



Warboys Diary

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Editorial

We had a great year as the COVID restrictions were progressively lifted and life began to return to normal.

However, we know that 2023 is going to present a whole load of new challenges which will affect all of us in some way or other. As a community we will need to deal with these challenges. Sadly, we have to recognise that there will be some individuals and families in Warboys who will struggle more than others and we must try and support them in whatever way we can.

Finally, we wish you a happy festive season and best wishes for 2023, whatever it might bring.



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From Andrea & Val – your editorial team

Headlines

SANTA is coming back to Warboys

Thanks to a special invitation from Ramsey Rotary, Santa will be travelling around Warboys between Monday 5 to Thursday 8 December and Saturday 10 December at the Christmas Tree Centre. For more information about routes go to **page 2**

WARBOYS COMMUNITY BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS DISPLAY

OH ...WHAT A NIGHT

It was a bumper turnout yet again and a fantastic £6500 was raised for the community.

Pat, Pam and their team of volunteers did a fantastic job in making this all happen. You are brilliant and should be well proud of yourselves

To find out more about who was involved this year and how this money will be used, go to **page 4**

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HELPING OUR YOUNG CHILDREN TO THRIVE

At Warboys Academy 40% of pupils are close to the lowest quartile in terms of deprivation indicators. They have a high proportion of pupils from families who are struggling financially but are not eligible for free school meals. (see also page 6)



Ask the Government to provide free school meals
for all primary school children in England

MORE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR EVENTS

Warboys Methodist
Church



You are warmly invited to our

Carols by Candlelight

Sunday, 11th December
at 5.00 pm

followed by festive refreshments

CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICES

Warboys Baptist
Church

Carols by Candlelight
7pm Friday 23 December
Christmas Day Service at
10.30am

WARBOYS PARISH CHURCH
Celebrate with us – everyone welcome

SUNDAY 4 DECEMBER

- Holy Communion 10am
- Service of Remembering - 4pm (for those who have lost loved ones)

SUNDAY 11 DECEMBER

- Early morning traditional service 9.00am
- Family Café Time – 10.00am

SUNDAY 18 DECEMBER

- no morning service
- Carols by candlelight 6pm

CHRISTMAS EVE 24 DECEMBER

- Christingle and Crib Service – at 4pm
- Holy Communion – at 11.30pm

CHRISTMAS DAY 25 DECEMBER

- Christmas Day Family Service – 10am

Remember HDC Bin Collection arrangements will change during the Christmas and New Year period

Check out your collection dates by going to

<https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/refuse-calendar/>

ALSO

The household recycling centres will close at 1pm on Christmas Eve and will be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day, and New Year's Day.

Christmas Tree Recycling

Real trees can be placed by the side of the garden bin on collection day. If the tree is bigger than the bin, we ask that it is chopped in half. The Household Recycling Centres will also take Christmas trees.

Live Music at The Royal Oak



The Royal Oak

70 Mill Green, Warboys,
PE28 2SB

Christmas Opening Hours

24 th Dec	12.00 – 23.00
25 th Dec	11.30 – 14.30
26 th Dec	12.00 – 20.00
27 th Dec	17.00 – 22.00
28 th Dec	17.00 – 22.00
29 th Dec	11.00 – 23.00
30 th Dec	12.00 – 23.00
31 st Dec	12.00 – Late
1 st – 4 th Jan	CLOSED
5 th Jan	17.00 – 23.00
6 th Jan	Normal

opening times resume

10th December – Idle Hands – Back by popular demand!

17th December – Brightside -

24th December – Cheesy Disco Disco Disco!

27th - 29th January - Birthday Weekend

One whole year since we opened!!

27th - Friday Night – KaraOAKe – come sing us Happy Birthday

29th - Sunday afternoon – The fabulous Graham Buxton!

Book your Sunday Roast and enjoy the rest of the afternoon singing & dancing

Call us on 01487 824848 to book a table

HOT NEWS

White Hart reopening under new management

We understand that the White Hart will reopen under new management in the new year.

Don't Panic is a family run group of businesses. They are planning to relaunch the White Hart as a warm and welcoming gastropub, with a refurbished beer garden

We hope to include more information in the next edition of the Diary

Warboys Baptist Church is hosting a conference on the topic of Dementia

on Saturday 28 January 2023 10.15 am to 3.30 pm

Our speaker will be Dr Jennifer Bute. She used to be a GP but retired early with early onset Alzheimer's disease. Whilst she will be speaking from a Christian perspective, the day will be helpful for anyone. Take a look at her website

<https://www.gloriousopportunity.org/>

Leaflets available. Lunch provided.

Booking required. Please book by contacting Nigel on [01487] 823405 or nigelkeithgraham@gmail.com

COMMUNITY NEWS

Warboys Community Bonfire and Fireworks Update 5 November 2022

WOW!!!.What a fantastic night. We have raised in the region of **£6,500**. Donations we have made so far ...

- **Warboys Doctors** - £700
- **Warboys Sports field** – £700
- **Warboys School** – £250 plus First Aid Training for staff
- **Warboys Under 5's** – £350 plus First Aid Training for staff
- **Warboys Day Care Centre** £350
- **WADS**– £300
- **Warboys Christmas lighting group** – supporting the switch on of the lights
- **Other donations will be given out in the very near future**

Thank-you to

- ♣ Titanium Fireworks for an **AMAZING display** again.
- ♣ The Stokes Family for everything they do for us, without their help the event wouldn't happen. All our unpaid volunteer helpers
- ♣ Amar Food Store and The Waterside Practice who both sold an amazing number of tickets.
- ♣ Spar Warboys, GT Trax for loan of barriers, Stephen Cole Surfacing, Warboys Community Association, Warboys Baptist Church, C & G Coaches, Miramar Engineering, illumino Ignis, Sainsburys Huntingdon & Tesco Ramsey, plus produce from local farmers
- ♣ Thank you to Kanazawa Security Solutions for suppling First Aid & Security Every year we are very fortunate to get more help from local businesses
- ♣ Thank you to all our advertisers in our Bonfire Programme.

Finally, HUGE THANKYOU to you all for supporting our event,

See you next year! (*subject to getting enough sponsorship, please contact us if you're interested*)

Thank-you to our Fantastic Sponsors

- **Manchett's Transport, Warboys**
- **Woodford Recycling, Warboys**
- **CLF Packaging, Warboys**
- **UK Carpet Fitters, Warboys**
- **Simply Tree Services, St Neots**
- **Swannells Transport, Warboys**
- **The Waterside Practice, Warboys**
- **Quattro-Tech, St Ives & Peterborough**
- **Illumino Ignis, Yaxley**
- **CFS, Warboys**
- **Ben & Co, Wistow**
- **SDE, St Ives**
- **Superior Surfaces, Ramsey**
- **Parrott Print, Ramsey.**



Poppy appeal 2022

We started preparations for this years' Poppy Appeal with some trepidation given the current pressures on everyone's finances. As I prepare my report for the Royal

British Legion, I can now say "*oh ye of little faith*", as once again the people of Warboys, Wistow and Oldhurst have clearly shown their support for the Poppy Appeal. Whilst we haven't got a final figure as yet, donations are maybe down a little, but nothing like my fears. We will let you have a final figure in the next Diary. **Well done to everyone.**



A big shout out to the Warboys bonfire group who have funded first aid training for two groups of our church volunteers at Warboys Baptist Church over this last year. Patrick (Paddy) Swallow did a fab job of training one group in general first aid and a second group in paediatric first aid. We were particularly pleased to have training in using a defibrillator, training which none of us have had before. Hope we never need to put it into practice, but huge thanks to the bonfire group for making this possible.

My thanks go to all the volunteers who knock on doors, often in inclement weather, and the local businesses who agree to have our boxes on their premises. Also this year a special thank you goes to Warboys Primary Academy pupils and staff who raised a whopping £133.

Your generosity will enable the Royal British Legion to continue to offer help and support to all service personnel, past and present, and their families who are in need.

John Edwards RBL Poppy Appeal Organiser

COMMUNITY NEWS



WCLG all set to present our best ever Warboys Christmas Lights Switch On Event!

Earlier this year our Chair, Mary Bucknell, said she was keen to ensure Warboys Christmas Lighting Group carries on into the future, and encourages a more youthful and diverse approach, networking, and fresh ideas on exciting new projects under a new Chair. By mutual agreement with Steve Bales, Secretary, they both stepped down after long years of leading the Warboys Christmas Lighting Group. Both have been key players for WCLG over the last 20 years, with fantastic commitment and a passion to ensure Warboys village has continued to enjoy the displays and community spirit at Christmas time. Both will continue to provide their invaluable support and guidance.

Our sincere thanks and appreciation go to village organisations, volunteers and local business sponsorships in our community; an enormous thank you goes to:

- **Swannell's Transport** – Generously purchasing the Christmas Tree and providing the lorry/stage for the Switch On
- **Warboys Community Bonfire** – a generous donation, sourcing Santa's Grotto, donation for Santa's presents, selling tickets, and running the BBQ stall
- **Warboys Community Association** – generous sponsorship of £500 & funding the Diary flyer.
- **Warboys Parish Council** – funding the electricity for the LED lights and professional contractors who erect the lights on the Christmas Tree and the Clock Tower, and for giving permission for the advertising banners.
- **WPC Handymen** – Weir pole erection and 'Switch On' road closure.
- **SPAR Warboys** - providing mince pies for Switch On and permitting ticket sales via their store frontage.
- **J & A Carpets Ltd and Residents of 30 High Street**, for allowing the displays on their premises and supplying the electricity.
- **Evolution Dome** – Loan of Santa's Grotto
- **WADS** – Volunteer elves
- **D S Smith Plc** – purchase of Santa Suit and cardboard displays
- **Whitehall School** - decorating the Grotto displays of trees
- **The Waterside Practice**- selling tickets, wrapping treats & decorating baskets for the Elves
- **Royal Oak** – Donation of November Quiz Night takings
- **Warboys Voices and Warboys Primary Academy Choir** – Seasonal entertainment
- **Warboys Christmas Tree Centre** - for sourcing, storing and funding delivery cost of the village tree
- **GT Trax** for loan of barriers
- **Warboys Grace Baptist Church** – loan of tables
- **Residents of 85 High Street & Read House** – power supply for mulled wine stall & use of driveway
- **Local companies** who advertised around the Weir: The Waterside Practice, Fabb Meats, Ambrose Logistics, Warman Detailing, S A Plastering, Ciconi, Ashwood Kitchens, David Goodacre Fencing, JLM, SGD Grab & Groundworks, Dyers Building & Scaffolding.
- All the kind individuals that donated to the **Gift Aid Page & cash donations**
- **Ramsey Rotary** - generous donation of £200
- **Ramsey Masonic Lodge** - generous donation of £100

Paul Gowen was unanimously elected as the new Chair, He comes with a variety of admirable skills, especially enthusiasm, motivation and his 'can do' mantra and Bernitta Robinson stepped up as Secretary. This combination has injected exciting new ideas to the group for fundraising to maintain our LED lighting displays.

The 'Switch On' on 26 November 2022 was set to be our biggest community event to date, with a variety of new entertainments to be enjoyed by all. Key features were the wonderful Christmas tree generously donated for a second consecutive year by Swannell's Transport, a new Santa display on the Jubilee Clock Tower and our ever-popular mulled wine and mince pies. Warboys Voices and Warboys Academy choirs performed on the night, and we had the star attraction of Santa's Grotto and BBQ, both supported with a fantastic donation from Warboys Community Bonfire.

Given the continuing financial pressures on the community particularly with the energy price rises, the WCLG decided that the illuminated Lighting Displays each day should be reduced by 25% this year.

We are confident that with all the 2022 fundraising and ongoing community support, we will continue to provide festive LED lights to enhance the enjoyment and pride in our village. We aim to continue for many years and host our growing switch on event for your delight and enjoyment.

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**Lastly, we would welcome new members, and if you are interested, please contact:
bernitta@thewatersidepractice.co.uk**

THANK YOU AND OUR BEST WISHES FOR CHRISTMAS AND 2023

We hope to raise lots of money to help fund new displays. We will let you know how we did in the next Diary.

In the meantime, thank you for your generosity

COMMUNITY NEWS

Moat House Surgery News

We would like to share with you the current position of the Moat House Surgery with regard to General Practitioner (GP) and Nursing team access and some important changes that are on the horizon.

We have sadly said farewell to our Health Care Assistant, Jean Smythe, who left us in October. Jan Gower, our Advanced Nurse Practitioner (ANP), also left us in November 22. Both will be greatly missed by us all and we wish them both well for the future. However, Jan will return to work with us on a 'locum' basis in the New Year to continue supporting the weekly clinic that we run for patients with long term conditions. Dr Paul Schofield has been appointed to a new role working as a GP specialist in Cardiology (congratulations to Paul!) and will be reducing his commitment as a GP here at the Moat House Surgery to allow him to work one day a week in the Cardiology clinic.

This reduction in our GP/ANP team represents a significant shortfall in our clinical workforce and will impact on our ability to provide the same level of patient care that we are all used to.

Like many GP Practices across Cambridgeshire and the UK we are having difficulty retaining our experienced GPs and Nurses and difficulty attracting and recruiting the very small number of GPs/Nurses who are looking for jobs. We have been advertising for a new GP Partner and ANP for over a year now but, to date, have not been successful in appointing new colleagues. We will continue to advertise but until we have new colleagues in post we will need to utilise the expertise of other colleagues to help us to look after you – for example our First Contact Physiotherapist (Michelle), our social care prescriber (Heather) and our care coordinator (Vickie).

We also encourage you to use the Community Pharmacy Consultation Service (CPCS) which has been designed to complement GP/ANP same day appointments. Our trained receptionists will be able to establish whether you need to be triaged by a Moat House GP or ANP or whether you can be referred to the CPCS service. A pharmacist will call you back on the same day to discuss your symptoms and if required may ask you to visit the chemist for a face-to-face appointment.

The funding which has been removed from practices has been re-invested, via the Primary Care Network (PCN) to provide the Extended Access (EA) Surgeries. As of Monday 3 October 2022 the Moat House Surgery has become an evening hub and offers GP, nurse and health care assistant appointments. These surgeries will be run and staffed by West Cambs Federation (WCF) from 6:30pm until 8:30pm every Monday and Thursday from Moat House Surgery. If an evening appointment would be more convenient, please speak to our receptionists who will be able to book you an appointment.

Perhaps you work or visit, St Ives, Huntingdon, Ramsey or March and would find it easier to see a GP, Nurse or Health Care Assistant in the evening or at a weekend, again please speak with one of our receptionists who can arrange an appointment with one of these surgeries.

FOOD POVERTY: How you can help

- Warboys continues to support the Ramsey Foodbank with food donations. Your donations can be left in the box outside 16 High Street, in Warboys SPAR or at the Parish Church. Over the last 3 months the Foodbank has provided in the region of 30 emergency food boxes to Warboys residents and it is predicted that demand will rise.
- The Foodbank team has an increasing number of volunteers who are prepared to deliver parcels to Warboys residents who really cannot collect due to lack of transport, illness and in the case when there is really no-one to collect for them. They are also currently developing partnerships with a range of signposting agencies, including the Red Cross, HAMA, CAP, the Edge and Bags of Taste, all of whose advice/courses will be available to Warboys clients. If anyone knows of someone who would benefit from a budgeting cooking course - please let them know. They are also setting up partnerships with the Fuel Bank too, so will have a limited number of fuel vouchers available for those at risk of fuel black out.
- There is also a big issue at **Warboys Primary Academy**. There are currently several campaigns and petitions in place to make free school meals accessible for ALL primary age children and this would certainly help alleviate some of the issues experienced by our families. If you want to help, please get behind the Barnados campaign for free school meals for all primary children <https://secure.barnardos.org.uk/page/114167/petition/1?locale=en-GB>
- The Academy is also trying to access one of the campaigns to provide free breakfasts for children. There are a couple of schemes in operation – Magic Breakfast and Greggs. Lots of schools are jumping on these schemes and there is a long waiting list. We are currently providing breakfast for some of our children but would like to be able to roll this out more widely. If you are able to help with the breakfast scheme (and or a breacktime snack scheme for KS2). If you would like to help, please contact the Academy Office - office@wpa.education

GROUP NEWS

55 Plus

Members are looking forward to the Christmas Lunch on 29 November with catering by Howsdens of Chatteris.

Angela will be hosting a social afternoon on Tuesday 28 February in the Parish Centre - 1- 3pm. The first full meeting of 2023 will be on 29 March at the usual time of 6.30 pm, again in the Parish Centre. New members and guest are always welcome. Best wishes to everyone for Christmas and 2023

Warboys & District Day Centre

As October ushered in, so too did the darker evenings. At the Day Centre, we focussed on activities with which to occupy ourselves whilst staying indoors.

One TV programme that keeps many of our members engaged on a weekend evening and always leads to lively discussion, was the return of Strictly Come Dancing! There was endless discussion about who should stay and who should go, and much speculation about who will lift the Glitter Ball.

Apart from our usual programme of visiting entertainers, some time was spent in revisiting tabletop games from childhood, the old familiars of Scrabble, Jenga and Dominoes really brought out the passion and competitive spirit in our members (and a few of our volunteers).

As October progressed, thoughts turned towards Halloween, and we were engaged in using our arts and crafts skills to make decorations for dressing our homes, all of this was under the watchful eye and excellent tutorage of one of our more artistic volunteers.

Finally, like many workplaces, coffee shops and homes up and down the country, there was much discussion about the current political scene. Needless to say, many of our members have recollections of similar tumultuous periods, and some of us "youngsters" found it both enlightening and reassuring to hear of individuals experiences and how these ultimately turned out.

Our ever-popular Christmas Quiz and raffle was held on 2 December (*after the Diary went to print*) and we will let you know how much money we raised in the next edition. We are now well on with our plans for the Christmas Festivities – as we try to make Christmas Special for our members

As always, we are keen to attract new (younger) volunteers - men and women welcome. If you have a few hours to spare on a Wednesday or Friday and enjoy the company of older people, why not give Sue a ring on 07548 949809

Warboys WI

At the November AGM our President of many years, Gill Skillings stood down. Gill saw the branch through the Covid years sending wonderful letters of encouragement to all members, plus some fun things to do! She has been a tower of strength and a much-loved friend. Thank you Gill for all you've done for the Warboys Branch and its members.

After voting took place, led by the WI Huntingdon and Peterborough Federation Chairman Phyllis Brooks, Joyce Reeves was elected to be our next President. We welcome Joyce and wish her well in her new role.

Our next meetings are

- December 14 – Christmas Celebration.
- January 11, 2023 – Chris Dodson: 'Thatcher.'

We meet on the second Wednesday of every month in the Parish Centre at 7.15pm. If you would like to pop in and see us, you will be made very welcome.

Warboys Art Group Autumn Exhibition

The Warboys Art Group held its autumn exhibition on the 29 and 30 October in the Sports and Social Club with more than 120 pictures on display covering a wide range of subjects from animals to landscapes, seascapes, abstract, to flowers, still life and people, painted in oils, acrylics, watercolours, pastels and pen and ink. Although we have lost a few members over the past year, two have joined both of whom had pictures on display.

Over the two days around 200 people attended the exhibition, and this year we ran a raffle with two winners being able to choose their prize from nine original artworks donated by members.

As with previous exhibitions entrance was free; but donations, which also included the proceeds from the raffle, were divided between The Brain Tumour Charity and Mary's Child Community Charity based in Peterborough. A total of £168 was collected so each charity received a cheque for £84. Thanks to all who helped make this possible.

LOCAL GROUPS and CLUBS

Warboys Art Group: 7.30 -9.30



Wednesdays - Sports & Social. Karen Shipton 07703 495431 or Malcolm Bowd 07927

028743



Warboys WI Contact

Joyce Reeves on 01487 823562 or Christine Ford 01487

824628



Warboys Day Centre

Supporting older people. Meet on Wednesdays & Fridays in the Parish Centre. Contact Sue on 07548 949809 for more info

Warboys Archaeology Group

Contact: roger.mould@hotmail.com



Greener Futures – protecting our environment.

Contact Betty Ball 01487 822083 or greenerfutures@warboys.co.uk



Warboys Beavers, Cubs & Scouts

Contact via gslwarboys@hotmail.com



Warboys Walkers Walks

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



St Ives & Warboys Cricket Club Contact

<http://www.stivesandwarboysccclubbuzz.co.uk/>

Warboys Amateur Dramatic Society (WADS). Contact Andrea



Murphy on 07778 672447. Meets on Thursday evenings

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



Warboys Voices

Tuesday evenings in Warboys Parish Centre from 6.30 – 8pm. Contact Sarah on 07510 126438 for further details



Warboys Christmas Lighting Group

Contact Paul on 0770 1080777 or paulgoven66@hotmail.co.uk



Old Village School Board

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



1st Brownies & Rainbows for girls aged 5-7 and 7-

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



Warboys Table Tennis Club

Contact Martin Croucher on 07825 186205

Warboys Colts

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

Friends of Warboys Library (FOWL) www.fowl.org.uk

Contact via webmaster@fowl.org.uk



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 Local History Society.

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



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



Warboys Academy PTFA Contact

warboys.secretary.ptfa@gmail.com



Warboys Under Fives

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



White Hart Bowls Club

Contact Graham Spalding on savuka2014@gmail.com



Warboys Sports & Social Club

Sports Field, Forge Way. Visit Facebook page

CALENDAR OF FORTHCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	TIME	VENUE
5 December	WLHS: Godmanchester at War	7.30pm	Methodist Church
5-8 Dec	Santa comes to Warboys on the Rotary Float	See page 2 for when and where	
10 Dec	Santa Float	9am-3pm	Xmas Tree Centre
10 Dec	Underfives Christmas Festival	2-4pm	Parish Centre
11 Dec	Carols by Candlelight & refreshments	5pm	Methodist Church
18 Dec	Carols by Candlelight	6pm	Parish Church
23 Dec	Carols by Candlelight	7pm	Baptist Church
31 Dec	Family Disco & New Year celebration	7pm til late	Sports & Social Club
2023	HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL		
11 January	WI – Chris Dodson: "Thatcher"	7.15pm	Parish Centre
27/28/29 Jan	WADS pantomime - <i>CINDERELLA</i>	tbc	Warboys Academy
28 Jan	Dementia conference	10.15 – 3.30	Baptist Church
30 Jan	WCA AGM and open meeting about new Parish Hall	7pm	Parish Centre
28 Feb	55Plus – social afternoon	1- 3pm	Parish Centre
1 March	Underfives Ladies' Evening	7-9pm	Parish Centre
29 March	55 plus –1st meeting of the year	6.60pm	Parish Centre
1 May	May Day Coronation Celebration event	11am-3pm	Sports Field
8 May	EXTRA BANK HOLIDAY TO MARK THE KING'S		
11 June	Underfives Village Yard Sale	10am-2pm	Warboys
23 July	Feast Week Street Market	TBC	High Street
23-28 July	FEAST WEEK	<i>Separate programme in preparation</i>	

In need of an outdoor shelter or wheelchair?

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

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

We also have 2 wheelchairs and a walker available for hire

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

Warboys Primary Academy Term Dates 2021-2022

Autumn terms closes: Wednesday 21 December

2023 Spring term opens: Thursday 5 January

Half term: 13 -17 February

Spring term closes: Friday 31 March

Summer term opens: Tuesday 18 April

May Bank holiday: 1 May

Half term: 29 May – 2 June

Summer term ends: Tuesday 18 July

WARBOYS COMMUNITY EVENTS 2023

- May Day Coronation Celebration - Monday 1 May
- Feast Week - Sunday 23 to Friday 28 July

We will be holding our Street Market again on Sunday 23 July

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

- ♣ Warboys Parish Centre (contact Roy Reeves)
- ♣ De Ramsey Court Common Room (contact Hayley 0370 192 4129)
- ♣ Sports & Social Club (contact Veronica 07904 358450)

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

GROUP NEWS



WARBOYS PRIMARY ACADEMY

We've all been enjoying this half term at the **Academy**. We're so proud of all our pupils who have been working hard and upholding our school values of warmth, pride, and aspiration.



We held a special assembly this term to launch our Kindness Awards. Congratulations to Ryan, Joshua and George who were our first winners. They were selected for going above and beyond in showing warmth to everyone, and always being kind and considerate to others. Our Kindness Awards are helping us celebrate 300 years of Thomas Deacon's act of kindness in providing education for those in need, as part of Thomas Deacon Education Trust.

We've also been collecting donations for Ramsey Food Bank. We had a fantastic amount of food donated, thank you so much to all our families for your kind and generous donations which will be used for helping local people in crisis.

Some of our pupils were very proud to be awarded certificates from Youth Dreams Project (YDP) to celebrate their sporting achievement and attitude. Each term YDP select a child from each class in school who have demonstrated amazing sporting values. Congratulations to our winners!

In class, the children have been enjoying some lovely topics. Our Tigers class have been learning about rainforests of the world and have been enjoying tasting and smelling some of the foods, spices and drinks made from these plants. Mr Herring's group have been reading George's Marvellous Medicine and made their own marvellous medicine, predicting what would happen with their ingredients and writing up the results and conclusion.

We are all looking forward to the run-up to Christmas, which is always a lovely time in school, and have lots of festive fun planned. Our school choir have been rehearsing in preparation for singing at the Warboys Christmas lights switch on - we're looking forward to hearing them!

We look forward to updating you about all our Christmas activities in the next issue. In the meantime, you can keep up to date with all our news and activities on our Facebook page @WarboysPrimaryAcademy and on our Twitter feed @PrimaryWarboys.

1st Warboys Scout Group

We are incredibly proud of all of our Beavers, Cubs & Scouts who paid their respects to those who made (and continue to make) sacrifices for our freedoms on Remembrance Sunday. We paraded in our groups down Warboys High Street, pausing at our village's war memorial for a short service, before continuing down the High Street to the Parish Church for the main remembrance service.

Congratulations to our Scouts who took part in the Countryfile Ramble for BBC's Children In Need and have (at last count) raised over £100 for the charity. Our thanks also to The Three Horseshoes, Wistow, who showed the group a warm welcome at the end of their ramble.

Last month we saw lots of the children don their uniforms and support the village's Autumn Litter Pick - they found the weird & the wonderful, from crisp packets to shoes, hats to doormats. They made a great impact on the appearance of the village and their help was gratefully received by the Parish Council & Warboys Community Association who coordinated the drive.

If your child is interested in joining our group, please complete the online form or email our Group Scout Leader, David on gslwarboys@hotmail.com

The group is run by a committee and a leadership team of volunteers, if you would like to support our local group and get involved, please email our Committee Chair, Andy on andrew.jlamb@yahoo.com



Scouts
1st Warboys

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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 9.50am

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: Fr Michael Vulliamy 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
- if you need help with basic computer skills, why not book a session with our Digital Buddy
- remember if you are a member of the Library, you get free internet access

WARBOYS LIBRARY OPENING HOURS

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

Closed Wednesday, Friday & Sunday

The Library has been designated a warm space when it is open

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



Friends of Warboys Library

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(For Pre and Primary school aged children)

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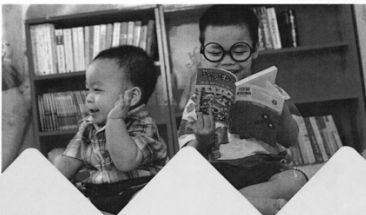
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BOOK TOKEN PRIZES

Name, age and contact number on the back please



Return to Warboys Library by 17th December



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

Warboys Library | Cambridgeshire County Council | www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library

GROUP NEWS

Warboys Underfives Preschool

We said goodbye & thank you to three long term committee members at our AGM in October, Sophie, Beth & Sam and we now look forward to getting to know our new team under the leadership of chairperson, Kayleigh. We also have some new faces within the staff at Underfives and are pleased to welcome both Natasha & Denise to our team - we have all enjoyed getting to know one another as well as the new children that have joined us too.

The committee have already run a successful 'fund-raise' at preschool, fireworks colouring competition & advent calendar raffle alongside our termly dress up week - all events raising much needed funds for the children who attend so our thanks to everyone who supports them. The children are still very much enjoying the new climbing frame purchased by the committee over the summer and some might have noticed our new signage on both the building & gate - our thanks to Donya & BigPrinting for their replacements. Rachel & Kerry were pleased to support the village's fireworks display by manning the lost child cabin and are incredibly grateful to the Warboys Community Bonfire & Fireworks committee for their donation to the preschool which will fund the first aid training for all members of staff for another calendar year. We are all now looking forward to some festive fun - the children will soon be learning some lovely Christmas songs ahead of their end of term parties and the bookshelves will be full of some lovely Christmas stories.

Following the success of our Summer Festival, the committee are pleased to invite children to our first **Christmas Festival in the Parish Centre on Saturday 10 December 2 til 4pm**. £5 per child - all games, activities, face painting etc included and we may have a jolly visitor popping by all the way from the North Pole...

And finally, our annual **BIG Christmas raffle** returns this month with a host of wonderful prizes donated by local companies - tickets are £1 each and available by emailing underfivesfundraising@hotmail.com ahead of the draw on Wednesday 14 December.

If you would like any further information on our preschool or committee, please email our manager, Rachel, on warboysunderfives@hotmail.co.uk or call 01487 823190

Upcoming events

- 10 December - Christmas Festival - 2 til 4pm - Warboys Parish Centre
- 1 March - Ladies' Evening - 7 til 9pm - Warboys Parish Centre
- 11 June Village Yard Sale - 10am til 2pm - Warboys
- 25 July - s Preschool Feastival - 2 til 4pm - Warboys Parish Centre

Warboys Sports & Social Club

- We are holding a family disco NYE which is free to attend"
- We are continuing to introduce new drinks to our already extensive range with various promotional days through the week.
- We are regularly hosting a variety of outside Food trucks which you are welcome to eat in the club.
- All televised sporting events will be shown on multiple screens throughout the club.
- The Warboys lounge area is having a bit of a face lift and there will new furniture in there soon.
- The pool and darts team are doing well and our toddler group on Friday mornings is a great way for new Mums to meet.
- Sunday bingo is on fortnightly, and the hall is also hired out to various clubs and classes, please see our Facebook page

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We arrange ringing visits to other churches and have plenty of social gatherings throughout the year, because basically, if it's happening, we're ringing about it, join us!

Interested? Please contact Lita on 07864 150030 or email: lita_carter@hotmail.co.uk

MORE GROUP NEWS and OTHER INFORMATION

Warboys Community Association

We will be holding our Annual General Meeting on Monday 30 January 2023 starting at 7pm in the Parish Centre

Following the formal part of the AGM, we have invited representatives from the Parish Council to share progress with the **NEW Parish Hall** and respond to any questions

The meeting is open to all Warboys residents, and you are very welcome to come along

For information

Warboys Community Association recently become a signatory to the **Neighbourhood Watch Community Safety Charter**

Coping with Loss

Every 2nd Wednesday in Warboys Parish Church at 2.30pm

Next meeting, Wednesday 14 December

We invite all those coping with the distress of the loss of a loved one, either recently or in the past, to join us for a time of fellowship with tea, coffee, and cake – there will also be an opportunity to light a candle in remembrance, and to take time to just be quiet or to share the company of others – whatever you need - this is *your* time.

For further information please contact Maureen Dean Tel: 01487 822391

ALSO

Service of Remembering 4 December, 4pm, at Warboys Parish Church open to everyone



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However, Christmas stamps without barcodes are not included in the swap scheme, meaning that Royal Mail customers will be able to use non-barcoded Christmas stamps even after the deadline.

For more information and to download a Stamp Swop Out form <https://www.royalmail.com/sending/barcoded-stamps>

WHY NOT MAKE A NEW YEAR RESOLUTION AND BECOME A VOLUNTEER?

All our local groups do a fantastic job, but they are reliant on volunteers to keep everything running smoothly.

If you have a few hours to spare in a week or a month, why not give it a try. There is something for everyone and volunteering can be a really positive experience.

New proposals for the landfill site

You may be aware that the planning permission for the combined heat and power and wastewater treatment plants at the landfill site lapsed in the summer as work hadn't commenced within the required 3 years. However, at the last landfill liaison group meeting, proposals were announced by a different company to construct a refuse derived fuel plant on the same site.

Given that this is likely to generate a lot of concern, the Parish Council set up a **public** consultation on Wednesday 16 November. If you were unable to get there, details can be found on the Warboys Green Energy website



Do you, or somebody you know struggle to get to appointments, shopping, or social gatherings? Are you a driver who would like to give something back to the community of

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