



Warboys Diary

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EDITORIAL

Life is never simple and plans for 'Freedom Day' on 19 July have not quite worked out as expected, given the spread of the Delta variant. Whilst all legal restrictions have been lifted and we can look forward to the new freedoms, the advice is to be cautious and stay safe and to be considerate of risks to others. We need to carry on doing the right thing which for many of us is wearing a face covering in shops and on public transport and maintaining social distance when we are with people we don't know.

Despite the current situation all our local groups are planning on how they can get up and going again - it is a case of watch this space.

Val & Andrea - your editorial team

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Headlines

THE PANDEMIC IS NOT OVER

The Director of Public Health for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough has just issued a warning in which she states that COVID-19 cases are currently rising in the area and are expected to continue to do so for some while. Also, a significantly lower proportion of our population is vaccinated compared to the East of England and national averages

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LOCAL DEFIBRILLATORS

Warboys is fortunate in having **THREE 24/7 accessible defibrillators**. As a reminder these are located outside Wards Chemist, the SPAR and at the Sports Field, Forge Way (by the cricket club score board).

Defibrillators save lives. To help an individual who is in cardiac arrest effectively, a defibrillator needs to be found as quickly as possible as this will give that person the best possible chance of survival. If you need to use one of these devices you just need to follow the very clear instructions. For more information go to:

www.bhf.org.uk/how-you-can-help/how-to-save-a-life/defibrillators/how-to-use-a-defibrillator

DODDINGTON MINOR INJURIES UNIT (MIU)

The MIU is back open 7 days a week to help with minor illnesses and injuries. No appointment needed. The MIU can help with sprains/strains, cuts and grazes, bites and minor burns, suspected fractures/broken bones (no x-ray on Sat or Sun), minor head injuries.

If you are unsure what service is right for you, please call NHS 111 or visit 111.nhs.uk who will direct you to the right service for your illness or injury.

HIGHWAYS - A PARISH COUNCIL PERSPECTIVE

There's no doubt that finding out which local authority is responsible for which service isn't straightforward, especially with a fourth tier recently added with the Combined Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Authority. More often than not queries and complaints are directed at the Parish Council which has the fewest powers of any tier, certainly when it comes to highways.

The statutory highway authority in Cambridgeshire is the County Council, although certain highway functions were transferred to the Combined Authority when this was created. Thus, it's the Combined Authority that is now responsible for public transport in Cambridgeshire and you can find details about bus services on their website now rather than the County Council's. The Combined Authority also have certain strategic highway responsibilities and they have issued separate consultations this year on options to ease congestion around Huntingdon and St Ives, including major new bypasses.

At a more local level, junction improvements, highway maintenance and safety, white lining, signs, speed limits, street lighting, no waiting restrictions, public rights of way, etc. are all the responsibility of Cambridgeshire County Council. The problem is that they have limited resources and their funding has been subject to annual cuts over many years due to reductions in Government grant and the need to prioritise mandatory services such as social care.

Cambridgeshire Constabulary are responsible for enforcing parking restrictions on the highway and compliance with speed limits but they have also been subject to budget cuts in recent years.

Huntingdonshire District Council has very limited highway functions which leaves the Parish Council as the "fall guy". What powers does the Parish Council have with its limited budget and part-time Clerk? It can light streets and public places (the lights at the Clock Tower, Weir and the New Road cul-de-sac are the responsibility of the Parish, as are the LED lights at the pedestrian crossings), provide parking for cars and cycles, provide roadside seats and shelters, provide and empty litter bins. The Parish Council can spend money on maintaining public footpaths and bridleways, maintaining roadside verges, providing certain traffic signs and contributing to traffic calming schemes but only with the approval of the County Council as the highway authority.

This approval has to be dealt with either through the County Council's Local Highways Improvement (LHI) scheme where bids are limited to one each year. The alternative is through their Privately Financed Highways Improvement process where the Parish is charged a non-refundable fee of £500 to apply and has to meet the whole cost of the work plus feasibility and design fees.

The maximum County Council's contribution to a successful LHI bid is £15,000 with the Parish Council required to make a minimum 10% contribution towards the overall cost. To put this into context, a lights controlled pedestrian crossing can cost a minimum of £77,500 according to the County Council's website. Bids are judged against those submitted by other authorities and there is no guarantee of success. There have been some notable successes in Warboys in recent years mostly related to traffic calming measures. Conversely a bid for traffic calming in Ramsey Road last year was unsuccessful as Highway Officers claimed there were too many junctions and driveways and the carriageway was too narrow for physical measures to be installed.

Notification has just been received inviting bids for 2022/23 and the Parish Council will shortly be considering which bid to submit and the level of funding to allocate in the hope that it will be successful.

Letter to the Editors

As a regular dog walker, I often notice hazards around the village while out and about. The one that stands out most is the danger to pedestrians who wish to cross the A141 by the roundabout on Fenton Road. Traffic approaching the roundabout cannot be seen by a pedestrian because of a hedge and a bend in the road. With more and more electric cars on the road this makes listening for traffic approaching the roundabout impossible. Crossing the road is often a leap of faith.

A simple solution would be a mirror facing towards Huntingdon which would highlight any traffic approaching the roundabout from Huntingdon. All other approaches have a clear view of approaching danger.

This crossing is used daily by parents who take children to school and other members of the community wishing to use the facilities in the village. They should not have to put their lives and the lives of their children in danger when participating in village life.

Name and address supplied

Names and contact details for all your Parish Councillors can be found on the Warboys Parish Council website: www.warboyspc.info. Roy Reeves, Clerk to the Parish Council can be contacted by email: clerk@warboysparishcouncil.co.uk or ring 01487 823562

FAREWELL FROM and TO VICTOR AND DIANA LUCAS

Sad Farewell to Warboys

To our many friends in the village Diana and I bid a fond farewell on our departure from The Manor House and move to Somerset to be closer to the family. We take with us many happy memories of nearly 30 years living in such a vibrant and caring community. We have been fortunate to be involved in many community and church related activities such as the Jump summer holiday mission, and see first-hand how everybody pulled together to address issues facing the village. To our knowledge these have ranged from the successful resistance to what would have been an unacceptable development at the landfill site, through the threat of closure of the library which led to the creation of the Friends of Warboys Library, to the fantastic work of Warboys Unites during the worst of the pandemic. The village also knows how to party as shown in the extensive Millennium celebrations. Such commitment by so many of the community led to the village being awarded the title of Cambridgeshire Village of the year three times between 2001 and 2010 before the competition was stopped as Warboys was winning it so often! To mark this achievement the village uniquely

received a Royal Visit in 2010 by the HRH The Duke of Gloucester, during which the highlight must have been the naming of the Pirate Ship Warboys at the school. And who could forget a full Royal Marine Band marching down the High Street in 2015?



It was a privilege (for Victor) to serve the community as the County Councillor for 12 years, and just two years ago to be elected an Hon Freeman of Warboys, joining the handful of illustrious members of the community who have been granted this honour.

May we wish you all well for what we are sure will be a promising and successful future for the village.

Victor and Diana Lucas - (formerly of The Manor House)

Photos courtesy of Joan Cole



A Huge Thank You from the Residents of Warboys

Victor and Diana Lucas will be a huge loss to the village and we shall miss their contribution to the life of the community. With typical modesty, they have omitted many aspects of their input to village life. They were generous hosts at the Manor House and delighted in giving guided tours to visitors while pointing out the spot in the house where the 'witches' of Warboys were denounced in the seventeenth century. There were many fetes and 'occasions' in the garden over the years, the last being the recording for VE Day 75 at the height of the pandemic. They were always ready to host distinguished guests to Warboys, perhaps the last being the representatives of Airfields of Great Britain, the RAF and the Mahaddies on the occasion of the unveiling of the memorial plaque for RAF Warboys in 2019. Regular churchgoers welcomed the opportunity to be able to park in the grounds when attending services and the Barn was the venue for the Sunday school for many years.

In addition to the roles mentioned, Captain Lucas served as High Sheriff of Cambridgeshire in 2015, putting Warboys on the map, and he was a Deputy Lieutenant for the County for many years. He played an active role in the Warboys branch of the Royal British Legion – who can forget him at the annual Remembrance Sunday service and taking the salute as the parade passed in full Royal Navy uniform with dress sword. There is little doubt that without his help while a member of the County Council that the disposal of hazardous waste at the land fill site would not have stopped and Warboys library would have closed, becoming a library access point similar to Somersham. With his contacts in so many places, Victor was always able to offer help and advice when needed.

Warboys Primary Academy – 5 minutes of fame on ITV Anglia

On Friday 9 July, ITV Anglia visited Warboys Primary Academy to film the children and their enthusiasm and excitement in respect of England reaching the Euro 2020 final. They filmed children in the Lions class and interviewed Year 5 children about their thoughts for the game. All children in school wore sports kits to show their support for the England team. Throughout the morning, school activities relating to the championship took place and fun was had by all. Congratulations England, we are all so proud of you.

From Mr Herring

HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

MOAT HOUSE SURGERY UPDATE

The results of the NHS England **GP Patient Survey** were published on 8 July 2021 summarising the results of questionnaires sent out in January – March 2021. We were delighted to see that Moat House Surgery scored well above the local CCG *and* national average on every indicator measured. We would like to thank all of our patients for their ongoing support.

As we move through this third wave of the pandemic we will continue to assess and adapt to the situation locally. Much as we would like things to return to 'normal' we do need to ask for your ongoing trust and understanding. After July 19, we will continue to request that patients wear a face covering when attending the Surgery as a courtesy to our staff and other patients. For the present we will also continue to assess all requests for appointments by telephone in the first instance.

Current demand for healthcare and GP services is at an unprecedented level across the whole NHS – and this mirrors our experience here in Warboys. We are working hard to try and deal with all requests for advice and appointments as efficiently as we can but this is proving a challenge at present. Whilst our patient list has grown, we have fewer GPs than previously so please bear with us if you are not able to access a GP directly straight away. The GPs are supported by a **dedicated team of Advanced Nurse Practitioners (ANPs), Practice Nurses and a Physiotherapist**. If you contact the Surgery with an urgent medical need then we will return your call promptly but please be aware that you might receive a call back from an ANP.

We are in the early stages of planning our **flu clinics for 2021-22 season** and we are hoping to send invites by text messages this year, so please make sure we have your correct mobile phone number. If you don't have a mobile phone, don't worry, we will contact you by house phone or letter.

Finally, we remain committed to the **Covid Vaccination Programme** working alongside our colleagues from the St Ives Primary Care Network and we would encourage anyone who has not yet been vaccinated (who is eligible) to 'get the jab'. It is not yet clear to us if the proposed 'booster' doses of Covid vaccine will be available from the Surgery here in Warboys, or from the vaccination centre in St Ives. We will update you via our website when we have clarity on this.

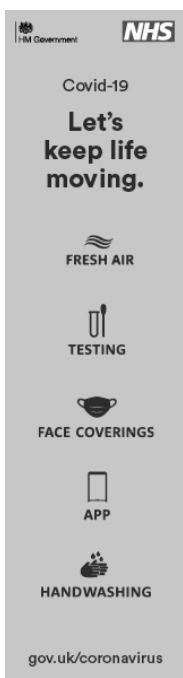
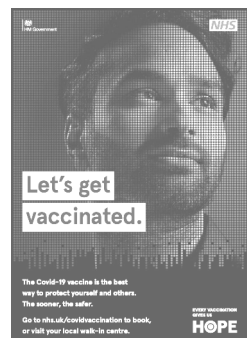
Can we also please remind everyone that If you have any of these 3 **coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms**, even if mild, use this service to get a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test as soon as possible:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- you've lost your sense of smell or taste or it's changed

You can order a PCR test kit to be sent to your home or book an appointment at a walk-in or drive-through test site by calling 119 or visit <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

If you have symptoms, you and everyone you live with must immediately self-isolate. Do not leave home until you get your test results, except to post a test kit or for a PCR test appointment.

In the meantime, enjoy the summer – and stay healthy and safe.



Let's keep life moving by doing the right thing

- Meet in well-ventilated areas where possible, such as outdoors or indoors with windows open.
- Wear a face covering where you come into contact with people you don't normally meet in enclosed and crowded spaces.
- Wash your hands with soap and water or use a hand sanitiser regularly throughout the day.
- Cover your nose and mouth when you cough and sneeze.
- Stay at home if unwell, to reduce the risk of passing on other illnesses onto friends, family, colleagues, and others in your community.
- Consider the individual risks of people you might come into contact with, such as clinical vulnerabilities and vaccination status

GROUP NEWS



CONGRATULATIONS TO PAULA TOFTON

Paula Tofton has been with Warboys Brownies and Rainbows for 20 years!

What dedication....and she gets a badge!

Congratulations from everyone at Warboys Brownies and Rainbows and Warboys Community Association



WARBOYS UNDER FIVES PRE-SCHOOL

We wanted to pass on our thanks to the families and community for supporting our preschool over the last academic year - our fundraising team have worked so hard over the past 12 months but it was only a success thanks to the donations from small businesses, funding from community groups and all of you who bought tickets, craft packs & cookbooks.

Warboys Underfives Preschool 2020-21 FUNDRAISING			
Sponsored Scavenger Hunt £150	£60 from Emma's Heath Road Bake Sale		
The Royal Oak Craft Fair £75	Spitfire Auction £550	CHRISTMAS BAZAAR £550	
Advent Calendar Raffle £50			
£25 from JLM Window Cleaning	£200 from the Warboys Community Association		
SUMMER RAFFLE £455	YARD SALE £470	Easter Bazaar £100	VILLAGE COOKBOOK £420
ARNOLD CLARK COMMUNITY FUND £500			

Thank you! We hope you all have a lovely summer and look forward to sharing more activities with you in the autumn

55 PLUS

We hope to hold a meeting on 25 August at 6.30pm at the Parish Centre. By then all restrictions should be lifted so access to the Parish Centre may be less restricted.

Looking forward to seeing you all. Please look out for information on notice boards

WARBOYS LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

WLHS is delighted at the prospect of meeting together soon. The programme in the calendar of events on page 9 is very much **provisional** as no one quite knows what the world will be like in September but we are hoping for the best. We will, of course, confirm that things are going ahead nearer the time.

WARBOYS SCOUTS

Whilst we imminently wait for confirmation of commencement of face-to-face meetings, the scouts have shown tremendous resolve to continue sessions virtually. There have been some amazing sessions with the children who have embraced the new format and found creative ways to still learn new skills and badges whilst also having plenty of fun. The group have been amazing at adjusting to the past 18 months and have shown incredible resilience as well as additional skills, there are some budding film makers within the group.

The online sessions have covered a number of topics, with the some of the highlights including cooking, origami, virtual duck races and the challenge to move a piece of paper - with a whopping 614km the winner. If your child is interested in joining scouts then please contact David Glenly (Group Scout Leader) gslwarboys@hotmail.com. We would love to welcome you into the group. The following groups are available:

- Beavers 6 - 8 years old
- Cubs 8 - 10.5 years old
- Scouts 10.5 - 14 years old

Details of the full return to scouting will be available soon with confirmation of arrangements and timings

A huge thanks must also go to the section leaders who also have adapted to the new circumstances and ensured the children have had sessions to attend and enjoyable content to be a part of.

The committee are a group of volunteers who help to run the section and are looking for additional members to join. **We have vacancies as Secretary and general committee members** - we meet every few months and try to ensure we have a laugh whilst also getting things done. **If you wanted to join and ensure the running of the group then please contact Andy Lamb (Chair) andrew.jlamb@yahoo.com**

MORE GROUP NEWS

WARBOYS FRIENDSHIP CLUB

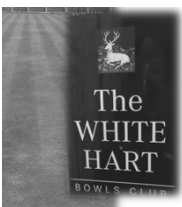
We are pleased to announce that, due to the "RoadMap" out of lockdown, most of the restrictions have been lifted from 19 July 2021, allowing the club to return to near normal. There are still restrictions on the number of people allowed in the Parish Centre (maximum of 36 at the moment), but we hope to be able to welcome back the remainder of our members and maybe some new members

Having been formed on 11 November 1982, (for friends to meet for a chat and a cup of tea after collecting their pension), the Warboys Friendship Club has been opening its' doors on Thursday mornings from 10-11.30am in the Parish Centre. At its peak, it has had nearly 100 members, but this has fallen to about 30, with 20-25 coming regularly. All ages are welcome, so why not pop in for a tea or coffee, as well as a biscuit, for £1 and maybe you'll bump into someone you know and be able to catch up on all the goings on.

During our usual meetings, where a nice cuppa can be had whilst chatting to your friends, there are several games available to play and a 1000-piece jigsaw always being worked on. We hold a variety of activities during our meetings, including quizzes, fish & Chip lunches, soup sessions and craft competitions. In addition, we hold a number of events over lunchtime or mid-afternoon - these include our Anniversary lunch, Christmas lunch (in January) and afternoon tea.

WHITE HART BOWLS CLUB

General practice is on Tuesdays at 6.30pm and there is a ladies roll up at 2pm on Fridays, An open roll up is held on Saturday afternoons at 2pm. All are welcome to come and give it a try. As always, these sessions are weather dependant, but if they are not happening, we generally publish on the Warboys Facebook feeds. The season will end at the end of August.



The ladies took part in the Unbadged David Steward Competition on 6 June. This was a Ladies only event for affiliated players who have not played for the county. Janette Spalding got to the semi-final, which was a two-wood match and first to 21 shots. This game ran over 30 ends and was hotly contested the whole way. The final end began at 19 – 20. Janette's opponent took the end with both woods and took the game for 21. A personal thank you from Jeanette to the social members who helped her prepare for the match at Somersham.

The men's league is presently mid-season, they play home and away every Thursday evening at 6.30pm.

Finally, if you have lawn bowl woods, zero or ones that are not being used – please consider donating them to the club. These light woods help new members in learning the game, especially juniors, who can generally start at the age of 11 years

Anyone interested in joining the White Hart Bowls Club, all ages welcome, please contact Graham Spalding on Savuka2014@gmail.com or 01487 822139

WARBOYS WI



Due to covid rules we were unable to hold our social evening in July but now plan to hold it in August alongside another social event already planned for members. It will be in September when we finally get back to our normal monthly meetings in the Parish Centre. Details of our September and October Meetings are listed in the calendar of events on page 9.

Visitors are very welcome to these 2 meetings (first 2 meetings free) however, there will be a £2.00 fee if you wish to take part in the Ceramics experience – otherwise come and enjoy your free trials with us.

From September Warboys WI will meet in the Parish Centre at 7.15pm on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. You will be most welcome to join us.

WARBOYS SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

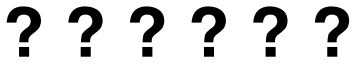
We reopened our doors on Friday 21 May, with the full support of our committee and following all Covid guidelines. We have a constant stream of bookings coming in for the coming year, next event is an open Disco on Saturday 7 August 7pm.

Everything is booked for the August Bank Holiday weekend Beer, Gin & Music Festival. Any questions contact Chris Newton chris_newton1992@live.co.uk

Our next three projects are refurbishments of all the toilet areas and the lounge and review how we can make better use of the grassed area outside the hall double doors.

Finally, just to say the support since we opened from members has been amazing, especially during the Euros. Everyone followed rules, spent lots of money and had a fab time.

YET MORE GROUP NEWS



WADS PANTO QUEST – Sunday 25 July

What a fun filled day! Families had a great time solving the panto riddles while walking around part of the village. Many children had photos with our WADS members, who were dressed in a variety of pantomime or fairy-tale costumes. We had Captain Hook, Snow White, Cinderella, Dick Whittington and three dwarfs to name but a few.



It was a free entry competition and small prizes were given to each child taking part. There were also 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes for those with the highest scores handed in to Dopey, Happy and Doc! **The prize winners were 1st Aiden Cleaver, 2nd Isabelle O'Connor and 3rd Percy Lamb**

Many thanks to the families who participated and made the afternoon so enjoyable for the community and Wads. We would also like to thank those people who allowed us to camp out in their front gardens for the afternoon.

WARBOYS UNITES is here to give practical help and support to individuals and families adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. If you are struggling and need help please contact us

There is no need to feel embarrassed. Everything you talk to us about remains confidential.

You can contact us in various ways

- ring us on **01487 710555 option 2**
- message us via our facebook page: **@covid-19warboysunites**
- by email: **info@warboysunites.co.uk**

WARBOYS UNITES & RAMSEY FOODBANK DONATIONS

ITEMS THAT WOULD BE REALLY HELPFUL

- *green long-life milk*
- *squash*
- *tea/coffee*
- *breakfast cereals*
- *jams and other spreads*
- *hot and cold tinned meats such as minced beef, chilli, curry, ham, corned beef, spam*
- *baked beans, spaghetti hoops, ravioli*
- *tinned vegetables*
- *hot & cold puddings of all types e.g. tinned fruit, sponge puddings, custard*
- *biscuits*
- *toiletries – such as loo rolls, toothpaste, body wash, shampoo, deodorants*
- *laundry products*
- *household cleaning materials*

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

Warmer Weather Brings Opportunities for Burglars

Our advice is to make sure windows are closed fully when leaving your home or even when you are in your garden (if you are fortunate enough to have one!) and make sure your front door is locked. Sadly, some people see this as a window of opportunity to quickly enter homes and take items they can then sell on, often going unnoticed for some time.



Also, homes without basic security features are five times more likely to be burgled than homes with security, therefore the advice is to put in place simple yet effective, precautionary measures to reduce the chances of becoming a victim of burglary. Security measures that can be taken are:

- installing a visible burglar alarm
- having good outdoor lighting or motion sensed security lights
- locking doors, windows, side gates and outbuildings when you leave your house, even if you're just out in the garden
- keeping vehicle keys out of sight and away from letterboxes
- keeping ladders and tools stored away

LOCAL GROUPS and CLUBS (opening dependent on COVID guidelines)

Warboys Art Group: 7.30 -9.30
Wednesdays - Sports &
Social. Karen Shipton
07703 495431 or
Malcolm Bowd 07927
028743



Warboys Amateur Dramatic Society (WADS). Contact Andrea
Murphy
07778 672447



Friends of Warboys Library (FOWL) www.fowl.org.uk
Contact via
webmaster@fowl.org.uk



Warboys WI
Contact Gill
Skillings 01487
824776 or Christine
Ford 01487 824628

55 PLUS - we meet monthly 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
Parish Centre. Contact Sean
on 01487 823114



Warboys Day Centre
Supporting older
people in the
community. Meets on
Wednesdays & Fridays in the
Parish Centre. Contact Sue
07548 949809 for more info



Royal British Legion
Meets monthly in the
Sports & Social Club,
Contact Martin
warboysrbl.secretary@yahoo.com

Warboys Local History Society. Contact Joan
B - 07813 594229;
Joan C 01487 822395
or Brian 01487 822296



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



Warboys Christmas Lighting Group
Contact Mary on 01487 824222 or
mary.bucknell@outlook.com



Warboys Time Bank To
find out more about this
key community initiative
contact Natasha on
timebank@
warboysparishcouncil.co.uk



Greener Futures – protecting our environment. Contact Betty
Ball 01487 822083 or
greenerfutures@warboys.co.uk



Old Village School Board Trust Gives grants to
young people /youth
groups for educational and sports
purposes. Contact
wovsbt@gmail.com



Warboys Academy PTFA
Contact
warboys.secretary.ptfa@gmail.com



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 Sophie on
07886 833711



Warboys Walkers
Walks for all abilities
throughout the year.
Contact Roy Reeves
01487 823562 or
roy.reeves@hotmail.com



Warboys Table Tennis Club
Contact Martin
Croucher on
07825 186205



White Hart Bowls Club
Contact Graham
Spalding on
savuka2014@gmail.com



St Ives & Warboys Cricket Club.
Website:
http://stivesandwarboyscc.club
buzz.co.uk

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



Warboys Sports & Social Club Sports Field,
Forge Way. Visit
Facebook page

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - NB: some are still provisional

DATE	EVENT	TIME	VENUE
19 August	Greener Futures: Nature Walk in the Fens	6.30pm	Meet in Library Car Park
28 -30 August	Sports and Social Club: Beer and music festival	tbc	Sports & Social Club
6 September	WLHS*: Ramsey Abbey Archaeology evaluation	7.30pm	Methodist Church
8 September	WI: Ceramic decorating activity	7.15 pm	Parish Centre
16 September	Greener Futures: Food Fit for the Future	7.30pm	Methodist Church
3 September	Harvest Sunday	10am	Parish Church
18 September	Christmas Lighting Group Quiz	tbc	tbc
4 October	WLHS: topic tbc	7.30pm	Methodist Church
13 October	WI: Lighting the Fuse – a talk by author Lucy Lewis	7.15pm	Parish Centre
14 October	Greener Futures: The Transition to Cleaner Energy	7.30pm	Methodist Church
30 October	Christmas Lighting Group Halloween Quiz	tbc	tbc
1 November	WLHS: the Gunpowder Plot	7.30pm	Methodist Church
6 November	Community Bonfire and Fireworks (TBC)	6pm	Warboys Airfield
18 November	Greener Futures: Climate Change and COP 26	7.30pm	Methodist Church
27 November	Christmas Fayre	2-5pm	Sports & Social Club
27 November	Christmas Lights Switch-on (TBC)	4.30pm	The Weir
3 December	Warboys Day Centre Christmas Quiz Night	7.30pm	Parish Centre
6 December	WLHS: The History of Christmas	7.30pm	Methodist Church
End January 2022	WADS PANTO TIME – ROBIN HOOD	Date & times tbc	Warboys Academy School

* WLHS – Warboys Local History Society

NOW FOR SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT



Huntingdonshire residents can recycle a wide range of materials via the kerbside collections including the most common items; glass, paper/cardboard, cans/tins and plastic bottles. But did you know we can also recycle:

- Aerosols
- Plastic pots tubs and trays, including black trays
- Clean foil
- Drink cartons
- Stretchy, flexible plastics, like bread bags

And lastly, do not forget, recycling needs to be clean so as not to contaminate other materials when being collected. This can be done at the end of the washing up; it does not need to be sparkling

Black sacks cannot be used for your recycling. This is because the crews cannot then see that they contain just recyclables. If you want to use a bag, please keep it clear or transparent for this reason, although recycling can be placed loosely in your recycling bin. Rather than putting the bag into the bin, you could empty the contents and reuse it again and again.

Treasures of Ramsey Abbey

Ramsey Abbey Community Archaeology Project

Treasures of Ramsey Abbey exhibition

3RD JULY TO 25TH SEPTEMBER

The Treasures of Ramsey Abbey exhibition is the summation of a three-year Lottery funded archaeology project at Abbey College, the site of Ramsey Abbey, a Medieval Benedictine abbey. This exhibition has brought together many of the artefacts from the abbey that usually reside in national and local museums and private collections. Each museum will have a different theme. There will also be a small display at Ramsey Library plus a free Heritage Guide to the sites associated with Ramsey Abbey.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions please check the museum websites for opening times before travelling.

Life in a medieval monastery
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www.norrismuseum.org.uk

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www.chattersmuseum.org.uk

Ramsey Abbey heritage and activities for young people
Ramsey Rural Museum -
Sat & Sun 2pm to 5pm
ramseyruralmuseum.co.uk

Chatters Museum may have to move premises during 2021. Please check their website for details before visiting.

Exhibition hub, trail guides and information from
Ramsey Library - Tues 10am - 5pm | Weds 4pm - 7pm | Thurs 10am - 5pm | Fri 10am - 1pm | Sat 10am - 1pm
www.libraryopeningtimes.co.uk/listing-496.html

Due to possible COVID-19 restrictions the Ramsey Library opening times may differ to those advertised. Please check our website before travelling. Thank you.

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CHRISTMAS IS COMING !!**WARBOYS COMMUNITY BONFIRE**

**If the bonfire goes ahead, it will be on
Saturday 6 November.**

We continue to watch and wait very carefully to see how things unfold over the next month or so before making a final decision. Our key objective is to keep everyone safe

If it goes ahead, we are looking for willing volunteers to help out for a few hours in the evening. If you are interested, please get in touch with Pam & Pat pam.hicks@talk21.com or pcollins949@googlemail.com

WARBOYS CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2021

The Warboys Christmas Lighting Group are continuing to plan for the festive period with Christmas displays around the village. There may be a couple of changes, namely: a) the Queens Jubilee Crown no longer in situ on the Clock Tower and b) the Lighting Group are considering replacing the usual Christmas Tree with a colourful, tree shaped, low power LED display at the Weir. This would significantly reduce the carbon footprint of the village displays as the Norwegian Spruce normally releases carbon by being chopped down and burnt at the end of Christmas. The option under consideration would mean despite a change in tradition, Warboys would be accepting the global challenge and leading the way to an environmentally greener Christmas.

With the easing of the restrictions surrounding the COVID pandemic, the Warboys Christmas Lighting Group are hoping to re-start fund raising activities to help maintain and provide new festive LED lighting displays around the village. **Provisional quiz events are planned for 18 September 2021 and 30 October 2021** but these need to be confirmed so watch out for the posters around the village and notices on the Warboys Facebook pages.

The lack of fund-raising opportunities unfortunately means that we are **seeking sponsorship** for the purchase of any new proposed LED displays and maintenance of those already in existence. We would be grateful if any business organisation or individuals considering assistance in this way would kindly contact Steve Bales (stevebales@me.com) or Mary Bucknell (mary.bucknell@outlook.com). As always, the Lighting Group welcome donations and raffle prizes at any time throughout the year.


The Lighting Group are grateful for the continued support of local businesses, Warboys Community Association, the Parish Council and village residents and will continue to strive to promote festive cheer and pride in our community.



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LIBRARY AND CHURCH UPDATES

CHURCH NEWS

Warboys Parish Church

- Sunday morning worship services at 10am
- Weddings and christenings are now taking place again
- The Church is open for individual private prayer and quiet reflection - daily Monday to Saturday, usually from 9.00 to 5.00
- We will celebrate the ordination of Maureen Dean as our curate, Sheridan Dyer becoming licensed and Trevor Webb becoming an ALM worship leader, all within the past year, by holding a 4parishes (Warboys, Bury, Wistow and Broughton churches) event on Sunday 12 September at 12.30pm with a hog roast
- Harvest Sunday at 10am on 3 October
- 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

We are now meeting in person:

- 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 or this space for details of meetings from September.'

Warboys Methodist Church

- We will be recommencing evening worship at 6pm from September. All are welcome. Minister: Rev. Nick Witham
nicholas.witham@methodist.org.uk

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Good news - back to normal opening hours

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Tuesday 10 August: William Shaw – Why crime novels are popular

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Tuesday 14 September: Stuart Orme – 150 Million Years in 50 Minute

Tuesday 28 September: Fran Saltmarsh – Corsets, Crinolines and Camisoles

For more information or to request your virtual ticket please email:

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The latest round of applications is now OPEN and anyone who's interested should contact the Secretary, Roy Reeves, at clerk@warboysparishcouncil.co.uk to request an application form or obtain further information.

The closing date is Monday 7 September, as Directors will be meeting two weeks later to discuss the applications received.

WANTED**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

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WARBOYS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (WCA)

We now have our own Facebook page where affiliated groups can post information about their planned events – we are trying to create a one-stop shop to build on the Diary calendar of events. Like us and follow us.

To be or not to be?**That is the question! Do you have technical and electrical knowledge?**

Warboys Amateur Dramatics Society (WADS) are looking for someone experienced or semi experienced to join them as a sound and lighting technician. We are a very friendly bunch, and are looking for someone to help our existing technical team. Some knowledge of sound and lighting desks, microphones and computers essential, however training can be given if you feel this opportunity is for you. For chaperone requirements you must be over the age of eighteen.

Rehearsals for our January 2022 Pantomime will hopefully begin on Thursday evenings in September, with technical staff needing to be available from October. Technical rehearsals are every Sunday in January 2022 and you must be available for these.

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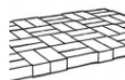
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