

Editorial

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL. We have much to look forward to as 2024 gets underway and hopefully the cost of living crisis will improve and make life easier for everyone.

All our community groups are getting ready for spring and summer and will have all sorts of interesting and exciting events planned. Warboys Community Association has started panning for the May Day Fete and for Feast Week – we are looking to make both events even bigger and better. Finally, we can watch our new Parish Centre taking shape and can look forward to a grand opening in early 2025

From Andrea & Val – your editorial team

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Headlines

OUR NEW PARISH CENTRE ... construction is about to get underway

After a long and at times tortuous journey, our Parish Council has secured all the permissions and funding necessary to provide our thriving community with a new Parish Centre - we thank you. Ben & Co have been appointed as our builder – this is great news as Ben knows Warboys well and is highly regarded in the local community.

The construction will have started by the time this edition of the Diary is delivered to residents. There will inevitably be some disruption as the work progresses, but the Parish Council team are committed to doing everything possible to keep this to a minimum, but we will all need to be understanding and patient. The Council will be providing regular updates via their website, Facebook page and the Diary.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE PARISH CENTRE CAR PARK

For the duration of the construction work, the car park located at the rear of the existing parish centre will be inaccessible.

Access will be blocked off with effect from 12 February

Please take note of this important information to avoid any inconvenience

MAJOR COMMUNITY EVENTS 2024 - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Warboys May Day Fete: 11am-3pm on Monday 6 May at the Sports Field

Feast week Sunday 28 July to Saturday 3 August

includes the Sunday Street market, a live music event late afternoon on the Sunday and lots of events throughout the week including the Fair on Monday to Wednesday

WARBOYS PARISH COUNCIL NEWS



WARBOYS' FIRST THERMAL IMAGING SURVEY RESULTS ARE IN!

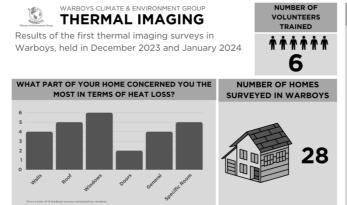
Almost 30 Warboys residents took up the opportunity to understand the energy performance and environmental impact of their homes through free thermal imaging surveys offered over 8 evenings during December and January.

Using a state-of-the-art thermal imaging camera, volunteers from Warboys Climate and Environmental Group (WCEG) captured heat images that showed hot, warm and cold

spots in properties across the village.

Armed with the information showing where heat is being lost from their homes, householders are now able to effectively target their insulation efforts to reduce carbon emissions, energy consumption and bills.

In feedback from those householders surveyed, the biggest single action



WHAT SINGLE ACTION WILL YOU BE TAKING AS A RESULT OF THE SURVEY?

- Radiator reflectors
- Thermal curtains/blinds
- Window draught/seal strip
- Loft insulation
- External wall insulation
- Cavity Wall insulation
- · Close curtains more often
- Change old windows
- Door draught excluder
- Insulate doors
- Nothing! Happy with the results

m a total of 19 feedback surveys completed by residents

that householders said they would take was the introduction of radiator reflectors. Available from a range of suppliers, this energy-saving foil reflects wasted heat energy radiated from the rear of a radiator back into the room, without it being lost into the walls.

As well as radiator reflectors, there are straightforward and relatively low-cost actions that you can take in your homes to reduce heat loss, including installing thermal curtains and blinds over windows and doors as well as adding seal strips to windows. Draught excluders placed at the bottom of external and internal doors are also an easy way to help to cut heat loss.

As a result of this first round of surveys, the WCEG already has a waiting list for future imaging surveys. You can keep up to date on this and all our projects by visiting our <u>webpage www.warboyspc.info/environment</u> or following the group's Facebook page (just search Warboys Climate Environment Group). And, if you'd like to be part of the team's work, just send us a message.

Letter to the editor about WATER SAFETY and a reply

I would like to ask a question. Why are there no life belts, or warning signs, around any of the four settlement ponds on two of the new housing estates in the village? The public should be advised that there are unknown levels of water hidden beneath the weeds and reeds in these ponds. Bearing in mind that these new estates are housing families with young children the fencing also seems to be very low making it very easy for children to climb over and investigate the contents of these ponds or retrieve stray balls etc. I think this is a safety issue that should be addressed by whoever is responsible for the ponds – am not sure if this is the developers or the Parish Council.

Name & address supplied.

Thank you for bringing this concern to the Parish Council's attention. We would like to clarify that a condition of the planning permission for both estates was the signing of what's termed a section 106 agreement between the landowner and the local planning authority. The agreements are inherited by the developers when the land is sold to them with the benefit of planning permission. They contain provisions for the future ownership and maintenance of the open spaces on the estates once the development has been completed. It's the Council's understanding that the land has been transferred to management companies which are the responsibility of the property owners on the estates. They are responsible for future maintenance but the Council doesn't have any details of either the companies or the maintenance arrangements.

As a council, for the areas we own, we ensure that sufficient safety requirements are provided for the sheep dip, Weir, and Onyett's field pond. These safety measures include life buoys and deep water signage.

Dr S Withams, Chair Warboys Parish Council

WARBOYS PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Exciting Start to the New Year for Warboys

Thanks to the Council's successful fundraising efforts, including support from community groups (special mention to Warboys WI) and residents, work has begun on the new Parish Centre to the rear of the existing building.

The new Parish Centre will provide a modern, spacious and accessible space for community events, meetings, and activities for years to come. Furthermore, the building will offer other public sector services space to deliver their services as County, District, and the NHS strive to increase their partnership working. The project has been carefully planned and designed to meet the needs of the community, with input from residents and local groups being taken into account.

The new centre will offer a range of facilities including a large hall, meeting rooms, kitchen facilities, and ample parking. It will also be fully accessible to all ensuring that everyone in the community can benefit from the new space.

The construction is expected to take approximately 12 months, but the Council will keep residents and users informed of progress and any changes to the current building's use. Meanwhile, we are excited to see the project come to fruition and look forward to the positive impact it will have on the community. We hope it will serve as a hub for community activities and events, bringing people together for many years to come.

Our most recent public exhibition of the building plans was well attended and it was great to see local residents who were able to speak to Council members, builders and architect about the development. The feedback from the community was overwhelmingly positive, with many expressing excitement about the new development. Some residents had concerns about the impact on traffic, access and parking in the area, but the working group assured them that they were taking steps to mitigate these issues as much as is possible.

The Council members were pleased to receive the constructive feedback and assured the residents that their concerns would be taken into consideration. Overall, it was a successful event that helped to build trust and transparency between the community, builders and the Council.

We would like to inform all residents and users that during the duration of the construction work, that with effect from 12 February the car park located at the rear of the existing parish centre will be inaccessible.

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Warboys Allotments



The Parish Council currently has several full and half plots available for rental.

Allotments offer a fun and cost-effective way to grow fresh, produce and connect with others who share a

passion for gardening. It's a great opportunity to discover a new hobby, so why not give it a try? Interested individuals can contact the Parish Council Clerks for information on plot sizes and fees.

Huntingdon District Council Tax Support Scheme

In December HDC Members voted to offer an enhanced Council Tax Support Scheme to help some of the lowest income households.

To find out more and if you may qualify you can visit their website:

huntingdonshire.gov.uk/benefits/ council-tax-support/

Parish Council meetings

Don't forget all are welcome to attend our monthly Council meetings with the next two dates set for 12 February 7pm and 11 March 7.00pm both to be held in the Warboys Parish Centre. The agenda will be posted on village notice boards the Tuesday before and on the Parish Council website

www.warboyspc.info

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING To be held on

Wednesday 17 April in the Parish Centre (time tbc)

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CHRISTMAS JUST GONE



Rotary IMPACTing Warboys

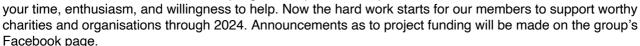
Warboys IMPACT Group is a companion group to Ramsey Rotary created by a core team of individuals based in Warboys. The focus being on raising funds for our community and project led activities. Since officially launching in November

2023, they hit the ground running, with their first project - the Santa Float. The plan was to take on the annual street house to house collection around Warboys which is a growing community, allowing the Ramsey group to concentrate on Ramsey.

The Santa Float Run certainly surprised everyone again this year and at Rotary we say a huge thank you to the amazing generosity of the residents of Ramsey, Warboys and all our surrounding villages, we've had another brilliant year with a new record total of £10,676.48 being raised

The Warboys IMPACT Group, on their first Santa Float programme for Warboys and Wistow had a very successful run. The collection from the Warboys Impact team was higher than in 2022 and made a significant contribution to our overall total thanks to the generosity of Warboys and Wistow residents.

You were amazing and special thanks to the Royal Oak who refueled us and Santa with hot drinks. A special mention also goes to our worthy band of volunteers who came out every night to help us. Thank you for





IMPACT

Involving
Many
People
And
Community
Togetherness
where change can
happen

Do you fancy a new challenge for 2024, then how about being part of the Warboys IMPACT Group?

Watch this space as we grow and develop IMPACT. Further updates on our plans can be found via our Facebook page *Rotary Warboys Impact* and in future editions of the Diary. If you like what you see or are looking to be part of this group - we welcome members to

join us or even just take part as a seasonal volunteer, You'll be most welcome - IMPACT has something for all levels of commitment. If you're interested, then please contact us via our email for more details at impact@ramseyrotary.co.uk

IMPACT is under the umbrella of the well-known Rotary International. With its stability, worldwide respect, and ethos we are supported by the right people. Problem solvers who see the world where people unite and take action to create lasting change across the globe, in our communities and in ourselves. Rotary work to promote peace, fight disease, provide clean water, sanitation and hygiene, save mothers and children, support education, grow local economics and to protect the environment.

Our Christmas prize draw in partnership with Johnson's of Old Hurst ended on the 17 December, with the draw itself raising £1868.50.

The lucky winners were Sheila Sutton of Bury (1st prize), Linda Smith of Chatteris (2nd prize), Donna Smith of Great Stukeley (3rd prize) and the hamper went to Mr. Taylor of Warboys.

Congratulations everyone!



RAMSEY FOOD BANK has relocated to the Small Hall, Ramsey Methodist Church, High Street. Tel: 07596 544157. Open 10-1200 hrs Tuesday & Thursday.

- squash/long life fruit juice
- instant mash
- · tinned fruit
- rice pudding
- · sponge puddings/
- other desserts

The food bank supports individuals and families in Warboys who are experiencing food poverty. **Your donations are really important.** These can be left in the box outside 16 High Street, Warboys SPAR, and the Parish Church. They urgently need the items listed in the boxes either side.

www.ramsey.foodbank.org.uk

- shampoo
- razors
- toilet roll
- washing powder
- laundry conditioner
- washing-up liquid

MORE ABOUT CHRISTMAS JUST GONE

WARBOYS DAY CENTRE

The end of 2023 was a rather hectic period for all of us here at the Day Centre. December the 13 saw us performing our first ever Pantomime, it was written by Amanda "The Singing Gardener" and all of the roles were filled by our members and volunteers. As you may imagine, rehearsals were challenging, but everything went well on the day, with much fun and laughter both on and off stage! Our in-house choir accompanied Amanda (reasonably well), and our Corse (Pantomime Cow/Horse) was a great hit. Several of us needed a lay down in a darkened room at the end of it, as it was extremely exhausting, but we all had a great amount of fun, and the audience of over 25 seemed to enjoy it too. I am assured, it was the subject of much discussion and hilarity at family gatherings over the festive period.



The following week, saw around 30 people enjoy a Christmas lunch, which as usual was very well presented by Housdens Outside Caterers, and to everyone's delight, we also had a visit from Father Christmas. The day was completed by our annual Christmas raffle. Our final event of the year was our Christmas buffet, and on this occasion, entertainment was provided by locals Angela and Hilary – thanks to them.

Many thanks to everyone who supported us throughout the year, with special acknowledgement to those who came along to our Pantomime, you really made our Christmas.

As ever, we have plenty of plans in the pipeline for 2024, and we hope to see many of you at our various public events throughout the year.

Here's wishing all our Members, Volunteers, Committee and Supporters a prosperous and happy 2024

For more information about us, please contact Sue during normal business hours on 07548 949809.



WARBOYS CHRISTMAS LIGHTING

GROUP

The Warboys Christmas Lighting Group would like to thank all who supported, brainstormed and attended our biggest Switch on Event yet, which took place on Saturday 25 November!

As many of you will know, we had a fantastic night, serving mulled wine & mince pies along with a tasty BBQ. Santa arrived on his sleigh (provided by Warboys Rotary Impact) and then greeted the children in his Evolution Dome Grotto (provided by Dan Fabb) with Elves handing out gifts from the Warboys Amateur Dramatic Society. We put on hot drinks including hot chocolate & marshmallows and another new stand this year; flashing novelties.

Two competition winners from the Warboys Primary Academy; Ava Swannell and Rex Lawson-Turner helped us switch on the village lights and we also had festive singing from the School choir and Warboys Voices.

With the road closed and the busy bustle of locals stretching from the tip of the Weir down to where our stage was situated across Statfold Green, we had good feedback about the new extended layout, long requested non-alcoholic hot drinks and a catching festive atmosphere of community spirit! It was truly special.

On the night, alongside our sponsorship banner scheme we raised over £3,000!! This all helps towards our annual £5,000 fundraising target in order to pay for contractors who now safely install and take down our village lights.

This year Manchetts Transport kindly donated the funds to cover the cost of two new lighting displays along the Mill Green end of the village which the community has been requesting for years. Swannells Transport again provided the staging for the choirs along with funds for our real Christmas tree from Warboys Christmas Tree Centre. - it never ceases to impress. We are also grateful for the continued support from Sarah Dyer who has provided secure storage for all of the displays and support equipment.

All in all, a successful fundraising year and we are truly grateful for the community support especially the Warboys Community Association, Pat and Pam, the SPAR and the Parish Council. If you have ideas for the next Switch-on Event, interested in becoming a sponsor or anything else please do get in touch.

To donate now and keep our lights sparkling for 2024: https://gofundme.me/80628765. The Waterside Practice 10a Mill Green, Warboys is also able to take any direct donations to be passed onto our treasurer.

All the best for 2024, what a special community Warboys is!

NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITY GROUPS



Have you ever wanted to try playing lawn bowls?

Did you know that there is a club in the village?

The playing season is from the end of April to the beginning of September

The club is situated at the rear of the White Hart pub

We have open sessions at 2pm on Tuesdays [weather permitting] and can provide bowls for you to try the game, the only thing you need are flat soled shoes

if you are interested and wish to know more, we can be contacted on

01487 822139 or email at savuka2014@gmail.com

Keep an eye out for more information on our open day, nearer the time

WARBOYS LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The Society will start the new season on Monday 4 March 2024 with a talk by Brian Lake talking about the missing pages removed from the Parish Church records of 1686-94 and their part in a national fraud with many millions of pounds at stake. This will follow a short AGM. The following meetings include history of RAF Wyton, Hemingford Grey Manor House, origin of football rules in Cambridge, an armchair pub crawl round Warboys, what is under Fyson Way, and Denis of Grunty Fen.

All are welcome to the meetings at the Methodist Church at 7.30 on the first Monday of the month. See the notice boards in the village and the village Facebook pages for details and reminders.



WARBOYS VOICES

Do you enjoy singing? Would you like to be part of a friendly community choir with no auditions? Warboys Voices may just be the group you are looking for. We are an adult choir for singers from Warboys and the surrounding villages. We meet on **Tuesday evenings**

from 6.30 – 8pm in Warboys Parish Centre, term time only. New members are always welcome to swell our ranks. Don't worry if you can't read music, as many of our choir members don't. It doesn't stop them enjoying the singing, and learning as they go.

We sing a variety of styles, and suggestions for new music are always welcome. We occasionally sing at village events or to local groups, but there is no pressure to perform if you'd rather not. Our musical director, Kath Chivers, is now building up our repertoire for the coming year.



If you are thinking of coming back to choir singing, or it's something you have always thought you might enjoy, then either, just turn up on a Tuesday evening at 6.30pm or contact Lucy on 07590

593349 or Christine on 07761 052765 for further details. Your first taster session is free, so why not bite the bullet and try something new. You would be made very welcome.

WARBOYS WI

Apart from our regular meetings, we have a busy few months coming up. We are running a Valentine Quiz Night on 16 February *(sold out)* when we will be raising money for the Parish Church.

We are also planning a 1940s Big Band Night on 1 June to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the D-Day Landings. More information in the next edition of the Diary and on notice boards

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

NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITY GROUPS

WARBOYS FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Warboys Friendship Club meets on Thursday mornings from 10-11.30 am in the Parish Centre

Since our last entry, we have been busy. We have held a games morning, a quiz, bingo, card bingo; wordsearch competitions, a Christmas Turkey & Tinsel lunch at Hartford Mill, had a visit from the Under 5's pre-school group for Christmas carols and songs, a Christmas raffle with a ploughman's lunch, before finishing off the year with mince pies, sherry and Christmas carols led by Angela and Hilary. The New Year got off to a good start with a visit from Charlie Chaplin for a group sing-along.

Future activities include a fish and chip lunch, card bingo, quizzes; wordsearch and a games morning, along with plenty of cake.

All ages are welcome, so why not pop in for a tea or coffee, as well as a biscuit, for £1 and maybe you'll bump into someone you know and be able to catch up on all the goings on. We are open to all ages, men and women,

55 PLUS

New Year, New Venue, New Time!!!

We will be meeting on the last Wednesday of the month as usual, but we will be in the Sports and Social Club at 2pm.

Regular meetings will take place between March and September, although there will be an extra social Get Together at 2pm on 28 February at our new venue which is just off Forge Way.

Why not come along for a cup of tea and a chat, meet other members and try out our new venue. We look forward to seeing you.

very welcome, in fact the more the merrier.

although the men are outnumbered (at the moment) they are

COPING WITH LOSS BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT WARBOYS PARISH CHURCH 2.30PM - 4.00PM beginning on Wednesday 13 March, and continuing thereafter on the second Wednesday of each month.

An opportunity for all who have experienced bereavement, either recently or in the past, to find a cup of tea, a listening ear and the companionship of others who have also experienced loss.

For further info. contact – Rev'd Maureen Dean 01487 822391



The Royal Oak

Live Music

Saturday 10th Feb @ 8.30 TNT

Sunday 18th Feb @ 3.30 Rich Young Duo

Saturday 24th Feb @ 8.30 Si Dartford

Saturday 10th Feb @ 8.30 TNT

Graham Buxton

Saturday 16th March @ 8.30 Charlie & Rehanna

Pub Opening Hours

Monday - Closed Tuesday 5 - 11 Wednesday 5 - 11 Thursday 12 - 11 Friday 12 - Late Saturday 12 - Late Sunday 12 - 10

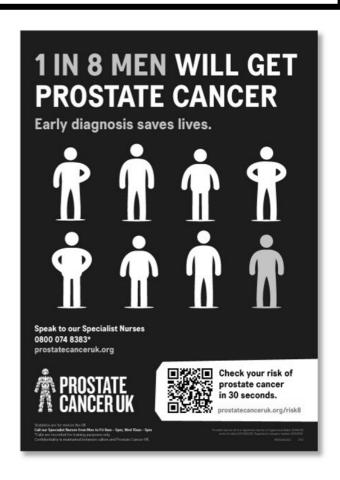
Kitchen Opening Hours

Wednesday 6-8.30 Thursday 12-3 & 6-8.30 Friday 12-3 & 6-9 Saturday 12-3 & 3-9 Sunday 12-3

Food Truck Tuesdays

6th Feb HK Hitwrap Mother's Day 10th March @ 3.30 13th Feb Scotties Scotch Eggs 20th Feb Eat Greek 27th Feb Pizza My Heart 5th March HK Hitwrap

> 70 Mill Green Warboys PE28 2SB 01487 824848



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 823562or 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 during term time in Warboys Parish Centre from 6.30 -

8pm. Contact Lucy on 07590 593349 or Christine on 07761 052765

Warboys Local History Society



Joan B - 07813 594229

Joan C - 07979 342653 or Brian 01487 822296



Warboys Walkers Walks for all abilities throughout the year Contact Roy Reeves

01487 823562 or rov.reeves@hotmail.com



Warboys Christmas Lighting Group

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



Warboys Bell Ringers Meet every Thursday at

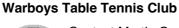
7.30pm at the Parish

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



St Ives & Warboys Cricket Club Contact

http://www.stivesandwarboyscc. clubbuzz.co.uk/





Contact Martin Croucher on 07825 186205



Warboys Academy PTFA Contact

warboys.secretary.ptfa@gmail.com https://www.facebook.com/warboysptfa



Warboys Beavers, **Cubs & Scouts**

Contact via gslwarboys@hotmail.com

1st Brownies & Rainbows for



girls aged 5-7 and 7-101/2. 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 Colts

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

White Hart Bowls Club



Contact Graham Spalding on savuka2014@gmail.com

Old Village School Board Trust Gives

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

Red Tile Wind Farm & Whittome Wind Trusts. Both Trusts have funds available as grants. For more information contact the Secretary on 07985 771676

Warboys Sports & Social Club



Sports Field, Forge Way. Visit Facebook page

WHAT'S ON - calendar of forthcoming events

DATE	EVENT	TIME	VENUE
12 Feb	Parish Council meeting	7pm	Parish Centre
14 Feb	WI: Candles and Bees	7.15pm	Parish Centre
16 Feb	WI Valentines Quiz Night (Sold Out)	7.30pm	Parish Centre
28 Feb	55Plus – social afternoon with refreshments	2pm	Sports & Social Club
4 March	WLHS AGM and talk – Missing Parish Church	7.30pm	Methodist Church
	Records		
11 March	Parish Council meeting	7pm	Parish Centre
13 March	WI Anglesey Abbey House	7.15pm	Parish Centre
27 March	55Plus monthly meeting	2pm	Sports & Social Club
8 April	Parish Council meeting	7pm	Parish Centre
8 April	WLHS The History of RAF Wyton	7.30pm	Methodist Church
10 April	WI Knitting Through the Ages	7.15pm	Parish Centre
17 April	Annual Parish Meeting	tbc	Parish Centre
24 April	55Plus – monthly meeting	2pm	Sports & Social Club
6 May	Warboys Community May Day Fete	11 am – 3pm-	Sports Field
13 May	WLHS History of the Manor, Hemingford Grey	7.30pm	Methodist Church
22 May	Warboys Day Centre AGM	2.30pm	Parish Centre
29 May	55Plus – monthly meeting	2pm	Sports & Social Club
1 June	WI 80th D-Day Anniversary 1940s Big Band concert	Details in preparation	
3 June	WLHS Cambridge's Sporting revolution	7.30pm	Methodist Church
12 June	WI Eating on Rations	7.15pm	Parish Centre
26 June	55Plus – monthly meeting	2pm	Sports & Social Club
28 July	Feast Sunday: Street Market & entertainment	11am-2pm Cloc	k Tower end of Hight St
	Feast Sunday: Live Music pm	Details to be confirmed	
29 July- 3 Aug	Feast week		Details 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, walkers and a shower stool 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 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

Autumn term opens: Thursday 5 September

Half-term: 28 October -1 November

Autumn term closes: Thursday 19 December

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: Father Arakkal Joseph Andrew 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
- 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



Warboys Cambridgeshire Cambridgeshire

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

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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

MORE NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITY GROUPS



Warboys Primary Academy

It's been a brilliant year so far at Warboys Primary Academy. In September we welcomed our new principal, Mr Stuart Mallott, who has a wealth of experience in leadership roles in primary schools in Cambridgeshire and is excited to join us at





Warboys, he says: "I feel fortunate to be part of such a welcoming community and have thoroughly enjoyed my first term at the academy. I'm committed to ensuring that all our pupils receive the best education in a safe and inclusive environment, and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents, carers, families, local organisations and our wider community for your help and support."

As well as welcoming Mr Mallott, we all had a fantastic autumn term with lots of events and activities for the children to enjoy. Our new Reception children settled into school so

well, and it was lovely to see them making new friends and enjoying their learning. Our whole academy also enjoyed our Enrichment Week, with lots of practical, themed activities to take part in that added a whole new dimension to the children's learning.

As part of Enrichment Week, our Year 5 and 6 children enjoyed trips to Imperial War Museum in Duxford and Ramsey Rural Museum CIO, which brought their historical topic of World War Two alive. They also took part in an evacuee day, writing postcards home, making carrot buns and spam sandwiches, and enjoying a 1940's tea party in the afternoon!



WARBOYS UNDERFIVES PRESCHOOL

A very Happy New Year from everyone at Warboys Underfives. Our children had a wonderful time celebrating Christmas last term - we played Santa in our sleigh with rocking reindeer, shared cards with our friends and had fun at our Christmas parties before the break. We have been pleased to welcome our children back to preschool this term along with new friends who have joined us this term. The children have enjoyed exploring space with our toy spaceships & astronauts, playing with the sea creatures in our water trays and using the trucks in the garden to sort & explore recyclable materials.

Our committee were very busy fundraising before Christmas with elf trails, raffles & colouring competitions and, with your support, raised an incredible £808 for the children attending Underfives. All monies raised through fundraising & donations directly benefit our children through new purchases, building improvements and support and we would like to extend our thanks to all of the local businesses & individuals who continue to support our committee's efforts.

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. If you would like to know more about their role or get involved pls email AnnMarie on chair wu5@yahoo.com

Warboys Underfives is a preschool serving the village of Warboys & surrounding hamlets. If you would like any further information on our preschool please email our manager, Rachel, on warboysunderfives@hotmail.co.uk or call 01487 823190

The run up to the festive season was also very exciting in school - the children enjoyed making Christmas decorations, eating a delicious school Christmas lunch, and performing brilliantly in their Christmas productions. Our choir also sang beautifully supporting our local Christmas Light Switch On.



We're now well into our spring term at Warboys Primary Academy and it's shaping up to be a great term - we look forward to bringing you news of our activities in the next issue. In the meantime, you can keep up with our news on our Facebook page @WarboysPrimaryAcademy and on our Twitter feed @PrimaryWarboys.

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1ST WARBOYS SCOUT GROUP

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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.jlamb@yahoo.com



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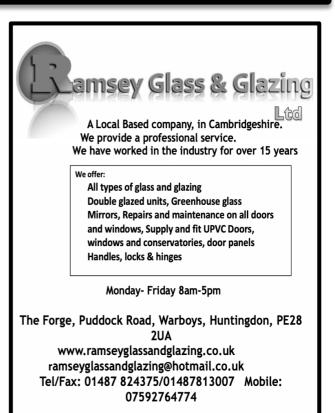
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