

Editorial

It is hard to believe that the days are getting longer, the clocks are about to go forward and Easter is nearly here . Where have the last three months gone??

We have much to look forward over the next few months: our usual May Day Fete and Feast Week activities plus the opening of our new Community Centre in September (hopefully).

If you would like to get more involved in supporting our vibrant community by volunteering, please do get in touch with us. From your editor

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Headlines

VE80 ANNIVERSARY EVENTS

Warboys will be marking the VE 80th Anniversary in a number of ways

We are running the **May Day Fete on 5 May** with a VE28 theme. Lots of things to entertain you. We've also got our usual May Day Raffle with lots of great prizes to be won

On **Thursday 8 May** there will be a service of celebration followed by the Beacon Lighting starting at 8pm at St Mary Magdalene Parish Church

(see Diary insert and page 5 for more information)

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YOU'RE INVITED TO THE WARBOYS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING!

Join us for the Annual Parish Meeting, hosted by Warboys Parish Council! This is your opportunity to have your say, share your ideas, and hear about the Council's achievements over the past year, as well as plans for 2025 and beyond.

7.30pm on Tuesday 16 April 2025 in Warboys Library

Everyone is welcome—we look forward to seeing you there!

WORRIED ABOUT SPEEDING TRAFFIC

Why not join our Community Speed Watch Team or think about taking on the role of co-ordinator

See page 2 for more information

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Community Centre Construction in Full Swing: Major Milestones and New Funding Secured!

We're thrilled to share that the new community centre is really taking shape! The drainage works are almost complete, the internal floors have been screeded, and the joists are now in place. With the internal first fixing underway, the layout of the



building is becoming more defined, giving a real sense of the fantastic venue and hub this will be for the community.

In more great

news, we've secured additional funding to support key environmental aspects of the project. The Red Tile Wind Trust has nearly doubled its original funding, now awarding £140,500, and Net Zero Villages has contributed £35,000. Both of these grants will go towards sustainability-focused improvements, including the installation of an energy-efficient heat pump and enhancements to the outdoor space, ensuring the centre is both environmentally friendly and a welcoming space for the community.

With steady progress being made, we remain on track for

Have Your Say

The Clerks are available in Warboys Library on the first Tuesday of the month from 10am-1pm. Please call in to share your thoughts and ideas to keep Warboys vibrant. completion in early September. We can't wait to welcome the community into this incredible new space! Stay tuned for more updates as we get closer to the finish line.

JOIN OUR COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH TEAM

Help make our streets safer by becoming a Speed Watch Organiser!

Role involves:

- Coordinating the local Speed Watch team
- Liaising with the Parish Council and police
- Organising speed monitoring sessions
- Managing Speed Watch equipment

Training will be provided

Deadline to declare your interest: 11 April 2025 Contact: <u>clerk@warboysparishcouncil.co.uk</u> 07985 771 676

Welcome to our new Parish Council Members

We are delighted to introduce 5 New Members to Warboys Parish Council: Neelesh Mohun, Julia McGee, Stephen J. Perkins, Samantha White and Louise Willis. Each of them brings a unique perspective and a shared passion for making Warboys the best it can be.

- Julie McGee: has been part of the Warboys community for 29 years. Running a small business has helped her get to know many residents, and she understands the importance of keeping the village a welcoming and connected place. She's passionate about preserving and improving Warboys for future generations and loves the outdoors, theatre, and traveling whenever she can.
- Neelesh Mohun: has called Warboys home for over seven years. As a civil engineer and project manager, he's worked on infrastructure projects around the world. Now, he's keen to use his skills to support the village's growth and well-being. Outside of work, he enjoys spending time with his wife and twin children.
- Stephen J Perkins: moved to Warboys five years ago and loves exploring the countryside on his bike or running through the parish. A professor and researcher, he's passionate about good governance and emerging technology. He's looking forward to working with fellow councillors to ensure Warboys continues to be a great place to live, work, and enjoy.
- Samantha White: has lived in Warboys her whole life. As the manager and a confectioner at the local bakery, she's a familiar face to many in the village. She's deeply committed to keeping Warboys a thriving, family-friendly place and wants to help shape its future for generations to come.
- Louise Willis: has lived in Warboys for nine years and has a background in psychology and marketing. Now stepping back from fulltime work, she is excited to give back to the village by helping maintain its outdoor spaces and ensuring it remains a wonderful place for future generations

We hope you will join us in offering them a warm welcome and look forward to seeing them make a change for the community

LOOKING AFTER OUR ENVIRONMENT



We're already in Spring, there are lots of new shoots about and there's loads happening in the Warboys Climate and Environment Group (WCEG).

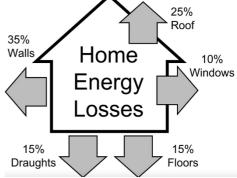
Thermal imaging update

Climate & Environment Group

For the second year running during December and January the WCEG team was out and about, assessing 20 homes using a state-of-the-art thermal imaging camera. This

detects heat, displaying an image that uses colours to show hot, warm and cold spots, pinpointing where heat is being lost in a home.

We've had lots of positive feedback from those residents who took part, telling us about changes they're going to make as a result of the survey. Get in touch if you'd like to be part of the winter 2025 survey team or, after some straightforward online training provided by Cambridge Carbon Footprint, you can borrow the camera from the Parish Council team and check out where you could make energy improvements to your home and save money. Find out more here: https://bit.ly/CCF-TI



Repair Café research

Some of the WCEG team have been out and about researching how a Repair Café works, as this is something we'd like to run in Warboys. A Repair Café is a free meeting place (usually with tea, coffee and excellent cakes for sale!) and it's all about fixing things, together with a repair expert. Depending on the volunteer experts available, repairs to clothes, electrical appliances, bikes, crockery and toys can be done, all free of charge with donations welcomed. On our research visit to a Repair Café in St Ives for example, we saw slow cookers, coffee makers, jeans and hair straighteners getting back to working order.

At this stage, we're keen to hear from anyone who would like to volunteer to provide repair services or who would be keen to support with behind the scenes running of a café.

> If this sounds like you, please contact clairesproats@warboysparishcouncil.co.uk.

FOOF plans are taking shape...



Our plans for Onyett's Field are gathering pace and we've had more recruits joining our FOOFs (Friends Of Onyett's Field) team.

We're looking at lots of ideas from running a nature survey to bulb planting, we'll be sharing more details soon.

If you'd like to get involved, please email clairesproats@warboysparishcouncil.co.uk.

Keep up to date with the Warboys Climate and Environment Group plans, by following our Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/warboysclimateenvironmentgroup

or come along to our meetings. We meet every two months and our meeting dates will be shared on the Warboys Parish Council website in the dedicated Climate and Environment section

REDUCE, RE-USE, RECYCLE

You may have heard this phrase before, but have you ever stopped to think about why they are listed in this order of priority? It's better for us to minimise our impact on the environment by simply using less from the start. Asking ourselves if we really need something, rather than wanting it, is always a good place to start. And we can consider using reusable items like shopping bags, reusable water bottles or coffee mugs and using containers instead of single use sandwich bags.

Then, when an item outgrows its usefulness, look for possible ways to reuse it - sometimes referred to as upcycling. Donating items when you no longer need them is another way to extend their use and prevent them ending up in landfill. Repair Cafés have become a popular way to fix different items such as household electricals, toys, clothes, bikes and more. To find a list of repair cafes locally, visit www.cambridgecarbonfootprint.org/what-we-do/repair-cafes

Finally, when something's at the end of its life cycle or cannot be reused, it is time to recycle it. Visit our website www.warboyspc.info/environment for information on local recycling.

HEALTH & WELL-BEING

NEWS FROM THE MOAT HOUSE

Did Not Attend (DNA) Appointments

In February 2025 there were 178 appointments that patients did not attend too, this calculated to 3147 minutes of wasted appointment time.

Please can we ask all patients to be considerate of any appointment they have booked at the surgery. If you are unable to attend, please call the surgery at your earliest convenience to CANCEL your appointment. It might be that the receptionist may be able to rearrange your appointment at the same time, depending on the appointment type.

Please be aware that the demand for appointments is at an all-time high and we are trying our very best to keep up with demand. There is currently a waiting list for prebookable appointments and we are working very hard to cut our waiting list down, but this does backfire if patients do not attend. The local Pharmacy is always a good option for an initial consultation. If they are unable to help, they will direct you to the appropriate service.

Stress, anxiety or depression affecting you at work?

Our Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Employment Service specialises in mental health support and will work with you to resolve your employment issues.

We can provide specialist support with:

- Negotiating job retention / return to work
- Advice and guidance on gaining employment
- Signposting for financial / welfare advice
- Finding strategies to manage your mental health

We offer a free and confidential service with a mixture of face to face, teams and telephone appointments local to you in Cambridgeshire & Peterborough including Huntingdon and Fenland.

For more information, please email: cambsbeds.referrals@waythrough.org.uk



We also have specialist

support in all the areas

Please contact us on:

T: 01480 456 257

Autism Employment

mentioned opposite.

Advisors who will



Travel Health – plan ahead

We ask a minimum of 6-8 week notice prior to departure. We will not accept a travel form if it is less than this timescale. Appointments for our travel clinic is very limited, so we appreciate more than 8 weeks' notice.

The travel form and relevant advice can be found on the Moat House website: https://www.moathousesurgery.co.uk/clinics/

Cambridgeshire County Council

Sensory Services Who we are and what we do

Our Vision Rehabilitation Specialists are qualified professionals who support, enable and empower visually impaired adults to lead independent and fulfilling lives. We help people access support, advice and information, and support them to acquire new skills around mobility, travel, daily living tasks, communication, technology, housing, finance and social activities.

Our aim is to increase independence, wellbeing, safety and to prevent, reduce or delay the care and support needs of visually impaired people. The service is available for people aged 18+ living in Cambridgeshire.

How to refer: People who have been seen by Sensory Services before can contact the team directly by emailing <u>sensory.services@cambridegshire.gov.uk</u> or by telephoning 01480 373239.

New referrals can be made by calling the contact centre on 0345 045 5202 or via <u>www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/adults-contact-form</u>.

WARBOYS VE 80th ANNIVERSARY EVENTS



A SHARED MOMENT OF CELEBRATION



WARBOYS MAY DAY FETE

MONDAY MAY 1100 – 1500 hrs WARBOYS SPORTS FIELD, Forge Way (dogs not allowed)

A family fun day – something for everyone * Bouncy Castle* Coconut Shy * Shooting Gallery*

*Whittlesey Mad Hatter * Upwood Ukeleles* *Vintage cars & tractors * * BBQ * Vegetarian/vegan friendly food stall *

Licenced bar Lots of stalls to browse and buy*

All proceeds go to supporting your local groups and charities For more information email us at warboyscommunityassociation@gmail.com



WARBOYS MAY DAY FETE

We need some willing 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 lend a hand to help make this a great day for everyone. ring/text Val on 07825 551975 or email us at warboyscommunityassociation@gmail.com We are also running our usual **May Day** raffle. Tickets on sale now from a variety of community groups and on the day of the fete





St Mary Magdalene Church and Warboys Parish Council will be holding a special church service on Thursday 8 May at 8pm followed by refreshments and the Anniversary Beacon Lighting at 9.30pm

> Please come along and support our VE80 Anniversary events

There is something for everyone

All are welcome

Letter to the editor

First came to live in Warboys in 2009, and I have never regretted that move. Friendly people who make a village a happy place to live, are in abundance. And the regular delivery of the interesting and useful Diary never fails to impress me. Thank you Warboys!

A local resident

NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITY GROUPS



Warboys IMPACT Group

Warboys Impact

What are Impact Groups? Well, they're "service only" clubs who are an extension of a main Rotary club which gives members opportunities to serve their community and Rotary in

Ramsey are very lucky to have an Impact Club.

Our Warboys IMPACT Group was one of the first "service only" clubs across the country. With five members inducted in November 2023 and in their 500+ days they've really made a difference. Starting off with their first Santa Float and a merry band of volunteers who visited Warboys and Wistow. They've also been very active making many appearances: Warboys Mayday, Warboys Feast Week, promoting 'End Polio Now' outside The Spar, fundraising for Children in Need with a Grafham Water Walk, their second Santa Float, switching on the Christmas lights, they've refreshed the planter outside The Spar with new shrubs and purple crocuses and held their first race night.

The following clubs and groups have benefited from donations totalling just over £3k. Warboys Under 5s £250, Warboys Baptist £163, Friends of Warboys Library £175, Warboys Christmas Lights £1000, Warboys and District Day Centre £250, Warboys Scouts Flower Planter £115, Keeley's Star -Melanoma UK £50, Mellon Educate (UK) £500 and Wistow Parish Council £550.

They say good things come in small packages, and this certainly applies to our Warboys Impact Group who remind us not to underestimate the value of something just because it appears small.



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WHITE HART BOWLS CLUB

We are celebrating our 100th anniversary this year. To mark this event we have a representative England team visit the club on the 10th of June to play an exhibition match. We will have some surprises and would love for the community to join us.

In the meantime, we are holding an open day on Saturday 26 April starting at 2pm, we would love to see you there if you would like to try the sport

Our season starts in the middle of April and runs until the end of August. If you are interested in trying the sport, please contact Graham or Janette Spalding on 01487 822139 or Lindsey Swannell on 07703 822059

Alternatively email at

savuka2014@gmail.com and we can arrange a mutually agreeable date and time for you to have a go. We have equipment you can use to play; we only ask that you wear flat trainers or similar

WARBOYS ART GROUP GEARS UP FOR SUMMER EXHIBITION

Warboys Art Group (WAG) members are now looking forward to our Summer Exhibition which will be held at the Warboys Sports and Social Club on Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 June 2025. There is also a possibility that WAG will be hosting additional introductory-themed courses in art later this year. Topics this year may include an introduction to pastel pencils and, subsequently, an introduction to painting with acrylics. These courses will be subject to tutor availability and nearer the time respective details will be published.

NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITY GROUPS

WARBOYS UNDERFIVES

UNDER FIVES PRE SCHOOL

It's been a busy start to the year, but we are now coming out of the Winter and starting to feel the glimmers of

Spring, the days are getting longer, and the cars are needing slightly less defrosting. But before winter is a distant memory, the staff and committee managed to get together for their Christmas meal.

Over the last half term there have been a range of new skills for the children to get to grips with such as learning to put on coats, hats and gloves and moving towards doing this independently. The children have also been developing their cooperative skills, sharing ideas and taking turns. They have been learning new songs through role play and know what to do in the unlikely event of a fire. Some of the weekly activities have include

1ST BROWNIES & RAINBOWS

Would you like me to tell you about PGL? Good, because I'm going to. PGL stands for parents get lost. You stay for 2 nights and there's so many activities. My favourite is the climbing wall. The food is so good! You should definitely go and what's more ...

BROWNIES are going in May HOORAY!! You should go it's awesome. I have been a Brownie brownies for 3 years and it's the best. My favourite is hmm... everything-especially when we do arty activities.

Written by Isabelle

event of a fire. Some of the weekly activities have included dinosaurs, fairies, construction, space and superheroes.



Should anyone be holding onto preloved Under Fives uniform that is no longer required this can be returned so future children can benefit from this.

We are excited to confirm the Annual Yard Sale will return on 8 June 2025 from 10:00-14:00 please email <u>underfivesfundraising@hotmail.com</u> to get a booking for and be featured on the map.

The Preschool will also be holding their Annual Sponsored Welly Walk on the 23 May 15:00 - 16:30 if any older children would like to get involved.

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

WARBOYS AMATEUR DRAMATICS SOCIETY NEWS

The pantomime *"Treasure Island"* was a great success, and WADS would like to thank all those who attended and supported us. We remain committed to being a big part of the community and the WCA and will be participating at the WCA May Fayre on the 5 May with the tea stall and a human fruit machine stall.

Our AGM was on the 13 March, where we brought in a few changes. We amended our constitution and created an in-house fundraising committee. The main committee stepped down and the treasurer, Carol, secretary, Sara, and child protection officer, Ruth were all voted back in for another year. The Chair, Andrea, had made a hard decision to step down and not put herself forward again. 10 years was a long time and she felt someone else should take a turn! Ruth Campbell was proposed and seconded.

WADS are going to put on a performance of a new comedy play written by Andrea Murphy in the summer. So please look out for posters and information in the next Diary. There will be three performances, over a weekend.

At our next WADS meeting, we will be discussing and voting on the new pantomime director.

If you are interested in joining us, either as backstage crew, acting, front of house or fundraising for us, then please contact Ruth on 07876 543537

LOCAL GROUPS and CLUBS

Warboys Art Group: 7pm start

on Wednesdays in the Sports & Social Club. Karen Shipton 07703 495431 or Malcolm Bowd 07927 028743



Warbovs 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 Polly 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 Ruth

Campbell on 07876



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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 Royal British

Meets 2nd Thursday of each month at 7.30pm in the Sports & Social Club. Contact Martin on 07835 401294 or warboysrbl.secretary@yahoo.com



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 Roy Reeves, e Secretary on 01487 823562

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

Contact via webmaster@fowl.org.uk



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

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 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

DATE	EVENT	TIME	VENUE
7 April	WLHS: The Fenland Ark	7.30pm	Methodist Church
9 April	WI Meeting: Pioneering Women in Motoring	7.15pm	Methodist Church
10 April	Children's Easter Fun & Crafts (free event)	10am -12 noon	Warboys Library
14 April	Warboys Parish Council & Planning	7pm/8pm	Warboys Library
16 April	Annual Parish Meeting	7.30pm	Warboys Library
26 April	White Hart Bowls Club – open day	2pm onwards	White Hart Bowls Club
5 May	VE80 May Day Fete	11am – 3pm	Sports Field
8 May	VE 80 Anniversary Church Service & Beacon Lighting	8 pm onwards	Parish Church
12 May	Warboys Parish Council & Planning	7pm/8pm	Warboys Library
12 May	WLHS: The Whittlesey Straw Bear	7.30pm	Methodist Church
14 May	WI Meeting: Warboys History as you Walk	7.15pm	Methodist Church
19 May	Friends of Warboys Library AGM	7pm	Warboys Library
21 May	Environment & Climate Working Group	7pm	Warboys Library
2 June	WLHS: The Clarkson's of Wisbech & the Abolition of Slavery	7.30pm	Methodist Church
7 June	e Warboys Baptist Church BBQ - for all		Baptist Church
9 June	ne Warboys Parish Council & Planning		Warboys Library
10 June	ne White Hart Bowls Club : Centenary exhibition match		White Hart Bowls Club
11 June	une WI Meeting: Bingo with prizes		Methodist Church
14/15 June	Warboys Art Group Exhibition	10am - 5pm	Sports & Social Club

WHAT'S ON - calendar of forthcoming events

Warboys Feast Week - Sunday 27 July to Saturday 2 August

Sunday 27 July Street Market -11am - 2 pm (*pitches available*) Friday 1 August Feast Week Quiz -7.30pm *Full programme in development*

In need of an outdoor shelter, china, glasses etc for an event or do you need mobility equipment?

Planning an event 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.

AND we have a selection of china, cutlery, glasses and hot water urns available for hire

We also have various items of mobility equipment including wheelchairs, walkers, shower stools and commodes available.

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

Warboys Primary Academy Term Dates

Spring term closes: Friday 4 April Summer term opens: Wednesday 23 April May Bank Holiday: Monday 5 May Half term: 26 - 30 May Summer Term closes: 23 July Autumn term opens: Wednesday 3 Sept Half-term: 27 - 31 October Autumn term closes: Friday 19 December Spring term opens: Wednesday 7 Jan 2026 Half term: 16 - 20 February Spring term closes: Friday 27 March Summer term opens: Monday 13 April

Key Parish Council contact details

clerk@warboysparishcouncil.co.uk

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

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



Rhymetime

Warboys Library Tuesday 10.30-11.15 am

Join us at Warboys Library for a gentle session of rhymes, stories and simple crafts for you and your little ones. Perfect for babies and pre-schoolers.

Free session but donations welcome.

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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 webmaster@fowl.org.uk

MORE NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITY GROUPS

WARBOYS CHRISTMAS LIGHTING GROUP

The Warboys Christmas Lighting Group recently gathered for a curry night to reflect on the last switch-on event, review feedback, and plan for an even bigger and better 2025 fundraiser.

We're also looking forward to the WCA May Day Fete, where we'll be hosting a tombola and other exciting attractions—all in support of Warboys' Christmas lights. As always, we'll be seeking donations, sponsorships, and new fundraising ideas to maintain and hopefully expand our festive displays for Christmas 2025.

Our key goals for 2025 include repairing existing lights and reinstalling the "Ho Ho Ho" sign—formerly displayed at Warboys Newsagents—at the new Spar shop.

If you have any suggestions for new display locations or would like to join our lively and growing group, we'd love to hear from you! Please get in touch at <u>bernitta@thewatersidepractice.co.uk</u>.

WARBOYS WI

At our January meeting we discussed the WI resolutions. Four were presented for us to decide which one will be put to the NFWI Annual meeting in June.

Some members then gave a short talk about their various interesting and amusing happenings in the past.

The February meeting introduced us to an unusual art form. Textile Layered Landscapes was the title of the talk and demonstration by Lee Harris. Various styles of pictures, made from many layers of different fabrics, gave us a view or scene in a frame to study. Then the whole picture was heat-treated with a soldering iron! This resulted in a uniquely enhanced design. Lee invited us to have-a-go with the soldering iron. A few brave members tried their hand at it.

A craft of a completely different kind was shown by the speaker in March. Penny Allen entranced us with a beautiful demonstration of Spring flower arrangements. All four arrangements were put into a lucky dip for us to win.

If you are interested in coming to a free taster session to see what we get up to at W.I. meetings, just pop along, details of all events for 2025 can be found in the Library

on the W.I. noticeboard , (beautifully displayed by Sheila Hood), and a monthly poster is displayed on the noticeboard in the Library car park. Hope to see you sometime.

55 PLUS CLUB

Angela invited members and friends to a social afternoon in February – this was an opportunity to get together and chat, with refreshments and games

The first meeting of 2025 is planned for 2pm on Wednesday 26 March at the Sports and Social Club. Jon Pilbeam will be entertaining everyone with songs and guitar and there will be the usual raffle and refreshments. Members annual subscription fee of \pounds 5 will be due, at this meeting. A full programme of events is planned for 2025. New members and guest are always welcome.

CONGRATULATIONS TO HELEN & ANDY AT THE ROYAL OAK

We are pleased to report the OAK has retained their spot in the CAMRA Good Beer Guide and have also maintained their Cask Marque 5 star rating for their beers and cellar management!

Why not call in and see what all the experts are talking about when they say the beer great!

<u>Warboys Old Village Board School Trust</u>
Did you know that WOVBST can provide financial grants to help with educational costs?
Do you live in Warboys? Need help with your education? Could a grant help you? Or do you belong to a village youth group that needs better equipment to further the education and development of young people?
Young people must live within the parish of Warboys or within half a mil of the parish boundary and must be aged less than 25 years. It can be used for:
 Special educational materials like books or equipment for college of university Special tools or equipment needed for undergoing specific training or starting out in a craft or trade Special sporting equipment or musical instruments Education travel to broaden the education and experience of youn people To allow young people to undergo special training courses that manot otherwise be available to them.
How to apply:
If you think that a grant from WOVBST could help, please write with details of your age, what you need, how it will help with your education training and what you are currently doing to: <u>wovsbt@gmail.com</u> .

MORE COMMUNITY GROUP UPDATES



WARBOYS DAY CENTRE

We started March with our monthly outing to the Royal Oak pub. As always Helen was brilliant and cooked us a fabulous lunch and

dessert. Clare brought her

gorgeous grandson to see us with his post box. He delivered a personal letter to each member which was very much appreciated. Clare also

brought in her other grandson - he is 6 months old, absolutely adorable, and was good as gold. We all loved the cuddles.



We had yet more

cuddles when we were visited by Amber with Fred, her 4-week-old lamb. He was very well behaved, enjoyed all the cuddles, so much so that he fell asleep in Margaret's arms. Amber chatted about farm life and her animals, which we all found very interesting - a great morning had by all. We were also treated to a visit from Heather Hedgehogs - slightly less cuddly, but it was good to know how to look after our hedgehogs. Warboys Day Centre is a small local. We have a great time at the Day Centre, with a lots of different things happening, so why not come and join u and have some fun.

If you would like to become a member or a volunteer, please get in touch or come for a visit. We meet every Wednesday and Friday, 10am to 2.30pm, currently in Warboys Methodist Church. We provide hot and cold drinks on tap, toast and biscuits on arrival, a hot lunch and a dessert. Transport can usually be arranged. All for £14 a session. If you would like to join us or know someone who might benefit, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

You can contact us by ringing Polly 07548 949809 or emailing her on manager.wddc@gmail.com

Also why not follow us on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/WarboysandDistrictDayCentre

March has been full of excellent entertainers, games galore, (including a break dance demo from one of Polly's

boys), singalongs, brilliant company and most importantly, loads of laughter. It was great to welcome the Ramsey Memory Cafe who entertained us with singing, dancing and much joviality. We played a game of 'keep the balloons off the floor ' using fly swatters which had everyone in hysterics.

We have two Easter Squares Raffles taking place - one at The Royal Oak and one at the Day Centre. Please pop in or contact us to purchase your squares. Lots of great Easter prizes to be won



Lastly, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all our members, our amazing volunteers and our growing number of supporters for their continuing invaluable support.

Red Tile Wind Farm Trust Fund Ltd.

The company, which comprises councillors nominated by Warboys Parish, Ramsey and Chatteris Town and Huntingdonshire District Councils, exists to distribute grants from two schemes funded by EDF Energy (Red Tile Trust) and a local farming family (Whittome Wind Trust) from wind turbines generating electricity in the Parish.

Applications for Red Tile grants are invited from local societies, groups and charities for schemes that are designed to reduce energy consumption or improve or conserve the environment in Warboys and parishes that have a border with Warboys. Grants from Whittome Wind Trust are intended for schemes in Warboys and Ramsey to 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. **The Trust meets in January, June and September to consider and determine applications for grant.**

Examples of the types of scheme that have been approved in the past include low energy Christmas lighting, led floodlighting of sports pitches, solar panels on community buildings, play equipment made from recycled materials and conservation work in local woodland.

Full details can be found on the company's website at

https://sites.google.com/view/redtilewindfarmtrustfund or by contacting the Secretary Roy Reeves on 01487 823562 or at roy.reeves@hotmail.com

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HELP REDUCE FOOD POVERTY DONATE TO RAMSEY FOOD BANK

The Food Bank can be found in the Small Hall, Ramsey Methodist Church, High Street. Tel: 07596 544157. www.ramsey.foodbank.org.uk . Open 10-1200 hrs Tuesday & Thursday

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.

Items needed tinned fruit

UHT milk

jam tinned fish

tinned tomatoes

long life fruit juice

sponge puddings/ desserts

- toilet rolls
- laundry items
 - washing up liquid

Not particularly needed

- pasta
- Cereal
- Tinned veg

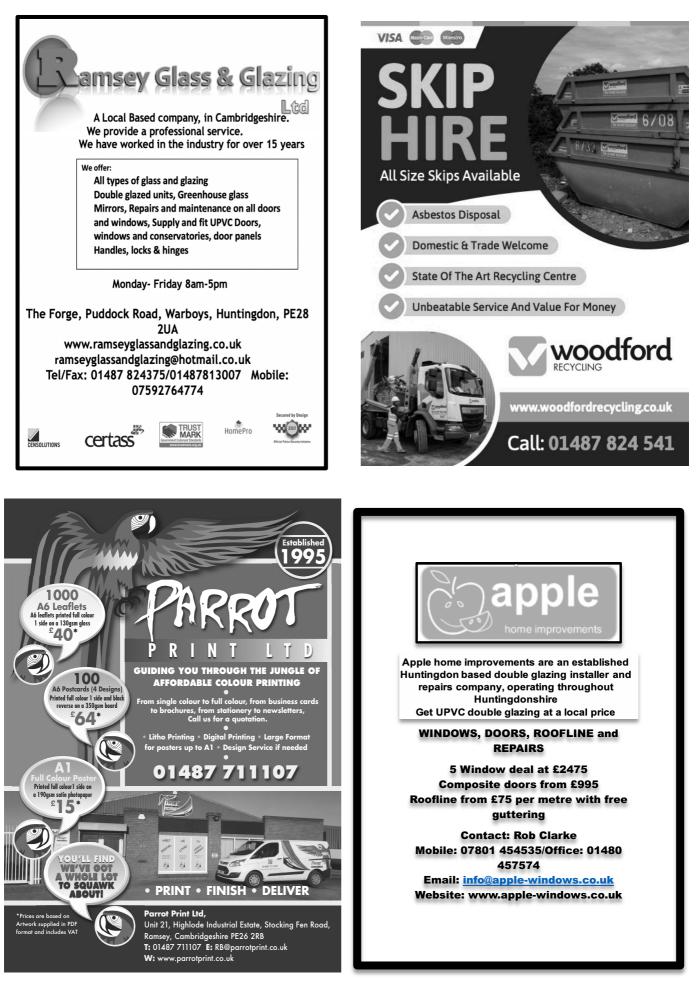
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WHO DO YOU WANT TO SEE?

We take a massive amount of pride in all the events 311 we put on. From drag bingo to murder mysterys, live music nights and seasonal events all year.

Message and let us know what acts you want to see at future events! We are always on the hunt for the best talent around!

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NOVAS PAW-SPECTIVE Hello, lovely paw-terns! 🀾 It's me again, your favourite four-legged pub guru.

I've been busy behind the scenes, making sure we're all ready for some tail-wagging fun. We've got a bunch of exciting events planned for the warmer months.