

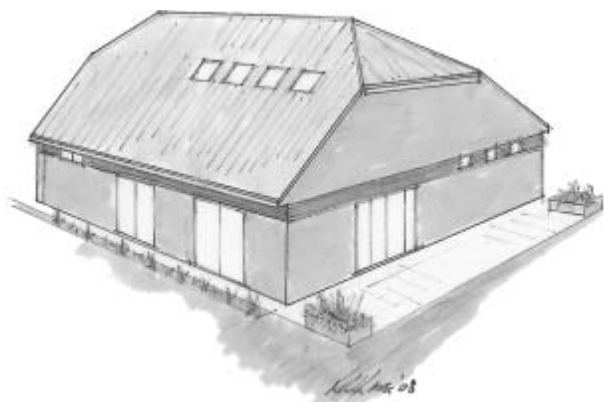
# Waterbeach Parish Council News

Autumn 2009

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## *Youth and Community Building*

The Youth and Community Building has been an aspiration for many years and it is very exciting that it is at last within sight of becoming a reality. It will provide a much needed permanent home for the Youth Club, WAY, and a community facility for all members of the village to use.



Funding is nearly all in place and Contractors are in the process of being selected and appointed. A working party of councillors and the Clerk have worked very hard to get to this stage. It has not been an easy or straightforward process and there have been many set backs and false starts.

Readers may remember that in a leaflet distributed round the village in January people were invited to suggest names for the new building and this produced a good response. At the Feast this summer the names were listed and people were asked to vote for their preferred one. The name which got the most votes was Tillage Hall and so this is how it will be officially known. The land on which the new building will stand was originally called the Tillage so this maintains a historic link with the site.

## *Vandalism*

After a great deal of work was done to raise funds by the cricket clubs and with help from South Cambridgeshire District Council new cricket nets were installed on the Recreation Ground earlier this summer and had good use for the season. It is desperately sad that they have twice been damaged by vandals, the second time seriously so. For those people who worked

hard to raise money it is particularly soul destroying to see their efforts being wasted.

## *Litter*

Litter remains a problem in the village. It is a shame that there are a few people who do not realise that dropping their drink cans and takeaway containers as they finish with them really does spoil the appearance of the village. The Green, the Gault and the Recreation Ground have looked beautiful this summer except when they have been left with a scattering of polystyrene takeaway containers and drink cans. Councillor Peter Johnson has arranged for South Cambridgeshire District Council to do more litter picking and many individual residents are frequently seen picking collecting up rubbish but they should not have to. The Groundsman also has to spend a considerable amount of time picking up litter which is not making the best use of his skills.

## *How you can help*

If any group in the village wants a community based activity, the Parish Council has a stock of litter grabbers and would be happy to lend them for a Litter Pick. WAY has done this on a number of occasions as well as the Hope 08 group last year. It is a sociable activity with a definite 'feel good' factor. Contact the Parish clerk if your group is interested.

## *Safety on the Recreation Ground*

If you are responsible for small children on the Recreation Ground please be aware that there are sometimes vehicles such as tractors working there and ensure that the children keep away from them.

## *Cemetery*

It has been agreed that the small wooden memorial crosses which mark the ashes plots at the cemetery should be removed after 3 months or once the stone memorial plaque has been put in place. There is a notice explaining this and if the crosses have not been removed by a relative or friend but are picked up by the cemetery manager they are not destroyed but carefully stored, and can be collected from him on request.

# Summer Reading Challenge 2009

The summer reading challenge was launched at Waterbeach on July 18th,



unveiling most of the 100 books bought by WILL to support the Quest Seeker challenge.

The scheme attracted considerable

interest, more than 39 children signed up and by 11th September 13 children had completed the challenge and received their certificates.

So congratulations to the following Waterbeach QuestSeekers:

**Alexander Bielby, Alexander Boyd-Bench, Millie Cotton, Sammy Cradock, Kinja Geneja, Isobel Gent, Emma Gray, Nerys Morgan, Katie Mickler-Campbell, James Salmon, Rebecca Wiseman, Caitlin Whyley and Arthur Whyley.**

## Have you thought of becoming a Parish Councillor?

Elections for Parish Councillors are held every four years when all councillors must stand for re-election unless they decide to retire. The next elections will be held in May 2010. If you are interested in playing a part in the management of the village facilities and becoming involved in wider issues such as planning and highways matters then why not think about standing for election?

The Council meets on the first Tuesday of every month at the New Pavilion at 7.30pm and members of the public may attend to watch the meetings though they cannot take part in discussions. If you are interested in becoming a councillor (or even if you aren't) you are very welcome to attend. You can also find out more on our website [www.waterbeach.org.uk](http://www.waterbeach.org.uk) where minutes of meetings can be viewed and you can find out more about what it means to be a Parish Councillor.

## Contacting the Council

[www.waterbeach.org.uk](http://www.waterbeach.org.uk)

Your Parish Councillors are:

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One vacancy

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All phone numbers are area code 01223. Councillors can also be contacted by a standard email address which is [firstname.surname@waterbeach.org.uk](mailto:firstname.surname@waterbeach.org.uk). For example, [alan.ball@waterbeach.org.uk](mailto:alan.ball@waterbeach.org.uk). You can also contact the Clerk, Mrs. Sarah Smart at Barton Ley, Bannold Drove, Waterbeach, Cambridge, CB25 9QQ. Tel & fax: 01223 440018, email [council@waterbeach.org.uk](mailto:council@waterbeach.org.uk)

## Your County and District Councillors

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