



# Warboys Diary

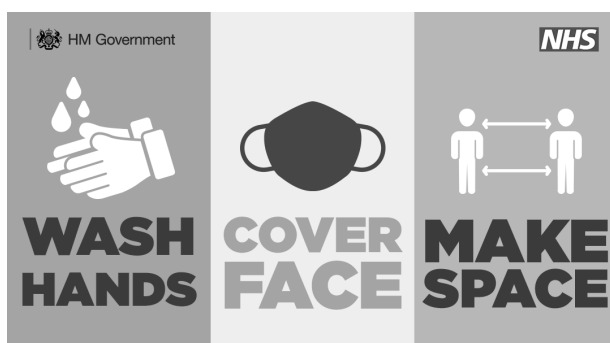
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## EDITORIAL

2020 was a really challenging year for all of us and unfortunately 2021 has not begun in a way we all hoped for. It is impossible to predict how long Lockdown 3 will last and what restrictions will follow.

Despite all the uncertainty there is room for optimism as the COVID-19 vaccination programme rolls out nationally and across our community. However, we all still need to stick to the rules and we need to make sure we carry on looking after each other in whatever way we can. Please take care and stay safe

**Val & Andrea, - your editorial team**



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## Headlines

### THE COVID VACCINATION PROGRAMME HAS STARTED

For more information about how it is working please go to **pages 6 and 7**

### CENSUS 21 WILL TAKE PLACE ON 21 MARCH

Census 2021 will be the first digital-first census. It should be easy to complete and can be done on any device. You will be sent an access code from the Office for National Statistics and this will allow you to enter their secure website to get started and there will be an online help area. If you can't get online or need help completing the census online, there'll be Census Support Centres across England and Wales.

You will be contacted nearer the time to let you know what you need to do. **For additional information go to page 2**

**This edition of the Diary is supported by Warboys Parish Council**

**Your elected councillors are working hard on your behalf.**

The Council continues to meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month. Meetings are currently held on ZOOM.

Why not follow the Parish Council via their Facebook page: **warboys parish council**

or go to their website:  
**www.warboyspc.info**

If you have an issue you want to raise, you can contact any one of the councillors or Roy Reeves, the Clerk to the Parish Council at **clerk@warboysparishcouncil.co.uk** or 01487 823562.

**GENERAL NEWS AND INFORMATION****TRAFFIC IN WARBOYS**

One of the most frequent complaints to the Parish Council is traffic in Warboys. This can be motorists driving too fast in Ramsey Road, Church Road, High Street, Fenton Road, Station Road or Mahaddie Way; exceeding the 60 mph limit on the A141 and Puddock Road; the volume of HGVs and farm traffic travelling through the village; boy racers with noisy exhausts; parking on pavements and verges; congestion in some roads that simply weren't built to take the volume of today's traffic where most households have at least two cars; parking and deliveries at the SPAR shop. Added to this are complaints about potholes, subsidence and damage to verges and then of drivers travelling too fast on roads that have been resurfaced in Fenton Road, Fenside Road and Puddock Road.

This isn't helped by the highway authority, Cambridgeshire County Council, tending to refer complainants to town and parish councils because their funding has been cut and the amount of enforcement that the Police are able to carry out, again because of limited funding and other priorities.

The Parish Council actually has very few powers when it comes to highways and cannot act independently of the County Council. It certainly isn't able to solve all the complaints received, much of which are due to the actions of irresponsible drivers.

The County Council does permit one application per annum from the Parish Council for small scale improvements where bids have to compete for limited funding against applications from across each District Council area, in our case the whole of Huntingdonshire. County Council funding is limited to £15,000 per scheme with the balance having to be met by the successful applicant. In this way, the Parish Council has successfully bid for and part funded the 30 roundels and dragons' teeth at the entrances to the village, priority narrowing and gateways in Fenton Road, speed humps and 20 mph zone in Humberdale Way, limited parking outside the school, speed activated signs in Church Road and Ramsey Road, and resurfacing of a stretch of the High Street pavement. A 40 mph buffer zone will be implemented shortly and gateway signs installed in Ramsey Road and a bid is currently being evaluated by the County Council for further traffic calming at the entrance to the village in Ramsey Road.

In addition, the Parish Council has funded the limited waiting outside the chemists, replaced streetlamps in New Road, improved the lighting at the High Street pedestrian crossings and bought equipment to enable the local Speedwatch team of volunteers to have their own camera. The Council refers complaints to highway officers and the neighbourhood policing team where appropriate and the Clerk is sometimes able to work with colleagues in those organisations to effect improvements. Often though the issue comes back to bad driving, whether driving too fast or with noisy exhausts or parking on pavements or grass verges.

A working party is currently meeting residents to discuss the issue of HGVs and farm vehicles in the village. It's unfortunate that the local Speedwatch team have been unable to operate for most of 2020 due to lockdown restrictions but they are always looking for new volunteers to enable more sessions to take place. If you are able to help, please contact the Clerk.

The Parish Council is doing what it can to address residents' concerns and while successes have been achieved, the answers often lie in the hands of every one of us to take care and to think of others by driving responsibly.

Roy Reeves, [clerk@warboysparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:clerk@warboysparishcouncil.co.uk) or 01487 823562.

**Ready, steady, CENSUS 2021**

An official census has been undertaken in this country every ten years since 1801 with the obvious exception of 1941. This means that a new census is due and this will be taking place as planned on Sunday 21 March.

The census is being organised by the Office for National Statistics and they are confident that everyone will be able to provide their information safely and securely. Census forms can be filled in online as soon as you get your access code in the post. If your household circumstances change on Census Day, you can let the ONS know. If you, or anyone you know, needs help, there will be a wide range of support services available.

It's important that everyone completes and returns their census questionnaire. The returns are confidential but without the information gathered, there won't be an accurate picture of Warboys and what the community needs. It provides the data for Government support, NHS provision, schools and much more.

Households will receive a letter with a unique access code in the post, allowing them to complete their questionnaire online. Paper questionnaires will be available on request. For more information, visit [census.gov.uk](https://census.gov.uk)

## MORE NEWS and UPDATES

### From the Moat House Surgery Team

We are really very sad to announce that our Senior Receptionist, Mrs **Janice Smith**, has taken the decision to retire after 25 years of faithful service to the Moat House Surgery and to our community.

Janice was the longest serving member of our reception team and will be missed by all of the doctors, practice staff and a great many of our patients. We would like to take this opportunity to wish Janice a very happy and very well-deserved retirement

### Beginnings and Endings

#### My working life at the Moat House Surgery

The beginning of this story starts way back to about 1962. Hard to believe but on the spot the surgery stands now as a little girl I played whilst my Dad washed out his lorry. Ironical really that in the same place my working life finished nearly 60 years later.

I joined the surgery team in 1996 and after learning all the medical terms I settled in nicely. Initially I was based at the Resource Centre but moved down to the actual surgery two years later. As the years have rolled by so many things have changed, technology plays such a big part now. No more queuing for hours and that waiting room, standing room only.

And so you grow your skills as you go along. I cannot list the staff changes that have occurred over those years or even how many receptionists I have trained. How many journeys have I made down

Popes Lane? 24.5 years, once or twice a day? You work it out. But every day as I got to the last little bit into Beech Close, I had such an enormous sense of pride. Pride in my work family (that's what I called them) Proud to be part of the team and proud of myself. It was never just a job, I put my heart and soul into it. My own life experience gave me the ability to have empathy, to give comfort, kind words and often just to listen.

I feel so very privileged that I have been able, even in a small way to help so many people to share your joys and sorrows, your new arrivals and those that we have loved and lost.

Thank you so very much to all of you that have posted such beautiful comments via my daughter's face book. It means so much. I was after all simply doing a job I loved!



### Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2020

Despite the Covid restrictions that prevented us having a door- to-door collection across the villages of Warboys and Wistow we were able to **raise just over £1660**.

Our thanks must go out to the shops, pubs, and the sports club for having our appeal boxes, and to all those who contributed so generously during difficult times. As you will all know, these funds will go to help veterans from all the military services, and their families at times of need. Your generosity shows the high esteem the community has for those that have served.

John Edwards RBL Poppy Appeal Organiser

### Ramsey Rotary Santa Float

Rotarians in Ramsey approached Christmas 2020 uncertain whether our Santa Float would happen. Having collaborated with St. Ives Rotary and 'borrowing' some amazing ideas how to offer a Covid-safe Santa experience, we decided to press ahead.

From the very start on 3 December, our first night in Warboys we were greeted warmly, enthusiastically and the support was staggeringly generous. Our 3-nights in Warboys **raised an incredible £1,319.32** (weighing 25Kgs!). We want to thank the wonderful people of Warboys for their amazing support and your incredible spirit of community. Thank you so very much to you all.

Our overall collections totalled £5,795.09 (weighing 80Kgs). 97% was collected on the runs, with another 3% received from Text Donations and JustGiving.

**Emma B, our fantastic cake maker** would like to say a big thank you to all supporters of the Warboys cake stalls in October, November and December last year - bakers, sellers, buyers and spread-the-words.

The aim was to raise £200 but we actually doubled that and raised a phenomenal £400.

**All this money will be used to buy food items for the Warboys Unites donation bags**

An amazing result for an amazing cause. Watch this space for news of the next cake stall at Easter time, current situation allowing.

## GROUP NEWS

### News from Warboys WI – from Gill Skillings, President

2020 - a date very much in our minds in 2019 as we prepared celebrations for our Centenary year. Thoughts went as to how we could plan exceptional speakers, social events, contributions to our village community etc, all in homage to the women of our great village who had maintained the ethos of WI over all the years since 1920. We hadn't bargained on all those plans being turned on their heads because of the current pandemic. Best laid plans and all that!!

We began 2020 with two excellent local speakers. Captain Victor Lucas talked about his role as High Sheriff of Cambridgeshire for a year, including the fascinating history behind it and Alyson Cheng spoke of the creation of the Red Cross, its' excellent past record and how it is still relevant today. More interesting monthly meetings stretched before us, until our March speaker had to cancel as he was stranded on a cruise ship somewhere in the world because of Covid 19. Alarm bells should have rung! Our own Susie Selby stepped into the breach with her memories of living and working in Canada as a young woman... then of course, everything was cancelled. The hope was that we might be able to resume our meetings and celebrations by Autumn. Not to be!! For the actual day of the centenary in August our planned garden party could not happen. BUT we did meet in small groups in members gardens on the hottest day of the year, and we each raised a glass and had a piece of cake. At least it gave us a sense of togetherness.

Now, as I write, we have no idea when we can safely meet as a group. But life goes on and I believe in a strange way, we have been strengthened as a group. The best has been brought out in the determination to keep "upbeat", inclusive and caring for each other. We have regular updates and words of encouragement, quizzes, using Zoom to see each other (how modern!) and keep in touch, writing stories and poems, telephone calls, and distanced get-togethers (something of a misnomer). We had planned to resume some of our "extra" activities like the craft group, monthly lunch club and walking group - all in small clusters of 4-6 members, but this too has been put on hold. We were also pleased to make a contribution to the funding of the 2020 Christmas lights. We were all in need of the cheeriness of those!!

Our predecessors came through the horrors of the WW1 and the start of the emancipation of women. They flourished and went on to do great things for the community during WW2. Where we are now, feels almost like a "war" situation as we deal with this wretched virus but we have come a long way over the years, with changes in our daily lives and the role of women.

Onwards and Upwards!! Not downhearted!! In 2021 we hope to return eventually to some degree of normality and to welcome new members. You will all be most welcome to come to join us. Watch this space for updates as and when we can.

### Warboys Day Centre

Like many, we waved goodbye to 2020 with a sigh of relief. Fortunately, we were able to stay open for our members from late July 2020 until the end of December. During this time, our members were able to get acquainted and "comfortable" with the relevant Covid 19 policies and procedures and became progressively more confident in keeping safe and well. Our members really valued the opportunity to discuss and understand the issues around this sensitive matter and were appreciative of the advice available to them.

As can be expected, there was some fun exploring new activities and adapting some of our old favourites and settling into our new home – Warboys Parish Centre. We have also been able to welcome new members during the year.

Our year ended with a festive lunch (albeit within strict Covid compliant guidelines) provided by local company Housdens. The day was a real success, members had a lovely time, and all set off for home feeling happy and content.

Our heartfelt thanks go out to everyone who worked hard to enable us to stay open and to operate safely in the midst of the pandemic. We would like to thank our volunteers, supporters, drivers and the Parish Council, in particular Roy Reeves, who keeps a watchful eye on us and Rosemary who is meticulous in her cleaning after each of our sessions.

We look forward to 2021 with a great sense of optimism, although we have had to close due to the Lockdown 3 and the threat posed by the more transmissible Coronavirus variants. As in the first lockdown, we continue to maintain contact with and give support to all our members and volunteers. As soon as it is safe to re-open, we will ensure our procedures are re-established and we will once more be able to allow our members to get back together and to enjoy the support, company and humour that our Day Centre is renowned for and is much appreciated by our members in this difficult period.

If you would like to join us, Sue Tolland the Day Centre Manager can be contacted on 07548 949809

## MORE GROUP NEWS

### Warboys Snowman Competition

The village was adorned with some spectacular snowmen and thank you to those of you who entered the competition, which was judged using a public vote.



This year, for the first time we had joint winners for the outdoor snowman – Ashley (Coronation Avenue) and Val (Fenton Road)

The indoor competition was won by Percy who gave us a big thank you for his Amazon voucher which he used to buy some Playmobil Romans - he is over the moon!



2020 SNOWMAN COMPETITION WINNERS



### WARBOYS CHRISTMAS LIGHTS – 2020/21

#### Warboys Christmas Lighting Group Thanks for 2020 Donations/Sponsors

SWANNELL'S (Andrew Swannell) TRANSPORT LTD

WARBOYS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

WARBOYS WOMENS INSTITUTE

WARBOYS CHRISTMAS TREE CENTRE

WARBOYS PARISH COUNCIL & HANDYMEN

MERLIN LIGHTING CONTRACTORS

PRIMERA SLATE CO. LTD

ALL 'JUST GIVING' DONATIONS

CHARLES & STEWART ROBINSON, SARAH DYER

PREMISES SHOWING OUR DISPLAYS

N R H ELECTRICAL SERVICES LTD

ONGOING SUPPORT OF WARBOYS RESIDENTS

To donate to the lighting displays in the village: [www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/warboys-christmas-lights-fund](http://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/warboys-christmas-lights-fund) All donations gratefully received

PUBLISHED BY WARBOYS CHRISTMAS LIGHTING GROUP

This Christmas period has certainly been different for so many people. In compliance with COVID-19 restrictions, the Lighting Group volunteers erected the displays to raise community spirit and brighten the dark evenings at 5pm on 30 November. At that time, not only were the Lighting Groups displays switched on but also in response to our appeal for "a Bright Christmas in Warboys" the wonderful displays outside residents' houses were illuminated too. We would like to thank everyone for making such an amazing effort this year with their displays, cheering everyone up and ensuring Warboys looked so festive. Encouraged by the variety of displays, many residents chose to take their daily exercise a little later for the enjoyment of seeing the lights.

Despite a difficult year for the Lighting Group with cancelled fund-raising events, revised plans for new displays around the Weir were implemented. Due mainly to a fantastic and generous donation by Andrew Swannell of Swannell's Transport, along with so many wonderful donations on the "Just Giving" page from the village residents, and Steve Harding of Primera Slate Co Ltd This enabled the group to purchase new Weir Boa lighting sets to replace the ageing and troublesome old ones. The result has been a brighter, twinkling

and trouble-free Weir area receiving many compliments. As mentioned in the October Diary, Richard Stokes of Warboys Christmas Tree Centre oversaw the Christmas tree order and paid for the delivery/storage; funding for the tree was kindly provided by Warboys Community Association and Warboys Women's Institute. Residents were both relieved and delighted to see a Christmas tree in situ again. We are grateful for the support provided by Neil Howard from NRH electrical prior to the displays being switched off on 5 January 2021 and to Sarah Dyer for the continued display storage provision. The Warboys Christmas Lighting Group thank everyone for their continuing support and send best wishes for the future.

#### A LETTER from Bunty, a very grateful resident

We seem to have become blasé about the help and consideration given to us in this village. I live alone and have been shielding since March last year. It is the kindness and help of people in Warboys that have made it bearable and kept us safe. My wonderful neighbours who have food shopped for me every week and given me lifts to hospital appointments. My friends who shop and collect my prescriptions, who bake for me and make friendly telephone calls. the volunteers who organised newspaper delivery, those who made face masks and delivered them to our homes. Everyone who is running the Warboys food bank and those who think up interesting things to do and who arrange things to keep the children amused. Then there are the teams at the doctor's surgery and the chemist, the postman, milkman and bin men who have supported us for all these months.

**TO YOU ALL I SAY A VERY BIG THANKYOU**



**STAY SAFE and STAY WELL****UPDATE from the MOAT HOUSE SURGERY**

We would all like to wish you a Happy New Year from the Moat House Surgery. We would also like to thank you for all your understanding and support throughout the Covid19 pandemic during the last year. We wish that we could be in a better situation at the start of 2021 but we find ourselves facing new challenges and remain optimistic for the New Year (even though we might have to wait a while for this!).

We are trying our very hardest to continue to support you during this current lockdown. We have had to take the difficult decision to keep our main Surgery access door closed and to restrict access to those who have a pre-booked appointment. We are trying very much to reduce any unnecessary footfall throughout the Surgery to reduce the risk to our own staff and to our patients who do need to come in and see us. Like all general practices across the country, we have had to prioritise our workload to providing emergency and urgent care to those with urgent medical problems as well as obviously continuing to treat those affected by the Covid19 virus. We are also continuing to run our long term condition clinics (for those patients with long term problems like COPD, diabetes, asthma or heart problems). Where we can do this safely using a telephone consultation then we will always do this preferentially. We appreciate that this is a real change to the way that we usually "do business". We are very sad that we cannot see you in person in the way that we used to but unfortunately this is the way it has to be currently. We look forward to a time later in the year when we will be able to see our patients again in person.

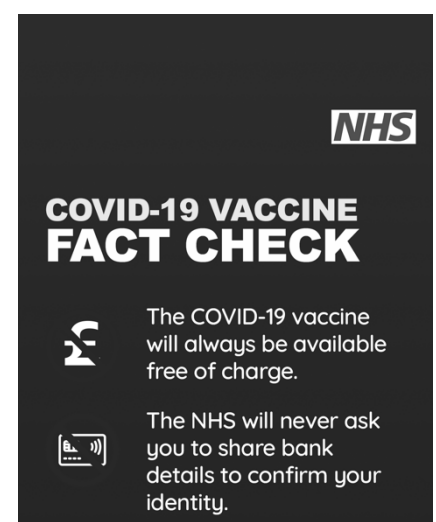
**PLEASE DO CONTINUE TO STAY HOME, PROTECT THE NHS AND SAVE LIVES.**

On a more positive note, you will be aware that the Covid19 vaccination programme has begun. Your Doctors, Nurses, Healthcare Assistants and Reception staff will all be playing a part in this and, at times, will be seconded to other locations to help with the immunisations to those in the priority groups. Currently, for our patients, we are still very much focused Priority Group 1 and 2, which is our care home residents and those over the age of 80. The vaccination programme began in earnest locally just last week. Vaccinations currently cannot be given in every general practice setting and so our patients will currently need to go to St Ives to receive their vaccination. It might well be that at some stage over the next few months we are able to offer vaccinations from the Moat House site but there is currently no provision for us to be able to do this. We will of course keep you posted.

In the meantime, we would request your ongoing patience as staff from the Surgery are seconded to other vaccination sites to help out. This will mean that at times, we do not have the same number of staff here and we would ask for your understanding in this regard.

**REMEMBER  
HANDS-FACE-SPACE****COVID Vaccine Scam**

Sadly, scammers continue to take advantage of the coronavirus pandemic to commit fraud on unsuspecting victims. We've had reports of fraudsters sending fake text messages, which claim you are entitled to a dose of the newly approved vaccine. The bogus message states that you are entitled to a vaccine and to receive more information you should click on the link. Unfortunately, these texts are fake.

**DO NOT CLICK ON THE LINK**

For information about the latest do's and don'ts go to

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

## ABOUT THE VACCINATION PROGRAMME & STAYING WELL

### COVID-19 Vaccination Programme – an update from our vaccination hub

We are all working incredibly hard to deliver the Covid-19 vaccine and are on track to offer vaccines to our most vulnerable patients by the middle of February. Understandably, this is very challenging to deliver. Our practice is part of a group of local GP practices called the St Ives Primary Care Network (PCN) looking after the healthcare of patients in the local area. It was agreed nationally that the vaccinations will be delivered to one GP practice within each PCN which will act as a hub to give the vaccinations to patients of all practices within the PCN. By using one location it means we can use all our skilled staff in one location to provide the vaccination clinics.

**Our local vaccination hub is the Old Exchange Surgery on East Street in St Ives.**

Our site became operational on Saturday 16 January 2021. We are notified about each vaccine delivery three days before it is due to arrive and only then can we start to book patients in. The vaccine priority groups (i.e. who gets called for a vaccine and when) have been decided centrally by NHS England. We have no ability to alter this or make exceptions. The first groups to be vaccinated are over 80s, care home residents and staff, health and social care workers. As we have almost completed these groups, we will soon start inviting patients in their late 70s.

As each cohort is completed, we can then begin calling those in the next priority group. We are not allowed to offer a choice of vaccine. Again, this is a national mandate. Our priority has to be to ensure that no vaccine is wasted, and that every dose is given to an eligible patient. Automated booking systems are being used to help deal with the huge administrative task of booking thousands of vaccine appointments in an extremely tight timescale and to ensure the process is easy and efficient for our patients to use.

**Those with mobile phone numbers on their records will be contacted by text initially, therefore if we do not have a record of your current mobile number, please ensure you update us with your mobile number. As soon as we are able to book appointments for your age group you will be contacted.**

We understand that everyone is eager to have the vaccine, but please **DO NOT** contact Reception about this until you are invited to do so. As we are sure you can imagine, we are all working incredibly hard to deliver the vaccine to our patients, at the same time as providing care to all those who need it. Thank you for your ongoing support.

**For anyone who's had their vaccine it's essential you continue to follow national guidelines as well as continuing to wash your hands, wear a face mask and social distance from other people.**

You can find out more about the local Covid-19 vaccination programme here:

**<https://www.cambridgeshireandpeterboroughccg.nhs.uk/news-and-events/latest-news/covid-19-national-vaccination-programme/>**

### Stay well this winter

This winter, it's really important that we all remember that the NHS is here to help us stay well.



**We're here to help you stay well this winter**

**GP** Call your GP practice or visit their website to arrange an appointment. This may take place over the phone or via video. If needed, you will be seen face to face.

**PHARMACY** Prescriptions, over the counter medications and first aid help, everything you need is still available at your local pharmacy.

**111** NHS 111 can help if you're not sure what to do. Call 111 or visit 111.nhs.uk 24/7. If you're in a mental health crisis call 111 and select option 2.

**URGENT TREATMENT CENTRE or MINOR INJURY UNITS** Located in Ely, Wisbech and Peterborough you can get help with minor injuries and illnesses, as well as x-rays

Visit [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk) for more information

If you're worried about your health, don't delay. The sooner you get advice, the better. Depending on your symptoms, you can get advice from your local pharmacy, GP practice or NHS 111. For minor health concerns, your local pharmacist can help. GP practices offer remote consultations online or by phone, or if you need a face-to-face appointment, they will tell you what to do.

If you need medical help fast, think you need to go to an Emergency Department (A&E) or you're not sure what to do, use NHS 111 first – online or by phone to get clinical advice or direction to the most appropriate services for treatment for you.

Be sure to also stock up your medicine cabinet with winter self-care essentials too. Many over-the-counter medicines (including paracetamol and ibuprofen) are available to help relieve symptoms of common winter illnesses and you can find **further information at [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)**

## LOOKING AFTER EACH OTHER

### WARBOYS UNITES is here to give practical help and support PLEASE JUST ASK

We know this can be difficult, but there is no need to feel embarrassed. Everything you talk to us about remains confidential.

#### You can contact us in various ways

- through our website:  
**[www.warboysunites.co.uk](http://www.warboysunites.co.uk)**
- by email:  
**[info@warboysunites.co.uk](mailto:info@warboysunites.co.uk)**
- or just ring us on **01487 710555 option 2**
- message us via our facebook page:  
**@covid-19warboysunites**

### We Made Christmas Special

Warboys community certainly did just that! With donations of food and money to help support the Warboys Unites initiative and help some 28 families (just over 70 adults and children) who are struggling due to COVID-19 related financial problems such as being made redundant, furloughed or waiting for universal credit payments to come through.

The food donation team had enough donations from you all to make up special Christmas bags for each household with a chicken, fresh vegetables and a Christmas pudding, along with mince pies, chocolates and Christmas crackers to make the families Christmas day go with a bang! We were given sausages from Johnson's of Old Hurst for the New Year bags so each family had fresh meat and vegetable's again with more chocolates and biscuits.

Thank you to everyone who supported us. The families

were so appreciative

and want us to thank you on their behalf.

Many thanks to everyone who also donated toys and gifts to "Make Christmas Special". Each child had at least three or four presents from Santa to open on Christmas morning.

The food donation team would like to take this opportunity to thank the farmers of Warboys for donating many bags of potatoes and onions between them through November and December and Johnson's of Old Hurst for their generous support. Warboys Unites "Make Christmas Special" wouldn't have been as successful as it was without the community backing us with all the generous donated food. It made us feel so privileged to live in such a wonderfully kind and selfless village.

Donations of food and toiletries arrive with great regularity and without these we wouldn't be able to continue supporting the families. We know that the economy is under pressure and that many more individuals and families are likely to experience financial hardship, so we are expecting to be supporting local families for many months to come. Each tin, carton of milk or box of cereal that you donate is precious to us and helps us help families in need on behalf of yourselves.

**Thank you for caring**

### FOOD & OTHER DONATIONS - ITEMS THAT WOULD BE REALLY HELPFUL

- *Green long-life milk*
- *squash*
- *breakfast cereals*
- *jams and other spreads e.g. meat/fish paste peanut butter*
- *tinned meats such as pies, minced steak, stews, chilli/curry type products*
- *tinned vegetables*
- *hot & cold puddings of all types e.g. sponge puddings,*
- *biscuits*
- *loo rolls*
- *toiletries – such as toothpaste, body wash, shampoo, deodorants*
- *laundry products*
- *household cleaning materials*

**All donations can be left in the boxes outside 16 High Street**

### Worried about being or getting in debt during Covid

For free independent advice, you can contact the organisations below

- **Citizens Advice Bureau** – Rural Cambs advice line 0808 278 7807 or go to [www.citizensadvice.ruralcambs.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.ruralcambs.org.uk)
- **StepChange Debt Charity** – 0800 138 1111 or [www.stepchange.org](http://www.stepchange.org)
- **The Money Advice Service** - [www.moneyadviceservice.org.uk/en](http://www.moneyadviceservice.org.uk/en)
- **National Debtline** – 0808 808 4000 or [nationaldebtline.org](http://nationaldebtline.org)





## MORE NEWS AND INFORMATION

### 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 transferred to the new site in Humberdale Way. Some of the money was invested and the interest from that money can be 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 send to **OVBST, c/o 86 Ramsey Road, Warboys, PE28 2RW** or email to **wovsbt@gmail.com**

**Warboys Library** is still open during Lockdown 3. Tuesdays 10am – 2 pm and Thursday 1- 5 pm.

Select & collect, returning books and collecting books reserved online, but sadly no browsing or events. We would be very happy to see you – Chris, Joan and Sharon

### CHURCH NEWS

**Warboys Baptist Church** Whilst the government have said that our covid-secure services can continue, we have taken the **decision to suspend services until further notice**. We want to do everything we can to help our community and those in authority to control the virus while vaccinations are rolled out. Having considered what would be the most loving thing we can do for our community, this seems to be the right decision in the current circumstances

**Warboys Parish Church** have also decided to suspend Sunday services until March, when there will be a review. There is a live Zoom service every Sunday open to all

**Warboys Methodist Church** – go to our circuit website for the latest information [www.snahms.org.uk](http://www.snahms.org.uk)

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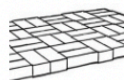
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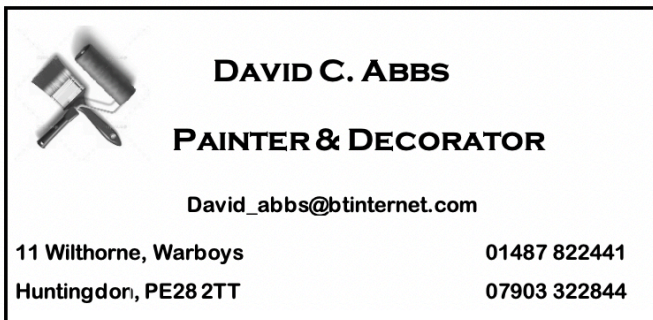
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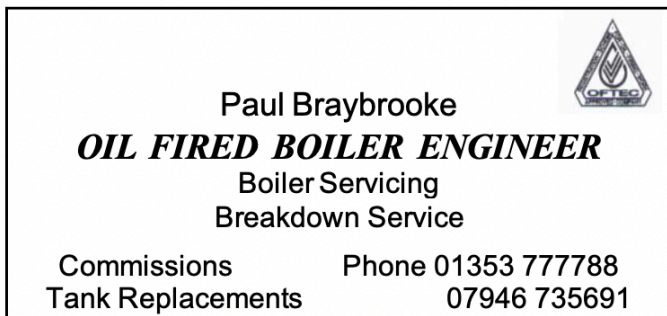
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