



Warboys Diary

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Editorial

By the time you get to read this edition of the Diary we will be in February!

We have much to look forward to in 2025. In addition to all the many community group activities that will be happening, the Community Association will be holding our usual May Day Fete and Feast Week activities.

Most importantly we can look forward to the completion of our new Community Centre at some point in the summer. This will be cause for some big celebrations.

From your editor

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Headlines

A HUGE THANK YOU TO THE RESIDENTS OF WARBOYS FOR THEIR GENEROSITY

There were a lot of fund-raising activities in the lead up to Christmas. These initiatives were delivered by Warboys Day Centre, the Christmas Lighting Group, PTFA, Under 5s, the Warboys Impact Santa Float and Warboys Community Association. Collectively they, with your generosity, have **raised over £7000** for various of our local groups.

THANK YOU

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WANTED: A DIARY DELIVERY COORDINATOR

Malcolm, who has coordinated the Diary delivery for many years, has decided it is time to retire. So ...

We are looking for someone to take over. The role involves one day every 2 months but could be shared between two people.

If you are interested in taking on this role, please contact us on 07825 551975 or email warboyscommunityassociation@gmail.com

You, our readers, are important in helping make Warboys such a vibrant community, so if you have any thoughts or suggestions about what else we can do/ should be doing, we would love to hear from you

Please contact us on 07825 551975 or email warboyscommunityassociation@gmail.com

PARISH COUNCIL REVIEW and UPDATES

As we welcome 2025, Warboys Parish Council is proud to share some highlights from the past year and our plans for the future.

• Road Safety Updates

We've made significant progress on the critical road safety project for Ramsey Road. The Council was successful in securing approval for a range of safety improvements, including the installation of traffic calming features. These measures are designed to reduce vehicle speeds and enhance pedestrian safety along this busy and frequently used route.

• Environmental and Climate Impacts

We're thrilled to announce that we've secured the Biodiversity for All Grant for Onyett's Field, which will help enhance the area's natural habitats, ensuring it remains a valuable space for both wildlife and residents. Additionally, we're excited to launch the second year of our Thermal Camera Project, aimed at helping residents improve energy efficiency in their homes. With the support of Cambridgeshire Carbon Footprint, we are proud to host a thermal camera available for hire within the village, helping residents identify areas for energy efficiency improvements in their homes.

• Community Highlights

- New Community Centre: you can read more about this in our Community Centre building update.
- We're thrilled to share that we have secured £40,000 from the Cambridgeshire Priorities Capital Fund (CPCF) to support the Community Centre development.
- Community Directory: We've launched the Community Directory, connecting residents to local groups and services, strengthening community ties. This project was proudly supported by an Enabler Grant administered by Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC).
- Community Showcase: This event was a resounding success, highlighting the vibrant activities and groups in Warboys and fostering community spirit.
- Open Door Sessions: Held on the first Tuesday of each month at the library, have been a great success, providing residents with the opportunity to meet with the clerks face to face. We've enjoyed engaging with many community members and look forward to continuing these sessions.

• Council Achievements

Our Clerks have been recognised for their exceptional progress and dedication, receiving the prestigious CEO Award from CAPALC (Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Association of Local Councils) for their outstanding contributions.

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.

• Looking Ahead to 2025

In the coming year, we aim to build on this momentum with the grand opening of the new Community Centre later this year. This facility will be a hub for activities, events, and services that bring our community together. We remain committed to strengthening Warboys through ongoing projects and initiatives.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to achieving even more together in 2025 and beyond.

**Notice of Co-Option
3 Councillor Vacancies**

Warboys Parish Council invites applications for three vacant councillor seats to be filled by co-option at the **Full Council Meeting on Monday, 10 February 2025, at 7:00 pm in the library.**

This is a fantastic opportunity to get involved in shaping the future of our community.

How to Apply:

If you're interested in becoming a councillor and making a positive impact on Warboys, please contact the Clerks to express your interest and request an application form.

Deadline: Applications must be submitted by **5 February 2025.**

For more information, or to apply, contact:

✉ clerk@warboysparishcouncil.co.uk
☎ 07985 771 676/07985 771 834

We look forward to hearing from you!

Happy New Year!

LOOKING AFTER OUR ENVIRONMENT



THERMALS, SWISHING AND FOOFs IN WARBOYS...

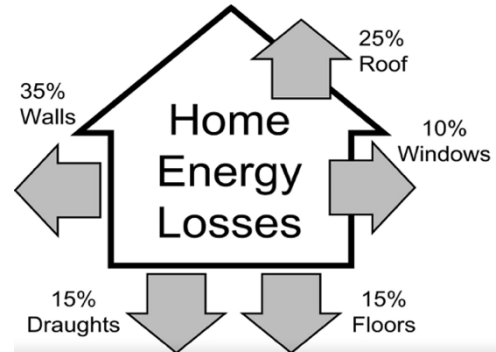
The Warboys Climate and Environment Group (WCEG) has kicked off the New Year in style and we'd love you to get involved in our plans for 2025, including thermal cameras, swishing and FOOFs!

Thermal imaging - helping householders save money

For the second year running during December and January the WCEG team has been out and about across the village helping households find out how energy-efficient their homes are. Over eight evenings, the team assessed 20 homes using a state-of-the-art thermal imaging camera which detects heat, displaying an image that uses colours to show hot, warm and cold spots, pinpointing where heat is being lost in a home.

Householders can then focus on the places where they could plug gaps to reduce energy costs. Quick fixes like adding curtains to doors, using draught excluders and sticking thermal foil behind radiators can all help to cut pounds from fuel bills.

You can borrow this camera yourself: after some straightforward online training provided by Cambridge Carbon Footprint, you'll be able to borrow the camera from the Parish Council team and check out where you could make energy improvements to your home and save money! For details see <https://bit.ly/CCF-TI>



Want to be a FOOF?

We're putting our plans for Onyett's Field into action this year, and we'd love to get as many villagers as possible on board to help with the fun stuff we've got planned. If you'd like to be a Friend Of Onyett's Field (FOOF) and get involved, please email clairesproats@warboysparishcouncil.co.uk

Anyone up for a Swish?

We're considering running a Swish, or clothes swap, in Warboys this year. It's a get-together where people bring along clothes, shoes and accessories they no longer want or need and exchange these with new 'pre-loved' items. The clothing and textile industry accounts for around 10% of global carbon emissions and is the world's second largest industrial polluter. A clothes swap is a brilliant way to update your wardrobe, take part in the circular economy, and provides an easy alternative to buying new clothes. Please email Claire if you'd be interested in taking part or helping us organise a Swish event!

Keep up to date with the Warboys Climate and Environment Group plans, by following our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/warboysclimateenvironmentgroup>

or

come along to our meetings. We meet every two months and our meeting dates will be shared on the Warboys Parish Council website in the dedicated Climate and Environment section

GREENWAYS OR GREENWASH?

CPRE Cambridgeshire and Peterborough is concerned about the Greater Cambridge Partnership's (GCP) Greenways. We believe that they are not the best use of resources, particularly when they may have a detrimental impact on the countryside that outweighs any potential benefits.

We think the GCP and Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) should be focusing on the registration, maintenance and upkeep of our many public rights of way, including footpaths and bridleways, to ensure that they are well-kept and accessible now and in the future.

What can you do?

- If you are concerned about access or maintenance issues on a public right of way, report it to your local Council – the Ramblers has a useful guide <https://www.ramblers.org.uk/go-walking-hub/dealing-problems-public-paths>
- Log any lost rights of way – again the Ramblers has guidance on how to do this <https://dontloseyourway.ramblers.org.uk/>

To find out more go <https://www.cprecambs.org.uk>

HEALTH & WELL-BEING

NEWS FROM THE MOAT HOUSE

SOCIAL PRESCRIBER LINK WORKER (SPLW)

Did you know at our Doctors Surgery we have a Social Prescriber, amongst other additional services. Social Prescribing is a way of referring people to different support services in the community in order to improve their health and wellbeing. We know that taking care of your health can involve more than just medicine. Being with other people, learning something new and getting involved in the world around you will improve your mental health and wellbeing.

Once you have been booked in with a SPLW they will spend time with you to look at what activities, services and/or local support could improve your health and wellbeing. The SPLW is someone who

- You can talk to confidentially.
- Is practical, helpful and who will not judge you.
- Helps you to access services you might need.
- Discusses the problems you are facing.
- Explores what's important to you.
- Agrees your goals and supports you to achieve them .



This can include housing and benefits, employment, training and volunteering, education and learning, dealing with social isolation and loneliness, getting involved with local groups, emotional wellbeing plus many other areas of support

If you would like a referral to the SPLW service please ask at reception for a referral form

NATIONAL NO SMOKING DAY 2025

No Smoking Day is celebrated on the 13 March every year. This day helps bring awareness to the damaging effects smoking can cause to you and others within your surroundings. This day intends to help smokers who want to quit smoking achieve this goal.

If you are thinking about quitting smoking then we can arrange a referral for you. As an NHS Organisation we can refer to a service called Joy who offer a range of local services for non-clinical needs. Alternatively you can self-refer via Healthy You at www.healthyyou.org.uk/services/stop-smoking

These services offer the following:

- A FREE 12 week programme of support
- Advice from a friendly stop smoking expert who designs and tailors a care plan just for you
- Help support on how to manage cravings and withdrawal symptoms as well as guidance on choosing the most suited stop smoking medication that suits you.

To find out more or request a referral please contact the surgery on 01487 822230 / email: moat.house@nhs.net and ask for our Care Coordinator Vickie Tonkinson.

For younger individuals, The Health You Stop Smoking Service is available for anyone from the age of 12 years and above.

Young people can self-refer from the age of 13 and can get in contact by texting 'Healthyu' to 60777. This number links to the contact centre who will arrange a 1:1 appointment. For anyone under the age of 13 years, parental consent will be required in order to access this service.



MORE HEALTH & WELLBEING

Ramsey Memory Support Group

This is a recently formed committee of volunteers with a common aim – to offer support to residents and their carers dealing with memory related issues and to offer inclusive social activities relevant to people with memory problems.

They hope to organise and promote a range of activities but the first to get going is ‘**Those were the days**’ Café. This will be an informal get together with music and refreshments on offer. These friendly sessions will be held at The Pavilion Community Hub on Cricketfield Lane, Ramsey on the first Tuesday of each month from 10am until 12 noon. The launch event will be held on Tuesday 4 March. Everyone dealing with memory issues is most welcome.



“Those who contemplate the beauty of the earth find reserves of strength that will endure as long as life lasts.”
Rachel Carson

Quiet Morning Dates for 2025



Take time out of your daily routine. Cultivate an awareness of the natural world. Focus on observing, listening, being attentive, and give yourself, 'permission and space to be quiet!'

Quiet Mornings are led by a team of volunteers who guide participants through a series of simple exercises, providing opportunities for quiet reflection, and time to share.

Participants will spend part of the morning indoors and part outside, weather permitting.

Dates

- Saturday January 25th
- Saturday February 22nd
- Saturday March 29th
- Saturday April 26th
- Saturday June 28th
- Saturday July 26th
- Saturday August 30th
- Saturday September 27th
- Saturday October 25th
- Saturday November 29th

Time

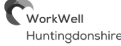



10:00am to 12:00noon

Venue

Ramsey Quiet Garden
37 Newtown Road
Ramsey PE26 1EQ
(Behind Sacred Heart Church)

Cost: A voluntary contribution of £3 per session is welcome, to cover the cost of the venue and refreshments.

To book or for further information please contact **Ellish** on Tel: **01487 710363**
or Email: qgproject@gmail.com www.facebook.com/Quietgardenforramseyproject

WorkWell: supporting work and health

WorkWell is a free program that helps people who maybe struggling to find or retain a job due to a health need. A Work and Health coach will talk to you about what you need and help you find the right support. They can connect you with different services, like health professionals and local groups. WorkWell wants to make sure everyone feels better and has a good chance at getting a job, so you can do both—work and feel healthy!

You are eligible for WorkWell if:

- ➔ You are 16 years or older.
- ➔ You have the right to work in the UK.
- ➔ You live in, or are registered with a GP or JobCentre Plus in Huntingdonshire.
- ➔ You have a health-related barrier to work.




You do not need to be claiming any Government benefits to access the service.

How to Access WorkWell

Scan the QR code to arrange a call back From the WorkWell Hub.
Or call 07731 021280 to speak to a member of the WorkWell Team

<https://tinyurl.com/WorkWell-Huntingdonshire>


Get started today and access free, personalised support for your work and health needs!

Sue Ryder
Grief Kind Spaces

Peer-to-peer community bereavement support groups

Grief Kind Spaces allow people who have been bereaved to connect and benefit from peer-to-peer support.



The Grief Kind Space offers a free, friendly, in-person drop-in session providing a safe, welcoming and supportive place for anyone who has been bereaved. There is no registration required and anyone over 18 is welcome to come along.

**** Notcutts Garden Centre, Buckden Road, Brampton- every Monday 10am-12pm**

**** Morrisons Community Room, St Ives- Every Friday 10am-12pm**

If you have any questions, get in touch at griefkindspaces@sueryder.org or visit sueryder.org/how-we-can-help/bereavement-information/grief-kind/grief-kind-spaces

OUR NEW COMMUNITY CENTRE

AN UPDATE FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

We're thrilled to share an update on the progress of our new Community Centre—a project that marks a significant step forward for Warboys.

The project has made remarkable progress so far. The external brickwork is nearing completion, and with the installation of windows and doors underway, we're on track to have the building fully watertight by the end of February. We're thrilled to share that we've now reached the halfway point in construction, and the excitement continues to grow as we move closer to completion.

The journey hasn't been without its challenges. A rainy start to the project caused delays in installing the pilings and foundations, and supply issues with bricks—an obstacle faced by many construction projects across the region—required adjustments to our timeline.

We're incredibly grateful for the kind support that has made this project possible. Generous grants from the Warboys Women's Institute (£50,000) from the closure of their hall and the Red Tile Wind Farm Trust Fund (£79,000) which will significantly contribute to the environmental aspects of the centre. A heartfelt thank you also goes to our residents who have entered our ongoing "Guess the Number of Bricks" competition or donated through our fundraising application, which remains open for contributions.



The original parish centre has now been demolished—a bittersweet moment for the community. While it's sad to say goodbye to a place that held so many memories, this step paves the way for a brighter future with a modern facility that better meets the needs of our growing community.

We're incredibly excited about what lies ahead and can't wait to welcome you all to the grand opening later this year! **Stay tuned for more updates and thank you for your continued support.**

WARBOYS WI

In November, it was with much pleasure that Warboys W.I. were able to present the Parish Council with a cheque for £50,000 as a donation to the new Community Centre.

Going back many years to the 1920's when the Women's Institute was formed, the Members opened their WI Hall in George Lane. They had raised funds and bought a piece of land from a local farmer, Mr Farey. That was 1928. Over the decades to 2013, members worked very hard to keep the Hall in good condition, extending it to add a kitchen and toilets. It was a well-used venue for many events, including regular meetings, Bingo, quizzes, Pantos, whist drives, a baby clinic, keep fit, fashion shows, auctions, dances, discos and christenings, weddings and funeral teas! And so much more!

Sadly, it became necessary in order to keep up with modern standards, to get a survey done. The roof and the floors were a constant problem. The costs to resolve all these issues was just too overwhelming, so in the Summer of 2013 it was put up for Auction in Cambridge. Unfortunately that deprived the users of the Hall of a meeting place. Over the past 11 years our hope was always that the much discussed 'New Parish Centre' would soon be constructed and we could donate some of our funds to help this become a reality.

At last this year, after many setbacks and difficulties, plus a lot of very hard work by our Parish Councillors, and the Clerk, we are nearing the opening of our new Community Centre

WARBOYS CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Warboys Community Association is delighted to announce that the Christmas Raffle was a great success and we were able to raise a total of **£1992**. This money has been added to the funds the Community Association has already raised and means that the monies we now hold in support of the new community centre stands at **£4312**. This money will be used specifically to help equip the community kitchen(s) in the new centre.

Our thanks go to all those who helped sell the raffle tickets, everyone who bought a ticket and most importantly to everyone who generously donated a prize:

*Extreme 260 St Neots** Parrot Print** Woodford Recycling** Anthony Byrne Fine Wines** Royal Oak** White Hart** Waterside Practice** Ocean Fish Bar** Tesco's** Morrisons** Waitrose ** various community groups*.

NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITY GROUPS



WARBOYS & DISTRICT DAY CENTRE

We partied hard through all of December but sadly had to say goodbye to Sue Tolland our manager of 6 years. Although it was hard to see Sue leave, we were very pleased to welcome our new manager, Polly McLellan, who has come on board with a bang. Polly is a feisty gal with many years of experience working with older people in a care home setting along with her own family experiences.



On 4 December we spent the day in the Royal Oak where Helen was an amazing host, and we were entertained by the ever-popular KJ & The Catt. The following week we danced the Wednesday away with James Le Bec and on the Friday, we jingled with The Singing Gardener. We also had a blast with the Harmonica Guys and sang along with St Ives Uke Troupes whose performance was fantastic as always. We had a fabulous day with Sam and all of his tabletop Olympics Games and spent an afternoon making Christmas table decorations -

and were very proud of our masterpieces.



The Wednesday before Christmas, Santa dropped in and gave us all a present; this was followed by a wonderful Christmas Dinner provided by the excellent Housdens Outside Catering team. The day finished off with our Christmas raffle, which was a great success. On our last session before Christmas, we had a lovely buffet followed by wonderful afternoon tea, so many great biscuits and cakes to choose from all made by our volunteers.



We are all very excited as we have so many plans and ideas in the pipeline for 2025, starting with marking National Hat Day and Burns Day, along with Chinese New Year Celebrations.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you a healthy and happy New Year, and to thank all our members, those who have supported us, and of course, our amazing team.

Warboys Day Centre is a small charity which relies on it volunteers and lots of fund-raising— so, if you have a few hours to spare and you would like to join our amazing team please let us know.

We are currently based at Warboys Methodist Church on Wednesday and Friday between 10 am and 2.30 pm, we offer transport a two-course meal and a range of entertainments and activities all for £14 per session. If you would like to join us or know someone who might benefit, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

You can contact us by ringing Polly 07548 949809 or emailing her on manager.wddc@gmail.com

Also why not follow us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/WarboysandDistrictDayCentre>



**The Royal Oak
Warboys**

Opening Hours
Monday Closed
Tuesday 5 - 11
Wednesday 5 - 11
Thursday 12 - 11
Friday 12 - Late
Saturday 12 - Late
Sunday 12 - 10

Food Service Times
 Tuesday – Food Truck 5.00-8.00
 Wednesday 6 – 8.30
 Thursday 12 – 3 & 6 – 8.30
 Friday 12 - 3 & 6 - 9
 Saturday 12 - 3 & 6 – 9
 Sunday 12 – 3

Live Music
 15th Feb @ 8.30
 The Scott Brothers
 01st March @ 8.30
 Or Wot
 08th March @ 8.30
 The Poke
 22nd March @ 8.30
 Glamtastic
 30th March Mothers Day 4pm
 Graham Buxton
 5th April @ 8.30
 So 80's

Come for the beer, stay for the atmosphere
 CAMRA Good Beer Guide 2024 & 2025
 5* Cask Marque Rating
 BII Members
 70 Mill Green, Warboys, PE28 2SB
 01487 824848
warboysroyaloak@gmail.com
www.royaloakwarboys.com

Rotary 
 Warboys Impact

Keeley's Star
 In Memory of
 Keeley Marie



Hinson who sadly lost her 2-year battle to Melanoma cancer on 25/12/2022, Keeley was an inspiration to everyone who knew her. Rotary Warboys Impact group was proud to be able to display a star dedicated to Keeley on the Santa sleigh she loved to see every Christmas. The star helps to keep Keeley's memory alive and raise awareness of Melanoma Cancer through her charity Melanoma UK. This year we are pleased to have been able to donate £50.00 to Keeley's

charity via her own fundraising page <https://www.melanomauk.org.uk/inmemoryof/keeley-marie-himson>

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
8 February	Rotary Warboys Impact Race Night	7pm	Sports & Social Club
10 February	Warboys Parish Council & Planning	7pm/8pm	Warboys Library
12 February	WI Meeting: Textile layered landscapes	7.15pm	Methodist Church
3 March	WLHS AGM and The Fenland Ark	7.30pm	Methodist Church
10 March	Warboys Parish Council & Planning	7pm/8pm	Warboys Library
12 March	WI Meeting: Whittlesea Mere & Wise Women	7.15pm	Methodist Church
7 April	WLHS The History of Ramsey Mere	7.30pm	Methodist Church
9 April	WI Meeting: Pioneering Women in Motoring	7.15pm	Methodist Church
10 April	Warboys Parish Council & Planning	7pm/8pm	Warboys Library
26 April	Annual Parish Meeting	7.30pm	tbc
5 May	May Day Fete	11am – 3pm	Sports Field
12 May	Warboys Parish Council & Planning	7pm/8pm	Warboys Library
12 May	WLHS The History of Ramsey Mere	7.30pm	Methodist Church
14 May	WI Meeting: Warboys History as you Walk	7.15pm	Methodist Church
2 June	WLHS The Clerksons of Wisbech & the Abolition of Slavery	7.30pm	Methodist Church
11 June	WI Meeting: Bingo with prizes	7.15pm	Methodist Church
7 July	WLHS A fen Farm in the 1940s	7.30pm	Methodist Church
9 July	WI Meeting: Millinery Magic	7.15pm	Methodist Church
Warboys Feast Week - Sunday 27 July to Saturday 2 August Sunday 27 July Street Market -11am - 2 pm Friday 1 August Feast Week Quiz -7.30pm <i>Full programme in development</i>			

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

Autumn term opens: Wednesday 3 Sept

Half-term: 27-31 October

Autumn term closes: Friday 19 December

Key Parish Council contact details

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Laura Moore: 07985 771676 lauramoore@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 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-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

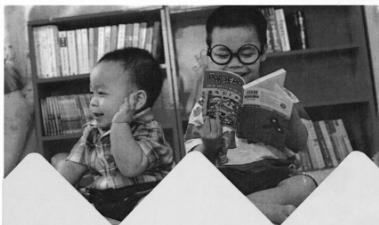
WARBOYS LIBRARY OPENING HOURS

- 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

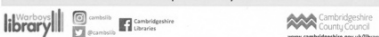


Storytime

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

1ST BROWNIES & RAINBOWS

“Brownies is fun, come and join. We do lots of arts and crafts, play fun games, stargazing, toasting marshmallows and my favourite making S’mores! We watched the pantomime at Peterborough Theatre in December and we are going to PGL this year” - Emily

Firstly I'd (Paula) like to say a big thank you to WCA for the grant towards a new laptop, which I use every day for Brownies paperwork, and Girlguiding paperwork, it has been a huge help, thank you so much.

Warboys Rainbows and Brownies have got lots of fun activities planned this term, including a new Reading Challenge badge. We have a fun evening planned all around Chinese New Year, including noodle eating with chopsticks and learning to write in Chinese and making Chinese lanterns. We have got something special planned for Mother's Day with the girls. We had lots of girls completing their Bronze, Silver and some completing their Gold Awards last year, so we are hoping lots more girls can gain these awards again this year.

Ramsey District Guiding - which is where Warboys Rainbows and Brownies come under, are organising a big Thinking Day event on 22 February (Lord and Lady Baden Powells birthday) this will be a fun packed day for all Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Rangers and Young Leaders and us Guiders/adults to join in and have a brilliant day.

If anybody in the village would like to come in and talk to our girls about something you think they would enjoy, or teach them a new dance or a new craft or have ideas of places we could visit locally we are always looking for something different to do with our Rainbows and Brownies -

please contact myself Paula Tofton at warboysbrownies@hotmail.com

HAVE FUN WITH US!

- B** - best times
- R** - really fun activities
- O** - only girls
- W** - we think it's fun
- N** - no one gets left out
- I** - includes everyone
- E** - every Wednesday 6:15-7:45
- S** - so much fun, so come along

Written by Charlotte

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.



WARBOYS CHRISTMAS LIGHTING GROUP



After a successful and great Switch On event on the 30 November last year, we can report that the monies raised from all the stalls was £1,213.26, a very big thank you to everyone who willingly supported the event. Income raised from the commercial Banner advertising scheme on the fencing by the weir was £2,080.00, thank you to all the participating businesses and to the Parish Council for agreeing for this to happen again.

In December we were delighted to receive a donation of £1,000.00 from the Royal Oak, raised through their Quiz Nights and topped up by Helen and Andy to make it an amazing round number. was used to purchase another lighting column on mill green.

The Christmas tree (which was generously sponsored by Swannells) and the lights by the weir were removed with the support of the WCLG team plus David England and Dan Fabb, thanks to them all. The rest of the lights (by the clock tower and lamp posts) were removed last Sunday and thanks to Sarah Dyer for her storage, they are all now carefully stacked away ready for the 2025 Switch On


MORE COMMUNITY GROUP UPDATES

Warboys WI

Our first meeting for 2025 was group discussions on the four proposed resolutions and a vote for the most popular, this to filter through to National level, the final campaign to be agreed at our Annual Conference in June this year. Last year's chosen campaign was 'Dental Health Matters'. After these interesting discussions, some members shared 'Amusing Anecdotes' to us all. These very entertaining 'narratives' included: experiences of a 15 year old working in a large Drapery Store in Deal in the 1950s, who when progressed to window dresser at 17, causing laughter when she forgot to cover a headless undressed manikin with a sheet in the window display, only to receive wolf whistles from passing sailors in the street. Next a member shared some delightful reminiscences, culminating how surprising fate can be, when she came across two old friends not seen for a few years, living in the next village when on holiday with friends in France. Another member shared how hard it is to stop shoulders shaking with quiet laughter when amusing accidents happen at church events, involving a cat, a dais and a handbag (all separate incidences). Finally a quick resume of a members' amusing experiences in the 1980's, driving her children around in a red 2CV. During refreshments there was lots of chatting amongst friends sharing similar experiences.


Thanks as ever to the Warboys Methodist Church for letting us use their lovely building, and to the team that relentlessly come out once a month on the second Wednesday in the evening to open and close the church for us. At our next meeting on the 12 February, 7.15pm, Lee Harris will be giving a talk on 'Textile Layered Landscapes'.

If you are interested in coming to a free taster session to see what we get up to at W.I. meetings, just pop along, details of all events for 2025 can be found in the Library on the W.I. noticeboard, (beautifully displayed by Sheila Hood), and a monthly poster is displayed on the noticeboard in the Library car park. Hope to see you sometime.



**WARBOYS
LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY**

**ANNUAL PROGRAMME
March 2025– October 2025**



All meetings, unless otherwise stated, take place at 7.30pm in the Methodist Church, High Street, Warboys.

Date	Topic	Speaker
Monday 3rd March	AGM + The Fenland Ark - The Floating Church of St Withburga	Kirsten Bennett
Monday April 7th	The History of Ramsey Mere	Martyn Smith
Monday May 12th	Whittlesey Straw Bear	Douglas Kell
Monday June 2nd	The Clerksons of Wisbech and the Abolition of Slavery	Maureen James
Monday July 7th	A Fen Farm in the 1940s	Joan Cole
Monday August 4th	Anglesey Abbey (TBC)	Helen Ackroyd
Monday September 1st	Margaret Beaufort, grandmother of Henry VIII	Stuart Orme
Monday October 6th	Silver pennies. Striking coins and the Huntingdon Mint	Rodney Scarfe

This programme is given as a guide only...Speakers may, due to unforeseen circumstances have to be changed at the last minute...Please look out for posters around the village for more up-to-date information.

2025 Annual Membership Fees £15.00 per individual;
The charge for talks for non-members is £3.00

For more information please contact one of the following:
Joan C: 01487 822395 Brian: 01487 822296
Joan B (secretary) 07813594229 Roger (archaeology) 07721907863
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It is with great sadness that we have to report that Graham Hansell has sadly died. Graham was a former Warboys postmaster and most recently was one of our Diary Deliverers. His funeral will be at 1200 on Tuesday, 11 February at Huntingdon Crematorium

We send our condolences to Yvonne, Graham's wife, and the family.



HELP REDUCE FOOD POVERTY

DONATE TO RAMSEY FOOD BANK

The Food Bank can be found in the Small Hall, Ramsey Methodist Church, High Street. Tel: 07596 544157. www.ramsey.foodbank.org.uk . 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.

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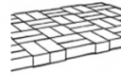
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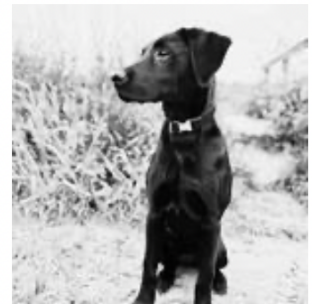
From February half term 2025 ALL CHILDREN'S MAIN MEALS ARE FREE FOR 2025*!

NOVAS COLUMN

Hi All. I keep getting told that a lot of our lovely customers have been asking where I am and why I'm not in the pub as much at the moment.

I have been back and forth to the vets for a few months and am now on the mend. I have been busy playing and doing photo shoots. Check out our social media over the coming weeks to see lots more pictures of yours truly!

In other news, as head of doggy welfare at the Hart, I strive to deliver a dog friendly venue. I have just signed up with a new canine brand to supply us with all natural dog chews in three delicious flavours. Boar, Venison and my personal favourite, Rabbit!



M	MONDAY BURGER NIGHT	BURGER, FRIES, SLAW AND DRINK JUST £15
T	TUESDAY CHEEKY TUES	10% OFF ALL FOOD ON BOOKED TABLES
W	WEDNESDAY FREE DESSERT	FREE DESSERT WITH ANY MAIN MEAL!
T	THURSDAY STEAK NIGHT	DISCOUNT ON ALL STEAK DINNERS
F	FRI / SAT DRINK DEALS	2-4-12 COCKTAILS 21:30 - 23:00

NEW MENU

Coming soon! Our new menu is nearly ready for print.

We are turning our focus back to to what we are best at and are really excited to share this one with you. Huge changes are coming. Every aspect of the menu is getting another level up in terms of taste, style and quality. Head Chef Craig really has pulled it out of the bag once again with this one. Get booked in before your current favourites depart!



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