by the fact that the slipway is still in use today with very little maintenance.



*The new Cruiser Slip 1972*

*History extracts from The Cam Sailing Club - The First Hundred Years by Rodney Bryant*

# Waterbeach Theatre Company

By the time you read this Waterbeach Theatre Company will be about to complete the performances of Alan Ayckbourn's *How the Other Half Loves*. Immediately following this production we have auditions for our next show before taking a well deserved break over the summer. Then, suitably refreshed, we will be ready to start rehearsals in September for our autumn production *Pack of Lies* by Hugh Whitmore. WTC was thrilled to receive a NODA (National Operatic & Dramatic Association) nomination in the Best Play category for last November's production of *Ladies' Day*. Winners were announced at the NODA Gala Awards on 11 May so unfortunately, unless you came along to *How the Other Half Loves*, you will have to wait for the next edition of Beach News for find out how we did!



WTC's autumn production will be *Pack of Lies* by Hugh Whitmore (based on true events) which will take place from 12 to 15 November at Waterbeach School. Auditions will be held on 1 June. Check the WTC website for more information about this and the 2026 pantomime.

You can find out all about Waterbeach Theatre Company by visiting our website [www.wtconline.org.uk](http://www.wtconline.org.uk)

# Waterbeach Scout Group

On the 11th April Waterbeach Scouts and the Everest Explorers went on a camp at Screens Park Essex for a long weekend. This was their spring camp which helped the new Scouts learn what camps were about as well as having a good time.

The Explorers did the catering led by a catering student and Julia the Explorer leader. I heard the food was good.

In the meanwhile, the Scouts did a range of activities like climbing, team games and axe throwing. Overall, the camp was a great success.

We would like to thank all the helpers who made the camp a success we truly appreciate your help.

We have finished our Winter Bingo sessions which will restart in October. Keep an eye on Facebook for when we restart again.

A few weeks ago the Scouts and Explorers helped at the Waterbeach Litter Pick, which really opened their eyes at the amount of litter they found around Waterbeach.

All the sections at Waterbeach Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and our Explorers are looking forward to the rest of the year with the Feast, Summer camp and Pop-up Santa at Christmas.

And last of all we would like to say Thank You for our support from people of Waterbeach.

## Care Together in Waterbeach

### ***Fitness, Friendship & Fun for Over 65s.***

Calling all Waterbeach residents aged 65 and over—it's time to move, connect, and thrive with the Fitness Rush Care Together Programme funded by the Cambridgeshire County Council!

Designed especially for older adults of all abilities, this exciting new initiative brings accessible, enjoyable fitness and wellbeing activities right to your community.

Whether you're looking to stay active, boost your energy, meet new people, or simply have fun in a welcoming space, Care Together is here for you. From gentle chair-based exercises to light movement sessions and friendly group activities, every class is tailored to suit you - no pressure, no experience needed.

Led by supportive, trained professionals who understand the needs of older adults, our sessions are about more than just exercise - they're about laughter, connection, and feeling your best at any age. We work closely with

local partners and carers to ensure every participant feels safe, comfortable, and included.

Come along, bring a friend, and be part of a growing community of over-65s who are choosing to live well, stay active, and enjoy life to the fullest. With Care Together, fitness becomes something to look forward to—every week. Let's move more, smile more, and grow stronger—together in Waterbeach!

[www.fitnessrush.co.uk](http://www.fitnessrush.co.uk) 01487 208150

## Waterbeach Bowls Club

After the cold and dreary spring, the bowls club members are delighted to be back on the green, particularly as our first roll up was on a warm and sunny evening. Prior to that we enjoyed a meal at the White Horse at Milton in February. Subsequently at our pre-season meeting we agreed matters that required action. These included a working party to get the green and surrounding ready and tidy for the season and to clean inside the hut and to have initial sub-committee meetings regarding our centenary this year.

Regarding the centenary we are planning various activities including an open competition and a match against a team representing the President of the Cambridge and District Bowls League.

The league season starts at the beginning of May and we all hope for enjoyable and successful games. Our singles and pairs will also begin soon. We are holding an Open Day on 11th May and we hope that residents will join us on the village green and the bowling green. Anyone who was not able to attend need not miss out. If they are interested in playing bowls by calling in at the bowls green when matches are being played or calling Chris Rushmer on 07712 940184.

Finally, we are delighted to share with you that our second season in the Outdoor Indoor League at Chesterton Indoor Bowling Club resulted in Waterbeach winning Division 3 and gaining promotion. It was certainly a good team effort to have achieved such a result. The photograph shows the team members at the presentation at Chesterton to celebrate winning the league.



# Happy Folks Club

Summer is just around the corner but let me catch up with our events since the last edition of the Beach News.

The first item on the agenda was a Pantomime at the Brick Lane Theatre in London. These pantomimes are always very good and this year's one was no exception and, as usual, was well attended and enjoyed by our members and guests as they are always a good laugh.

Next came a coach trip to Springfields which is a popular venue for our members as the ladies like to shop while the lads carry the bags. Still there is always the pub or one of the many eateries/coffee shops to relax in afterwards.

Just recently we had our first visit to Windsor where we were able to dodge any rain, which enabled us to have a good look round. Unfortunately the Castle was closed to the public on the day we went but the day was very enjoyable nonetheless. I don't see why we shouldn't go again next year if our members want to go.

As for the summer we have a few coach trips planned which includes Clacton in May; Stratford-upon-Avon in June; Cromer, with the option of a show on the pier, in July; Southend in August; Bury St. Edmunds in September.

As explained in previous editions of Beach News, we welcome any non-members should they wish to join us on any of the coach trips, as the coach fares are quite expensive these days, more people on the coach means we can cover the costs. Anyone interested in any of the trips please visit us on a Friday afternoon around 1.30 pm at the Beach Social Club, Cambridge Road, Waterbeach where myself or any of the Happy Folks committee will be pleased to give you further information.

*Terri Spencer - Chairperson*

## What's in a name?

### ***Gillyflower Lane***

Readers may not all be aware yet, that if they turn off the A10 opposite the Research Park and enter the embryonic but growing new town, they will be driving along Gillyflower Lane. This is a very rural name for what will be a key route through the town but is of great significance in the story of the both the old village and new town.

Gillyflowers appear to be a type of carnation possibly clover pink - although definitions vary widely and are sometime spelt Gilliflower. They are not

flowers I had ever come across until recently and then not in a gardening context. However, in Mike Petty's Waterbeach Scrapbook, which contains brief summaries of items from local newspapers between 1897 and 1990, an entry for 1953 reads

1953 08 26

*Waterbeach RAF station which had a distinguished record as a Bomber Command base during the war and is now in the forefront of Britain's fighter defence system, was presented with its station badge. It depicts part of the station's history with a motif of a rose and a sprig of gilliflower which were at one time the rent paid for Waterbeach Manor and Abbey, which forms a large part of the airfield. The station was formed in 1941 for bombers; in 1945 it was taken over by Transport Command and in 1950 became part of Fighter Command.*

The Rose and Gillyflower also appear on the station the badge of 39 Engineer Regiment based at Waterbeach Barracks who succeeded the RAF in the 1960's.

There is a mistake in the report above however. Waterbeach Abbey is not the same as Denny Abbey! It was an earlier convent established in the field next to St John's church car park. It was founded in 1294 for nuns called the Little Sisters of St Francis or Poor Clares, who paid a 'nominal rent' of, definitely, a rose and, according to a number of sources a gilliflower. It was not the best place for a convent being very damp and uncomfortable. The very wealthy, widowed Countess of Pembroke inherited the Waterbeach Abbey convent from a cousin and also acquired the recently closed Denny Abbey and surrounding land after the Knights Templar had been forced to leave. The land included what is now the land for the new town. She built a new church at Denny, converted and extended the original abbey building for living quarters, and moved the nuns from Waterbeach. Some of them were extremely unenthusiastic about this.

The naming of Gillyflower Lane is a reminder about the long history of Waterbeach, the connection between Denny Abbey and Waterbeach village, and the military history.

It is also good to know that one result from a search for gillyflower (or gilliflower) says that it is a symbol of 'a happy life and contented existence'. A good omen perhaps for life in the new town.

I have found reliable references for the rent payment of 'a rose' but have not found a primary or sound secondary source confirming the gillyflower. Though it seems to have been quite a common pairing for these peppercorn rents. If any medieval historian out there would like to have a search I'd love to hear from them.

*Jane Williamson*

# Girlguiding in Waterbeach

Having adventures has always been a big part of what we do in Girlguiding and during the summer term all groups will enjoy trying new activities, learning new skills and spending time outdoors.

During the Easter holidays, Waterbeach Rainbows had a great time visiting the Botanic Gardens, where they enjoyed an Easter Egg Hunt around the gardens and crafts in the garden rooms. They celebrated St Patrick's Day by creating shamrock salt paintings.

This term 1<sup>st</sup> Waterbeach Brownies will be visiting Cambridge University Department of Engineering to experiment and find out how to make strong structures. The Brownies will be further testing their engineering skills to race their teddies down zip wires.

1<sup>st</sup> Waterbeach Guides enjoyed a sewing project creating attractive phone cases for Mother's Day. The Guides planned and organised a fun end of term party for parents with cupcake decorating, spring themed games and planted insect friendly flowers in the big planters near to the Community Rooms. Looking ahead, the Guides will be having adventures at Wild Abundance Forest School, celebrating Waterbeach Bowls Club 's centenary year with a taster bowls evening, and also challenging themselves at The Playground Assault Course.

Brownies and Guides are busily preparing their parade costumes and decorations for Waterbeach Feast Day for their 'Queen' theme. Do come and see us at our stall on the village green. It's always a fun event for us to share what we do and get to spend time with our village community.

All of this is made possible by the incredible commitment of our volunteers who run meetings, as well as managing all the behind the scenes planning and admin. If you or your daughter would like to get involved in Guiding, please register online at <https://girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/> or find our contact details on the community noticeboards within the village. We are always keen to welcome new volunteers to our friendly team.

## Foodbank

### ***Waterbeach Distribution Centre (part of Ely Foodbank)***

Do you know where in the village to find the Foodbank (Waterbeach Distribution Centre)? Or that since November 2024 to the time of writing, we have fulfilled 91 requests for emergency food parcels? These requests have helped 367 individuals, 186 of whom were children. For this same period 2023/24, 77 parcels helped 103 adults and 83 children.

If you, or someone you know needs some extra support right now, there are

many agencies you can approach who can provide a voucher for a food and toiletries parcel. We are open every Thursday at the Waterbeach Baptist Chapel between 11.00 and 12.00 and in addition to bringing your voucher, you can talk to us about additional support services we can put you in touch with.

In June this year, Trussell are bringing together Foodbanks, local organisations, faith groups, people with direct experience of hunger and hardship and representatives from communities across the UK to ask their MP to help 'Guarantee our Essentials'. This Lobby Day at the Houses of Parliament will give representatives the opportunity to speak with their MP and raise concerns about the growing levels of hardship in their constituency because Universal Credit isn't covering the cost of the essentials. Trussell research shows that 70% of people visiting food banks are receiving Universal Credit. If it covered the essentials (food, travel costs, household bills) 1.9 million fewer people would be at risk of facing hunger this year – including 580,000 fewer children. If you would like to find out more about the work of the Trussell Trust and the Joseph Rowntree Foundation in calling for an 'Essentials Guarantee' within Universal Credit, which would ensure everyone has a protected minimum amount of support to afford the essentials, you can find more information at:

<https://www.trussell.org.uk/support-us/guarantee-our-essentials>  
or by scanning the QR code shown here.



We are thrilled to share that the Community Association have kindly chosen Ely Foodbank as the recipient charity for this year's Feast Day parade collection. We would like to extend our grateful thanks in advance to everyone who donates in this way. We are extremely grateful for the donations we receive from residents and organisations in the village throughout the year, as sadly the need for emergency food parcels continues to grow. All three of our village churches have collection boxes as does the Co-op and One Stop.

A big thank you to Caroline Ward, Community Development Lead, who delivered a generous donation from Urban and Civic earlier this year. She is seen here with Lyn Briant, Centre Lead for Waterbeach Distribution.



# Wag Your Tails!

## **Waterbeach Fun Dog Show 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

A cracking day of paw-tastic family fun, trophies and rosettes galore, all in aid of local charities. A day dedicated to woofs!

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2025 - Waterbeach Recreation Ground**

**Classes: 11am to 3pm (arrivals from 10.30am)**

Join us to celebrate 10 years of Waterbeach Dog Show fun - and a special farewell to founder and organiser Jude.

This year marks the 10th anniversary of our much-loved dog show - and it's extra special as we say a fond farewell to Jude, who, alongside Wendy, founded the event and has tirelessly organised it every year since and loved every minute of it. Let's make this one the biggest and best yet!

No experience? No problem! Last year's *Novice Best in Show* winner had never entered a competition before! And if you're more familiar with the show ring, we've got a dedicated space for you too.

Whether your furry friend knows one trick or a hundred, whether they're a jumpy-uppy crazy excitable puppy or a wise faithful old companion, a dog learning to socialise with others, or pristine show dogs or scruffy mutts - all are welcome!

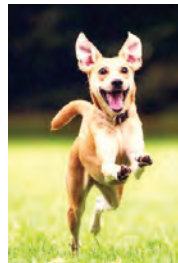
No dog? No worries! Come along and enjoy a fantastic day out - supporting local charities, community groups, and businesses. There will be: delicious street food, stalls & refreshments, fun activities & amazing prizes.

Due to popular demand, we're running two rings again this year - more chances to win ribbons and prizes.

Save the date, bring your friends and let's make our 10<sup>th</sup> year one to remember.

This year the show will raise money for Waterbeach Library, Ravenswood Pet Rescue, Woodgreen Animal Shelter, Herons' Pre-school.

For more information visit the face book page (Waterbeach Fun Dog Show) or contact Jude on 01223 441599



## **Denny Abbey & Farmland Museum**

Just outside Waterbeach, Denny Abbey and The Farmland Museum offers a full calendar of events, hands-on activities, and historical discoveries for all ages – right on your doorstep.

On Sunday 25th and Monday 26th May, celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day at our much-loved 1940s Weekend. With live re-enactments, vintage vehicles, wartime music and dancing, it's a wonderful



way to immerse yourself in the spirit of the era. There will also be themed family activities and displays that bring history to life in a fun and engaging way.

Then on Sunday 15th June, celebrate Father's Day with our Steam Up event, featuring model steam locomotives, mini golf and traditional garden games.

The summer continues with our Anglo-Saxon Weekend on Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th July, where you can meet the Grantanbrycg re-enactment group and experience life in early medieval Cambridgeshire. Expect live demonstrations, traditional skills, and costumed interpreters, all set within the unique grounds of historic Denny Abbey.

Throughout the school holidays, children can enjoy trails and creative activities, offering new ways to explore the museum and its stories each time they visit. Whether it's playing on our pedal tractors, exploring the play area, or solving a themed trail, there's something to keep every young visitor engaged.

While you're here, take a break at the Docky Box Café, serving delicious cakes, drinks and light lunches in a relaxed setting. It's the perfect place to refuel after exploring the museum or watching a re-enactment!

Every ticket is valid for free return visits for 12 months (excluding the 1940s event), making it exceptional value for money.

Find out more and plan your visit at: [www.dennyfarmlandmuseum.org.uk](http://www.dennyfarmlandmuseum.org.uk)

## Fire and Rescue Service



### ***Warm weather highlights dangers of swimming in open water***

As the warm, sunny weather arrives and the temptation to jump into rivers and lakes to cool off increases, residents are being reminded of the risks of swimming in open water. Parents are also urged to explain these risks to their children.

Station Commander Paul Clarke, Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service's lead for Water Safety, said: "As much as it can look very tempting to go for a swim in a river, lake or other areas of open water like quarries, even if the weather is warm, the water can be much colder than expected. At this time of year, you wouldn't expect the water to be warmer than 4 or 5 degrees and that can cause your body to go into cold water shock which can affect your ability to breath.

"It's also really important to remember that open water can be deeper than expected, with unseen hazards below the surface. Things like rubbish, shopping trolleys and rubble can be hidden beneath the murky water that

can easily trap or injure someone. The water may also look calm on the surface, but there may still be strong undercurrents, especially near locks, that could pull even the strongest swimmer under. It is certainly safer to consider visiting one of the many public swimming pools or lidos located around the county.”

Although still risky, there are ways to swim in open water safely.

Paul continued: “We know there are people and groups that do meet to swim in open water and do so safely, as part of a regular exercise programme or hobby. Our key message at the start of the Easter holidays is more aimed at parents and carers to talk to their children about the dangers of swimming in open water unsupervised.”

Here are some useful tips those people should consider:

- If you get into difficulty in water, you should “Float to Live”, by leaning back, using your arms and legs to stay afloat, and try and control your breathing. Once calm, either call for help or try and swim to safety.
- Try and go swimming with someone else, so you can assist each other or call for help if you do get into difficulty. If you see someone else in trouble near water, call for help immediately by dialling 999. Never try and carry out a rescue yourself, you could put yourself in danger too. You can try and find something to throw to them to use as a float or to pull them in if they are near to the edge and it’s safe to do so.
- A really useful tip to help our Control operators and crews to pinpoint your location is giving us a what3words reference. This is easy to do by downloading the app before heading out and encouraging everyone in your group to do the same, making a note of where you’re swimming. The app is free and available to download on any mobile device.

Paul concluded: “We know water is tempting when it’s warm outside and as friends gather in the school holidays and are looking for something to do it can seem great fun. But the fun can quickly turn to tragedy and that is what we are trying to prevent by ensuring everyone understands the risks and hidden dangers and knows what to do if they or one of their friends gets into trouble.”

### ***Think fire safety before lighting your BBQ***

Barbecues can be a great way to spend time with family and friends, especially when the sun is out. To help you stay safe and reduce the risk of a fire when having a barbecue follow our tips below.

- Never use a barbecue indoors or on a balcony
- Make sure barbecues are placed on level ground where they will not tip over
- Keep barbecues away from your home, sheds, fences, garden furniture, trees, shrubs and tents

- Don't drink too much alcohol if you are in charge of the cooking
- Don't set up the barbecue in a place where people have to squeeze past it
- Keep children, pets, and garden games well away from the cooking area
- Never leave the barbecue unattended
- Follow the safety instructions provided with disposable barbecues
- Only use approved barbecue fuel or fire lighters - never use petrol or paraffin.

For more information log on to [www.cambsfire.gov.uk](http://www.cambsfire.gov.uk), follow us on social media or call 01480 444500.

## Waterbeach Brass

Summer is almost upon us, and Waterbeach Brass is gearing up for another busy season. The last few months have seen the band knuckle down with preparation for the London and Southern Counties Regional Contest, where the band took away a very pleasing 4th place out of 18 bands. The final total has also come in for the money raised during our Christmas Carolling, with over £500 raised for East Anglia Children's Hospice.

In June, the band is delighted to be putting on a special Summer Concert, which will feature the talented A4 Brass Quartet. The group comprises principal players from some of the UK's top brass bands, and it promises to be a great evening of music. The concert will take place at Wesley Methodist Church in central Cambridge at 6:30 pm on Sunday, 1st June. Head to our website or Facebook page for more details and to book your tickets!

Also in June, Waterbeach will be heading up north to Saddleworth to take part in what has unofficially been coined 'the greatest free show on earth.' The Whit Friday contest is a unique event that sees over 100 brass bands tour a circuit of small villages around Saddleworth, just east of Manchester, moving between each one by coach throughout the evening. In each village, the band will march down the street playing a piece, with an additional performance that is judged by an adjudicator. The evening is great fun for both the bands and the audience alike.

Closer to home, the band will also be performing at several beer festivals, including those in Cambridge, Haddenham, and Histon. We'll also be back for another year at the Waterbeach Feast, where we always enjoy playing. You can find a full list of upcoming gigs on our website ([www.waterbeachbrass.org](http://www.waterbeachbrass.org)) and social media!

# Stretham Old Engine

## ***Volunteers needed***

Stretham Old Engine is the last surviving, complete, land drainage pumping station in the Fens.

This Listed Building is almost 200 years old (built in 1831).

It was one of over one hundred such pumping stations that helped shape the Fens by draining the land. It was responsible for draining part of the Waterbeach Level area.

It is no longer possible to operate the Old Engine by steam, as the

boilers are inoperative, but nowadays the visitors can still see the huge Scoop Wheel and the impressive Beam engine rotating, powered by an electric motor.

There is also a disused Mirrlees Diesel Engine which is 100 years old this year.

The Stretham Engine Trust is a registered Charity whose main purpose is to manage and preserve the Stretham Old Engine.

The site is usually open to visitors on the second and fourth Sundays of each month and on bank holidays from Easter to October. The public opening hours are 1pm to 5pm. Additional summer dates are listed on the website and group visits are welcomed at any time by prior arrangement.

The volunteers' duties involve taking admission monies and showing visitors around the site. No technical knowledge is required but an interest in local history of the Fens or industrial engineering would be an advantage. On-site training would be given.

Volunteers could also help with general maintenance, if they desire.

The Trust needs more volunteers to help run the site and as a registered charity it is solely dependent on volunteers to ensure its continuity. For more information visit <https://strethamoldengine.com/> or express your interest by email [info@strethamoldengine.com](mailto:info@strethamoldengine.com) or by phone 07749 708455. Come and join our friendly team!



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