

# Waterbeach Parish Council News

October 2005

## From Our Chairman, Adrian Wright

### Feast

Congratulations to the Community Association on putting on another great Feast this year despite a number of difficulties at the week leading up to it. Well done everyone on behalf of Waterbeach inhabitants.

### Denny End Junction with the A10 - Improvements

A good legacy left by retiring County Councillor Jane Coston is, as you will have noticed, the junction improvements including lighting and traffic lights. Jane worked hard persuading the County Council to get the programme in place together with the Parish Council and supported by many other people. New County Councillor Mike Williamson has been keeping a watching brief and representing the village over the situation to ensure the project did not slip away from our grasp. Once approved the project commenced within a week! Now up and running the lights do make it safer to exit and access the village.

### Slap up Junction

The Parish Council are asking for your help concerning this dangerous junction. We would be pleased to hear of incidents and near misses at the junction which might not have been reported to the police.

Contact us at the Clerk's Office  
Tel: 440018 or email us at the

address shown overleaf.

### WILL

Waterbeach Independent Lending Library goes from strength to strength each month as more people than ever are using and joining the library. Extra shelving is being added to accommodate the book stock much of which has been donated by you. A faithful group of volunteers support this venture and we thank them for that. WILL is a project financially supported by your Parish Council.

### Cemetery and Open Spaces

The grass cutting and tidiness is not to the standard of previous years. The Recreation Ground and village open spaces which were together managed by the parish groundsman have become a much larger job for one person in recent years. Over the last three or four years a contractor who helps on all sorts of odd jobs had been employed to assist keeping the area properly.

Arnold Scrivener, the previous groundsman retired but stayed to work a few part time hours a week with the idea of the new groundsman and he being able to do all the jobs. However, sad to say, Arnold passed away suddenly just as the grass cutting season got into full swing. There has been a period in between when, with the best will in the world, one man could

not cope with all our grassed areas so that is why places like the Green, Gault and Cemetery have not been as good as your Parish Council would wish.

The previous contractor has been engaged to manage the cemetery again but it may take a little time for things to be back to normal as he has other commitments and has to reorganise his schedules.

Recently members of the Parish Council inspected all the areas around the village including the cemetery and hope for improvements over the next few months but we ask for your patience for the time being. A new sit on mower has been purchased to enable the grounds man to get in close to trees etc. and under low branches, which was difficult with the tractor, this should help matters.

### The Arnold Scrivener Cup

This is a new cup presented in memory of Arnold our retired grounds man of many years, who sadly died suddenly this year. The cup is for sporting contests of any sort. This first time it was a hotly contested rounders match on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September between Salvation Army, Waterbeach Colts Whitmore Warriors and Parish Council. Congratulations to the Whitmore Warriors who wrested the cup from the rest in a fine sporting contest.

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### Remember

The Parish Council meets on the first Tuesday of every month to discuss its regular business. Members of the public are welcome to attend, and may make representations at the start of the meeting.

To find out about our work, see our **new** web-site at [www.waterbeach.org.uk/wbpc](http://www.waterbeach.org.uk/wbpc).

## Groundsman's Double Success

Waterbeach Parish Council groundsman, Kevin Stuble, is pictured here with the trophy presented to him by the Cambridgeshire Football Association for winning their **Groundsman of the Year** competition and the coveted Football Association medal for being judged Cambridgeshire's best groundsman.



Kevin took over from the much-missed Arnold Scrivener in July of last year and had but a few months working with Arnold before Arnold's untimely death.

Before coming to the village, Kevin worked as groundsman at Selwyn and King's Colleges where he gained valuable experience of sports field management and is now coming to terms with the wider skills and responsibilities of the Waterbeach post.

Kevin attended Cottenham Primary School and the Village College and now lives at Milton.

## Dog Owners

Please do not exercise your dogs on the Cemetery Drive or in the Cemetery. It makes Kevin's job more difficult and disturbs those who wish to visit their loved ones' graves.

## Contacting your Council

Your Parish Councillors are

Adrian Wright (Chairman)

Kate Grant (Vice-Chairman & Chairman, Highways Committee)

Nick Brown (Chairman, Planning Committee)

William Grant (Chairman, Recreation Ground Users Committee)

Maurice Leeke (Chairman, Finance Committee)

Alan Ball

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Janet Cornwell

David Halsey

Peter Johnson

Peter Jones

Bill Saberton

Alan Shipp

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## Your County and District Councillors

Cambridgeshire County Councillor (also represents Landbeach and Milton)

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Cambridgeshire County Council is responsible, among other matters, for education, highways, libraries and social services.

South Cambridgeshire District Councillors (also represent Landbeach)

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South Cambridgeshire District Council is responsible, among other matters, for planning, environmental services (refuse collection, etc.) and council housing.

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