



Warboys Diary

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Editorial

We know that 2023 is going to be a challenging year for all of us in of some way or other. As a community we will need to deal with whatever comes our way and support each other as best we can.

News reports tell us that more and more small businesses are struggling to survive, so our message for the new year is stay local if at all possible. We have really good local shops, businesses, and pubs, so please support them. The same applies to local services such as the library and local transport. It is probably a case of use them or lose them.

From Andrea & Val – your editorial team

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Headlines

THANK YOU TO WARBOYS RESIDENTS FOR YOUR DONATIONS AT THE END OF LAST YEAR You were amazing

In the period November-December it seems Warboys Residents raised at least £11,000 for local groups and organisations (Bonfire and Christmas Lighting Groups, Ramsey Rotary, Warboys Day Centre, Ramsey Foodbank, British Legion, and probably a few more we don't know about. Also thank you to those of you who continue to donate food items to the local foodbank at Ramsey via SPAR, the WCA box at 16 High Street and the Parish Church.

We all want to thank you for your generosity.

Thanks must also go to all those volunteers who helped raise this amazing amount of money

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WORRIED ABOUT COPING WITH THE RISING COST OF LIVING

In the words of Martin Lewis, the money guru:

- Don't be proud, tell people you are struggling.
- Tell family and friends you cannot go out for leisure activities
- Own up that you cannot go down the pub and buy a round, you would rather stay in
- Use the money you save to go towards paying off any debt you may have

You will find many of your friends and family will respect you for this and may admit they are in the same situation too but didn't want to tell anyone.

Just remember **YOU ARE NOT ALONE** and there are lots of people and agencies out there who can help. Citizens Advice is always a good starting point.

COMMUNITY UPDATES



SANTA'S 2022 WARBOYS CHRISTMAS TOUR

Santa and his Elves made their usual Christmas Float collection in Warboys during 4 nights of December and collected an amazing total of £2267. This was due in a big part to the invaluable efforts of a group of Warboys residents, who willingly volunteered their services. We are sincerely grateful to all of you who donated such generous amounts, and the funds will be spent to support many worthy charities. The Warboys volunteers will be suggesting local Warboys groups and charities who would benefit from some financial support and if your group needs help then do let us know. Please write to the Ramsey Rotary President at president@ramseyrotary.co.uk. We look forward to hearing from you.

Also if you would like to get involved in Rotary locally then please do contact us 01487 813562 or email secretary@ramseyrotary.co.uk

Warboys Community Bonfire Group (Pat and Pam)
 Since the last Diary they have made three additional donations

- Warboys Scouts £300
- White Hart Bowls Club £300
- Warboys 55 Club £500

WARBOYS CHRISTMAS LIGHTING GROUP Update – January 2023



The 2022 switch on 'relaunch' event was a resounding success, with more community groups being involved than ever. With a beautiful tree and stage trailer provided by Andrew & Karen Swannell, showcasing our fantastic choirs from Warboys Voices and Warboys Primary Academy. This year it was a pleasure to witness their choiring amongst the biggest turnout we've seen at the lights to date.

A fantastic fundraiser was our new attraction - Santa's Grotto provided by Evolution Domes, presents donated by Warboys Community Bonfire), trees from Warboys Christmas Tree Centre and decorated by Warboys Primary children, Christmas cut outs decorated by Warboys Underfives & Whitehall School, characters & costumes made reality by WCLG volunteers, WADS and DS Smith Plc.

Thanks also to the Baptist Church for the table loans! The Waterside Practice for selling tickets & Penny Allen for making the Elves baskets magical. Food & drink were provided at our much-loved WCLG mulled wine & mince pie stand (mince pies donated by Spar) together with Pat & Pam's legendary BBQ who kindly donated ALL stock and profits to the community lighting fund! Thank you to our wonderful community members for shaking those buckets, especially to our youngest bucket shaker Neyla who isn't yet 2! We must say thanks to our brilliant Parish Handymen & Roy Reeves for managing the road closure along with the kind residents of the High Street who donated power and made sure the road was kept clear for the event.

FOOD POVERTY

Ramsey Foodbank continues to support Warboys residents who are in need. Your donations can be left in the box outside 16 High Street, in Warboys SPAR or at the Parish Church.

Food items that would be really helpful include

- coffee
- tinned fruit and other puddings
- custard
- long-life milk
- personal hygiene products
- loo rolls
- household cleaning products
- pet food (dogs & cats)
- little treats

All our community efforts for the switch on event gave us a whopping total fundraising amount of £1,512.78. A new record! We'll be up there with the London Christmas Lights displays in no time!

There really is more than just putting up the village lights each year for Warboys, our committee members organise additional fundraisers through the year, continually maintaining lighting displays and those temperamental timers I'm sure you've noticed.

Sadly our Chair, Paul Gowen, will be stepping down from January 2023 due to work commitments. We have been most grateful to Paul for all his contributions and hard work with the maintenance and installation of the lights. Our new chair will be announced shortly.

2023 ambitions! We would love to take Christmas Lights and Switch on events for Warboys to new heights and bigger events, however, to do this we do need help with both our core activities:

- Fundraising & the Switch-on event plus
- maintenance and display of lights

If you can spare time to help with a flourishing community group, with sparkling results, please get in touch:

bernitta@thewatersidepractice.co.uk

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

WARBOYS PARISH COUNCIL

ASSISTANT CLERK

Salary: £24,054 - £25,409 per annum pro rata

15 hours per week – 0.4 full time equivalent

The village of Warboys is expanding and the Parish Council is seeking an additional member of staff to join its team delivering services for the community. This is an exciting time with plans in place for replacement of the village hall with a modern, multi-purpose centre accommodating a host of activities and office space.

This is a new, part-time post of 15 hours per week (0.4 fte) working with the Clerk to provide administrative and financial support for the Council.

We are looking for an enthusiastic individual with good organisational skills and who ideally, has an interest in working in the community and some knowledge of local government. In- work training will be provided, and the successful applicant will be granted leave and full funding to study for the Certificate in Local Government Administration.

If you would like to discuss this post informally and/or request an information pack and application form, please contact the Clerk:

Email: clerk@warboysparishcouncil.co.uk
Phone: 01487 823562

THE QUEEN'S GREEN CANOPY

Shortly before Christmas, Members of the Parish Council planted an oak tree at Onyetts Field to commemorate the long reign and service to the nation of the late Queen Elizabeth II. Although it had originally been intended to plant a tree to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, the long dry summer was not the time to be planting and events then took a different turn in September. The new tree has been registered as part of the Queen's Green Canopy in accordance with Her Majesty's wishes for planting to commemorate the 70 years of her reign.

The Council is grateful to Andrew Swannell for sourcing and providing the oak without charge and for his continuing generosity to the community of Warboys.

The photo shows the Chairman of the Council, Dr Sheila Withams, and Andrew Swannell planting the tree with the virtual plaque provided by the Queen's Green Canopy.



Volunteers also helped the Council's Handymen in planting a new hedge supplied by the Wildlife Trust at Onyetts Field to provide autumn nuts and fruits for local wildlife which has also been registered as part of the Queen's Green Canopy.

If you search for them on the QGC website, you'll find that the pins are placed randomly on the map within a 1 km radius to anonymise the location.

2023 New Year's Honours

Congratulations to Beth Blane,

from Warboys, who has been awarded an MBE for services to



pathogen genome sequencing and her role in helping to track Covid variants during the pandemic. Beth Blane is a research assistant and laboratory manager at the University of Cambridge.

WARBOYS PARISH CENTRE – HIRE CHARGES

The Parish Council has been reviewing the charges for the hire of the Parish Centre. The current contracts for the supply of electricity and gas will end in February and March respectively and early indications are that there will be a huge increase in the cost per unit for both types of energy. To recover the additional expenditure would have required a significant increase in the hire charge.

The Parish Centre is used by many community groups with limited resources and the Council recognise that any increase in the charges of the scale required could have a damaging effect on the financial viability of those groups. The Council has therefore decided to absorb the additional energy costs without increasing the hourly rate, especially as the new Parish Centre which is being planned will be far more energy efficient than the current building.

However, there will need to be a small increase in the first hour of use to meet increased staffing costs and, with effect from the beginning of January, the first hour of use for the Hall will increase by £1 to £16 and for the Meeting Room by a similar amount to £11. The subsequent hourly rate will remain unchanged at £9 and £6 per hour respectively.

MOAT HOUSE SURGERY NEWS

Repeat Prescriptions

If you require a repeat prescription, please allow five working days (this does not include weekends or bank holidays). Repeat prescription requests can be made in many different ways:

- by returning the computerised repeat slip by post or in person, If you wish your prescription posting back, please include a stamped addressed envelope.
- emailing the Surgery at moat.house@nhs.net
- If you are a dispensing patient, please email cpicb.moathousedispensary@nhs.net
- via our website. Registration is required for this method – 2 forms of I.D. are required, one photo ID and proof of your home address.

Hospital Waiting Times

As you will be aware from media information, hospital waiting times can be lengthy. Due to the volume of referrals made by the surgery we request that you do not contact us to chase routine hospital appointments unless you have waited longer than 12 weeks or the date shown on your referral information letter. If you have been referred for an urgent hospital appointment or a “2 week wait” appointment and have not heard about an appointment within 14 days, please contact the surgery.

Physiotherapist

We continue to have an in-house physiotherapist. Our receptionists are highly trained and will listen to your explanations and requirements and may well direct you to our physio Michelle Newton. She is at the surgery on a Tuesday and Wednesday and will either see patients for a face-to-face appointment or a telephone consultation.

Thank you

The Surgery was overwhelmed by the generosity of our patients at Christmas. We would like to thank you all for the wonderful cards, biscuits, and chocolates etc, which we thoroughly enjoyed during our much-needed coffee breaks. The Moat House Surgery wishes you all a happy and healthy New Year.

GROUP NEWS

WARBOYS AMATEUR DRAMATICS SOCIETY NEWS

WADS AGM is on Thursday 30 March at 8pm at the Parish Centre. If you fancy treading the boards or helping behind stage, helping front of house or becoming a chaperone to our younger actors then please do come along and introduce yourselves. We are a friendly bunch and are always on the lookout for new members.

55Plus

In 2023 we celebrate our Silver Anniversary. To begin the year there will be a social afternoon on 28 February in the Parish Centre, between 1-3pm, The first full meeting of the year will be on 29 March, starting at 6.30 pm again in the Parish Centre, when the speaker will be Tony Greenstock - “*Our travels around the world*”

A full programme of entertainers and speakers is planned. New members and guests are always welcome.

We would like to thank Pat and Pam, (Warboys Bonfire group) for donating £500 to help us celebrate our 25th Anniversary – this will help us with our celebration lunch. We are immensely grateful.

We do one Pantomime a year and a summer event if possible, so the best of both worlds, always something going on but not too time consuming throughout the complete year. As the Diary goes to press WADS are concentrating on their last weekend of rehearsals of their 2023 Pantomime Cinderella. Performances are on evening of Friday 27 January, afternoon and evening of Saturday 28 January and Sunday afternoon 29 January. Tickets sales have exceeded expectations this year with both afternoons a sell-out, a lot earlier than other years. We would like to say a big thank you to the Warboys community for continuing to support us. We look forward to seeing you all at the shows. WADS would like to thank Warboys Primary Academy for allowing us to hire their hall and classrooms, and Warboys Library for allowing us to take up residence every Saturday in January to sell our tickets.

GROUP NEWS

WARBOYS FRIENDSHIP CLUB

We are pleased to announce that Warboys Friendship Club is up and running after our short Christmas Break. We meet in Warboys Parish Centre on a Thursday morning we are open from 10 to 11.30, unless we have a special event - your table awaits you.

Since our last report we have been busy with several activities. On 11 November we celebrated our 40th Anniversary with a special lunch, provided by Housdens.

In the lead up to Christmas we held our Christmas draw, a few quizzes and we had a visit from the Under 5's singing Carols and rounded off the year with mince pies, a drink and a Sing Along with Angela and Hillary from the Warboys Warblers. The New Year got off to a good start, with a visit from Charlie for a Sing Along to celebrate Judy and Margaret's Birthdays.

We know that there are a lot of you out there trying to get life back to normal again, so if you are feeling lonely or depressed, why not try out the Friendship Club. We do our best to keep spirits up with friendly chats, quizzes, word games and when we can Speakers. Two of our Members make lovely cakes and for 50p a slice these are really good value. We also try to arrange meals: fish and chips are popular and so is the soup (homemade of course).

We are open to men and women, although the men are outnumbered (at the moment) but they are very welcome, in fact the more the merrier.

Please feel free to drop in on any Thursday morning.

WARBOYS LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

We were entertained by Roger Leivers on 5 December talking about **Godmanchester at War**. He has written several books, the proceeds of which and his lecture fees are donated to a trust. So far, some £33K has been distributed to good causes. He talked of several individuals who lost their lives in WW2, in particular Francis Sanders who happened to be riding his bike by Wyton when there was a bomb being loaded onto a Lancaster which slipped and exploded, destroying the plane and killing poor Francis who was just passing by. Roger talked of the evacuees, some of whom stayed on and some returned because they liked Godmanchester and preferred it to the East End of London. More recent returnees remembered the VI (doodlebug) which came down close to the town. The "Dads Army" were formed to prevent panic and set up roadblocks in the event of invasion and were only to be light fighters. Two machine gun bunkers were built to safeguard Portholme meadow, one of which is still to be seen, the other said to have been blown up more recently by senior pupils at Hinchingsbrooke School. One spy who parachuted and broke his ankle on landing was captured and sent to Brixton. Later he was tried and was the last person to be executed in the Tower of London. Roger showed extracts from the mostly boring ARP book (for clocking on and off). One entry referred RIP to Hitler as a Twerp – mild by today's vocabulary. The talk painted a picture of what it was like in the war days – something which most people today have only talks like this to tell them how it was.

The next meeting will be on Monday 6 March 2023 with Chris Carr on 'Living on the edge –life in the bronze age'. Chris has always delivered fascinating talks. Come and join us to find out how much we have advanced in the last 2-3000 years

WHITE HART BOWLS CLUB

Would you be interested in trying our game in 2023?

We play from the middle of April to the middle of September and are happy to loan you equipment and advice to give it a go. Look out for further information nearer to the start of the season. We like to give a massive **thank you** to our sponsors and to the Bonfire and Firework committee for their generous donation toward much needed equipment

The club would like to put out a **call around the local community to ladies** in the village who may be interested in starting a Monday evening team. The team would need between 18 – 20 ladies who would enjoy the competitive nature of the sport, while meeting new friends. Young mums are especially welcome to have a go, bring your children and while one lady plays another can watch over the children, then they can swap and so everyone can play and help each other with the child minding.

So if you fancy taking part, representing the village in a sport, or just looking for a fun evening on Monday evenings with other like-minded bowling ladies, then please contact Jeanette

Feel free to contact us on our Facebook page or email us at savuka2014@gmail.com

GROUP NEWS



WARBOYS & DISTRICT DAY CENTRE

We would like to start by wishing a belated Happy New Year to you all.

As we waved goodbye to 2022, members at the Day Centre enjoyed several festive activities. Highlights included our annual Christmas Quiz (which raised a fantastic £400 for our entertainments fund), performances by some of our regular entertainers and a sumptuous Christmas Lunch prepared by Housdens caterers, plus a visit from Father Christmas. **Our thanks go to Pat and Pam, Warboys Community Bonfire, for their help with funding this event;** this was very much appreciated by everyone.

Thanks to our amazing volunteers, we were able to open the Day Centre in the period between Christmas and New Year, this allowed members who had spent the festive period on their own the opportunity to meet up with some much-needed friendly company. We also had a few of our former members and their carers / families drop in during the period for a cuppa and a catch up, which was enjoyed by all.

We kicked off the New Year welcoming some new members to our group, it is lovely to meet new people, and help them settle into our friendly and lively group. During January, we finalised our entertainment and activity programme for the forthcoming year, as well as getting a focus on what we would like to do to raise funds to continue to deliver our much-appreciated service to the local community.

As ever, we acknowledge the tremendous contribution made from our volunteers, supporters, and our committee, they make the Day Centre the great place that it is and allow our members to enjoy the friendly and supportive environment we offer. We continue to work closely with partner agencies to ensure our members are able to access support and help as required. We are particularly grateful to the Social Prescriber at Moat House Surgery for the immense support and help that she provides, also thanks to colleagues in the County Council for all of their assistance in a multitude of different ways, our members are truly appreciative of all their hard work.

We are always keen to encourage new members and volunteers and would like to hear from anyone who may be interested in supporting or accessing our service. We are located in the Warboys Parish Centre, just off the High Street Warboys. We are open on a Wednesday and Friday between 10am and 2:30pm. We offer transport, a 2-course lunch (hot main) and a varied entertainment and activity programme, for which we currently charge a nominal fee of £12.00 per day.

This much-loved local charity offering support to the older people in our community looks forward to meeting you, either as a member or a volunteer. We can be contacted on – 07548 949809.



Warboys WI

Valentine's Quiz

11th February 2023

Warboys Parish Centre 7.30 pm

Teams of 6

Bring own food and drink

£4 per person

Tickets available from:

Angela. 11 High Street, Warboys

Joyce. 2 Blenheim Close, Warboys

Phone 823562



WARBOYS WI

Our December meeting was well attended considering the icy conditions outside! There was a warm & friendly atmosphere, with some brilliant Christmas decorations and a table loaded with many delicious plates of food, provided by members for our bring and share supper. The President welcomed us to the last meeting of 2022, and it was good to be free of pandemic restrictions of the last 2 years. After a short bit of business, we were entertained by Susie, Angela, Hilary, and Janet with a couple of amusing sketches. Following that we had a quiz to solve and then we enjoyed the supper and a seasonal drink.

At our January meeting, new members were welcomed. And the President announced that the WI would be putting on a charity fund-raising quiz on 11 February at the Parish Centre starting at 7.30pm. (see poster). Tickets available from Angela (823041) and Joyce (823562). We then welcomed Chris Dodson, a local Master Thatcher. He brought with him many tools of his trade along with some of the raw materials (reeds and straw). He told the story of his family, who had been thatchers for over 100 years, illustrated by slides. This craft has not really changed much for many centuries, and is still needed today, with some new houses having thatched rooves. A very interesting talk.

GROUP NEWS

RAMSEY DISTRICT TREFOIL GUILD

Girlguiding UK may be familiar to you. Maybe you were a Rainbow, Brownie or Guide yourself or have daughters who participate in these groups. But did you know there is also a part of Girlguiding UK which is just for adults? Trefoil Guild has existed for nearly 80 years. Members do all the fun activities that Brownies and Guides do, but without taking any children along! A new branch of Trefoil Guild opened in Ramsey in 2021, and we would like to extend a warm welcome to new members from Warboys and surrounding villages. We meet on the first Friday of each month, 7pm to 9pm, usually at Bury Church Hall (the one behind the church at the top of the hill, not the village hall). Our programme this year has included campfires, a murder mystery walk, visiting speakers, a trip on the river and a great deal of relaxed chat. If you are interested in finding out more our national website is www.trefoilguild.co.uk or email ramseydistricttrefoilguild@gmail.com

WARBOYS SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

- 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 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 for all events and opening times.

ON BEING PART OF THE 1ST WARBOYS RAINBOWS AND BROWNIES



I am Maisie and am part of 1st Warboys Brownies. I started 3 years ago as a Rainbow and moved up to Brownies when I was 7. Girlguiding has been a big part of our family with my mum and both my aunts having joined when they were younger.

I really enjoy it at 1st Warboys Brownies, and we always have so much fun. We do a range of different things as well each week like arts and crafts, playing games and learning new skills. The leaders there are awesome as well and they are always so kind and helpful to us. At the beginning of each term, we are given a timetable which shows us what we will need for different weeks and what we are doing. At the end of each term, we have a party and eat and play amazing games. We also go on hikes and once we went to the chip shop and got a bag of chips each! It is so fun at Brownies.

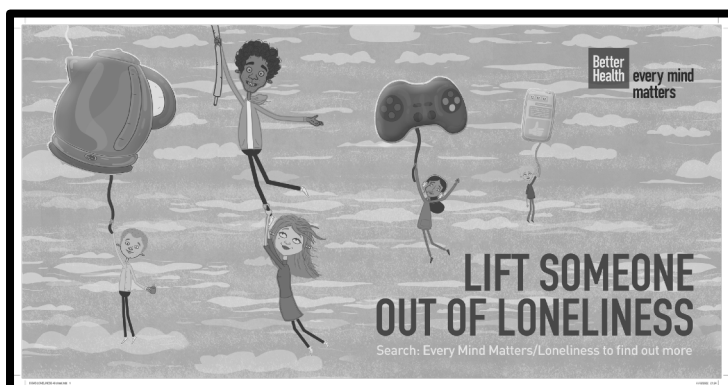
Adeline

Brownies is on a Wednesday evening at St Mary Magdalene church, and we have great fun. Some of my best moments were holding the rainbow flag at the remembrance parade, being able to achieve lots of different badges and making friends with different girls who I may not see at school. I also like that the adult leaders have names after owls and woodland animals, and we also get to play lots of funny games like fox and frog flee as well as cooking. This year we are also going on a camp with another brownie group at Caythorpe, which will involve lots of outdoor activities and making yet more friends.



Rainbows 4-7 years and Brownies 7-10 years

If there are any girls wanting to join, you can register online www.girlguiding.org.uk or email Paula Tofton, Brown Owl at warboysbrownies@hotmail.com



If you are experiencing a mental health crisis and need help, call NHS 111 and select option 2.

Specially-trained mental health staff will speak to you and discuss your mental health care needs – instead of having to go to accident and emergency departments in local acute hospitals. This service is available 24/7, 365 days of the year

<https://www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters/lifes-challenges/loneliness/>

LOCAL GROUPS and CLUBS

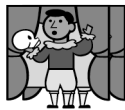
Warboys Art Group: 7.30 -9.30



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

028743

Warboys Amateur Dramatic Society (WADS).



Contact Andrea Murphy on 07778 672447. Meets on Thursday evenings

Friends of Warboys Library (FOWL)

www.fowl.org.uk
Contact via webmaster@fowl.org.uk



Warboys WI

Contact Joyce Reeves on 01487 823562 or Christine Ford 01487 824628

55 PLUS - we meet monthly March to September and offer a great range of social events. Contact Hilary Moulds 01487 822135 or Angela Wyatt 01487 823041



Friendship Club – for the best coffee in the village come along every Thursday 10-11.30 in the Parish Centre. Contact Sean on 01487 823114

Warboys Day Centre



Supporting older people. Meet on

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

Warboys Voices



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

Warboys Local History Society.



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

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Warboys Walkers



Walks for all abilities throughout the year. Contact Roy Reeves

01487 823562 or roy.reeves@hotmail.com



Warboys Christmas Lighting Group

Contact Bernie on 01487 209084 bernitta@thewatersidepractice.co.uk



Warboys Bell Ringers

Meet every Thursday at 7.30pm at the Parish

Church for practice. Contact Lita: 0786 415 0030 or lita_carter@hotmail.co.uk



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

Warboys Archaeology Group

Contact: roger.mould@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

Contact http://www.stivesandwarboyscc.clubbuzz.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 FORTHCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	TIME	VENUE
27/28/29 Jan	WADS pantomime - <i>CINDERELLA</i>	various	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
8 February	WI: David Kinder -Behind the Walls	7.30pm	Parish Centre
11 February	WI Valentines Quiz Night (ticketed event) – <i>see poster</i>	7.30pm	Parish Centre
28 Feb	55Plus – social afternoon	1- 3pm	Parish Centre
1 March	Underfives Ladies' Evening	7-9pm	Parish Centre
6 March	WLHS AGM plus Life in the Bronze Age (all welcome)	7.30pm	Methodist Church
8 March	WI: About the Arthur Rank Charity		Parish Centre
29 March	55 plus –1st meeting of the year	6.30pm	Parish Centre
30 March	WADS AGM – all welcome	8pm	Parish Centre
3 April	WLHS: Excavations at Waterbeach Barracks	7.30pm	Methodist Church
12 April	WI: Liz Dive; Shakespeare Groupie	7.30pm	Parish Centre
22 April	Friends of Warboys Library Book & Cake Sale	10am-12 noon	Warboys Library
22/23 April	Warboys Spring Litter Pick - 2 sessions each day	10am or 2pm	Library Car Park
1 May	WARBOYS CORONATION FETE	11am-3pm	Sports Field
8 May	EXTRA BANK HOLIDAY TO MARK THE KING'S CORONATION		
8 May	WLHS: A History of Crime and Punishment in Pibor	7.30pm	Methodist Church
24 May	Warboys Day Centre AGM - all welcome	2.30pm	Parish Centre
5 June	WLHS: A Fenland History -Saver Shares all	7.30pm	Methodist Church
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>	

*WLHS – Warboys Local History Society

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 shelters available for hire – including 3 x 3m gazebos, a 4.5 x 4.5m Coleman's Canopy and a 3 x 8m Gala Tent.

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

Half term: 13 -17 February

Spring term closes: Friday 31 March

Summer term opens: Tuesday 18 April

May Bank holiday: Monday 1 May

Half term: 29 May – 2 June

Summer term ends: Tuesday 18 July

Autumn term opens: Monday 4 September

Half-term: 23-27 October

Autumn term closes: Wed 20 December

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

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.

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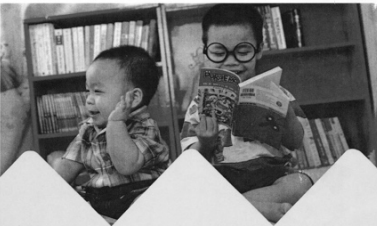
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GROUP NEWS



Warboys Primary
Academy

WARBOYS PRIMARY ACADEMY

The children have settled well into the spring term and we're looking forward to a year full of exciting

lessons activities, clubs, trips and visits. We have so much planned for this year and look forward to updating you with all our news.

Last term was packed with fun activities as well as the run-up to the festive season, with events both in school and in our community enjoyed by all.

We wore spots to raise money for Children in Need and our wonderful catering team made delicious Pudsey biscuits for every pupil. The children were also excited to receive the pin badges for their Mini Marathon. A group of children did a great job helping us sort and deliver badges to different classes. A special mention goes to Alfie and Elliot who received medals for raising the most sponsorship money!

In lessons, highlights included learning about Australia and making our own Aboriginal dot paintings, and Miss Brown's literacy group did some brilliant writing about Evil Pea from the Supertato book. This really captured the children's imaginations, and they had fun designing their own 'Wanted' posters.

The run up to Christmas was enjoyed by all. From wearing festive outfits for Christmas Jumper Day to the school Christmas Fair organised by our fabulous PTFA - with our Year 6 children helping run some of the stalls - we had so much fun in school. Wonderful Christmas productions were also put on by both our EYFS and our KS1 children. Staff and children worked hard on these shows for weeks and they were both fantastic performances!



1st Warboys Scout Group

The scouts braved the cold and wet November weather camping up north (well, Wisbech St Marys)! Fuelled with jacket spuds thanks to C&H Edwards, Pidley, we enjoyed plenty of archery, whittling and pioneering. And also plenty of cake thanks to the Scouts and parents! It was great to get out camping again after a three-year Covid break.

Our Beaver group is looking for an individual keen to train as a Beaver Leader or Assistant Leader to ensure the continuity of our group through the summer term. We meet on a Tuesday evening (term time only) and meet once a term for a planning session. If you would like more information on this role or are keen to get involved, please email warboys.beavers@gmail.com

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

We took part in some lovely community Christmas events too. The children really enjoyed decorating Christmas trees in the village with their own colourful hand-made baubles. Our KS1 and KS2 choirs sang beautifully at the Warboys Christmas Lights switch-on, and also performed at Warboys church annual Carol Service at St Mary Magdalene. They sang Silent Night, Santa Claus Is Coming To Town and We Wish You A Merry Christmas, doing a great job spreading Christmas cheer.

We look forward to bringing you news of our spring 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](https://www.facebook.com/WarboysPrimaryAcademy) and on our Twitter feed [@PrimaryWarboys](https://twitter.com/PrimaryWarboys).

Beavers
6 to 8 years old
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Cubs
8 to 10.5 years old
Tuesdays 6.30 til 8pm

Scouts
10.5 to 14 years old
Wednesdays 7 til 8.30pm

**VOLUNTARY VACANCY
BEAVER LEADER**

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GROUP NEWS



WARBOYS UNDERFIVES PRESCHOOL

A very Happy New Year to all from Warboys Underfives - we have loved hearing the children's tales of their Christmas break and are enjoying getting to know our new starters who have joined us this term. Before Christmas we were pleased to invite our parents in to listen to the children perform all the Christmas songs they had learned, they also took their performance to the Warboys Friendship Club and entertained the guests there. It was incredibly sweet to watch everyone of all ages light up at their eager singing.

This term, the children have already been practising their fine motor skills with rice, jugs & funnels, creating structures with the wooden blocks and listening to classical music along with playing their own musical instruments. We have been playing with our linking camels and the water trays have proved very popular.

Our committee was busy in the lead up to Christmas, hosting their first Christmas Festival (complete with lots of fun & games, including a visit from Santa himself) and the annual BIG Christmas raffle. We would like to share a public thank you to the many small businesses & individuals who supported the raffle and helped to make it a huge success.

Behind every community group sits a group of willing volunteers, juggling family, work, childcare and still donating a

The Old Village Board School Trust

The OVBST was formed when the site of the old school 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**

Upcoming events

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

little of their time... Our committee is looking for two new members to take on the roles of Fundraising Coordinator & Maintenance Coordinator.

Volunteering is rewarding for both the group & individual and is a great way to get to know others in the village. If you would like more information on how to get involved, please email our chairperson, Kayleigh, on chair_wu5@yahoo.com

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



Warboys Underfives Preschool Committee

VOLUNTARY VACANCIES

Our committee is looking for two new members to take on the roles of **fundraising coordinator & maintenance coordinator** (to plan & oversee the fundraising efforts of the team of willing volunteers and to coordinate the general maintenance of the preschool building, enlisting the help of other skilled parents & local tradespeople)

If you are able to donate a little of your time to the continued success of our village preschool, pls email our chairperson, Kayleigh, on chair_wu5@yahoo.com for further information

OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

BURGLARY PREVENTION

According to the Neighbourhood Watch Crime and Community Survey nearly two-thirds (65%) of us are worried about our home being broken into, yet there are simple, proven measures we can all take to halve our chances of being burgled.

Call handlers in our Demand Hub received 1,171 calls to 101. We aim to



receive a thorough report from every caller so we can take the appropriate course of action. This can take time and can mean that during peak periods, there will be a waiting time to speak with an operator (unless it's an emergency).

However, with our live web chat, you can speak to an operator in as little as 27 seconds. Reports of incidents are dealt with in the exact same way whether you phone 101 or speak to us on web chat; the only difference is the technology used.

Last month alone, we helped 3,267 people with web chat. If you need to quickly and easily report crime and intelligence, live web chat can be accessed by visiting <https://www.cambs.police.uk> and clicking the green chat icon in the bottom right of the screen. Similarly, if you are pressed for time, hard of hearing or can't talk freely, our online reports can be used to raise crimes or submit intelligence

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH HOME SECURITY CHECKLIST

Leaving your home?

Use this handy checklist to ensure it is left safe and secure.

WINDOWS

- Are your windows closed and locked?
- Are your window sensors activated?
- Have you secured your garage and shed windows with locks?

INTERIOR

- Are your inside lights on a switch timer or smart bulb with timer?
- Is your home alarm on?
- Are your valuable items such as jewellery, car keys, laptops, iPads, cash and phones out of sight?
- Are your chargers and cables for laptops/iPads out of view?
- Have you created a written and photographic record of any items of value (financial or sentimental)?

NEIGHBOURS

- If you are going away for a while, have you let your neighbours know?
- Have you joined your local Neighbourhood Watch group? [Find your local group here.](#)

THINK WIDE(N)

- WINDOWS LOCKED
- INTERIOR LIGHTS ON A TIMER
- DOORS DOUBLE OR DEADLOCKED
- EXTERIOR LIGHTS ON A SENSOR
- (NEIGHBOURS) KEEP AN EYE OUT

DOORS

- Is your front door double or deadlocked?
- Are all the doors to your home locked?
- Are your door keys kept out of sight (but to hand in case of emergency)?

EXTERIOR

- Are your outside lights on a sensor?
- Have you cut down tall hedges around the outside of your home?
- Is all packaging from expensive items i.e. laptops, tablets, phones, games consoles out of sight?
- Are your vehicles locked and valuables removed?
- Are your sheds, side gates, garages and outbuildings locked?
- Are items that can be used to break in, i.e. bricks, rubble, ladders, garden equipment put away?

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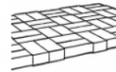
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