# Warboys Diary

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#### Editorial

It's hard to believe that 2023 is coming to an end and that Christmas is fast approaching – the year seems to have flown by. In many ways it has been a good year with lots of positives.

However, each of us is still having to deal a range of challenges and we know some members of our community are really struggling with varying degrees of poverty. All of us need to think about how we can support, in whatever way we can, those individuals and families who are in trouble. We need to remain a kind and caring community.

Finally, we wish you a happy festive season and best wishes for 2024, whatever it might bring.

From Andrea & Val – your editorial team

# Headlines

#### COMMUNITY BONFIRE & FREWORKS The end of an era

Pat and Pam are going out in style, having raised in the region of  $\pounds6000$  at what was sadly the last Warboys Community Bonfire & Fireworks event.

The very first fireworks event took place in 1994. So we pay tribute to Pat and Pam for their incredible energy and commitment over the last 29 years. THEY HAVE BEEN REAL STARS and as a community we thank them. Go to page 5 to find out more. The good news is that they will carry on being involved in other future community events.

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#### WARBOYS CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT GROUP -THERMAL IMAGING INITIATIVE

In December and January, the Group will be borrowing a thermal imaging camera from Cambridge Carbon Footprint to carry out surveys for village households. To find out more go to page 2

### **OUR NEW PARISH CENTRE - OPEN MEETING**

Warboys Parish Council would like to invite all Warboys residents to view the latest plans for our new Parish Centre.

Please join us on Friday 12 January between 11.00am - 1.00 pm or 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm in the existing Parish Centre

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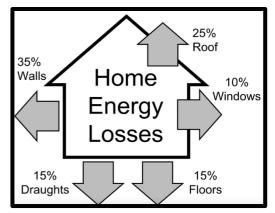
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# **COMMUNITY NEWS**

#### Want to find out how much heat you're losing from your home and save money?

In December and January, the Warboys Climate and Environment Group (WCEG) will be offering Warboys homeowners the opportunity to find out how much heat - and so money and fossil fuels - their homes could be losing.

If your home is losing heat through the roof, windows, doors, or walls, you'll be using more energy than you need. Not only does this cost more with increased fuel prices, but it's also burning more fossil fuels, which in turn, puts more carbon into the atmosphere and warms the Earth. Even in Warboys we're seeing some of the effects of this in the more extreme weather events we've been experiencing.



Using a state-of-the-art thermal imaging camera, which captures heat images using colours to show hot, warm, and cold spots, we'll be able

to pinpoint where heat is being lost in homes. This will help householders to really focus their efforts on the places where increased insulation could make a big difference and so reduce energy consumption.

The WCEG team, who have all been trained in the use of the thermal cameras to carry out the surveys, will also signpost to resources that can help, for example in increasing insulation or stopping draughts.

#### How it will work

Between 11-14 December 2023 and 8-11 January 2024, members of the Warboys Climate and Environment Group will be borrowing a thermal imaging camera from Cambridge Carbon Footprint to carry out surveys for village households.

- we can only carry out a limited number of surveys during the evenings of each week that the camera is available, so we'll be operating on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Each survey will take around 30 minutes and the team will need access to the outside of your home, including garden spaces.
- We'll share the survey findings with you as we go, and we'll be in touch a few weeks after the survey to find out how things have progressed for you.

*To book your survey, please contact Claire* (07875 552775) or Jo (07834 378070)

#### **Community Autumn Litter Pick**

The School under the guidance of the new Head was fantastic. 20 children from took part and they collected lots of rubbish from the roads and footpaths around the School. They tackled their litter picking with great enthusiasm.

Sadly the same cannot be said about the rest of the village. Apart from a couple of residents, NO-ONE else took part on either the Friday or the Saturday.

Your thoughts on how we can get more community involvement would be must appreciated. Email us (polite suggestions only) on

#### warboyscommunityassociation@gmail.com

Our next community litter pick will be in the Spring



# WARBOYS PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

We hope that you will join us all in thanking Roy Reeves, who officially retired from his position as Parish Clerk in November, for his unrivalled passion and dedication given to Warboys over the past 27 years.

The Council Members also send their deepest condolences to the family of John Rignall, who has sadly passed away. He served as a well-respected Chairman of Warboys Parish Council from 1985 to 1989.

As 2023 draws to a close the Parish Council Members are able to reflect on the successes and achievements from the last 12 months. Just a few of the highlights:

#### **Road Safety**

- Station Road: A 40 mph buffer zone is now in place when approaching the village via Station Road.
- A141: Highways have approved crossing signs and hedge cutting to improve visibility and awareness for users crossing the A141 from Wilthorne to Onyett's field. More work is in progress to further improve the safety of this crossing.
- Ramsey Road: The Council are in the process of putting an application forward to Highways for traffic calming measures to be introduced along Ramsey Road. Due to the hard work from several concerned residents, we have high hopes for a successful bid.

#### **King's Coronation Events**

• A series of events were held in Warboys at the beginning of May to celebrate the momentous occasion of the coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla. Thanks to a generous

#### **OUR NEW PARISH CENTRE**

We are delighted to say that following our precept consultation there was overwhelming support for a new Parish Centre as well as the proposed increase in precept to help fund the build. Those that raised concerns in their responses please be assured that they will be taken into account as the project moves forward.

Almost everything is now in place for the builders to commence work on our New Parish Centre, which has been thoughtfully designed to be environmentally friendly and energy efficient whilst accommodating Warboys growing needs.

To find out more about how the plans are progressing, please come along to the open meetings to be held in the Parish Centre on Friday 12 January between 11.00am - 1.00 pm or 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm

donation from Swannells Transport a new commemorative bench was installed on the High Street.

#### **Queen's Green Canopy**

 As a final part of the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations Swannells Transport and the Dykstra family each kindly donated a new Oak tree, both were planted alongside a variety of native trees and hedging plants at Onyetts Field, providing more homes and food for our wildlife.

#### Meet your Parish Council Clerks

It was great to meet so many of our residents at our first Open Session in the Parish Centre. Due to exceptional circumstances the November one was unable to go ahead.

However, the Clerks will be back on Tuesday 5 December and Tuesday 9 January, Parish Centre 9:30am – 11:00am and in the library from 11:00am – 13:00pm. Please do come and say hello and share your thoughts and ideas for Warboys.

Don't forget all are welcome to attend our monthly Council meetings with the next two dates set for 11 December 7.30pm and 8 January 7.00pm both to be held in the Warboys Parish Centre meeting room, the agenda will be posted on village notice boards the Tuesday before.

#### Contact details:

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- Julie Drummond 07985 771676
  juliedrummond@warboysparishcouncil.co.uk
- Emmeline Coverdale –07985 771834 <u>emmelinecoverdale@warbovsparishcouncil.co.uk</u>

#### Changes to Green Bin Waste Collection

Huntingdonshire District Council's Cabinet Members have agreed to introduce a fortnightly garden waste (Green Bin) subscription service that will come into effect in April 2024. This will mean that the current free service for green bin collection will end 31 March 2024.

The cost of the service will be  $\pounds 57.50$  per annum for one garden waste bin, additional bins will be  $\pounds 30$  each. There will be an option for neighbours to share bins which should help to reduce the cost impact on residents.

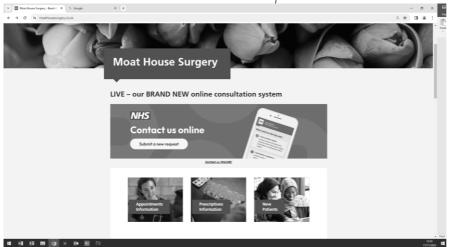
All information regarding sign up for the subscription service along with bin return details will be provided in the coming months. You can also keep up to date through the Huntingdon District Council's website and social media.

# **NEWS FROM THE MOAT HOUSE SURGERY**

#### **Contact the Moat House Surgery online**

Patients of Moat House Surgery are now able to contact the surgery on line. If you have a medical or admin request please contact the surgery via our website **www.moathousesurgery.co.uk** 

At the website homepage please click on 'contact us online' to submit a new request. Please try to add as much information as possible which will help us guide you to a clinician who can help.



#### Do you use the NHS APP

The NHS App can be downloaded on to your mobile phone or tablet and allows you to access a range of NHS Services. It enables you to order repeat prescriptions, book and manage appointments, view your GP health records and much more. If you are interested and wish to learn more, please visit the surgery on Friday 8 December btween 12 noon and 3pm. Zoe Halliday, our Digital Champion will be happy to guide you.

Once the request is received we aim to ring you back the same day.

If you are able to contact us this way it is much more direct, quicker and

saves hanging on the telephone. If you do not use the internet, you are still able to contact us by telephone to speak to our receptionists/patient coordinators who will ask questions and forward your information to a clincian

#### **New Team Members**

We are very excited to welcome our **new GP Partner**, **Dr Catherine Salkield**, who joined the surgery on the 4 September 2023. Catherine will be at the practice all day Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

A new health care assistant, Emma Griffiths, joins the team, who will give us greater capacity for blood test appointments.

New Advanced Nurse Practitioner, Richard Nash, will work alongside our GPs and our existing Advanced Nurse Practitioner, Chloe Fazakerley, triaging and offering long term conditions clinics. Both Richard and Chloe are highly trained health professionals that can undertake complex reviews of patients, similar to a GP. They can assess symptoms and build a picture of a patients condition, treat minor health problems, infections, minor injuries and prescribe medication.

Emma Young has joined the Social Prescribing Link Workers Team. This role is a fairly new one which you may not be familiar with. Social prescribing is an approach that connects patients to activities, groups and services in their community to meet practical, social and emotional needs that affect their health and wellbeing.



## **COMMUNITY BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS**

WOW.....what a finale on 4 November We raised in the region of £6,000

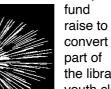
#### Donations we have made so far

- Warboys Doctors £500
- Warboys Sports field £500
- Warboys School £500 to purchase books
- Warboys Under 5's £500
- Warboys Christmas lighting Group supporting the switch on
- We have also made smaller donations to the following village groups.
  - Scouts, Cubs & Beavers, Brownies & Rainbows, Youth Football Teams, Cricket Club, Baptist Church, Warboys Voices, Local History Society, Friendship Club, Warboys Day Centre, WADS, 55 Plus Club, Warboys Art Group, Warboys Bell Ringers
- We are also replacing our broken gazebo as we will still be supporting Community events. Other donations will be given out later

#### Warboys Bonfire & Fireworks The final one 2023 Where it all began Pam Hicks

The bonfire & fireworks all began when the Warboys

children needed somewhere to meet and have fun, Pat and myself both had children of the right age to need this, so we got involved with the Warboys Youth Action Group which was headed by Dave & Betty Ball. We wanted to help



part of the library at the back, into a youth club, later to be called the *"Youthie".* Pat and I came up with the idea of the Fireworks

Bonfire Lit 6.30p.m

Fireworks 7p.m.

and set about finding a venue. At Warboys School May Ball, we had a chat with Richard Stokes, and he kindly held our first Bopfire & Fireworks event in 1994

offered us Tythe Farm, which was totally viable, and we held our first Bonfire & Fireworks event in 1994.

When the *"Youthie"* closed Pat and I renamed the event Warboys Community Bonfire & Fireworks. Our aim was to raise as much money as possible and give all profits back to Warboys Community at later date. We put together a

programme and sold advertising space. This was very successful. We have been very lucky to have gained sponsorship from many local companies some of which have been our supporters since the beginning and have stuck with us, and for this we thank them.

Over the years the Stokes family have taken more of an active role in setting up, building the bonfire, and clearing the site. We are extremely grateful for this because without their support the event would not have been able to run for as long.



Thank you to our family and friends who gave up their time to help.

Some of them have been with us since the *Youthie* days and thank you to you all for supporting the event over the years.

# We have raised more than £100,000 over the years.

Picture Credit Alexandra Chance

#### As always, we have lots of thanks

- Titanium Fireworks for an AMAZING LAST DISPLAY
- The Stokes Family for everything they have done for us this year and previous years
- All our amazing unpaid volunteer helpers
- Windmill Bakery, The Waterside Practice, One Stop and The White Hart who all sold 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 & Woodford Recycling. Plus produce from local farmers

Thank you to Kanazawa Security Solutions for suppling First Aid & Security and we are very fortunate to get more help from local businesses

Thank you to everyone who advertised in our programme and all of our sponsors

Manchetts Transport -Woodford Recycling -Clf Packaging Ltd - DRA Fabb -UK Carpet Fitters - Ben & Co - The Waterside Practice--Superior Surfaces -Illumino Ignis Ltd -Quattro-Tech-Direct Linc - Simply Tree Services - Parrot Print-Swannells Transport

# CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR EVENTS



#### WARBOYS CHRISTMAS LIGHTING GROUP

Warboys Christmas lighting Group have been busy with the Elves preparing for the village's annual switch on event on 25 Nov with more going on than ever before! Festive choiring from Warboys Primary academy students and Warboys Voices adult choir, Elves from WADS, Pat & Pam's BBQ plus extra stalls including hot chocolate, tea & coffee, face painting, and novelties to enjoy.

This year the group had made the decision, largely due to busier roads causing safety concerns for the volunteers involved in fitting and taking down the Christmas lights, to take on certified contractors for the task. This has meant a great deal more pressure for our fundraising efforts as we need to cover these costs which amount to over  $\pounds3,000$ .

# You can help by making a donation through our crowdfunding page <u>https://gofund.me/80628765</u>

We are most grateful to the residents and businesses who have supported us this year. A full report will be included in the next Diary.



#### **CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICES**

- all are welcome at any service

#### WARBOYS PARISH CHURCH

• Sunday 3 December - Service of Remembering at 3.00pm. A special service held at Christmas time for all those who wish to remember loved ones no longer with us, light a candle and reflect

- Sunday 17 December at 6pm carols by candlelight (no morning service that day)
  - Christmas Eve Christingle Family Service at 4pm with nativity
  - Christmas Eve 24 December Midnight Communion at 11.30pm
    - Christmas Day Family Service at 10am

#### WARBOYS METHODIST CHURCH

- **10 December** Carols by Candlelight 6 pm.
- 24 December Christmas Eve Communion 6 pm

#### WARBOYS BAPTIST CHURCH

• Friday 22 December - Carols by Candlelight 7pm

# MORE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR EVENTS/INFORMATION



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#### CHRISTMAS BIN COLLECTIONS

During the Christmas and New Year period waste collection days will change. This year the changes will cover a fourweek period starting 11 December. See the table below

Scheduled Day of Collection	Revised Day of Collection
Monday 11 December	Saturday 9 December
Tuesday 12 December	Monday 11 December
Wednesday 13 December	Tuesday 12 December
Thursday 14 December	Wednesday 13 December
Friday 15 December	Thursday 14 December
Monday 18 December	Friday 15 December
Tuesday 19 December	Saturday 16 December
Wednesday 20 December	Monday 18 December
Thursday 21 December	Tuesday 19 December
Friday 22 December	Wednesday 20 December
Monday 25 December	Thursday 21 December
Tuesday 26 December	Friday 22 December
Wednesday 27 December	Wednesday 27 December
Thursday 28 December	Thursday 28 December
Friday 29 December	Friday 29 December
Monday 1 January	Tuesday 2 January
Tuesday 2 January	Wednesday 3 January
Wednesday 3 January	Thursday 4 January
Thursday 4 January	Friday 5 January
Friday 5 January	Saturday 6 January

Residents can also download a collection calendar from <u>www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/bins</u>

# WADS PANTO PUSS in BOOTS – *Oh Yes it is!!*

Friday 26 January until Sunday 28 January

Tickets on sale from 16 December

See inserted leaflet for more information.

# **NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITY GROUPS**





#### Rotary IMPACTing Warboys

Supported by Rotary in Ramsey and with a core of like-minded volunteers we have created Warboys IMPACT, a companion group of Rotary in Ramsey with the focus being on project-led activities. Our first project was the renovation of a second Santa

Sleigh so that we can carry out the annual street and house to house collection around our community. Details of Santa on his Float can be found later in the Warboys Diary.

This group has been 18 months in the making and special thanks to Rotarians, June Green, and Richard Hyde MBE for all their hard work, taking the lead on this and bringing the group to fruition.



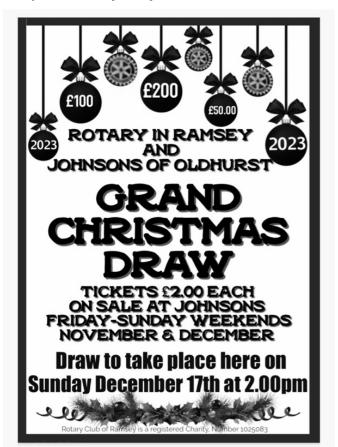
Currently there are five volunteers actively involved - David, Lara, Stephen, Debs and Daniel in the initial IMPACT group, with more in the pipeline.

On the 4 of November these volunteers were formally inducted by Ramsey President Will Cowell. Also joining the induction was our District Governor David Kendrick and former District Governor Steve

Howe. On behalf of the group, Stephen thanked

everyone for the opportunity to work on projects to benefit the Warboys and Wistow community.

We will be meeting regularly as a group to discuss and work on new projects for the community and further details will be available on Facebook. If you're interested in joining us or have any questions, then please contact us via our email for more details at impact@ramseyrotary.co.uk



#### LOVING THE SANTA FLOAT - a memory

In November 2020 Keeley was diagnosed with melanoma, she went through 2 major operations and gruelling treatment. Despite everything she went through she was always in such high spirit. Heartbreakingly on Christmas Day 2022 aged 34 Keeley lost her hard-fought battle. Christmas was

Keeley's favourite time of year and one of her highlights was waiting for the Rotary Club Santa Float to come round. She would watch it from her home and then go to her mums so she could see it again, waiting at the window or on the doorstep so she didn't miss it. In 2021 the Rotary Club stopped especially at Keeley's mums and handed her a

bouquet of flowers -something Keeley never forgot. As a family we have created a fundraising page for Melanoma UK in memory of Keeley. So far, we have raised is over £4000 and we continue to fundraise for this amazing charity. All in memory of Keeley.

https://www.melanomauk.org.uk/inmemoryof/k eeley-marie-himson

#### WARBOYS SPORTS GROUND TRUST

The Trust is seeking new volunteers to join the committee.

The Trust is a "not for profit" body that manages the sports field for the benefit of the community.

If you would like to help maintain this superb facility, please contact us at SportsGroundWarboys@outlook.com

# MORE NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITY GROUPS (continued)

#### FRIENDS OF WARBOYS LIBRARY (FOWL)

You may well have seen snippets in other Diary issues about the Friends of Warboys Library (FOWL), but we want to raise our profile. FOWL is a group of volunteers who support the library staff in developing the service and raising awareness of the facilities offered by the Library. There is so much more to do than just borrow a book (although of course you can do that as well)! For example, did you know we hold:

- coffee mornings every Saturday, where you can come and have a cuppa, a biscuit, and a natter, all for a small donation towards the cost of your refreshment.
- regular book sales, to raise funds to support the library. you can fill a whole bag of books for just a few pounds.
- regular social events for the Friends and volunteers

#### Also

- Each month FOWL purchases a number of top 10 books, just for Warboys to retain in their circulation
- If you have any recent books that you have bought, read, and enjoyed, then sometimes the Library Service will accept these as donations that go straight to the Warboys library, just for the residents of Warboys.
- The choice and range of books, we hold as a small library, is really very impressive.
- We support the Summer Reading Challenge
- Some of our volunteers help out the library staff with their daily tasks – a lovely way to spend a few hours if you're a book nerd!
- Our website has contact information for most of our local community groups, organisations, and amenities
- We are now on Facebook please follow our page at Friends of Warboys Library (FOWL) to be kept up to date with book sales and other events.

The Summer Reading Challenge this year was very popular, with around 80 children taking part. We are grateful to the Parish Council and the Old Village School Board Trust for their sponsorship of this event.

We have held two successful book and cake sales and coffee mornings, one in June and one in September, both raising a good amount for FOWL to continue supporting the library. With a whole bag of books for £2, many came along to sort out their winter reading. There were definitely fewer boxes of books at the end of the sale than the beginning which was very welcome for the volunteers carrying them in and out!

**Now a plea for help!** We mentioned the website above, with the community directory. We are aware that any information is only useful if it is up to date, If you are involved in a local group, please take a minute to have a look at the directory, and if any details that need updating please do send your upto-date information to <u>webmaster@fowl.org.uk</u>

**Finally,** if you would like to become a Friend, or volunteer, please pop into the library, or contact us on the email above, or through our Facebook page.

#### WARBOYS WI

After a summer break from regular meetings, we were thrilled to have Dr Peter D Clarkson MBE to speak about his 'Life in Antarctica'. His experiences of living in an underground camp with 5 other men over a two-year period in the late 1960's were explained with humour and illustrated by some stunning slides. The boat that took them had to accommodate all the supplies needed for a whole year, It was all transported by Husky-drawn sleds, which have now been replaced by snow-tractors, The journey was very hazardous, but now a plane flies everything in making it a much safer trip. A wonderful talk!

October was a members night event. Committee has the night off and members arrange the evening for everyone. Fun and games, a quiz and delicious puddings were enjoyed. Also an old favourite a 'Swishing' table. For those who are unfamiliar with Swishing it is basically a kind of recycling of items of jewellery, accessories scarves etc. Bring one and Take one.

November was our Annual Meeting. With two new members joining recently, membership is now up to 44. Our Officers and committee all agreed to continue for another year and were joined by one new member making a full team for 2024.

After all the business we had a fun half hour trying to follow Sheila in using scarves in an artistic fashionable manner (she is a real whizz at it!). Such a lot of laughter involved!

December's meeting will be a bring and share supper. Christmas themed gifts will be raffled, and the committee will be presenting a seasonal drama!

We welcome new members at any of our meetings - 2nd Wednesday each month at 7.15pm in the Parish Centre.

## 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 823562or 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 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.stivesandwarboyscc. clubbuzz.co.uk/

Warboys Beavers, **Cubs & Scouts** Scouts Contact via gslwarboys@hotmail.com

#### Warboys Archaeology Group

Contact: roger.mould@hotmail.com



#### **Old Village School Board Trust Gives**

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



**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 during term time in Warboys Parish Centre from 6.30 -8pm. Contact Lucy on 07590 593349 or Christine on 07761 052765



#### Warboys Christmas **Lighting Group**

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

#### Warboys Table Tennis Club



**Contact Martin Croucher** on 07825 186205

#### 1st Brownies & Rainbows for



girls aged 5-7 and 7-101/2. Contact Paula on 07742 229262 or

warboysbrownies@hotmail.com

#### **Warboys Colts**

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

**Red Tile Wind Farm & Whittome** 

Wind Trusts. Both Trusts have funds available as grants. For more information contact the Secretary on 07985 771676

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

Contact via webmaster@fowl.org.uk



#### Warboys Local History Society

Contact History

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 https://www.facebook.com/warboysptfa



**Warboys Under Fives** 

Contact us on 01487 UNDERFIVES 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

# WHAT'S ON - calendar of forthcoming events

DATE	EVENT	TIME	VENUE
2 December	Christmas Market	2 - 5pm	Sports & Social Club
4 Dec	Santa's Tour of Warboys starts	5.30i - 8pm ish	See page 6 for details
5 Dec	Meet your Parish Council Clerks	9.30 or 11am	Parish Centre/Library
8 Dec	Using your NHS App – help session	12 – 3pm	Moat House Surgery
10 Dec	Carols by Candlelight	6pm	Methodist Church
11-14 Dec	Thermal Imaging survey (see page 2)	By booked appointment	
11 Dec	Parish Council meeting	7pm	Parish Centre
13 Dec	Warboys Day Centre Panto – open house	1030 -1230	Parish Centre
13 Dec	WI Bring & Share Supper/The committee entertains	7.15pm	Parish Centre
22 Dec	Carols by Candlelight	7pm	Baptist Church
8-11 Jan	Thermal Imaging survey (see page 2)	By booked appointment	
8 Jan	Parish Council meeting	7pm	Parish Centre
8-11Jan	Thermal Imaging survey (see page 2)	By booked appointment	
9 Jan	Meet your Parish Council Clerks	9.30 or 11am	Parish Centre/Library
10 Jan	WI: Resolutions & Hurstingstone 100	7.15pm	Parish Centre
12 Jan	New Parish Centre – OPEN meetings	11am & 7.30	Parish Centre
26 Jan	WADS panto	7.30pm	Primary Academy
27 Jan	WADS panto	2pm & 7.30pm	Primary Academy
28 Jan	WADS panto	2pm	Primary Academy
29 Jan	Warboys Community Association AGM – open to all	7pm	Parish Centre
14 Feb	WI: Candles and Bees	7.15pm	Parish Centre
4 March	WLHS AGM and talk – Missing Parish Church Records	7.30pm	Methodist Church
17 April	Annual Parish Meeting	tbc	Parish Centre
6 May	Warboys Community May Day Fete	11 am – 3pm-	Sports Field
28 July	Feast Sunday: Street Market & Live Music pm	To be confirmed	

\*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 wheelchairs and walkers 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

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

- Warboys Parish Centre contact Emmeline, Assistant Clerk on 07985 771834
- De Ramsey Court Common Room contact 03701 924129
- Sports & Social Club contact Veronica 07904 358450

# Warboys Primary Academy Term Dates 2023-2024

Autumn term closes: Wed 20 December Spring term opens: Monday 8 January 2024 Half-term: 19-23 February Spring term closes: 28 March Summer term opens: Tuesday 16 April May Bank holiday: Monday 6 May Half-term: 27-31 May Summer term closes: Friday 19 July

#### Names and contact details for all your Parish Councillors can be found on the Warboys Parish Council website: www.warboyspc.info.

Julie Drummond, Clerk to the Parish Council can be contacted by email:

clerk@warboysparishcouncil.co.uk or ring 07985 771676

## **CHURCH and LIBRARY INFORMATION**

#### **GENERAL CHURCH INFORMATION**

#### Warboys Parish Church

- Sunday Morning Worship services at 10am
- Except 2nd Sunday of each month when a Traditional Worship is held at 9am, followed by Family Café Time at 10am - hot drinks, bacon or cheese toasties, table art and activities, songs and a short bible story. Open to all

The Church is open for individual private prayer and quiet reflection - daily Monday to Saturday, usually from 9.00 to 5.00

For more information please contact: Rector: Rev. Garry Dawson-Jones **rector@4parishes.org or** Curate: Rev. Maureen Dean - 01487 822391 or **maureendean1@btinternet.com** 

#### **Warboys Baptist Church**

- Sundays morning and evening at 10.45am and 6pm.
- Tuesdays in the back hall at 7.30pm.
  - All are welcome. Watch our website or Facebook page for details of meetings '

#### Warboys Methodist Church

• Join us at 6pm on a Sunday evening for worship – see notice board for details All are very welcome. Minister: Rev. Nick Witham <u>nicholas.witham@methodist.org.uk</u>

#### 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-leisureculture/libraries.

- if you would like help applying for or renewing your Bus Pass, make an appointment at Warboys Library
- remember if you are a member of the library, you get free internet access
- if you need help with basic computer skills, why not book a session with our Digital Buddy



## 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

Cambridgeshire County Council mbridgeshire.gov.uk/librar

#### OR .....



You can go to **Learn my Way** This is a free online learning website for

beginners helping them develop digital skills to make the most of the online world.

The online learning can be taken at the individual's own pace and to fit in with their schedule. You can use Learn my Way on your mobile, tablet or computer. Wherever you choose to learn it only takes minutes and you can try out a few topics before registering.

#### www.learnmyway.com

#### WARBOYS LIBRARY OPENING HOURS

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

Closed Wednesday, Friday & Sunday

#### FRIENDS OF WARBOYS LIBRARY

A group of volunteers who support the library and work closely with the library staff to develop the service and raise awareness of facilities by holding regular book sales and events. All proceeds raised fund items for the library. The Friends maintain the Warboys Village Directory at www.fowl.org.uk. Lots of useful local information.

Contact FOWL through the Library or email

# **NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITY GROUPS**

#### Warboys Art Group Autumn Exhibition

The Art Group Autumn Exhibition was held in the Sports & Social Club on the weekend of 28 and 29 October. The popular Art Raffle was run again this year, providing an opportunity for two raffle ticket purchasers to win an original piece of art, selected from pictures donated by club members, and displayed separately as part of the exhibition. The Art Raffle and donations raised a total of £146 with the proceeds to be divided between club funds and this year's chosen charity, the East Anglia's Children's Hospices. A big thank you to all those attending the exhibition and to those who purchased raffle tickets. About 140 pictures were displayed at the exhibition most of which were for sale. One of our attendees at the exhibition was Mrs Betty Milner, visiting with daughter and son-in-law Susan and Mick Mitchell (Mick was one of our exhibitors). Betty is believed to be the exhibition's oldest attendee and art critic (Betty will be celebrating her 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday during December!).

Warboys Art Group exists for the benefit of the group's members, both individually and collectively. Members are welcome from near and far with the majority being from Warboys, Ramsey and surrounding towns and villages. There is no formal leadership or tuition, and individual members participate as a co-operative group working to practice and create art in a friendly and informal environment. Our ethos is that we are mutually supportive and inclusive in all of our activities and all members are given equal opportunity to display their work in our exhibitions and in other promotions.

The Group normally meets on Wednesday evenings throughout the year, beginning at 7pm, at the Warboys Sports & Social Club. Please note that the group's last meeting for 2023 will be held on 13 December and the first meeting of 2024 will be on 10 January.

If you are inspired to 'have a go' at art then please find out more about Warboys Art Group by speaking to any of our members, or telephone either Karen Shipton on 07703 495431, or Malcolm Bowd on 07927028743.

Behind every community group sits a group of willing volunteers, juggling family, work, childcare and still donating a little of their time. Volunteering is rewarding for both the group & individual and is a great way to get to know others in the village. We were pleased to welcome our new committee members at our AGM, including new



#### WARBOYS UNDERFIVES PRESCHOOL

PRE-SCHOOL

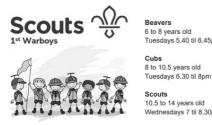
It has been a busy autumn term at Underlives: the children were invited to join the village's Friendship Club and enjoyed singing some of our favourite Harvest songs for them and shared cans of food as gifts. They have created their own edible sparklers & artwork following bonfire night and learned about animals and hibernation through winter. Our committee coordinated a successful FUND-RAISIN event and hosted a very popular Hallowe'en Disco which everyone thoroughly enjoyed - the events raising over £600 for the children attending Underfives! Our staff were pleased to support the village's fireworks display again this vear and would like to extend their thanks to the Warboys Community Bonfire & Fireworks Committee for their generous donation which will fund the staff's first aid training. Our thoughts now turn to Christmas and the celebrations that we will enjoy together in preschool whilst our committee run their ever-popular Christmas raffle - local companies have been incredibly generous in donating prizes, pls see posters, and tickets are only £1 each. Please email underfivesfundraising@hotmail.com to get involved ahead of the draw on 15 December



chairperson AnnMarie. If you would like more information on how to get involved in our committee, please email 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

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6 to 8 years old Tuesdays 5.40 til 6.45pm Cubs 8 to 10.5 years old

10.5 to 14 years old ednesdays 7 til 8.30pn

#### **1ST WARBOYS SCOUT GROUP**

Sadly we had to cancel our October the Bacon Butty event because of Storm Babet day 21 October! Otherwise, our Scouting group have been busy within the community this autumn. We were privileged to be able to light the bonfire for the village's annual fireworks display and our biggest thanks go to the Warboys Community Bonfire & Fireworks committee for their generous donation to our group again. We were also

incredibly proud of all of our Beavers, Cubs & Scouts who joined the community on Remembrance Sunday

- attending a service at the war memorial on the High Street before joining the Rainbows, Brownies & veterans to parade to the Parish Church for their Remembrance Service. They all respected the solemn occasion and took part with pride.

If your child is interested in joining our group, please complete the online form (link available on our Facebook page) or email our Group Scout Leader, David, on gslwarboys@hotmail.com. The group is run by a committee and a leadership team of volunteers who need your support. if you would like to support our local group and get involved in any way, please email our Committee Chair, Andy, on andrew.ilamb@vahoo.com

#### WARBOYS PTFA

Welcome back to all the students, families, and staff to a new academic year. We hope that the children and families who have joined in Foundation have settled in well and enjoying their time at school.

Following on from our AGM in October, we sadly said goodbye to Rachel Brown our Treasurer and Kay Broad, who both no longer have children at the school. Both gave over 10 years of their time to the PTFA, and they will be sorely missed. Huge thanks for their time and dedication to the PTFA and the school.

We have a newly appointed Committee, and we can now introduce Jessica Stanley as our new Chair, Katy Sacre as our new Vice-Chair, and Wendy Tang as our new Treasurer. The Secretary role is vacant, we would welcome anyone who would be interested in taking on that role. We are excited to get stuck into the fundraising planning, and hope to bring back some old favourites, alongside some new and exciting fundraising ideas.

Last year, we raised over £10,000 for the school and the majority of this has been earmarked for the new playground equipment which is so desperately needed for the school. We are also supporting with furnishing the library and providing more books for the library to help encourage children to read for leisure. Therefore, if you have any good condition books, suitable from 5 years to 11 years old, non-fiction and fiction you would like to donate to the school, please drop them off at the school office. Thank you.

Our first major fundraising campaign, which is always very popular amongst the school and wider community are our Christmas Hampers. The raffle tickets have arrived and will be sent home with the children very soon, but more can be obtained from the school office, or by contacting us via email or our Facebook page.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support with our fundraising efforts. Wishing you all a joyous Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/warboysptfa



#### **1ST WARBOYS RAINBOWS**

The pack attended a District STEM (science, technology, engineering, and maths) day on Saturday 4 November. Girls participated in several small group activities which included new friends from different units.

This is what one of our 5 yearold Rainbows said about the day.

"It was fun at the STEM day. We did Lego individual and group challenges. I went with Rainbows. I was ecsiteed seeing my friends. I liked the spinners the best."

We are looking forward to organising more fun events for our Rainbows in future. To enquire about rainbows (4-7 years), brownies (7-10 years) or volunteering with girlguiding please visit

#### www.girlguiding.co.uk

or email

warboysrainbows@outlook.com

# MORE NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITY GROUPS

#### WARBOYS FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Since the last Diary, we have been busy with several activities. We had our Fish & Chip Lunch, held a Macmillan Coffee Morning; have had a visit from the Underfives children for a Harvest Festival. We also had a talk on The Ramsey Volunteers, a Halloween competition, and our annual Anniversary Lunch (provided by Housdens) which was free to all our members. In addition, we have had a few of our usual activities along with plenty of cake.

Future events planned include a Christmas Turkey & Tinsel Lunch at Hartford Mill; a Christmas raffle and finishing off the year with mince pies and sherry with Christmas Carols led by Angela and Hilary. The New Year will get off to a great start with a visit by Charlie Chaplin for a group sing-along.

The Warboys Friendship Club meets on Thursday mornings from 10-11.30am in the Parish Centre so please feel free to drop-in. Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy some good company

Finally, on behalf of all the Members, we would like to thank everyone who has helped with and contributed to the running of the Friendship Club over the years. Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for the New Year.

A race night was held in September to raise funds to help Sean Dennis head off to Africa and build schools as part of the Mellon Educate program, this raised approximately £800 over the evening which was way more than anyone ever expected.

The Oak also supported Snowli Douthewaite and her family with a village raffle to raise awareness and funds for Action For Pulmonary Fibrosis, the draw for this was also held in September and raised over 2000 - a remarkable amount by Snowli and her family.

Finally the Teddy collection is still going strong, with over 50 bin bags donated so far. SERV Suffolk & Cambridge (also known as the Blood Bikes or Bloodrunners), use the soft toys as prizes on their tombola stalls over the year which helps keep their volunteer service going. If anyone has any good condition soft toys they would like to donate, please drop them into the pub whenever they are open and they will be passed onto SERV.

#### NEWS FROM THE ROYAL OAK i

We are delighted to share with you the news that the Royal Oak has been included in the latest edition of the CAMRA Good Beer Guide. For those of you not in the know, CAMRA is a nationwide organisation who try to promote the virtues of real ale and real pubs. It is run by volunteers who go out across the country trying out 1000's of pubs looking for a friendly atmosphere and great tasting real ales, they then deliberate before the top pubs are included in their annual beer guide. This year there have only been 17 new pubs included in the book so it's a great achievement.

Another great achievement has been the monies raised for local charities. Through the weekly pub quiz the locals have raised over £4500 for the Huntingdon MS Therapy Centre and Woodlands Cancer Centre based at Hinchingbrooke Hospital.

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The Royal Oak
Christmas Opening
The Royal Oak Hours
Christmas Eve 12.00 – 23.00
Christmas Day 11.30 - 14.30
Boxing Day 12.00 – 20.00
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> Dec 17.00 – 22.00
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> Dec 17.00 – 22.00
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Dec 12.00 – 23.00
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> Dec 12.00 - 23.00
New Years Eve 12.00 - Late
New Years Day CLOSED
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan CLOSED
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan CLOSED
Thurs 4th Jan 17.00 – 23.00
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan Normal opening
times resume
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#### WARBOYS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

# We will be holding our Annual General Meeting on Monday 29 January 2024 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 Centre and explore how the wider community can help kit out the inside** of our new centre

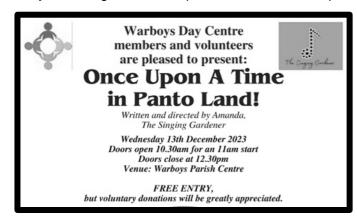
The meeting is open to all Warboys residents, and you are very welcome to come along

## **MORE NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITY GROUPS**



#### WARBOYS DAY CENTRE

As usual, we have had a busy month at the Day Centre, with much of our time taken up with the planning and preparation for our Pantomime. Costumes are now ready, and members have been practising their singing (oh my ears!), and those with starring roles have been rehearsing their parts. I have been very impressed by the way that members have enthusiastically gone about their preparations, so now, we are ready for the big event. I am quite sure it will be a unique and humorous performance.



Looking back on 2023, we have welcomed several new members and volunteers, as well as a few new entertainers to our Day Centre. if you think you would be interested in joining us, either as a member or volunteer, please get in touch with me.

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

Our Pantomime takes place on Wednesday 13 December as part of our open house event. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. refreshments will be available, as well as a sale of craft items. Admission is free, but donations are very much appreciated.

December is looking to be a very busy month for everyone. We have visits from several entertainers, as well as our Christmas Lunch - oh yes - and the Panto!

> As with all local organisations, we are reliant on the immense contribution of our volunteers. If you think this is something you would be interested in – even for as little as 2 hours per week, then please do not hesitate in contacting me.

Our volunteers age range is from 16 to 80+ years old, so you're never too young or too old to use your skills for the enrichment of others.

lunch (hot main) and a varied entertainment and activity programme, for which we charge a nominal fee of £14.00 per day. This much-loved local charity offers support to older people in our community, and we look forward to meeting you, either as a member or a volunteer. Our Manager, Sue, can be contacted during normal business hours on - 07548 949809.

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to extend sincere thanks to everyone who has supported us during 2023, as well as our members, who make it all worthwhile. We would also like to extend best wishes to everyone for the upcoming festive season.



#### Stay steady on your feet with new fall risk checking tool

Cambridgeshire County Council has launched an online fall risk checking tool to help you understand your risk of falling and simple steps you can take to stay active and independent.

From the age of 65, the risk of having a fall increases but many are avoidable. The new tool, Steady on your Feet, is aimed at those who haven't previously had a fall but would like to understand what they can do to prevent this happening.

Steady on Your Feet is easy to use, asking a short series of questions to help understand any individual risks you might have and providing an action plan to keep you active and independent while increasing your confidence and reducing the risk of falling. You can fill it in yourself, or ask a family member or friend if you need extra help.

For more information and to use the risk checker, go to

#### www.steadyonyourfeet.org/cambridgeshire

#### DEC 2023- JAN 2024

# **OTHER BITS & PIECES**

THE MARKET PLACE



Helping with Food Poverty

Warboys continues to support Ramsey Foodbank. Your donations can be left in the box outside 16 High Street, Warboys SPAR, and the Parish Church.

Items urgently needed include

- squash .
- long life fruit juice
- tea /coffee
- UHT milk (1 litre) •
- biscuits •
- jam
- rice pudding/tinned fruit
- sponge puddings /
- desserts custard

#### Christmas food treats (December only!!)

- tinned fish .
- tinned spaghetti •
- instant mash •
- rice .
- toiletries •
- toilet roll .
- washing powder • •
- washing-up liquid
- pet food

Message from Cambridge Fire & Rescue

Lithium-ion batteries can't be disposed of in your regular household recycling.

#### Doing so can cause fires.

Many local shops have a battery bank where you can dispose of them, and recycling centres can also take them. If you're unsure you can check with your local council.

For more information go to

www.warboyspc.info/environment





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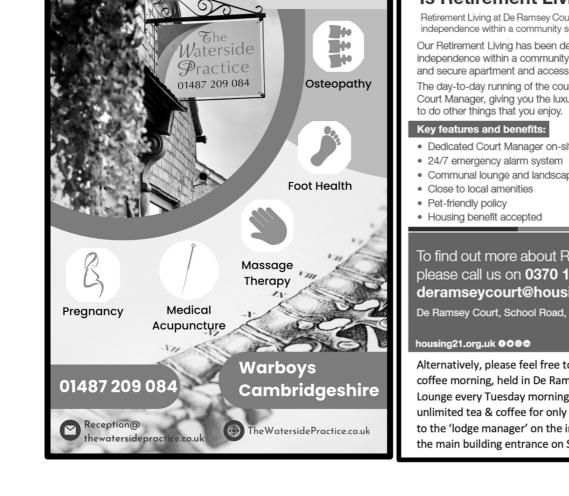
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Alternatively, please feel free to come along to a coffee morning, held in De Ramsey Court Communal Lounge every Tuesday morning from 10.30am unlimited tea & coffee for only £1. Just buzz through to the 'lodge manager' on the intercom system by the main building entrance on School Road.



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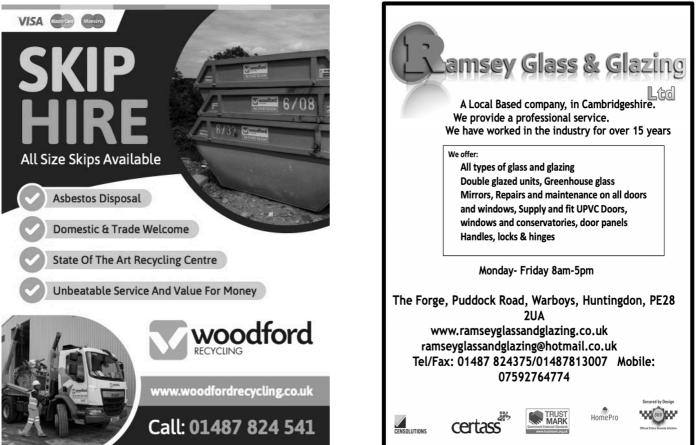
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