



Warboys Diary

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Editorial



Can't quite believe we are now only 25 days away from Christmas – 2024 seems to have flown by, but hopefully we have all survived the ups and downs of the last 12 months. In the main it has been a good year, despite the vagaries of the weather and the ongoing financial concerns. As a community we need to express our thanks to the many

volunteers who give up their time to make Warboys such a vibrant community.

We wish you all a happy festive season and our best wishes for 2025, which we hope will be a really good one. **From your editor**

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Headlines

JOAN COLE TO BE MADE AN HONORARY FREE WOMAN OF WARBOYS

This award is in recognition of Joan's contributions to the community as a whole and her longstanding work in preserving the history of Warboys. There will be a formal event to confer this honour once the new community centre has been opened.

THE 2024 SANTA TOUR OF WARBOYS

Remember Santa starts his tour on Wednesday 4 December - for full details go to page 6

THE PARISH CENTRE

The original parish centre, which has served the community for many years, was successfully demolished in the week commencing 28 October. While this was a necessary step to allow for better site access and continued construction progress, it was certainly a bittersweet moment for all.

The old centre has held countless memories for Warboys residents, and we'd love to hear your stories! Please share your photos and recollections of time spent in the parish centre—we'd love to collect these memories as part of the centre's legacy.

WARBOYS CHRISTMAS RAFFLE – GREAT PRIZES TO BE WON

Buy some raffle tickets and help raise funds for a fully equipped community kitchen in the new Community Centre – see page 5 for details of where to buy tickets.

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Community Centre Construction Update: Progress & Plans

Warboys Parish Council is pleased to update residents on the new Community Centre's construction, which remains on track for completion by late spring/early summer 2025, following the successful demolition of the original parish centre in late October. Here are the latest updates on construction progress, funding applications, and financial management.

Since the demolition, the project has reached several key milestones. The external brickwork is nearly complete, and with the internal scaffolding now being removed, residents can see the outlined rooms and begin to visualise the Centre's internal layout. Floor screeding is scheduled to begin in December/January, while drainage works may also commence in December to keep the timeline flexible and on track.

We're excited to see the Centre taking shape and look forward to creating a modern, functional, and welcoming space for Warboys. Thank you for your continued support and patience as we work through each phase of this important project. Further updates will follow on construction, funding outcomes, and ways for the community to get involved.

For further updates and detailed information, community members are encouraged to attend the upcoming committee meetings or visit the project's dedicated webpage; www.warboyspc.info/newparishcentre/

Parish Council Vacancy Announcement

Warboys Parish Council has 1 seat available for an interested member of the community. If you are passionate about local issues and want to help shape the future of Warboys, we encourage you to consider joining the Council. We are looking for individuals who are committed, proactive, and willing to work collaboratively to benefit the village.

For more information, please contact the clerks at clerk@warboysparishcouncil.co.uk. Candidates will need to express their interest by midday on 9th December to the Clerks, prior to the full council meeting, where members will vote on the appointment.

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.

Road Safety Improvements Coming to Ramsey Road

Warboys Parish Council is pleased to announce that our Local Highways Initiative (LHI) bid for traffic calming on Ramsey Road has been

successful! Scheduled for August next year, this project will see the installation of a priority chicane with road narrowing at the village entry. This measure is designed to create an immediate speed reduction for vehicles entering the village. By narrowing the road, it will physically encourage drivers to adhere to the 30mph speed limit, helping to keep all road users and pedestrians safer. This improvement marks a significant step towards enhancing safety for everyone traveling through our community. Stay tuned for further updates.

Update on Planning Application Thermaco CCC 22/151/FUL

Following a special planning meeting held on 28 October to discuss the Thermaco application (CCC/22/151/FUL) for The Old Brick Works, Puddock Hill - nearly 50 residents attended to raise their concerns. During the meeting, the Council unanimously voted to approve a response objecting to the application on several planning grounds, strengthening its previous two objections. The Council strongly encourages residents to send their own objections directly to Cambridgeshire County Council Planning PLANNINGDC@CAMBRIDGESHIRE.GOV.UK. More information on the application and how to submit your objections can be found on the Warboys Parish Council website; www.warboyspc.info/

Huntingdon District Council (HDC) Local Plan Update

The District is required to update its local plan every 5 years. As part of the ongoing process of updating the HDC Local Plan, a total of 12 sites have been put forward for potential development in Warboys. These 12 sites have been submitted by residents, landowners, and developers for a variety of development purposes, ranging from housing to recreation. Warboys Parish Council has posted a list of all 12 proposed sites on the council website, which you can view at www.warboyspc.info/. These sites fall under the Northeast Huntingdonshire area, and full details can also be found on the HDC consultation website at letstalkhuntingdonshire.net. While Warboys Parish Council has formally objected to

these proposals, we strongly encourage all residents to voice their views and share their responses even if the deadline has passed. Your input is vital in shaping the future of our community, so please take the time to review the proposals and have your say as soon as possible. Please note these are proposals only – NOT planning applications

LOOKING AFTER OUR ENVIRONMENT

Heat loss and thermal imaging

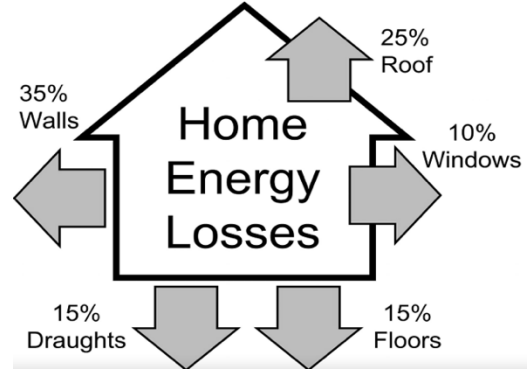


Climate & Environment Group

Around 17% of UK carbon emissions come from heating our leaky homes, therefore identifying where the heat is lost and putting measures in place to reduce it can be one of the most impactful actions a community can take to reduce overall carbon emissions. Even simple measures such as radiator reflectors,

thermal curtains and topping up insulation can make a big difference to keeping your home warmer, reducing energy consumption and cutting bills.

To help identify heat loss this winter, Warboys Parish Council's Climate & Environment Group is again providing a limited number of free surveys for residents during the weeks of 3rd Dec and 13th Jan. To book your survey call Jo on 07834 378070 or email clairesproats@warboysparishcouncil.co.uk.



In addition, we have exciting news! We have partnered with

Cambridge Carbon

Footprint and Huntingdonshire District Council to offer all residents the opportunity to borrow, for free, a thermal imaging camera to identify areas of poor insulation, draughts, damp and more. Just visit <https://cambridgecarbonfootprint.org/thermal-imaging> to attend a short online training session (11 December, 14 January or 12 February) and then you can book out the thermal camera which is now located in Warboys!

Onyett's Field

Are you interested in volunteering to help with the future maintenance of Onyett's Field? Can you help with practical conservation, wildlife surveys, litter picking, outdoor education and more, or simply have some time to offer? This is an opportunity to be involved in this beautiful space and play an active part in enhancing its biodiversity and preserving a place for the public to enjoy in the future. Those interested in helping or forming a "Friends" group for the land should contact the clerk at clerk@warboysparishcouncil.co.uk

Christmas Tree Recycling - If you have a real Christmas tree to dispose of, please leave it next to your garden bin on the revised collection day. If the tree is larger than the bin, kindly chop it in half before placing it out.

Alternatively, Christmas trees can be taken to the local Household Recycling Centre.

Christmas & New Year Waste Collection Dates - Important Update

During the Christmas and New Year period, please be aware that waste collection days will change. To ensure you don't miss your collection, please take note of the revised dates in the table .

Residents can also download the collection calendar from the Huntingdonshire District Council website www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/bins

Revised Waste Collection Dates:

Scheduled Day of Collection	Revised Day of Collection
Monday 23 December	Saturday 21 December
Tuesday 24 December	Monday 23 December
Wednesday 25 December	Tuesday 24 December
Thursday 26 December	Friday 27 December
Friday 27 December	Monday 30 December
Monday 30 December	Tuesday 31 December
Tuesday 31 December	Thursday 2 January
Wednesday 1 January	Friday 3 January
Thursday 2 January	Saturday 4 January
Friday 3 January	Monday 6 January
Monday 6 January	Tuesday 7 January
Tuesday 7 January	Wednesday 8 January
Wednesday 8 January	Thursday 9 January
Thursday 9 January	Friday 10 January
Friday 10 January	Saturday 11 January

HEALTH & WELL-BEING

NEWS FROM THE MOAT HOUSE

Our Medical Secretaries Karen Harris and Clare Webster are responsible for sending all **GP and clinical staff referrals**. They aim to have all urgent 2 week referrals completed within 24 working hours, urgent referrals within 48 working hours and routine referrals within 7 working days. The waiting lists at the hospital can be extremely long, anything from 12-18 months for a routine referral. This is also having a knock on effect with results and clinic letters following the patient appointment. Please keep this in mind if you are being referred / seen by the hospitals.

Reception is currently experiencing staff shortages, so you may find that you are waiting longer on the phone or at the front desk. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause you; we ask for your understanding and kindness in these times and to be patient with the team.

If you are planning on a wonderful exotic holiday and require **travel advice / vaccines**, please allow at least 6 weeks to drop off any travel forms at the surgery prior to your departure date. If you do not have this timeframe, there are lots of travel clinics around the area that could help.

Now we are in winter, we can expect an increase in colds, sore throats and other viral illnesses. **Please always remember that local pharmacies, including Wards, may be able to help you initially rather than your GP surgery.** The NHS launched 'Pharmacy First' on 31st January 2024 which adds to the existing consultation service and enables community pharmacists to offer care to seven common conditions- see the table below:

Clinical Pathway	Age Range
Acute otitis media (middle ear infection)	1 to 17 years
Impetigo	1 year and over
Infected insect bites	1 year and over
Sinusitis	12 years and over
Sore Throat	5 years and over
Uncomplicated urinary tract infections	Women 16-64 yrs

We are sad to inform you that Dr Rachel Sutcliffe will be retiring from the practice at the end of the year. She has been a GP Partner at Moat House Surgery for over 20 years. I am sure you will all agree that she will be greatly missed by all of her colleagues as well as her patients. She has been a true asset to the surgery and her dedication to all aspects of her work is gold standard. We wish her all the best of luck and happiness on her future plans.

We have a new GP Partner starting with us in January 2025, Dr Lucy Harrington. You may have met Lucy before as she has been a locum GP with us since the start of the year as well as holding evening clinics at the surgery. We welcome Lucy to the team and are sure she will fit in perfectly at Moat House.



To find our more go to <https://www.bhf.org.uk/how-you-can-help/how-to-save-a-life>

Free interactive CPR training
Learn CPR at home in 15 minutes using juts a cushion and a mobile phone or tablet

CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR ACTIVITY

Warboys Community Association

WARBOYS CHRISTMAS RAFFLE
 Raising funds for our new Community Centre
1st Prize: £200 Cash
2nd Prize: Xtreme360 £200 Voucher
 plus many more quality festive prizes
 The draw will take place at Warboys Library
 at 12 noon on Saturday 21 December 2024

Promoter: Val Mason, 16 High Street, Warboys, PE28 2BH
 Registered under the Gambling Act 2005 with Huntingdon District Council, Licence No. 551 1793
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Tickets £1 each

We are all looking forward to the opening of our new Community Centre in late spring 2025. In the meantime we need your support to help raise funds for the internal fitting and fixtures and especially kitting out a high quality community kitchen which will be of real benefit to those using the centre.

We have some great festive and family orientated prizes to be won – the draw will be on Saturday 21 December
 Tickets available to buy from a variety of outlets

- ✦ via many of our community groups – including the Primary Academy
- ✦ The Royal Oak – any time
- ✦ The White Hart on live music nights (7 & 13 Dec)
- ✦ At the SPAR on Saturday 7 December - 10am–1pm
- ✦ Emma's famous Cake Sale on Saturday 14 December 10am–1pm at 11 Heath Rd
- ✦ Angela at 11 High Street
- ✦ email warboyscommunityassociation@gmail.com

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



Live Music

Saturday 7th December @ 8.30
The Stella Hensley Trio

Sat 21st December @ 8.30
Out Beyond Alice

NYE Tuesday 31st December
Brightwire – Free Entry

Saturday 18th January @ 8.30
Lucy Lock Ft Joel Kew

Our Third Birthday Bash
Saturday 25th January @ 8.30
Idle Hands



70 Mill Green, Warboys, PE28 2SB 01487 824848

A message from Joan Cole following our last edition

THANK YOU ALL
 For all your so kind words, They mean so much to me ❤️
 It was a hard Decision for me to make to Stand down from our Council, but due to my increasing lack of Mobility and Age unfortunately the Correct one. But my LOVE and CARE for our Village has not Changed and never will.
 I will always be here for you all, Just get in touch as usual.
 Joan xxx

The Royal Oak will be closed from the 1 Jan to 12 Jan to allow us to do some work on the pub to spruce it up, mainly the gents toilets being redone and we are coming up with a list of other little bits and pieces that we have been putting off!



Homemade Goodies & Preserves
 Saturday 14 December
 10am – 1pm
 11 Heath Road, Warboys

Cake stall (in aid of the food bank), Christmas gifts & cards, decorations, jam & chutney, wooden gifts
 Tombola (in aid of Warboys Community Association).

MORE CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR EVENTS.



2024 SANTA SLEIGH CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

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 11 December	DASHER 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 12 December	PRANCER 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 13 December	VIXEN 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.



WARBOYS AMATEUR DRAMATICS SOCIETY would like to invite you to their pantomime "Treasure Island" on the **24, 25 and 26 January at Warboys Primary Academy School.**



A family pantomime, written by Andrea Murphy, sees the locals of the Benbow Inn travel to Skeleton Island looking for the treasure of dead Pirate Captain Flint, little knowing they are being shadowed by Captain Flint's old pirate crew. A fun filled panto, great jokes and fabulous music and singing. Who knew Warboys had the talent.... oh arrrh mateys!

Check out the flyer within this Diary and posters and banners around the village for times and places to get your tickets. Only £5 a person, tickets have been held at 2001 prices!! Come along and meet Polyester !!!

WADS send you best wishes for Christmas and a healthy New Year and look forward to seeing you at the performances. Oh yes, we do!

NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITY GROUPS



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



1st WARBOYS SCOUTS

We welcomed all our groups back after the summer holidays and all the leaders hope the children had a nice break. Since our return we have already had some great events attended by different sections.

The Cubs hosted a Pirate Camp at Copley's the first weekend before school with each tent given a pirate captain. The children managed to navigate through the wet weather and



survive with just a few soggy sleeping bags. The children made progress on their challenge badge; orienteering, fire making & den building. The highlight was the rope bridge that was hand built and everyone climbed across.

At the end of September the Scouts Group attended the WCA hosted event at the Parish Centre, which showcased all of the local groups in the village. We met some incredible volunteers who work within these groups and made some great connections for how we can arrange some events at Scouts. We also got to see the progress on the build for the new Parish Centre.



In October we hosted our Bacon Butty fundraising event, with this year's addition of a cake sale and an exclusive green tombola. It was great to see so many of the village come down and support the group. Big thank you again to the White Hart for once again hosting our event, to both the Royal Oak & One Stop who gifted prizes for the tombola and to the wonderful parents who provided the cakes and biscuits.

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

Warboys Old Village Board School Trust

Did you know that WOVBST can provide financial grants to help with educational costs?

Do you live in Warboys? Need help with your education? Could a grant help you? Or do you belong to a village youth group that needs better equipment to further the education and development of young people?

Young people must live within the parish of Warboys or within half a mile of the parish boundary and must be aged less than 25 years. It can be used for:

- Special educational materials like books or equipment for college or university
- Special tools or equipment needed for undergoing specific training or starting out in a craft or trade
- Special sporting equipment or musical instruments
- Education 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.

How to apply:

If you think that a grant from WOVBST could help, please write with details of your age, what you need, how it will help with your education or training and what you are currently doing to: wovsbt@gmail.com.



**HAVE FUN WITH US!
1st Brownies & Rainbows**

At brownies we do s'mores, crafts, make pancakes, lots of fun games, and earn badges, we also make slime. We enjoy making friends and having fun. We do lots of activities at Brownies and also away from our normal meetings. We are off to Burgess Hall, St. Ives next Sunday for a full day of science, crafts, singing, dancing and games with lots of Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Rangers, Young Leaders and Leaders from all of the units in St. Ives Division Girlguiding.

Helpers and leaders enjoy helping all the brownies with all the different activities and fun things they organise

If you are aged between 7 and 10, join us, at Warboys Brownies, we meet at St Mary Magdalene Church, on Wednesdays and you get amazing badges.

**We also love new adult helpers
Written by Charlotte**

LOCAL GROUPS and CLUBS

Warboys Art Group: 7pm start on Wednesdays in the Sports & Social Club .Karen Shipton 07703 495431 or Malcolm Bowd 07927 028743



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

Warboys WI
Contact Joyce Reeves on 01487 823562 or 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 07548 949809 for more info



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
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



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.stivesandwarboyscc.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 7-10½.
Contact Paula on 07742 229262 or
warboysbrownies@hotmail.com



Warboys Under Fives
Contact us on 01487 823190 or
warboysunderfives@hotmail.co.uk



Warboys Archaeology Group
Contact:
roger.mould@hotmail.com

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

[including Christmas services]

DATE	EVENT	TIME	VENUE
1 December	Service of Remembering	3pm	Parish Church
4 – 13 Dec	Santa Sleigh Village Run - see page 6 for full details		
7 December	Christmas Market	2-5pm	Sports & Social Club
9 December	Parish Council meeting	7pm	Library
11 December	WI Meeting: Christmas Party & entertainment	7.15pm	Methodist Church
14 December	Emma's Cake & Preserves stall	10am -1pm	11 Heath Road
15 December	Carols by Candlelight	6pm	Methodist Church
20 December	Carols by Candlelight	7pm	Baptist Church
22 December	Carols by Candlelight	6pm	Parish Church
24 December	Christingle and Crib Service	4pm	Parish Church
	Midnight Communion	11.30pm	Parish Church
25 December	Family service	10am	Parish Church
2025 Happy New Year			
8 January	WI Meeting: Resolutions, discussion & amusing anecdotes	7.15pm	Methodist Church
13 January	Parish Council meeting	7pm	Library
24 January	WADS Pantomime	7.30pm	Primary Academy
25 January	WADS Pantomime	2pm & 7.30pm	Primary Academy
26 January	WADS Pantomime	12 noon & 4pm	Primary Academy
12 February	WI Meeting: Textile layered landscapes	7.15pm	Methodist Church
3 March	WLHS AGM and speaker (<i>to be confirmed</i>)	7.30pm	Methodist Church
26 April	Annual Parish Meeting	tbc	tbc
5 May	May Day Fete	11am – 3pm	Sports Field

In need of an outdoor shelter or mobility equipment?

Planning an event 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 ring/text 07825 551975 or email us at warboyscommunityassociation@gmail.com

Warboys Primary Academy Term Dates 2024/2025

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

Key Parish Council contact details

clerk@warboysparishcouncil.co.uk

www.warboyspc.info

Facebook @WarboysParishCouncil

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Emmeline Coverdale: 07985 771834 emmelinecoverdale@warboysparishcouncil.co.uk

Laura Moore: 07985 771676 or lauremoore@warboysparishcouncil.co.uk

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

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 maurendean1@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-leisure-culture/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

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

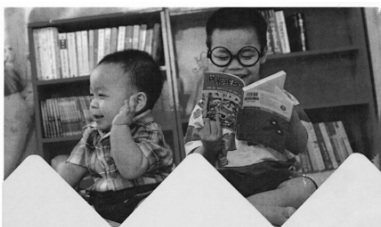
- Monday 2 – 5pm
- Tuesday 10am – 1pm
- Thursday 10am – 1pm & 2 – 5pm
- Saturday 10am – 1pm

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



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



MORE NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITY GROUPS

WARBOYS CHRISTMAS LIGHTING GROUP – OUR THANKS



Whilst you read this article, you may be wrapping up warm to attend the switch on, or it has already taken place, fingers crossed. Can anyone remember the year it was cancelled due to excessive winds?

The Warboys Christmas Lighting Group (WCLG) would like to take the opportunity to thank all the many people who have again made the Warboys Christmas Lights possible; we do hope we haven't missed anyone out. WCLG volunteers have changed over time. Chris Chatfield and Mary Bucknell started the group off in 2020 and, Steve Bales joined in 2002 and is thankfully still a very active member, ensuring the lights are fit for purpose and comply with all the necessary Cambridgeshire County Council regulations and so much more. Bernitta Robinson is our chairperson for the second year and brings new enthusiasm to the switch on. A big thank you to the rest of the group; you know who you are and your support is never ending thank you. Four members of the parish council have now joined the group, David England, Dan Fabb, Lara Gifford and John Land and have proved to be an asset to a successful switch on.

None of this would be possible without help from so many villagers and community groups. A big thank you must go to the following:

Andrew and Karen from Swannells Transport for the purchase of the huge Christmas Tree by the Weir and the loan of a curtain side lorry for the Switch On. The Warboys Community Association, for their generous donations this year and publicity in the Diary. The Parish Council and the Clerks for all their continued support throughout the year. Ramsey Rotary/Warboys Impact Group for their generous donation for one of the new light displays and electrical fixings at Mill Green and the magical Santa Sleigh at Switch On. The Red Tile Wind Farm Trust for 50% payment for the new lights on the Clock Tower. Warboys Voices for their donation and for participation at switch on, Vicky's Tunes for the sound system and organising the performances, the Junior choir from Warboys Primary Academy, who always steal the show, Evolution Domes for donating the magical Santa's Grotto shelter. GT Trax for loan of their safety barriers.

Companies who have sponsored the fundraising banner scheme at the Weir: The Waterside Practice, Warman Wheels, DRA Fabb Contractors, Ashwood Kitchens, Ciconi, SGD Grab Services, 3 Contractors, Ambrose Logistics, Brucie's Bikes, Cachet Cars Ltd, Ben&Co, JJT Renovations, Fighting Fit Skip. The generous Crowdfunding donators.

WARBOYS FRIENDSHIP CLUB

We meet on Thursday mornings from 10-11.30am, in the Main Room at the Sports and Social Club (off Forge Way). We regularly have between 30 and 35 members attending each week. New members of any age, men and women, are always made very welcome - in fact the more the merrier and maybe you'll bump into someone you know and have a catch-up.

Since our last entry, we have been busy with our regular quizzes, wordsearch, bingo, a games morning and a karaoke session. We had our regular fish & chip lunch, an afternoon cream tea and display at The Raptor Centre and, recently, our 42nd Anniversary lunch of a roast and dessert (free of charge to the Members attending), provided by Housdens.

Future events planned include a talk about the Blood Riders (transporting blood for the NHS); a Turkey and Tinsel Afternoon lunch at Hartford Mill; a Christmas raffle; and a sherry and mince pie morning with carols, to round off our year. The New Year will commence with our usual variety of activities. Look in any Thursday - we are open from 10 to 11.30 - your table awaits you

Stallholders Pam and Pat for bringing and running their delicious BBQ stall and Elizabeth and Rob Gasper for their hot chocolate stall. Spar and Blakemore for their never ending support and donation, The Royal Oak for the generous donation towards another new light on Mill Green, for heating up our mince pies and the loan of their conveniences during the Switch On event. The Warboys Christmas Tree Centre at Tythe Farm for sourcing the most amazing tree and for the loan of the potted trees to decorate Santa's grotto. WADS, for loaning the elves and Santa, who are taking time out from getting Christmas toys ready. Warboys Baptist Church for the loan of their tables for the Switch On event. Lastly the volunteer marshals and all the WCLG team who tirelessly commit time and energy to making it possible.

The Switch On has grown to meet the growing village footprint with many lovely families now attending so, a big thank you for supporting this magical event.

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas.

YET MORE COMMUNITY GROUP UPDATES



WARBOYS & DISTRICT DAY CENTRE

October and November have been an unexpectedly busy period for us here at the Day Centre. We were always aware that we would need to relocate in early 2025 when the old parish centre would be demolished to allow completion of the new Community Centre. However for a variety of reasons the parish centre was closed sooner than expected.

Our new home is Warboys Methodist Church. We have now spent time settling in and getting used to our new environment, which is very comfortable and cosy. Of course, this transition would not have been possible without the help and assistance of our volunteers and supporters, and of course the understanding of our members and their families/carers. We must also acknowledge the warmth and friendliness that we have been shown by the team at the Methodist Church, who had to come to our aid at very short notice. We are also being hosted once a month by Helen at the Royal Oak – they have been so welcoming and looked after us brilliantly.

The last entertainer to perform at the old parish centre, was Amanda “*The Singing Gardener*”, a session that was enjoyed by all our members. Since then we have celebrated a slightly belated Halloween, with our volunteers really getting into the mood and dressing up in ghoulish fashion. Members participated in games such as “spider racing”, “bouncing the eyeball” and “dressing the mummy”. Thankfully one of our male members was quite happy to be the “Mummy” and be wrapped up in bandages – we did unwrap him at the end of the day! We’ve also had visits from regular entertainers - James LeBec and the St Ives Uke Troupe, both were excellent as ever. Other activities have included a pig throwing competition (don’t ask!), and the ever popular tabletop Olympics hosted by Sam.

Our thoughts now turn to the upcoming festive period, when we have an extensive entertainment programme planned, including a Make Christmas Special Day. Finally we have to thank everyone who took part in our popular funding raising Christmas Quiz and helped us raise lots of money to support our on-going entertainment programme.

A FOND FAREWELL

Sue, who has been the Centre Manager since November 2018 is retiring at the end of the year. She has been a real star having masterminded our various moves from the old Resource Centre to the now demolished Parish Centre and most recently to the Methodist Church. She also guided our members and volunteers through the COVID years. Most of all she has boundless energy, a great sense of fun and is highly regarded by everyone involved with the Day Centre. The good news is she will continue her involvement with the Day Centre as a Trustee.

and a WARM WELCOME

We are delighted to **welcome Polly** as our new Centre Manager. She will be working alongside Sue until the end of the year.

We are based in Warboys Methodist Church and are open between 10am and 2:30pm on Wednesday and Friday. We offer transport, a 2-course lunch (hot main) and a varied programme of entertainment and activities, for which we currently charge a modest fee of £14.00 per day. This much-loved local charity offering support to the older people in our community looks forward to meeting you, either as a member or a volunteer.

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Warboys W.I.

In September the W.I. attended the Parish Council’s Community Showcase day. We served tea and coffee and had a stall promoting the W.I. together with an extremely well stocked cake stall (thanks to our members baking skills) which proved very popular throughout the day. We raised £145 which we donated to the Parish Council for the new Community Centre.

October’s meeting began with our usual business matters. A surprise was then announced by the President - this was to be our last meeting at the old Warboys Parish Centre building. There was a nostalgic clearing up session at the end of our meeting, and we took various photos as a memory of the hall. Fortunately thanks to the Warboys Methodist Church on High Street, Warboys we have a suitable accommodation for our meetings until the new Parish Centre is open.

Our speaker, Stephen Brown provided a really interesting and amusing talk entitled ‘*Hell on Wheels*’. Stephen is a driving instructor based in Boston and told us of the many hilarious answers he has had to the questions asked during his long career. Very entertaining! On a serious note, he suggested we should consider buying the Highway Code (priced at £5) as most of us have been driving for many years; he explained so much has changed, and it would be a wise move to keep our knowledge of the requirements up to date.

Our meetings start at 7.15pm, every second Wednesday of the month. Anyone who would like to consider joining Warboys W.I. will be very welcome to come along.



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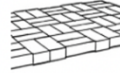
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