

Editorial

It's hard to believe that we are now in April and that Easter has been and gone. Hopefully now it is feeling more like spring we will be able to get out more and enjoy some sunshine without getting rained on.

Planning for our May Day Fete is going really well. We look forward to welcoming you on the day – just make sure you bring decent weather with you. Have a look at the poster insert in the Diary and also go to page 5.

From Andrea & Val – your editorial team

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Headlines

ROY REEVES MADE A FREEMAN OF WARBOYS

Members of the Parish Council unanimously agreed to bestow the title of Honorary Freeman of Warboys to Roy Reeves for his tireless dedication and hard work for both Warboys Parish Council and the village for 27 years.

We hope that you will all join us in thanking Roy and acknowledging that his contributions to Warboys will not be forgotten.

See report of the presentation event on page 3

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CHANGES TO GREEN BIN SERVICE

The Council would like to politely remind residents that the Huntingdon District Council's (HDC) new Green Bin Subscription service comes into effect on 1st April. If you haven't yet signed up for the service and you would like to you can visit their website https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/bins-waste/garden-waste-subscription-service/. For more information about alternative ways of disposing of green waste, including composting tips go to pages 2 and 4

CONGRATULATIONS TO WARBOYS TOWN FC 1st TEAM

Warboys Town 1st Team have won through to yet another Cup Final.

They will be playing Oakham FC in the Peterborough Seniors Cup Final. The match will be played at the Peterborough United ground on Friday 17 May. Kick off 1915. The club are hoping to organise a coach to take players, committee and supporters to the game

WE WISH THE TEAM GOOD LUCK

WARBOYS PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

NEW PARISH CENTRE

The construction works for the new Parish Centre are well underway with the foundations for the building starting in early April. Due to the nature of the piling work to be conducted it may cause some noise disruption throughout the village, however this stage is anticipated to only last 4 days. We apologise in advance for any inconvenience this may cause. Please be advised: Due to construction work taking place at the rear of the current Parish Centre, the car park is now closed.

CHANGES TO GREEN BIN SERVICE

From 1st April only green bins with the subscription sticker on will be collected on the allocated collection dates. There will be no change to the current collection day, however food waste will no longer be accepted for green bins and should instead go in grey bins. For residents opting out of the green waste bin service, HDC offers the following options:

- HDC have implemented a Saturday freight service for residents to take their green waste to be collected. You can find a copy of the schedule on the Warboys Parish Council website and the HDC website.
- Anyone within the District can go to dispose of green waste at these scheduled collections, however there are currently none specifically allocated to Warboys.
- Warboys Parish Council is in the process of applying for some community bins to be located in the village for all residents to use. Once the Council has found suitable locations for them, we will advise members of the parish accordingly.

For details on how to dispose of your green bin if you are not using the service, you can visit the HDC website and complete their online form:

https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/bins-waste/garden-waste-subscription-service/

We have been advised by Huntingdon District Council that due to this initiative being early in implementation all of the scheduled services will be reviewed depending on usage and feedback from the community.

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.

Parish Council meetings

Don't forget all are welcome to attend our monthly Council meetings with the next date set for 7pm 8 April and the Annual meeting of the Council at 7pm on 13 May. Both will 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 7.30 pm Wednesday 17 April in the Parish Centre

All are welcome to come along

PUDDOCK ROAD PROPOSAL

The Parish Council were recently made aware of an application by County Highways to close the single-track section of Puddock Road.

Following the recent full Council meeting, County Councillor A Costello was in attendance to reassure members that she is in discussions with Highways to ensure that this vital access way is kept open. She stressed that the cause is important to her and she wanted to ensure that the safety needs for users were met, whilst still providing the integral access for the local communities. Warboys Parish Council have advised her that they will support her in any way they can.

THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY

is fast approaching, and a will be marked by the WI's much anticipated evening of live 1940's music and dancing planned for Saturday 1 June. [see page 8],

Additionally an event is scheduled for the 6 June to commemorate this historic milestone as part of the national celebrations. A service will take place at St. Mary Magdalene Church, followed by a beacon lighting at 9.15pm. We are looking forward to Warboys Voices joining us for this occasion. Stay tuned for more details, which will be shared soon on the Parish Council's website (warboyspc.info), Facebook page, and village notice boards.

ROY REEEVES

A special event was held on Monday 25 March to confer the status of Freeman of Warboys on Roy Reeves.

Here are some extracts from his citation

Roy's work with the Council started on 1 January 1996, being appointed to the post of Clerk and Roy retired in November 2023. Some of the highlights and challenges associated with his 27 years as Clerk to the Parish Council include

- Attendance at more than 800 meetings of the Council and committees resulting in more than 12 volumes of minute books.
- Supported and guided at least 45 members of the Council and 6 chairmen, plus 11 handymen and two cleaners.
- Guided the Council through the purchase of the open spaces at the Pathfinder Way, Farriers Way and Orchard Close estates, as well as Onvetts Field.
- The number of playgrounds grew from one at Adams Lyons to three including Jubilee Park and Orchard Close. Well over £200,000 has been spent on play equipment for those playgrounds.
- over 450 houses have been built in Warboys and the population increased by more than 16%.
- ♣ The number of allotments has increased from 18 to 50.
- In the days of the Village of the Year competition, Warboys won the Cambridgeshire title 3 times (together with numerous categories), reaching the final in London in 2000. The Fairhaven Trophy remains in situ in the High Street, although currently being repaired, as
 - Warboys was the last winner of the Cambridgeshire title when the competition closed.
- When Roy took up post, the Council's reserves amounted to about £20,000 plus £64,000 that the Council had received for the sale of three building plots in Fenton Road. On his retirement, the Council's reserves stood at £845,000 and the Council still has one of the smallest precepts of the larger parish councils in Huntingdonshire.
- Over half a million pounds in grants has been obtained from various sources for the replacement Parish Centre, purchase of land, play equipment, environmental improvements and repairs and maintenance.
- ♣ Constants have been the landfill site and prospective developments in the village. The landfill site opened for tipping about 3 months after Roy started with planning permission for 5 years during which time it was to be filled and landscaped with sheep grazing on it. In practice, after 27 years, it's still not finally closed. The Parish Council was also instrumental in stopping the tipping of hazardous waste at the landfill site which had been carried out without planning permission having been granted. Regular reviews of the Huntingdonshire Local Plan and Cambridgeshire Minerals and Waste Plan have resulted in constant battles against proposals for the village
- Cuts in County and District Council budgets have created new challenges as more enquiries are now directed to the Parish Council and it's become harder to get the County and District to maintain services.
- When Roy started, his contract of employment said 17 hours per week These gradually increased over the years to 24 per week but most weeks, he worked in excess of those hours without pay as a contribution to the village.



Joyce, Roy's wife, has been an invaluable support throughout Roy's time as Clerk. She did the accounts for all those years (without pay), answered the door and phone enquiries, handed out keys, took payments, wrote receipts, and much more.

We have been extremely lucky to have had Roy as our Clerk for 27 years and we thank him for all his hard work over the years.

We wish Roy and Joyce a happy and enjoyable retirement.

GREEN WASTE COMPOSTING TIPS and OTHER "BITS"

NARBOYS Climate & Environment Group

Want to start home composting but not sure where to start?

With the free garden bin service from Huntingdonshire District Council ending on 31st March, you may be wondering what to do with your green waste if you have chosen not to sign up to the new subscription service.

A 'recipe' for compost...

- A container or compost bin
- Green waste kitchen waste, grass cuttings, coffee grounds, leafy parts of plants
- Brown material woody stems, twigs, dried leaves, straw, paper, cardboard
- A corner of the garden/outside space
- ♣ Time taken 4 to 6 months plus.

Mix green waste with brown material in equal parts - shredded material works best – let it sit for 4-6 months turning occasionally. Use when crumbly and black.

Home composting is a great option, saving money, resources and helping to improve your soil. Your compost heap can be as big or as small as you like, depending



on your needs. We've even seen successful micro composts put together in a garden bucket!

Tip - Young annual weeds are fine to add as long as they have not gone to seed. But do not add perennial weeds, because they can survive in the heap and multiply once you put the compost back on the soil.

Tip - Avoid any grains (bread, couscous and so on), cooked food, meat or fish to avoid attracting vermin.

RED TILE WIND FARM TRUST FUND APPLICATIONS INVITED

The Trust is a company limited by guarantee made up of three councillors nominated by Warboys Parish Council, one each by Ramsey and Chatteris Town Councils and one by Huntingdonshire District Council. The Trust exists to distribute grants for local projects from funds provided by EDF Energy from the 12 wind turbines at Red Tile Wind Farm and from Mr and Mrs H Whittome from the single turbine at their farm at Tick Fen.

- Red Tile grants are available for applications that promote renewable and efficient energy or conserve or improve the environment in the Parish of Warboys and each of the parishes that share a boundary with Warboys, including Old Hurst.
- Fenland Windfarms grants are available for applications that promote facilities and opportunities for the local community to engage in any type of sporting or active pursuit or any activity that promotes a healthy lifestyle in the parishes of Warboys and Ramsey.

Grants of over £200,000 have been distributed from the Red Tile Trust since its formation and £35,000 from Fenland Windfarms.

The Trust meets three times each year to consider applications and an application form and further information can be obtained from the Secretary, Roy Reeves at 2 Blenheim Close, Warboys or 01487 823562 or roy.reeves@hotmail.com

Tip – Ensure you add enough brown material, particularly when adding grass cuttings, and keep air flowing through it by turning it regularly (try a fork, trowel or spade) to keep your compost smelling sweet and not stinky!

After 4-6 months, you'll have some fabulous material to add to your soil and help your plants and veggies thrive. Let us know how you get on!

Warboys Climate and Environment Group will be producing more helpful information on composting on our webpage

www.warboyspc.info/environment and on 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.

Old Village School Board

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

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WARBOYS IS WARMING UP FOR A SUMMER OF ENTERTAINMENT

As always, we have an exciting summer to look forward to. We are planning our usual **May Day Fete on Monday 6 May between 11am and 3 pm on Warboys Sports Field**. This is a family fun day with something for everyone



Open to Preschool, Key stage 1 & 2
Judging at 1pm in the arena
Prize for best costume in each
category

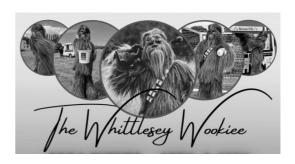
Attractions include Bouncy Castles, Coconut Shy, display of Vintage Vehicles, Kids 1940s Fancy Dress, the Whittlesey Wookie, Archery

Lots of stall to browse and buy.

Food and Cakes to buy and a licenced Bar

Grand May Day raffle tickets on sale with lots of great prizes

Raffle tickets now on sale







We are in need of some volunteers to help with any of the following

- Baking cakes and bakes of any description
- Setting up from 0830 helping with table/chair collection and lay out, putting up gazebos etc (a bit of strength is required)
- Helping out on various WCA stalls and attractions (max 2 hrs between 11am and 3pm depending on the number of available volunteers)
- Clearing away once the event has finished

It would be great if you could let us know if you would be able and willing to lend a hand to help make this a great day for everyone. Contact details below.

ALSO DON'T FORGET....

Later in the year we hold our traditional Feast Week from Sunday 28 July to Saturday 3 August. The opening event on Sunday will be a local street market between 11am and 3 pm, This will be followed by a live music event at the Royal Oak late afternoon/early evening.

The fair will open on Monday at about 6pm and will run on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. There will be lots of other things going on during the week so watch this space

If you would like a stall at either of our main events and if you would like more information, please feel free to contact us at

warboyscommunityassociation@gmail.com

or ring/text on 07825 551975

https://www.facebook.com/Warboyscommunityassociation

NEWS FROM THE MOAT HOUSE SURGERY

Contacting the Moat House Surgery

Patients of the Moat House Surgery are encouraged to contact the surgery online. If you have a medical or admin request, please contact the surgery via our website www.moathousesurgery.co.uk
If you do not have access to the internet our receptionists will be happy to help you over the telephone.

If you have contacted the surgery for a same day telephone consultation, please can we ask that you remain near your landline telephone or keep your mobile phone with you. Our clinicians will try and contact you twice and if uncontactable you will need to contact the surgery again online and start the process again where you will be added to the triage list.

PHARMACY FIRST

The new Pharmacy First initiative was launched on the 31 January 2024 and enables community pharmacies to treat the following 7 common conditions with appropriate medicines and even antibiotics if required.

Clinical pathway	Age range		
Acute otitis media*	1 to 17 years		
Impetigo	1 year and over		
Infected insect bites	1 year and over		
Shingles	18 years and over		
Sinusitis	12 years and over		
Sore throat	5 years and over		
Uncomplicated urinary tract infections	Women 16-64 years		

This new service is expected to free up GP appointments for patients who need them most and will give people quicker and more convenient access to safe and high quality healthcare.

Currently, patients in England must visit their GP to access prescription only medication, meaning repeated GP visits and delays in treatment.

Community pharmacies offer a more convenient way to access healthcare that includes support with healthy eating, exercise, stopping smoking, monitoring your blood pressure, contraception, flu and covid vaccinations.

WARDS of Warboys are pleased to be offering this service. The pharmacist will have a conversation with any individual wishing to use the service, to make sure they meet the pathway criteria

New Clinical Computer System

As of the 29 May 2024 the surgery will be using a new clinical computer system called SystmOne. Although extensive team training will be carried out from the 7 May 2024, we ask that, post go live on the 29 May 2024, you bear with our team as they might be slower using the computer system than usual, until they get used to the change.

There will be a cutover period from our existing computer system to our new computer system from the 17 May 2024 to the 29 May 2024. The surgery will remain open but we will run a reduced service for repeat prescriptions. We ask that you are organised and request your prescriptions early to avoid any delays.

If you currently use online services this will be unavailable as of the 17 May 2024. If you wish to continue to use online services in the future you will be able to access this on the NHS APP from the 29 May 2024. Please note, that if you already use the NHS APP you will need to uninstall the NHS APP, download it again and re-re-register to access our new system.

Non NHS work

If you require a letter from your GP to 'whom it may concern' please allow 10 working day for non NHS letters. There is a charge of £21.00 which requires payment on request.

All requests for medical information require completion of a subject access form which can be obtained from reception.



Anne Kirk, Health Care Assistant

It is with great sadness that we inform you that our very dear friend and colleague, Anne Kirk, health care assistant passed away on Wednesday 20 March 2024. Anne will be sadly missed by the team and patients. Our thoughts are with her family.

NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITY GROUPS

55 PLUS

Now meeting at the Sports & Social Club off Forge Way at the new time of 2pm.

We are still meeting on the last Wednesday of the month March to September.

Members enjoyed the Social Afternoon and our favourite entertainer Charlie Chaplin.

On 24 April. Mary Tringham will be giving an illustrated talk about Warboys through the years and on 24 May there will be a Sing-along with Pat Skinner at the keyboard.

New members and guests always welcome so please come along and meet everyone

WARBOYS CHRISTMAS LIGHTING GROUP A LITTLE MORE VILLAGE SPARKLE?



The Christmas Lighting Group is preparing for the great switch on event 2024, with plans for new stalls to

further boost our fundraising capabilities and looking into new more cost effective ways of erecting our village lights.

The group is keen to add more lighting displays, this includes one for the Spar shop who are funding a new addition and adding Christmas cheer to more street lighting columns and new column displays on Mill Green up to the High St opposite the Royal Oak.

In order to place new lights we need sponsors to be able to fully fund the lights and their installation costs. Each light costs £450 ex VAT and installation (timers & power) will be around £750 ex VAT, if you can help fund part or all of a new Christmas light personally or on behalf of a business, please let us know. The Lighting Group also hope to replace the curtain lights on the Clock Tower (£2,485 ex VAT) and we are seeking grant funding for this - fingers crossed!

For more village sparkles! Contact Bernitta@thewatersidepractice.co.uk

The group is also preparing for the May Day Fête frivolities on 6 May ... look forward to seeing you there!

WARBOYS FRIENDSHIP CLUB NEW LOCATION

Due to uncertainties about the timings of the new parish build and demolition of the current building, we have **relocated to the Sports & Social Club, at the sports field**. – main room. We still meet on Thursday mornings from 10-11.30am. Since our last entry, we have had a busy time with our usual activities and a Karaoke session and our regular fish & chip lunch.

We know that there are some of you feeling lonely or depressed, so why not try out the Friendship Club. We do our best to keep spirits up with friendly chats and activities. plus homemade 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, although the men are outnumbered (at the moment) they are very welcome, in fact the more the merrier.

Future Events planned include an Easter Bonnet/Basket Competition (with Hot Cross Buns); a games morning, a quiz, bingo, Wordsearch competitions. In addition, we will be going to Seasons at Chatteris for lunch after a meeting in April.

FRIENDS OF WARBOYS LIBRARY (FOWL)

We had our first book sale of the year at the beginning of March, it was lovely to see so many of you there, we raised a good amount for the Friends to keep supporting the Library. As the weather had been so wet, we decided to hold the book sale indoors – so obviously, the weather on the day was lovely!

We have a brand new website, where you can find everything, you could possibly need to know about the community; upcoming events, the village directory, community news, Warboys history. You name it, it's there. Please have a browse at www.fowl.org.uk

Unbelievably, the Friends of Warboys Library celebrates its **20**th **birthday** this year. There will be several events throughout the year, but our main "birthday" week is going to be the Whitsun Bank Holiday week. There will be cake in the library each day it is open (not the same cake, just to reassure you!), a display or photographs, and on Thursday 30 May we have children's crafts and a children's entertainer. Please do bring your children along to take part, we look forward to seeing you there.

And finally, if you have some spare time and would like to become one of our volunteers, or join our committee, we're always after fresh blood – sorry, that should be new blood! Please get in touch via the website or our Facebook page if you would like to join us.

NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITY GROUPS

WARBOYS & DISTRICT DAY CENTRE

Here at the Day Centre, we have had a busy and enjoyable couple of months.

We celebrated (under the direction of Claire, one of our volunteers) the Lunar New Year in style! First off, we started with a Jelly Tot chopstick competition, despite many of us having never used chopsticks before, we quickly acquired and honed our skills (amazing what the lure of Jelly Tots can do). As expected, everyone thoroughly enjoyed the competitiveness of the task! Next up was an introductory session to Tai Chi, led by Jane also one of our volunteers, followed by a lunch of popular and traditional Chinese dishes, which were all attacked with gusto, although the chopsticks were abandoned at this point. This lively and interesting day was rounded off by a performance by the St Ives Uke Troupe, who, as ever were very entertaining and engaging.

As always, we had a variety of other activities going on, including entertainers -James LeBec, The Harmonica Guys and Amanda the Singing Gardener, who was as lively and entertaining as usual. She is of course thinking of how we can work on the success of our 2023 pantomime and is developing and discussing ideas for the end of 2024!

Sam our tabletop Olympics guru has been a couple of times and organised two very entertaining and of course competitive sessions. Activities included skittles, bowls, air hockey, and flip frog. It is always good to see everyone participate wholeheartedly, despite their sometimes reluctance, or lack of skill, one thing for sure is that the laughter muscles certainly get a good workout! We.ve also had a Blankety Blank session led by the multi-talented Clare. Despite some reservations, it didn't take long for everyone to get involved, and the sheer enjoyment on some members faces clearly was a sign of its success.

There were also two particularly noteworthy news items. February saw the commencement of work on the new Parish Centre. Many of the local residents will be aware that this ambitious project has been in the planning for some time, but now it has started, we are all excited, and can't wait (like all other users of the Parish Centre) to see the completed project. The plans we have seen, show a bright, flexible, modern and energy efficient building – we can't wait!

Secondly, we were really pleased to learn that our grant application to Cambridge County Council was successful, which means that our core funding is secured for the next 3 years. This means that we are now able to reach out to our community for anyone who would be interested in becoming either a member or a volunteer, We would

love to hear from you and would welcome you for an informal visit



1940s music & dance with HuMS Big Band¶

Venue — Warboys Parish Church ¶ Saturday 1st June 2024 ¶

Bring own drink and nibbles¶

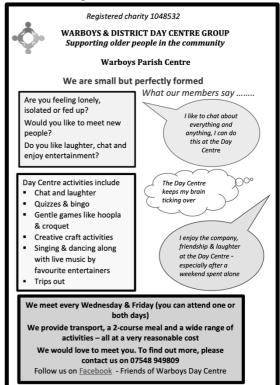
Dress-to-impress--1940s-attireencouraged¶

> 7pm·for·7.30pm·start¶ Tickets·£8·¶

Angela: 11 High-Street, Warboys¶ Joyce: 2 Blenheim-Close, Warboys¶ Phone 823562¶

WARBOYS WI

The WI are delighted to be hosting our village D-Day 80 celebration event. We are holding a music event in the Parish Church on Saturday 1st June at 7 pm. It will be a celebration of 1940's music with the HuMS Big Band, a popular local band. It will be an opportunity for you to try out some 1940s style dancing if you wish or simply sit back, relax and enjoy the music. Bring your own drinks and nibbles and dress in 1940s attire if you wish. It will be a fun evening with flag waving and songs to end off the night.



CALLING ALL CARERS Carer Support Group Location - De Ramsey Court, School Road, WARBOYS PE28 2SY When - Friday 26th April 10:30am-11:30am Then the last Friday of each month 10:30am-11:30am This is a new support group for anyone who is caring for their Husband, Wife, Son, Daughter, Mum, Dad, Grandparents, Grandchildren in fact any relative, Friend or Neighbour because they have an illness or disability. Are you the one looking after someone? Probably unpaid! If so, this New Carers Support Group could be for you.... This is a chance to meet other carers for a chat, and have a tea, coffee, or cold drink "made for you" It is hoped we can share information and support each other, which will help us all in our caring roles. If you would like to come along, please text your name to Wendy 07522918496 or call for more information between 10:30 and 5pm I look forward to meeting you, Wendy

NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITY GROUPS

PUSS IN BOOTS PANTOMIME AND WADS AGM

Wads would like to say a huge thank you to the Warboys Community for again coming along and supporting their pantomime Puss in Boots in January. Almost a complete sell out yet again, and the audiences were great. It always makes our job that little easier when you all join in with the usual panto participation.

Feedback from the panto was mainly fantastic, we had such a great cast, with some fabulous young talent. The stage effects and scenery are improving each year, and our choreography was improved brilliantly by our new Choreographer Emma. On opening night we had a sound issue and our microphones on stage couldn't pick up our quieter actors, but on Saturday morning all was fixed. We are also hoping to improve on our old sound board for 2025's pantomime as it is a very old piece of equipment.

Our AGM will be on Thursday 18 April, at Warboys Primary Academy at 7pm. If you are interested in joining Wads, then please come along to the AGM, and meet up with us and find out a little about what we do. Anyone nine years and above would be made more than welcome. We are particularly looking for someone who may be interested in learning to take on our lighting from our fabulous outgoing lighting technician John. We also have a shortage of Chaperones, to look after our younger members at rehearsals and performances. And finally male actors! We would love to have more male actors join us.

If this sounds like this could be your new hobby in the village, come along to the AGM or give Andrea Murphy a phone call on 07778 672447 after 5pm for information.

Thank you to everyone for continuing to support Wads as we go on from strength to strength. Many thanks to Warboys library and Friends of Warboys Library for allowing us to sell our tickets on Saturday mornings, it has really become very popular with those in the village that cannot buy tickets online. Our next pantomime will be in January 2025, the first announcement will be in the Warboys Diary, so watch this space!

NEWS FROM THE ROYAL OAK

Well we've recently had a cracking couple of days and we want to share our good news with you!

A few weeks ago we received an email from the BII (British Institute of Innkeeping) to say we had



been nominated for the Licensee of the Year Award 2024, which amazed us, but we dutifully filled out the application form and today we were notified we have reached the Quarter Finals!!

And in mid-March we had a visit from our lovely Admiral Taverns Business Development Manager and we have received two more awards! The first is related to our 100% line cleaning record and great beers. The second was because we have won their regional Community Pub Award and have been put forward for their national award.

We want to thank all our amazing customers who make coming to work a pleasure and for embracing us for the last two vears. Without you guys we wouldn't have the warm and welcoming



pub that we have - the way you all embrace new faces when they come in is worth its weight in gold.

Cheers to an amazing 2024!!

2 May 2024 Election of the Cambridgeshire Police & Crime Commissioner

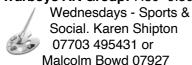
NEW POLLING STATION: Warboys Sports & Social Club, Forge Way

DON'T FORGET – in order to vote you MUST bring photographic identification with you.

A list of accepted photographic identification is provided in your polling card

LOCAL GROUPS and CLUBS

Warboys Art Group: 7.30 -9.30



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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

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

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 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



Contact

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 roy.reeves@hotmail.com

Warboys Christmas Lighting Group

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

Warboys Table Tennis Club

1st Brownies & Rainbows for

229262 or

warboysbrownies@hotmail.com

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.stivesandwarbovscc. clubbuzz.co.uk/



Contact Martin Croucher on 07825 186205

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

Contact Paula on 07742

Warboys Academy PTFA Contact

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

Scouts

Warboys Beavers, **Cubs & Scouts**

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Warboys Under Fives

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Warboys Archaeology Group

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

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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 Roy Reeves, e Secretary on 01487 823562

Warboys Sports & Social Club

Sports Field, Forge Way. Visit Facebook page

WHAT'S ON - calendar of forthcoming events

DATE	EVENT	TIME	VENUE	
8 April	Parish Council meeting	7pm	pm Parish Centre	
8 April	WLHS The History of RAF Wyton	7.30pm	Methodist Church	
10 April	Coffee morning	10 – 12 noon	Methodist Church	
10 April	WI Knitting Through the Ages	7.15pm	Parish Centre	
17 April	Annual Parish Meeting	7.30pm	Parish Centre	
18 April	WADs AGM	7pm	Primary Academy	
24 April	55Plus – Warboys through the years 2pm		Sports & Social Club	
27 April	White Hart Bowls Club - Open day	2pm	Behind White Hart	
6 May	Warboys Community May Day Fete	11am - 3pm-	n – 3pm- Sports Field	
8 May	WI: Daily dealings with good & evil	7.15pm	Parish Centre	
13 May	Annual meeting of the Parish Council	7pm	Parish Centre	
13 May	WLHS: History of the Manor, Hemingford Grey	7.30pm	Methodist Church	
22 May	Warboys Day Centre AGM	2.30pm	16 High Street	
29 May	55Plus: Sing-a Long	2pm	Sports & Social Club	
1 June	WI 80th D-Day Anniversary 1940s Big Band concert	7pm	Parish Church	
3 June	WLHS Cambridge's Sporting Revolution	7.30pm	Methodist Church	
6 June	80th D-Day Anniversary Service & Beason Lighting	tbc	Parish Church	
8 June	BBQ – all welcome	3pm	Baptist Church	
9 June	Under 5s Yard Sale	10am -2pm	Around village	
12 June	WI Eating on Rations	7.15pm	Parish Centre	
16 June	Methodist Church Anniversary and Gift Day	tbc	Methodist Church	
26 June	55Plus – monthly meeting	2pm	Sports & Social Club	
I July	WLHS: Warboys Historical Armchair Pub Crawl	7.30pm	Methodist Church	
10 July	WI: What they didn't teach us at School			
28 July	Feast Sunday: Street Market & entertainment	11am-2pm Clock Tower end of Hight St		
	Feast Sunday: Live Music pm	tbc	Royal Oak	
29 July- 3 Aug	Feast week	Programme 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?

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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 2024/2025

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 **Spring term opens:** Tuesday 7 January **2005**

Half term: 17-21 February

Spring term closes: Friday 4 April

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

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: 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-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
- if you need help with basic computer skills, why not book a session with our Digital Buddy



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

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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

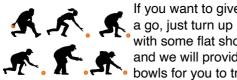
useful local information.

Contact FOWL through the Library or email

MORE NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITY GROUPS

WHITE HART BOWLS CLUB

Have you ever wanted to try playing lawn bowls? Our open day is on Saturday 27 **April from 2pm** [weather permitting]

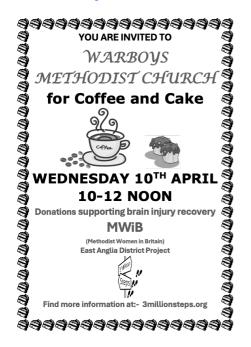


If you want to give it with some flat shoes and we will provide bowls for you to try the game

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

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

01487822139 or email at savuka2014@gmail.com







Happy 80th Birthday to Joan

Have a great day and enjoy your fishy birthday treat!!

WARBOYS LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Mystery of the Missing Page(s)

History Society Chairman, Brian Lake, explained the mystery behind the missing pages from the Warboys Parish Register, a story involving a family's enormous wealth, claimants to a baronetcy, forged documents, the falsification of parish records and an attempted fraud.

It relates to John Leman, who was born in Beccles in 1544. Leman was a butter and cheese merchant who also became a member of the Guild of Fishmongers. He subscribed to the East India Company and in 1616 became the Lord Mayor of London. His wealth enabled him to purchase many estates and properties including, in 1622, Warboys Manor. On his death in 1632 his estate was valued at £450 million (all figures are today's values), sufficient to found the John Leman School in Beccles and also give £41 million in cash to various individuals.

The primary beneficiary was his nephew William, who bought a baronetcy for £50,000. The title passed down the family line until the death of Tanfield Leman in 1762, the last heir. Similarly, Warboys Manor remained within the family until 1809, but with the death of its owner, William Strode, his estate and properties were sold. However, disputes concerning items in the sale of his Manor of Northaw resulted in his will being put into Chancery. These issues caused various unknown people to 'establish' an heir to the baronetcy, in an attempt to take control of the Leman estates. They chose John Leman the son of Philip Leman, rector of Warboys to create a new Leman lineage to promote their claims. The pages were removed from the Parish Register to hide John's death.

To create this false pedigree, Nottingham parish registers were 'modified' by changing names (Battersby to Hattersley, and Jane to Frances) to create a link to the marriage of Frances Leman, the daughter of Philip Leman to William Battersby in Godmanchester. Additionally, a will was forged purporting to show the connections between the 'new' family members. which enabled John to submit his claim to the baronetcy in the Scottish Courts. Shortly after it was legally ratified John died, resulting in another member of the family, Edward Godfrey claiming the right of succession. That was granted in 1842, but its legality was investigated by the College of Arms. Although they exposed the changed names and forged will, no action was taken.

Later, in 1853, seven men established the Leman Estate Fund, selling shares for £428 (10 shillings, then), alleging that once the claim in Chancery was settled, they could benefit from a share of between £4.5 - £450 million. However, suspicion that the scheme was bogus led to the involvement of the Home Office and in December 1853, the group were charged with attempted fraud. Court records give no details of the outcome, but this event finally concluded the complex series of deceptions and scams that were discovered from Brian's research into the missing pages of the Warboys Parish Register.

MORE NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITY GROUPS



We've had a lovely Spring Term at Warboys Primary Academy. The children (and staff!) enjoyed dressing up for World Book Day and we had some brilliant costumes! We all enjoyed a day of literary-based activities and had lots of fun.



The children all had a great time during our whole-school Enrichment Week. Our Year 5 and 6 classes were visited by Viking re-enactors, Clan Wulfhar. They enjoyed learning all about Viking life and took part in a brilliant battle as well as getting messy making clay pots, supported by A & M Potters in Ramsey!

We also enjoyed a visit from animal-handling workshop, Zoolab during Enrichment Week. The children were all very brave and gentle meeting exotic animals such as Honey the Gecko, snakes and tarantulas!

As well as Enrichment Week, we've enjoyed some lovely topics this term. Our Tigers class learned about the water cycle, with some hands-on lessons recreating Noah's Ark and a science experiment creating condensation, while our Pumas class learned all about rainforest animals, art and patterns.

Our Seahorses class had a big focus on Design and Technology and looked at how wheels and axles work, before

making their own moving vehicles. They also made their own traditional tales inspired puppets. They took a lot of time and care making them and they looked amazing.

Our youngest EYFS children explored space for their topic work, learning about different planets and what astronauts do in space. They also learned about different places on planet Earth, including the Barrier Reef, China and Australia.

We're looking forward to some warmer weather in our summer term and taking in part in some exciting outdoor activities and events. You can keep up with all our news on our Facebook page @WarboysPrimaryAcademy and on our Twitter/X feed @PrimaryWarboys.



MARBOYS UNDERFIVES PRESCHOOL

Our children have recently been enjoying making their own shadow puppets and using torches to put on performances for their friends. They have also been dressing up as firefighters and talking about what they have to do. The dark den is back in situ and proving ever popular with the children using timers to take turns and share fairly.

Our committee are currently hosting an Easter hamper raffle and plans are afoot for our yearly Welly Walk around the sports ground on Friday 24 May. Make sure the annual Warboys Village Yard Sale is in your diaries for Sunday 9 June - you can join your neighbours in our village-wide car boot sale from the comfort of your own front garden for only £5 per home. We'll be set up on the High Street and it makes for a great day out around the village for sellers & bargain hunters alike. Email underfivesfundraising@hotmail.com to get involved!

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

MORE NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITY GROUPS

WANT TO EXPLORE THE LOCAL COUNTRYSIDE?

Warboys Walking Group has been organising footpath walks in the area for over 30 years. We are a very informal and friendly group; there's no membership requirement, just turn up and join a walk to enjoy the local countryside and some gentle exercise.

Walks are usually on the first Saturday and third Sunday of every month. with Friday evening walks on alternate weeks during the summer. The walks for April and May with the start and projected finish times are shown in the table below.

The walks marked * will start away from Warboys but the time shown is the meeting time in the High Street near the Clock Tower where lifts can be organised or directions to the starting point will be given.

Further details and a copy of the programme of walks until March 2025 can be obtained from Roy Reeves on roy.reeves@hotmail.com or 01487 823562.

	Date	Where	Start	Distance	Finish
Saturday	06/04/24	St Ives/Hemingford*	05:30	5.5	10:00
Friday	19/04/24	Abbots Ripton*	1840	4	21:00
Sunday	21/04/24	Alconbury Weston/Upton*	0930	9.5	17:00
Friday	03/05/24	Lady Wood*	1840	4	21:00
Saturday	04/05/24	Wansford*	1000	9	16:30
Friday	17/05/24	Warboys Bridleways	1900	5	21:00
Sunday	19/05/24	Wadenhoe*	1000	8	16:30
Friday	31/05/24	Great Fen*	1840	4	21:00

1ST WARBOYS SCOUT GROUP



Beavers 6 to 8 years old Tuesdays 6 til 7pm

Cubs 8 to 10.5 years old

8 to 10.5 years old Tuesdays 6.30 til 8pm

Scouts 10.5 to 14 years old Wednesdays 7 til 8.30pm We enjoyed welcoming everyone back from Christmas holidays, the groups have enjoyed learning some new skills and working towards their badges. Highlights include pancake making, robot building, and map reading highlights.

We hosted our Bacon Butty event on Saturday 23 March, it was fantastic to meet so many of you! Thank you for all your support and we hope you enjoyed a bacon sandwich or cake. Big thanks again to all our volunteers, both adult

and child – without whom, we couldn't have run the event. Finally, a special thanks to the White Hart who again

hosted us. We are counting the final total, but we managed to raise nearly $\pounds 200$ towards group activities.

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@yahoo.com



OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST



RAMSEY FOOD BANK can be found in the Small Hall, Ramsey Methodist Church, High Street. Tel: 07596 544157. Open 10-1200 hrs Tuesday & Thursday.

The food bank supports individuals and families in Warboys who are experiencing food poverty.

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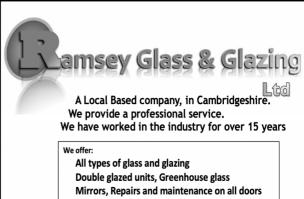
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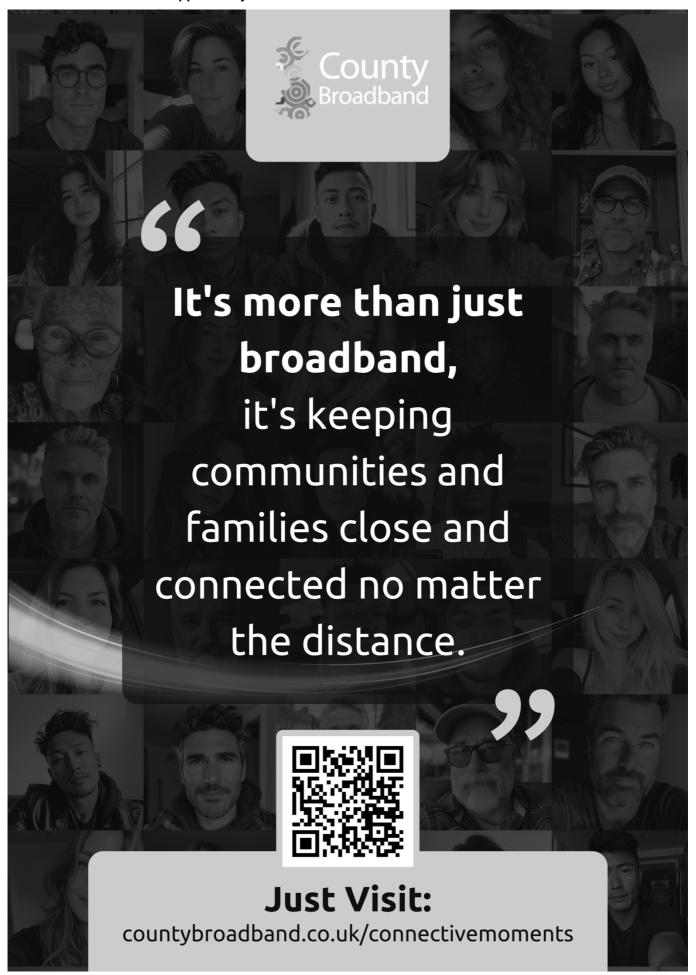














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