

Editorial

Summer has come and gone, even if it was a bit soggy at times. That aside May Day and Feast Week were very successful and we raised just over £3250, all of which will go back into the community.

We are now in Autumn and have much to look forward to over the next few months: the Day Centre Christmas Quiz, our amazing Christmas Lighting Switch-on, and the ever popular Rotary Santa Sleigh

As we go to press there are only 93 sleeps to Christmas Day, so start getting ready. From Val – your editor

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Headlines

COUNCILLOR JOAN COLE RETIRES

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Councillor Joan Cole for her remarkable 28 years of dedicated service to our community. Joan has worked tirelessly to preserve the historic weir and has been instrumental in collecting and sharing the rich history of Warboys, ensuring that our heritage is cherished and remembered. Her passion, commitment, and invaluable contributions have left a lasting impact, and we are truly grateful for all she has done. We wish her a well-deserved and fulfilling retirement. Thank you, Joan, for your extraordinary service and devotion to our community.

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MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

The MacMillan Coffee morning held on 7 September at 11 High Street, Warboys proved a successful fund raiser with over £600 being raised for Macmillan Cancer Support. Thanks go to all who donated raffle prizes, cakes or helped in any way. The delicious cakes were much appreciated and it was a most enjoyable community event.

WARBOYS DIARY

A huge thank you has to go to Andrea for her long standing contributions to the Diary - news collection, editing, proof reading and helping Malcom with dropping off to the delivery team.

We do need to rebuild the Diary team so if you are interested, please contact us – budding journalists welcome.

FEAST WEEK 2024 - ANOTHER SUCCESS

Sunday 28 July saw the beginning of Warboys Feast Week . The day started with our annual street market where



we had over 20 different stalls and attractions. This year was the first time we had arranged for something extra special and there is no doubt that the Fenstanton Morris did us proud . The weather was certainly in our favour and we had a great crowd come along to support this annual event. An unexpected surprise was that our new Huntingdon Member of Parliament – Ben Obese-Jecty – decided to drop by to check out what we do in Warboys!! Feast Sunday finished off with a live performance by Brightside at the Royal Oak. On a warm and sunny evening this proved to be a popular, packed out event, with plenty of classy beers on offer. Thanks to Helen and Andy for hosting the evening.

There were lots of other activities going on during the week. The fair arrived on Monday and stayed for three days. Wednesday proved to be a really busy day. Warboys and District Day Centre threw their doors open with an invitation to have coffee and cakes and



the chance to listen to the hugely entertaining Lucy Lewis, as she revealed the hidden world of bomb disposal training and how she came to be the UK's first female bomb disposal officer entre Wednesday. Over 50 people packed into the Parish Centre and there was much laughter. This was followed by an afternoon of musical entertainment by the ever popular Charlie Chaplin, courtesy of the 55 Plus Club Wednesday concluded with the White Hart holding a Drag Bingo evening with the flamboyant and witty Fanny Burns.



The annual Just Desserts event on the Thursday put on by Warboys Baptist Church was a huge success as

always. The people just kept coming! Cheesecakes, gateaux, trifle, apple pie, crumbles, ice creams with home-made sauces, lemon meringue pie, banoffee, roulade - all free of charge. Although they lost count, around 150 people from the community went along. The weather was great and just kept



getting better, children played outside and adults sat inside and outside, chatting... and eating! Impossible to estimate the number of calories consumed - but at least they were divided by a LOT of people!

Friday was marked by the Feast Week Quiz night, which saw 13 highly competitive teams taking part. Finally Feast Week ended on the Saturday with a Food Fest and live music event hosted by the White Hart.

Overall a great week was enjoyed by many and thanks must go to all the groups who put on individual events and made the Feast Week bigger and better than ever.

More photos from Feast Week will be posted on the WCA Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/warboys communityassociation

THANKS MUST GO TO (in no particular order) THE FOLLOWING FOR ALL THEIR HELP and SUPPORT

- To the Parish Council for organising the road closure and allowing us to hold the Street Market
- Franks Ices
- Pat & Pam for the BBQ, Seniz for the vegetarian alternative and the Windmill Bakery for opening in a Sunday
- All the fabulous stall holders
 - Every one of you who came along on the day and made this a real community event

FINALLY a huge thank you to **FENSTATON MORRIS** for entertaining us so well

Feast Week in 2025 will be 27 July to 2
August and all being well the Street Market
will take place on 27 July 2025 so we hope
to see you all again next year!

NEW COMMUNITY CENTRE UPDATE: PROGRESS & HOW YOU CAN HELP!

We're excited to share some fantastic progress on the construction of our new Community Centre! The project has been moving along smoothly, and we've reached several significant milestones in recent weeks. The brickwork is now well underway, giving shape to the building's exterior, while the floors have been fully completed, providing a solid foundation. The roof has also been successfully installed, marking a major step forward in the build. These



achievements bring us one step closer to realising a new and improved space for all our community activities and gatherings.

Looking ahead, the next critical phase is to make the building watertight, an essential step as we prepare for the winter months. Ensuring the building is sealed and protected from the elements will allow interior work to continue uninterrupted and help maintain

the timeline for the project's completion. We are grateful for the continued support and enthusiasm from the community, and we're excited about the progress yet to come as we work towards creating a vibrant hub for all to enjoy!

A huge thank you to Warboys Voices for their recent donation to the project! Contributions like these make a tremendous difference in bringing our vision to life. If you're a resident wondering how you can support this fantastic community initiative, there are several ways to get involved:

Easy Fundraising You can support the new Warboys Community Centre effortlessly by setting up a free account and downloading the Easy Fundraising app. By doing your online shopping as usual with thousands of participating stores, a portion of your purchase will be donated to our cause—at no extra cost to you! Simply scan the QR code to be taken directly to the Warboys Community Centre support page and start making a difference today!

Join our fun and exciting "Guess How Many Bricks" competition and stand a chance to win one of three

fantastic prizes—all while supporting a great cause! For just **£2 per entry**, and no limit on the number of times you can enter. Simply scan the first QR code to fill out the entry form and the second QR code to complete your payment. All proceeds from the competition will go towards the internal fittings of the new Parish Centre, helping us

out-get guessing today!

create a welcoming and well-equipped space for everyone.



The prizes are worth competing for: 1st Prize is the use of the Community Centre main hall for 3 hours, 2nd Prize is the use of the upstairs balcony room for 2 hours, and 3rd Prize is 20% off a 3-hour room hire of your choice at the Community Centre. The competition closes at midnight on 30 April 2025. Full terms and conditions are available on the Parish Council website www.warboyspc.info/warboys-parish-council-competition-terms-conditions/. Don't miss

Other fundraisers will include

- Christmas Bingo event on 14 December being run in partnership with the 55Plus group —more details will be shared soon.
- A Community Christmas Raffle in support of kitting out the inside of the new Community Centre tickets will be available in November

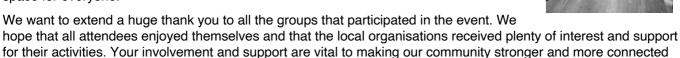
Every bit of support helps us move closer to completing the Community Centre, which will be a hub for everyone to enjoy. Thank you for being part of this journey with us! Stay tuned for more updates and ways to get involved!

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Community Showcase Event – A Great Success!

The Community Showcase event held on **21 September** at the current Parish Centre was a fantastic success, with a great turnout from residents and local groups alike. There was a lot of enthusiasm and interest from attendees eager to learn more about the ongoing construction of the new Community Centre, which was kindly organised by Ben & Co.

The event also saw the successful launch of our 'Guess How Many Bricks?' competition, which attracted great interest. All proceeds from the competition will go towards the fittings for the new Community Centre, helping us create a welcoming and well-equipped space for everyone.





Have Your Say

The Clerks are available in Warboys Library on the first Tuesday of the month from 10am-1pm. Please call in to share your thoughts and ideas to keep Warboys vibrant.

Single Track Section Puddock Road Update

At the September monthly meeting, County Councillor Adela Costello provided Warboys Council with an update on the potential closure of the single-track section of Puddock Road. Following site visits by County Highways, it has been determined that the road cannot be widened; however, stronger materials will be used to reinforce the existing road structure. Additionally, the single-track section will have a 30mph speed limit, with a 40mph buffer zone on the approach to enhance safety. The work is scheduled to commence on 14 October.

Remembrance Sunday Service – 10 November

We invite all residents to join us in paying tribute to those who have served and sacrificed for our country at this year's Remembrance Sunday event, to be held on 10th November at the Warboys War Memorial. The service will commence at 10:30 am, followed by a service at St. Mary Magdalene's Church led by Reverend Garry Dawson-Jones.

The service will include a two-minute silence to honour the fallen, during which representatives from local youth organisations will lay crosses. A representative from Wyton Royal Airforce, along with the Chair of Warboys Parish Council, will also lay wreaths in remembrance.

We hope you will join us for this important day of reflection and respect.

WARBOYS ALLOTMENTS

Looking to grow your own fresh produce and enjoy some outdoor activity? Join our vibrant community of gardeners, cultivate your favourite fruits and vegetables. The Parish Council currently has several full and half plots available for rental. Annual rent is £20 and £15 respectively, I interested individuals can contact the Parish Council Clerks for more information.



Poppy Wreaths

Due to the declining membership of Warboys Branch RBL, it is not possible for us to manage the ordering of Poppy

wreaths for Remembrance Sunday this year. Any group, organisation, club or association can purchase wreaths through the RBL Poppy Shop using this web

address https://www.poppyshop.org.uk/search?q=wreaths. We would recommend purchasing your wreaths sooner rather than later, as demand is high.

Key Parish Council contact details

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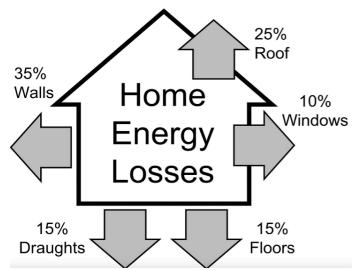
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Names and contact details for all your Parish Councillors can be found on the Warboys Parish Council website: www.warboyspc.info.

ENERGY SAVING INITIATIVES

Your chance to find out how much heat – and money - you could be losing from your home

Once again, this winter, the Warboys Climate and Environment Group (WCEG) will be offering village homeowners



the opportunity to find out how much heat - and so money and fossil fuels – they could be losing through their homes.

Following the success of the thermal imaging surveys that were carried out for almost 30 households last winter, this is a great opportunity to see how well insulated your home is.

Losing heat through the roof, windows, doors or walls means you'll be using more energy than you need. Not only does this cost you more, but it's also burning more fossil fuels. So, that's more carbon going into the atmosphere, continuing to warm the planet and contributing to some of the more extreme weather events we're seeing – even in Warboys.

Using a state-of-the-art thermal imaging camera, the WCEG team will capture heat images that show hot,

warm and cold spots in different colours and pinpoint where heat is being lost in homes. This will help householders to focus their efforts on the places where increased insulation could make a big difference and reduce energy consumption.

The team will also share information on resources that can help, for example in increasing insulation or stopping draughts.

In December this year and January 2025, members of the WCEG team will be carrying out surveys for village households. Here's how it will work:

- We can only carry out a limited number of surveys during the evenings of each week that the camera is available, so we'll be operating on a first-come, first-served basis.
- If you weren't lucky enough to be on the survey list in 2023, and we have your name on the waiting list for this year's survey ,we'll be in touch.
- Each survey will take around 30 minutes and the team will need access to the outside of your home, including garden spaces.
- You'll need to join us throughout the survey where you'll have the chance to see the results, live, and you'll
 have the opportunity to take photos of the results, as we go.
- We'll be in touch a few weeks after the survey to find out how things have progressed for you.
- To get your name on the waiting list, please email: clairesproats@warboysparishcouncil.co.uk or call:
 - o Jo 07834 378070
 - o Claire 07875 527775

We'll be confirming the exact dates during November, so look out for updates on our Facebook page.

Come and join us!

We're looking for more volunteers to support the Warboys Climate and Environment Group. We've got exciting projects in the pipeline, from running home insulation checks, to helping develop Onyett's field.

Want to find out more? Email:

clairesproats@warboysparishcouncil.co.uk or call Claire or Jo on the numbers above.

Find out what a difference eco homes can make

Until 22 October, Cambridge Carbon Footprint (CCF) are running an eco-homes event, exploring lots of topics including energy efficiency. This will be four weeks of inspiring free tours and talks, online and in person. Find out more by checking their website

https://cambridgecarbonfootprint.org/open-eco-homes-events/

GENERAL COMMUNITY NEWS

Red Tile Wind Farm Trust Fund Ltd.

The company, which comprises councillors nominated by Warboys Parish, Ramsey and Chatteris Town and Huntingdonshire District Councils, exists to distribute grants from two schemes funded by EDF Energy (Red Tile Trust) and a local farming family (Whittome Wind Trust) from wind turbines generating electricity in the Parish.

Applications for Red Tile grants are invited from local societies, groups and charities for schemes that are designed to reduce energy consumption or improve or conserve the environment in Warboys and parishes that have a border with Warboys. Grants from Whittome Wind Trust are intended for schemes in Warboys and Ramsey to promote facilities and opportunities for the local community to engage in any type of sporting or active pursuit or any activity that promotes a healthy lifestyle. The Trust meets in January, June and September to consider and determine applications for grant.

Examples of the types of scheme that have been approved in the past include low energy Christmas lighting, led floodlighting of sports pitches, solar panels on community buildings, play equipment made from recycled materials and conservation work in local woodland.

Full details can be found on the company's website

at https://sites.google.com/view/redtilewindfarmtrustfund or by contacting the Secretary Roy Reeves on 01487 823562 or at roy.reeves@hotmail.com

Little Princess Trust

Thank you to Angela Wyatt and to all those who have donated at the Macmillan Coffee morning to sponsor my hair cut for the Little Princess Trust. Thanks also go to members of the Friendship Club for their generosity. A total of £187 was raised and my hair will be used to create a wig for a child with cancer. Thanks to

Hair by Giovanni for the hair cut on 10 September Again, heartfelt thanks to all Janette Spalding

Calling all Carers

I run a support group for anyone who is caring for someone else because they have an illness or disability
The group offers the opportunity to meet other carers over a cup of tea or coffee and share information, as well as providing help and support.
We meet between 10.30 and 11.30 am on the last Friday of each month in de Ramsey Court, School Road. If you would like to come along, please contact Wendy on 07522 918496 – text or ring between 10.30 and 5 pm

Letter to the editor

I have an elderly teddy bear who is starting to show his age, with one seam starting to split. I freely admit I have no idea where to start when it comes to mending him. I was wondering if there is anybody who could help me get him fixed before he gets any worse. Please contact me on 01487 822354.

BONFIRE EVENTS NEAR WARBOYS

- **2 November: Abbotts Ripton** on the grounds of the Secret Garden Party For more information go to Komodo Fireworks website: https://komodoevents.com/huntingdon-fireworks-2024/
- **9 November: Fireworks in Hemingford** Big Field Site, London Road . For more information go to http://www.fireworksinhemingford.uk



RAMSEY FOOD BANK can be found in the Small Hall, Ramsey Methodist Church, High Street. Tel: 07596 544157. Open 10-1200 hrs Tuesday & Thursday.

The food bank supports individuals and families in Warboys who are experiencing food poverty. **Your donations are really important.** These can be left in the box outside 16 High Street, Warboys SPAR, and the Parish Church.

Urgently needed items

- · long life fruit juice
- tinned fruit
- UHT milk
- instant mash
- tinned tomatoes

- tinned fish
- sponge puddings
- other desserts
- toilet rolls
- washing powder
- washing up liquid

www.ramsey.foodbank.org.uk

ALSO- please do not supply baby items or milk as we cannot use them

NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITY GROUPS

WARBOYS & DISTRICT DAY CENTRE

The last few months have proved to be very busy and most enjoyable. Members and volunteers enjoyed a lovely

morning cruise on the Ladybird (Charity) Boat. The weather was great and we were able to fully enjoy the amazing scenery and wildlife as we gently traversed the river. Following our trip, members enjoyed a lunch of fish and chips, and ice cream for dessert – perfect end to a perfect outing.

The following week saw us hold our annual coffee morning, which tied in with the Warboys Feast Week festivities. Our guest speaker was Lucy Lewis, the first female bomb disposal officer in the British Army. Lucy gave a fascinating and at times



hilarious talk on her experiences both in the Army, and in her career afterwards. Those who came along were amazed and stunned at the major significance of ironing and knickers within today's modern forces!! Afterwards, Lucy met with members of the audience, and signed copies of her book. As mentioned, the coffee morning was strongly supported, and we are appreciative of all who attended the day. As a result of your attendance, along with some delightful cakes, we raised a healthy sum to support our Day Centre entertainment fund.

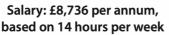
The month of August was of course "The Olympics", we marked this momentous event with our very own version of the games. Clare, one of our multi-talented volunteers designed and made our very own Olympic Park. Members participated in our own version of swimming, archery and throwing the javelin, there was a strong desire to take part in the events of skateboarding and breakdancing, but Members were persuaded to give these events a pass, due to health and safety concerns! Gold medals were awarded to successful contestants, and all in all, the day was a resounding success.

WARBOYS AND DISTRICT DAY CENTRE

(Registered charity no 1048532)



DAY CENTRE MANAGER



Core hours: 0930 - 1500 hours Wednesday and Friday; remaining hours are flexible

We are a small, registered charity based in Warboys, near Huntingdon.
Our primary objective is to support older people in the local
community who would otherwise be socially isolated and lonely.
We provide a safe and relaxed environment where members can meet
and enjoy the company/friendship of others and engage in a range of
social activities that are stimulating, support mental health wellbeing
and help keep them mobile.

Our current Manager is retiring so we are seeking to appoint a replacement. We are looking for an enthusiastic, organised individual with experience of meeting the diverse needs of older people. The successful individual will be responsible for the day-to-day management of the Day Centre and leading a small team of volunteers.

If you would like to request an information pack, discuss this post in more detail and arrange an informal visit, please contact

Val Musson, Chair of Trustees:

Email: val.musson@icloud.com Phone: 07825 551975

Closing date for receipt of applications: Friday 18th October 2024

Interviews will be held on Friday 25th October 2024

We also hosted some of our more regular activities, including musical sessions with KJ and the Catt, and the Singing Gardener, and of course our usual quizzes and competitions. September gave us a chance to



relax and enjoy some of our regular entertainers. We welcomed James Le Bec, the St Ives Uke Troupe and the Harmonica Guys, all of whom provided an opportunity for everyone to sing along and dance. We even won a prize in James Le Bec's famed music competition!

We were given the opportunity to try out some new activities, courtesy of Clare – these included the Human Fruit Machine! and an alternative take on Charades. As can be imagined, these games caused much hilarity, and the eager participation of all members would suggest that they are likely to be repeated in the future.

If you or someone you know might

benefit from being a member of Warboys Day Centre, please give us a ring on 07548 949809. We have places available on both days and we also welcome new volunteers

NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITY GROUPS

Warboys W.I.

The summer break from our regular meetings gave us the opportunity to enjoy a relaxed afternoon Garden Party.

The theme was tropical and everyone who came along was encouraged to wear a pretty garland, to match their lovely outfits. The weather was perfect and the garden looked bright and cheerful decorated with balloons and streamers. A wonderful choice of tropical style foods and drinks were available with all members bringing something tasty. Inevitably there was a Raffle with garden themed prizes. There was lots of friendly chat and a Quiz to identify the plants around us. A great afternoon!

The September meeting. began with us singing Jerusalem, as usual. Joyce, our President welcomed members, visitors and the guest speaker

WI business was dealt with, and then we were introduced to Josie Charter. She spoke about her work with the 'Lifeline Fund', a Cambridge-based charity whose focus is on the African country of Malawi. Malawi was previously Nyasaland and became independent of British rule in 1964. The capital is Lilongwe, and population is around 20

million. The country is land-locked with Lake Malawi to the East and it includes the Rift Valley. Their currency is the Kwacha and they speak Chichewa and some English. The Lifeline fund is mainly concerned with the care and education of orphaned and needy children, over 3000 are involved. From the beginning 25 years ago many children were orphaned as the result of AIDS.

Unfortunately, many children who are disabled are kept hidden away, unable to go outside their homes. The Lifeline fund has a special Centre to care for all who need this special help, and around 50 children and 200 are on an outreach programme. They also have a skills training centre for the less academic, teaching woodwork, plumbing & tailoring. There is also an agricultural training to enable food production, with emphasis on crop rotation and organic methods, including making their own compost.

Donated items are sent from Britain, including clothes, shoes, unwanted computers, toys and spectacles. Josie is very enthusiastic about Lifeline and is an excellent speaker.

The next talk is at Warboys Parish Centre on 9 October starting at 7.15 and the title is "Hell on Wheels"

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In August, members enjoyed a talk about life in Warboys in the 1950s. Village life has changed dramatically as in 2024 Warboys is almost a town.

Diane gave a history of the Red Hatters - the name is based on a poem about later years and members held a Bring and Share tea at the September meeting.

To round off the year there will be a Christmas Party on 27 November. Mince pies and festive drinks will be served and our friend Charlie Chaplin will be leading the Christmas songs.

We are looking forward to a full programme for 2025. We meet in the Sports and Social Club between 2 and 4 pm on the last Wednesday of the month – look out for posters. Guests are always welcome

WALKING GROUP

The group has been organising walks in the area for over 30 years on the first Saturday and second Sunday of the month, starting at the Clock Tower at 10.00 a.m. Some leave on foot from the Clock Tower but others involve a short car journey to the start with lift sharing encouraged. Most walks are between 7 and 11 miles in length, usually stopping at a café or pub for a lunch time refreshment break. With the closure of so many pubs in recent years and as so many now only offer a full Sunday roast menu, there are a few walks where a packed lunch is required but details are available from the leader. It's a very informal group with no membership: simply turn up at the Clock Tower if you want to join one of the walks but please bear in mind that you do so at your own responsibility.

The walks over the next 2 months which all involve a short car journey to the start are -

- Saturday, 5th October Diddington to Little Paxton circular 7 miles
- Sunday, 20th October Warmington to Yarwell circular 11 miles
- Saturday, 2nd November Warsley and Gransden circular 7.5 miles
- Sunday 17th November Folksworth to Glatton circular 8 miles

Further details can be obtained from the organiser, Roy Reeves on 01487 823562 or roy.reeves@hotmail.com

NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITY GROUPS

Warboys Primary Academy



WARBOYS PRIMARY ACADEMY PATENT TEACHER AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

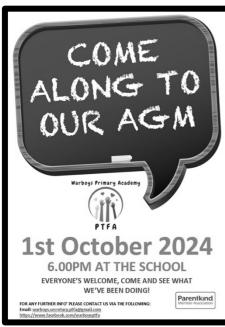
Welcome back to all the children, families, and staff to a new academic year. We hope that the children and families that have joined in Foundation have settled in well and enjoying their time at school. We also hope that the Y6s who started Secondary school have experienced a good transition from Primary.

Thank you to everyone that supported us with our fundraising efforts in 2023/2024; we raised just under £5k; which is fantastic! Especially as we did not hold a Summer Fete. We ended the year with a new event for the children, families and staff, which was a Sponsored Colour Run, and we can confidently say that it was a huge hit and EVERYONE had a blast!

Our fundraising efforts over the years have finally allowed the PTFA, the school and the Trust to install new



playground equipment in the KS1 playground, and also purchase books for all the classes so that children have access to a vast selection of books to support their love of reading. Thank you to Mr D.Brown, The Adam Hyde Sport Fund, and Warboys Community Association for their donations to support our efforts, and to the school and wider community for their support.



On the 1 October at 6pm, we will be holding our AGM at the school.

Everyone is welcome to come along.

We are always in the need for committee members and volunteers, so if you would like to find out about the



committee member roles, please get in touch via email or our Facebook page.

 $\textbf{Contact details} \ \ \underline{\textbf{warboys.secretary.ptfa@gmail.com}}$

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/warboysptfa

1st WARBOYS SCOUTS

If your child is interested in joining our group, please complete the online form (link available on our Facebook page) or email our Group Scout Leader, on gslwarboys@hotmail.com. The group is run by a committee and a leadership team of volunteers who need your support. If you would like to support our local group and get involved in any way, please email our Committee Chair, Andy, on andrew.jlamb@yahoo.com



Beavers 6 to 8 years old Tuesdays 6 til 7pm

Cubs 8 to 10.5 years old Tuesdays 6.30 til 8pm

Scouts 10.5 to 14 years old Wednesdays 7 til 8.30pm

LOCAL GROUPS and CLUBS

Warboys Art Group: 7pm start

on Wednesdays in the Sports & Social Club .Karen Shipton 07703 495431 or Malcolm Bowd **Warboys Amateur Dramatic** Society (WADS). Contact Andrea



Murphy on 07778 672447. Meets on Thursday evenings **Friends of Warboys Library** (FOWL) www.fowl.org.uk

Contact via webmaster@fowl.org.uk

07927 028743

Warboys WI

Contact Joyce Reeves on 01487 823562or Christine

Ford 01487 824628

55 PLUS - we meet monthly March to September and offer a great range of social events. Contact Hilary Moulds 01487 822135 or Angela Wyatt 01487 823041

Friendship Club - for the best coffee in the village come along every Thursday 10-11.30 in the Sports & Social Club. Contact Sean on 01487 823114

Warboys Day Centre

Supporting older people. Meet on Wednesdays & Fridays in the Parish Centre. Contact Sue on

Warboys Royal British Legion

Meets 2nd Thursday of each month at 7.30pm in the Sports & Social Club. Contact Martin on 07835 401294 or warboysrbl.secretary@yahoo.com

Warboys Local History Society

History

Contact

Joan B - 07813 594229 Joan C - 07979 342653 or Brian 01487 822296



Warboys Walkers Walks for all abilities throughout the year Contact Roy Reeves

01487 823562 or roy.reeves@hotmail.com

07548 949809 for more info



Warboys Christmas Lighting Group

Contact Bernie on 01487 209084 bernitta@thewatersidepractice. co.uk



Warboys Bell Ringers

Meet every Thursday at 7.30pm at the Parish

Church for practice. Contact Lita: 0786 415 0030 or lita carter@hotmail.co.uk



St Ives & Warboys **Cricket Club** Contact

http://www.stivesandwarbovscc. clubbuzz.co.uk/

Warboys Table Tennis Club



Contact Martin Croucher on 07825 186205



Warboys Academy PTFA Contact

warboys.secretary.ptfa@gmail.com https://www.facebook.com/warboysptfa



Warboys Beavers, **Cubs & Scouts**

Contact via gslwarboys@hotmail.com

1st Brownies & Rainbows for



girls aged 5-7 and 7-101/2. Contact Paula on 07742 229262 or

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Warboys Under Fives

Contact us on 01487 823190 or

warboysunderfives@hotmail.co.uk

Warboys Archaeology Group

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Warboys Colts

For more information contact warboyscolts@gmail.com or www.warboyscolts.co.uk

White Hart Bowls Club



Contact Graham Spalding on savuka2014@gmail.com

Old Village School Board Trust Gives

grants to young people /youth groups for educational and sports purposes. Contact wovsbt@gmail.com

Red Tile Wind Farm & Whittome Wind Trusts. Both Trusts have funds available as grants. For more

information contact Roy Reeves, e Secretary on 01487 823562

Warboys Sports & Social Club

Sports Field, Forge Way. Visit Facebook page

WHAT'S ON - calendar of forthcoming events

DATE	EVENT	TIME	VENUE	
7 October	WLHS: How Warboys celebrated historical events – were you there?	7.30pm	Methodist Church	
9 October	WI Meeting: Hell on Wheels – learning to drive	7.15 pm	Parish Centre	
14 October	Parish Council meeting	7pm	Parish Centre	
31 October	Halloween crafts & refreshment	10am-12 noon	Warboys Library	
2 November	Friends of Warboys Library Book Sale	10am-12 noon	Warboys Library	
10 November	Remembrance Sunday	10.30 am	Warboys War Memorial	
11 November	Parish Council meeting	7pm	Parish Centre	
13 November	WI Meeting: Annual meeting &1940s entertainment	7.15 pm	Parish Centre	
14 November	Warboys Climate & Environment Group	7pm	Parish Centre	
22 November	Warboys Day Centre Christmas Quiz	7.30pm	Parish Centre	
25 November	Ladies Christmas Craft Evening	7pm	Baptist Church	
27 November	55 Plus – Christmas Festivities & Charlie Chaplin	2pm	Sports & Social Club	
30 November	Big Christmas Lighting Switch-on	4pm	Around the Weir	
4 – 13 Dec				
9 December	Parish Council meeting	7pm	Parish Centre	
11 December	WI Meeting: Christmas Party & entertainment	7.15pm	Parish Centre	
14 December	Emma's Cake & Preserves stall	10am -1pm	11 Heath Road	
14 December	Bingo evening – Community Centre fund raiser	tbc	tbc	
20 December	Carols by Candlelight	7pm	Baptist Church	
	2025 Happy New Year			
13 January	Parish Council meeting	tbc	tbc	
24 January	WADS Pantomime	7.30pm	Primary Academy	
25 January	WADS Pantomime	2pm & 7.30pm	Primary Academy	
26 January	WADS Pantomime	2pm & 7.30pm	Primary Academy	
16 April	Annual Parish Meeting	tbc	tbc	
5 May	May Day Fete	11am – 3pm	Sports Field	

In need of an outdoor shelter or mobility equipment?

Are you planning a gathering of family and friends and worried about the weather?

Warboys Community Association has several shelters available for hire – including 3 x 3m gazebos, a 4.5 x 4.5m Coleman's Canopy and a 3 x 8m Gala Tent.

In addition we have a selection of china, cutlery, glasses and hot water urns available for hire

We also have various items of mobility equipment including wheelchairs, walkers, shower stools and commodes available.

Our rates are very reasonable. To discuss hire fees and availability email us at warboyscommunityassociation@gmail.com or ring/text 07825 551975

Warboys Primary Academy Term Dates 2024/2025

Half-term: 28 October -1 November

Autumn term closes: Thursday 19 December **Spring term opens**: Tuesday 7 January **2025**

Half term: 17-21 February

Spring term closes: Friday 4 April

Summer term opens: Wednesday 23 April

May Bank Holiday: Monday 5 May

Half term: 26 – 30 May

Summer Term closes: 23 July

Need a venue for an event/meeting/party? Options include

- Warboys Parish Centre contact Emmeline, Assistant Clerk on 07985 771834
 - ♣ De Ramsey Court Common Room contact 03701 924129
 - ♣ Sports & Social Club contact Veronica 07904 358450

CHURCH and LIBRARY INFORMATION

GENERAL CHURCH INFORMATION

Warboys Parish Church

Sunday Morning Worship services at 10am

Except 2nd Sunday of each month when a Traditional Worship is held at 9am, followed by Family Café Time at 10am - hot drinks, bacon or cheese toasties, table art and activities, songs and a short bible story. Open to all

The Church is open for individual private prayer and quiet reflection - daily Monday to Saturday, usually from 9.00 to 5.00

For more information please contact: Rector: Rev. Garry Dawson-Jones rector@4parishes.org or Curate: Rev. Maureen Dean - 01487 822391 or maureendean1@btinternet.com

Warboys Baptist Church

Sundays - morning and evening - at 10.45am and 6pm.

Tuesdays in the back hall at 7.30pm.

All are welcome. Watch our website or Facebook page for details of meetings '

Warboys Methodist Church

 Join us at 6pm on a Sunday evening for worship – see notice board for details All are very welcome. Minister: Rev. Nick Witham nicholas.witham@methodist.org.uk

Sacred Heart Church, Ramsey

Sunday Mass at 9am.

Weekday Mass - Monday and Thursday at 10am (but please check times as these may vary) Parish Priest: Father Arakkal Joseph Andrew Tel: 01733 203411

LIBRARY INFORMATION

You can join the library online or by visiting Warboys Library during opening hours. For more information visit

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisureculture/libraries.

- if you would like help applying for or renewing your Bus Pass, make an appointment at Warboys Library
- remember if you are a member of the library, you get free internet access
- if you need help with basic computer skills, why not book a session with our Digital Buddy



Storytime

Warboys Library Every Thursday at 10.30-11.00am

Half an hour of short stories, rhymes and colouring to engage and delight pre-schoolers

Free but donations welcome Children must be accompanied by an adult

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OR



You can go to Learn my Way This is a free online learning website for

beginners helping them develop digital skills to make the most of the online world. The online learning can be taken at the individual's own pace and to fit in with their schedule. You can use Learn my Way on your mobile, tablet or computer. Wherever you choose to learn it only takes minutes and you can try out a few topics before registering.

www.learnmyway.com

WARBOYS LIBRARY OPENING **HOURS**

- Monday 2 5pm
- Tuesday 10am 1pm
- Thursday 10am 1pm & 2 5pm
- Saturday 10am 1pm

Closed Wednesday, Friday & Sunday

FRIENDS OF WARBOYS LIBRARY

A group of volunteers who support the library and work closely with the library staff to develop the service and raise awareness of facilities by holding regular book sales and events. All proceeds raised fund items for the library. The Friends maintain the Warboys Village Directory at www.fowl.org.uk. Lots of useful local information.

Contact FOWL through the Library or email webmaster@fowl.org.uk

MORE NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITY GROUPS



WARBOYS LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Under Fyson Way-Archaeological Finds by Steve Graham

The first formal documentation of Warboys was in the Saxon Charter of 974, followed nearly 100 years later in the Doomsday Book, when it was recorded as a community of between 150 - 200 people. However, the site had been inhabited much earlier, from the Iron Age, through the

Romano-British period to late Saxon times. The new housing development at Fyson Way provided the opportunity for an archaeological dig, before the contractors moved in, to help shed more light on the village's history.

Although people have been living in the wider area for thousands of years, the discovery of only a few Mesolithic arrow heads and Bronze Age artifacts suggested there had not been a permanent settlement at Warboys until the Iron Age, about 350BC – 100BC. By the late Iron Age there is evidence of an enclosure and five round-houses, built in the standard layout of the time facing eastward, suggesting it may have been the home of an extended family. Evidence from animal remains, crops, ritualised burials and traces of charcoal, possibly from a forge, indicates it may have grown to become a small farmstead.

Following the Roman invasion and the ensuing stability in southern England, the settlement continued to thrive. This is borne out by the consistency of pottery finds throughout the Roman period, suggesting that the settlement experienced a 'seamless flow of conditions,' as Steve termed it, that allowed an agricultural economy to expand. In the first century AD the site revealed further evidence of the settlement's growth, with the construction of cultivation ditches, more roundhouses and agricultural buildings, such as a kraal for cattle.

In the second century AD, at the height of the Roman empire, there is evidence of a more formal, ordered society, evidenced by cobbled pathways, artisan activity throughout the site and crop expansion. Even the variety of burial sites suggests a community with a belief system and burial traditions. Much of the newer settlement expansion, however, is to the east of the site and covered by modern housing developments.

In the third century AD, although the settlement's size remained stable, the trackways near the settlement were continually maintained, suggesting the site was part of an important trading route. During this period, a juvenile burial, in which a beaker, bone pin and necklace of jet and amber were found, indicates the presence of more high

status individuals living in the settlement. During the fourth century AD, as the Roman Empire declined, the settlement continued to flourish, but by that time it had transformed from being a subsistence economy to an economic one, with the trackway providing links to the surrounding villages and the fen ports. However, during the Anglo-Saxon period, from the fifth century AD to 1066, the site contracted, and although there is evidence of some occupation during that time, it is believed the site was also periodically deserted until much later in the Saxon period.

Upcoming events at Warboys Library

Halloween crafts and refreshments for children during half term at the library. Thursday 31st October 10.00-12.00.



The next Friends of Warboys Library book sale will be at the library, Saturday 2nd November 10.00-12.00.



Live Events

Saturday 5th October @ 8ish Virtual Race Night with David & Sean

> Saturday 12th October @ 8.30 The Poke

> Saturday 26th October @ 8.30 The Freddie Hall Band

Saturday 2nd November @ 8.30 Victor Velocette

Saturday 9th November @ 8.30 Five Five Six

Sunday 17th November @ 3.30 Graham Buxton

Saturday 30th November Village Christmas Lights Switch On! Brightside

70 Mill Green, Warboys, PE28 2SB 01487 824848

MORE NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITY GROUPS



WARBOYS LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY Part 2

On 2nd September WLHS was entertained by Christopher South telling the **TALE OF DENNIS OF GRUNTY FEN** and how the 17 yearlong radio programme began and evolved. It was so popular that in areas of poor reception, listeners would drive out to be able to hear Dennis and the hapless Chris create the legendary programme. It all began in Newmarket when Chris was broadcasting

and a man dressed in a dirty overcoat, grubby corduroy cap, big buck teeth and pebble glasses sat next to him and began to argue with him. How rude he thought. Later Peter Sayles (a singer songwriter) approached him and said it was he who dressed as Dennis had interrupted the broadcast and could they do it again. They poked fun at city folk and championed the countryside. Both of them were opposites but had the same sense of humour which encompassed improbable situations and inventions resulting in the truly funny (in those days) long lasting radio programme. The programmes had to be scripted because of the likelihood of outbursts of laughter and corpsing.

Tales of unstable exploding spam (1945 vintage) stored in a secret pill box known only to Dennis, the rhubarb treatment factory next to the custard factory which caught fire and exploded causing large chunks of custard to be spread around to be collected by people from afar, the rhubarb forest (bog oaks are remnants of the ancient forest) where workers would use rhubarb semaphore to signal home, how inventions arrived before their use (the tea cosy arrived before the tea pot had been invented), the tale of Miss Edwards who ran the village store and was the victim of smart salesmen selling huge quantities of unsaleable items such as enamel sink tidies. Dennis's invention of The Grunty Fen temple bastion of eternal and perpetual impregnable citadel of everlasting endurance which fell down just after it was built cannot be omitted.

Dennis, when in character, would stay in character whatever the situation, often making things worse with his





About Our Community Car Scheme

A volunteer-run service for people with mobility difficulties and those who need to make essential journeys (medical, shopping etc.) where there is no suitable public transport.

- Due to demand we need a minimum of one week's notice for each booking.
- Essential medical journeys will take priority.
- · We will aim to match you with the nearest available driver.
- All bookings must be made via your nearest office for insurance purposes.
- All of our drivers are DBS checked and carry formal identification.
- Our drivers have the right to refuse any journey if they feel uncomfortable or intimidated. We will not transport any passengers who are under the influence of drink or drugs, or anyone who shows any signs of aggression.
- All pets must be appropriately restrained
- Our drivers are unable to take any passengers requiring additional support getting in and out of the vehicle.
- Fees are charged at 45p per mile from the driver's home (minimum £2), plus a £2 booking fee to cover the administration costs. The minimum journey fee is £4.
- Journey costs may vary to the same destination because of the difference in the start point for the driver.
- Where a return journey is requested our drivers will usually wait up to an hour. If a
 longer period is required drivers can arrange to return to collect you later. This is a
 double-return run and therefore the cost to the passenger is doubled.
- If we are on the phone during office hours the phone will go straight to voice-mail.
 Please leave a message and speak clearly, leaving your name and telephone number, details of the journey destination, pick-up time and whether this is a single or return trip. We will call you back as soon as we are able.
- Please remember to tell us:
 - How many passengers the booking is for. There is no additional charge, but some
 of our drivers have smaller cars and prefer to take no more than 2 passengers.
 - If you use a wheelchair, wheeled-walking aid or have an assistance dog.

Once your journey is booked we will phone to confirm and tell you the name of the driver.

Thank you.

comments. On one occasion at the East of England Show where he and Chris were invited to broadcast, he was refused admission. His remarks to the people at the entrance "don't like the look of you either" did not improve things and it required Chris to convince them that indeed they were genuine and due to broadcast before they were let in.

After Chris's talk there were books and CDs available from Carol Carman who was responsible for the later productions of the broadcasts. More information can be found on the Dennis of Grunty Fen website http://www.dennisofgruntyfen.co.uk/

A really entertaining evening which triggered memories for many and enlightened others to the wonders of Grunty Fen.

CITIZENS ADVICE

Need free, expert, independent and confidential advice about debt, work. housing, pension credit we recommend you go to Citizens Advice Rural Cambs.

For more information go to https://www.citizensadviceruralcambs
.org.uk or if urgent ring 0808 278 7807

CHRISTMAS IS COMING

WARBOYS' DAY CENTRE

Supporting older people in the community



Help us raise money for our local Day Centre



Come along and join our CHRISTMAS QUIZ & RAFFLE

FRIDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2024 starting at 7.30pm

WARBOYS PARISH CENTRE (TBC)



Enter in teams of up to 6
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Tickets £5 per person
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Please book your place in advance and book early to avoid
disappointment

WARBOYS CHRISTMAS LIGHTING GROUP

We have been planning with the Elves to make our 2024 Switch on Event on the 30 November 4-6pm another unforgettable event in the Warboys calendar.

To name but a few of our plans we are looking forward to hearing our local choirs; Warboys Primary academy students and Warboys Voices adult choir, magical Elves from WADS, Santa's Grotto from Evolution Domes, Pat & Pam's legendary BBQ plus tasty sweet stalls including hot chocolate, tea & coffee, facepainting, food and novelties to enjoy.

This year the group has been fortunate to acquire the help of local farmer and contractor Dan Fabb and all going well he will help us erect and dismantle the Christmas Lights meaning thousands of pounds would be saved reducing fundraising pressure.

Additionally, the generous donation of our super Christmas Tree from Warboys Christmas Tree Centre has once again been provided by our very own Swannell's Transport. Plus a trailer to provide a stage for our switch on event.

Last year the one-off Vibrant Community Funding was a huge help, however this year without the volunteered help we would not be able to be doing the following:

Four New Lighting Displays!

With a combination of your donations at our events and funding from the following groups we have been able to see our village Christmas displays reach further down Mill Green from this year as has been village feedback for some time.

Huge thanks to Ramsey Rotatory-Warboys Impact Group who have funded not only a new column light, but also the cost of installing connectors and timers. We have also to thank the WCA's donation to the group, Blakemore (secured by Michelle Collins), and Warboys Voices.

Thanks also goes to the Red Tile Fund, of whom we applied for a 50% grant to install our new LED clocktower lights after years of our existing curtain lights becoming increasingly temperamental!

Advertising Banners

The last two years with permission, we have run our advertising banner campaign around the Weir which, last year raised a fantastic £1,800!!

Banners showcasing our **local** businesses are displayed for a period of 6 weeks on the run up to and at our switch on event.

If you are interested in taking part in this scheme, costing just £160 for fantastic roadside exposure through the village please get in touch bernitta@thewatersidepractice.co.uk or 01487 209084. Banners can go up from mid-October.

Can you help with our Switch on Event? bernitta@thewatersidepractice.co.uk.

Donations can be made through Crowdfunding:

https://gofund.me/80628765

or The Waterside Practice 10a Mill Green Warboys is able to hold cash or cheque donations to be passed directly to our Treasurer Penny Jennings.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING Part 2



2024 SANTA SLEIGH CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Warboys Impact

The sleigh will follow the street order as shown below however, the route may vary subject to circumstances on the night. Keep up to date with the Sleigh's progress via Facebook posts and our Santa tracker link which will be published nearer the time. The sleigh will start most routes between 5.30pm & 6.00pm, aiming to finish by 8.00pm.

Wednesday 04 December	RUDOLPH Heath Road - Pasture Close - Station Road - Wilthorne - Mill Green (Royal Oak Corner) - Padgetts Close - High Street.
Thursday 05 December	DANCER Church Road - Popes Lane - Throckmorton - Beech Close - Samuels Close - Lea Brooks Close - Pathfinder Way - Wellington Close - Stirling Close - Lancaster Close - Ramsey Road (Clock Tower to Junction with Humberdale Way).
Tuesday 10 December	COMET School Road - Humberdale Way (from School Road) - Flaxen Walk (no. 2-12/1-19) - Third Avenue - Second Avenue - Santa Stops in Bottels Road for Bottels Road, Knowles Avenue and Garner Avenue - First Avenue - Ramsey Road (from junction with Humberdale Way) - Oaklands - St Marys Green - Wiggs Close - Jubilee Avenue.
Wednesday	DASHER
11 December	Humberdale Way (from School Road) - Flaxen Walk (no. 14-28/21-49) - Woodlands - Spinney Close - Meadow Way - Field Close – Goldpits - Old Mill Avenue - Statfold Green.
Thursday	PRANCER
12 December	Fenton Road - New Road - Bencroft Lane - Mill Green (Spar side) - Madecroft - Madecroft Close - Forge Way - Croft Holme Close - Farriers Way - The Smithy - Fyson Way - Clydesdale Way - Suffolk Close - Shire Close.
Friday	VIXEN
13 December	Coronation Avenue/Crown Close - Station Road - Orchard Close - Fox Hole Close - Ash Close - Mahaddie Way (southern loop) - Santa Stops for Searby Place NTR - Holbrow Court - Santa Stops for Mahaddie Way NTR - Rea Court - Saxon Way - Eldrida Drive, Humbrills Close - Mahaddie Way (northern loop) - Collings Close - Lawrence Drive.



Santa Letters – we will be helping Santa again this year by passing on your lovely children's letters. Although Santa does know where every lucky child lives, his little Elf helper's do need some help with the address, so please do remember to ensure that all letters passed to Santa on his Sleigh do have those addresses marked clearly, thank you.

EMMA'S POPULAR JAMS, PRESERVES and CAKES Available to buy between 10am and 1pm on Saturday 14 December at 11 Heath Road

The Old Village Board School Trust (OVBST)

The OVBST was formed when the site of the old school (where the library is currently located) was sold off and the school relocated. Some of the money was invested and the interest is used to give small grants to young people from Warboys to help with their education. Young people must live within the parish of Warboys or within half a mile of the parish boundary and should be aged less than 25 years. Grants can be used

- for the purchase of special educational materials like books or equipment for College or University
- to buy special tools needed by someone who is undergoing special training or starting out in a trade or craft
- to purchase special sporting equipment or musical instruments
- for educational travel to broaden the education and experience of young people
- to allow young people to undergo special training courses that may not otherwise be available to them

It can also be used by school and youth groups, e.g. sports, religious or uniformed groups in the Warboys area to provide equipment to further the education and development of local young people.

How to apply: If you think that you have a need with which a grant from the Trust could help, write with details of your age, what you need, how it would help and email to **wovsbt@gmail.com**

THE MARKET PLACE







Dyers Patio Centre The area's leading Patio Centre

Wide range of garden furniture including seated arbours, cast iron Chimineas, garden posts and containers **plus** plants, compost, decorative paving, and pebbles

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Monday - Friday: 9am - 4pm Saturday: 1 March - 30 Sept 9am -4pm

> **1 Oct - end Feb** 9am - 3pm Sunday closed

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Dyers Building Services

Extensions and Patio Laying Service



Contact Sheridan 01487 822556



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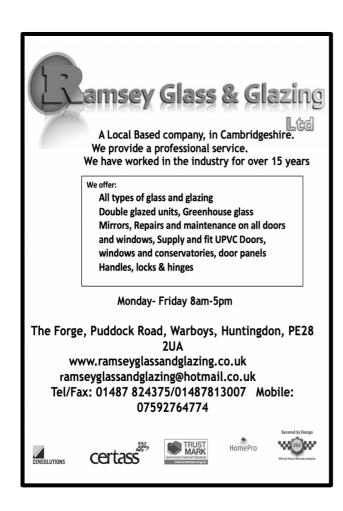
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