

What's On In Landbeach – January 2017

Happy New Year to you all. Probably this will be a year of change and uncertainty for many of us, but then that has always been the lot of mankind, and that is what communities are there for – to help us cope.

Winter arrived with cold spells at the end of Nov and in early Dec, when temperatures dropped below freezing for the first time. Mild, damp weather in the second week of Dec gave way to a cool period, and then several foggy days. As I write, the shortest day of the year has dawned (or perhaps merely “started” would be a better description) with a half-moon faintly visible through cloud and a cold S wind.

Local dog walkers report seeing roe deer on the fields around Landbeach. Sadly, hare coursing (now always illegal) has also been spotted taking place on fields around Landbeach. If you see or suspect it, contact police immediately on 101. Do not approach the coursers.

Here is a photo of the old bier in All Saints' church, bearing a beautiful Christmas flower display by the church flower arrangers. Landbeach W.I. collected £25 in 1929 for “a wheeled bier for the use of the village”. The bier could be an attractive feature of the church or village hall if polished up nicely and if space could be found for it. If you can guess whose are the mystery legs, I will give you a prize!



Items for Feb are needed by Fri 20th Jan, please. Barbara Le Gallez,
113 Waterbeach Rd, 01223 860283, blegallez@yahoo.co.uk.

Regular Church Events

All Saints' Church - Rev Paul Butler (860353), Ray Gambell (860757), Robert Stripe (862297). Website: <http://stjohns-waterbeach.org.uk>

We invite you to join our welcoming and generous Christian family in this lovely historic Parish Church. The church is accessible to all, and we hold varied services and other events for people of all ages.

Sat 31 **DEC** - 23:45 Prayers and Midnight Bell Chiming, refreshments

Sun 01 - 10:00 Morning Worship (not Family Service)

Sat 07 - 10:00 Coffee Morning + Bring & Buy

Sun 08 - 09:15 Parish Communion; 16:00 Evening Prayer

Sun 15 - 10:00 Morning Worship, refreshments and discussion group,
Theme: "Jesus calls"

19:00 Taizé Service

Sun 22 - 09:15 Parish Communion

10:30 **WB BAPTIST CH** Joint Service for Christian Unity;

19:00 **ST JOHN'S WATERBEACH** Contemporary Service

Sun 29 - **10:45** Joint Benefice Communion with visitors from St John's

Every Tu - 19:30 at The Old School, United Bible Study Group

Every Fri - 18:30 to 20:30 Bellringing practice. Barbara (01223) 860283

Landbeach and Milton Baptist Church -

Neil (01223 860410), Maureen (01954 250118)

We meet each week to worship God, to learn more about the Christian faith, and enjoy fellowship. We are a warm and welcoming church who would love others to join us.

Currently reading the Minor Prophets:

Sun 01 - 10:30 Group Bible Study and discussion, "Hosea"

Sun 08 - 10:30 Sunday Morning Worship, "Joel", Liz Herrington

Sun 15 - 10:30 Sunday Morning Worship, "Amos" pt 1, Robin Giles

Sun 22 - 10:30 **WB BAPTIST CH** Joint Service for Christian Unity

Sun 29 - 10:30 Sunday Morning Worship with Communion,
"Amos" part 2, Robin Giles

Sunday Evening Worship at the church at 18:00,

except on the 4th Sunday of the month, when it is at Girton at 18:30

Every Wed - 18:30 Craft Group, Jen Coxon (01954 202402)

Film Afternoon - Tu 10 (note: 2nd Tues) - 14:00 Baptist Chapel, "Bridge of Spies", tea & cakes, all welcome. Lifts: 01954 202402.

Notices

Beaches Community Car Service - To book a lift (min 48 hours' notice, please), 07807 875878

Bins - collections are one day late over the holiday: on **Th 29 Dec** and **Th 05 Jan**. Green bins are emptied on **05 Jan** and **01 Feb only**.

Bus times Landbeach–Waterbeach–Ely (Mon–Sat):

Outward departs: Landbeach High St bus shelter at 09:36 and 12:36;
Waterbeach Green at 09:39 and 12:39

Return departs: Ely, Market Street at 12:19 and 17:34

Landbeach Village Hall Bookings - Anne Bullman, 01223 860692

Parish Council Meeting Dates 2017 - 19:30 Village Hall - 9 Jan, 7 Feb, 7 Mar, 3 Apr, 8 May, 5 Jun, 3 Jul, 4 Sep, 2 Oct, 6 Nov, 4 Dec

The Old Forge Sports & Social Club Opening Times -

Mon - Th: only if Darts Night; Fri: 5:30 pm-11:30 pm; Sat: noon-3 pm & 7:30 pm-11:30 pm; Sun: noon-3 pm. Bill Dixon (07889 295949)

Busytots baby & toddler group

Every Wed 10am - 12 noon @Landbeach Village Hall

Kids can get hands-on at this baby and toddler group: weekly craft activities, toys, snacks - and either a sing along or story time

£1.50 single-child families, plus 50p per additional child

Find us at [facebook.com/LandbeachBusytots](https://www.facebook.com/LandbeachBusytots)
or email Tosha & Gemma via busytots1@hotmail.co.uk

Landbeach Village Hall is available for hire

Excellent facilities for children and adults, competitive prices.

For further info and a booking form

visit www.landbeach.org.uk/directory and click 'Village Hall'
or call Anne on 01223 860692

Waterbeach Independent Lending Library –

Re-opening at 2:45pm on Weds 4th Jan with new opening times

Mon 2:45-5 pm, Wed 2:45-5pm & 6-8 pm, Fri 2-5:30 pm, Sat 10-noon.
In the Community Room at the rear of the Waterbeach School site. You can use your County Library card. Free Internet access. Free wi-fi.

Announcements

Busytots is a not-for-profit baby and toddler group, run entirely by volunteers at Landbeach Village Hall. Would you like to get involved? We're looking for a **Snack Volunteer** to join our small, but friendly, team. Can you spare a few hours, 9.30am-12.15pm, roughly once a month on a Wednesday, to help prepare simple snacks for the children and tea & coffee for their parents & carers?

If you'd like to find out more contact Gemma on 07986 717958 or email gemma.squibb@hotmail.co.uk Visit www.busytots.weebly.com or find us at www.facebook.com/LandbeachBusytots

Macmillan - are looking for local groups and individuals across the UK to host a quiz on 24th February 2017 to raise vital funds for people affected by cancer. Call Macmillan fundraising manager Jessica Levin on 07894566608 or email fundraising@macmillan.org.uk

Poppy Appeal - a total of £559.32 (plus some Gift Aid) was raised in Landbeach by organisations and house-to-house collection. Thank you.

Tithe Barn Trust - Now registered for Gift Aid, as we are now a Registered Charity, Number 1167108. Ways to get involved -

- Become a Friend - www.tithebarntrust.org.uk/become-a-member
- Volunteer - Join our Events or Fundraising team.
Email tithebarntrust@gmail.com for further info.
- Make a pledge - www.tithebarntrust.org.uk/make-a-pledge

Website www.tithebarntrust.org.uk Email tithebarntrust@gmail.com

Facebook: [FriendsofLandbeachTitheBarn](https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofLandbeachTitheBarn)

Twitter: @TBarnT

Towing Caravan for Sale - vgc, luxury model - (01223) 862330

Village Website - new online Event Calendar is now full-screen and easier to read! See www.landbeach.org.uk/calendar

Waterbeach Barracks & Airfield - leaflet no.4 from developers Urban&Civic now available on Landbeach Village website.

What's On in Landbeach says:

THANK YOU - *Ted & Joyce Gazeley; The Lunch Club; The Village Hall Committee; The Painting & Drawing Group* who have generously made donations during the second half of 2016 towards the cost of printing What's On (£18 per issue)

THANK YOU - all the volunteers who deliver What's On monthly

Landbeach Village Hall
Sat 21 Jan, 2 - 4 pm
Annual
Jumble Sale

Profits to Village Hall
Improvement Fund

*Donations of clothing, books, jigsaws,
bric- a -brac etc can be left at the hall
after 10 a.m. on the day*

**Minibus Drivers wanted
for Landbeach Flyer
on Tuesday mornings**

**For shopping at Milton Tesco's, Post
Office and Doctor's for prescriptions**

**For further details, phone Kate on
(01223) 862139 or 07523 933492**

Regular Village Events

Baptist Ch events - ask the event contact person if you need transport

Busytots Baby & Toddler Group - Every Wed (first in Jan is 4th) - 10:00 to noon, Village Hall. See our display ad.

Indoor Bowls - Every Tu - 19:30 to 21:30 Village Hall, Terry Pauley (860600) or Mike Park (860918)

Knit & Natter - Wed 04 - 14:30 to 16:30 at 1 Matthew Parker Close (contact Marion Lant 860787)

Landbeach Painting & Drawing Group - Wed 11 & 25 - 10:00 to noon All Saints' Church. We welcome people to join us and see how we use different media and methods to interpret our "INSPIRATION". Pearl (860406) or June & John (860669). £2.50 incl coffee.

Landbeach Society - Wed 18 - 19:30 Village Hall, AGM, wine & cheese

Line Dancing Group - Every Tu (first in Jan is 10th) - 18:30 to 19:45 Baptist Ch. Beginners and improvers welcomed. Nancy (861332) or John (01638 601253). £5

Lunch Club - Tu 10 (2nd Tu of month) - 12:15 for 12:30 Village Hall, book with Gill Diver (861151) - £5

Mobile Library - Mon 09 - 15:40 to 16:20 opposite High St bus shelter

Sing to Remember - Every Th during term-time - Coffee 10:45, singing 11:00 to noon at the Baptist Church. All adults welcome. A fun, relaxed atmosphere in which to enjoy yourself. Favourite songs old & new. Free.

Village Coffees - Th 19 - 10:00 to 11:30 Village Hall Lounge. Do come and join us for refreshments and a chat. Info: Margaret, 860128. £2.50.

Another permanent volunteer is required - please do consider this.

Wednesday Club - Alternate Weds, 14:30 to 16:00 Baptist Chapel. Retired men and women invited to afternoon meetings - speakers and activities of general interest. Transport available. Info: Nancy (861332).

Wed 11 - "Family Reminiscence", Vera Bacon. General Knowledge Quiz

Wed 25 - "Growing up in the Fens & my interest in the railway", Robert Stripe

W.I. - Wed 11 - 19:30 Village Hall, Open Meeting "The Many Uses of Ribbons", Sally Kingman. *Why not try an evening with us?* You might decide you would like to join! For info, call 440961.

<p>Waterbeach Brass - Practice every Mon - 19:30 to 22:00 at Waterbeach Barracks. New members welcome. Info: David Pell: (01223) 860396, 07703 352080, www.waterbeachbrass.org</p>
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Catch it this month

Social Club NYE Party - 8 til late - £10 includes buffet - u16's free

Village Hall Management Committee meeting - Tu 03 - 19:30 Village Hall. All welcome.

Jumble Sale - Sat 21 - 14.00 to 16.00 Village Hall. Donations of clothing, books, jigsaws, bric- a -brac etc. can be left at the hall from 10.00. Profits to Village Hall Improvement Fund. Please support this.

Friends of Worts Meadow indoor meeting - Wed 25 - 19:30 Village Hall lounge. Refreshments. All welcome.

Landbeach Parish Council

Parish Clerk, Maria Sylvester, mariasylvester@hotmail.co.uk 01954 252400

Landbeach Helpline - contact the Clerk to obtain contact details for relevant groups/agencies who may be able to help you.

Please could residents keep boundaries with the footpath tidy, with no overgrown bushes, leaves etc, which might make it difficult for prams, wheelchairs and scooters to get through. Please don't park cars on the pavement, as this obstructs pedestrians, wheelchairs and pushchairs.

Urban and Civic have carried out a survey on speeding in the village and we are awaiting the result of their data.

The Parish Council have decided to set up a Facebook group. Initially this would just be for announcements and have a closed membership (i.e. you can't read posts unless you have joined the group).

The Parish Council are considering starting up a Mobile Warden scheme jointly with Waterbeach. The Mobile Warden would be trained by Age UK and would assist frail elderly residents. In order to assess demand, the Parish Council would like to hear from, or of, Landbeach people who might appreciate visits (e.g. once a week). For more information, or to register an interest, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Affordable housing - the Parish Clerk would like to know if elderly or younger members of the parish would be interested in affordable houses

Dog fouling - Please pick up dog foul and please do not take dogs on Recreation Ground. Thank you for your consideration for others.

Stagecoach - People can contact the Parish Clerk if they have any complaints about Stagecoach.

Please be vigilant, with the darker nights, about locking doors and cars.

Local History - a Village Life - Rose May Easy (1912 - 2016)

Here's some welcome relief from the sad tales of men who died in WWI. Mrs Rose Easy, born before the start of the Great War, was an ordinary Landbeach person, who yet made a big contribution to our village and is still remembered today. Reading her life story, one can sense how strong our community was once, and how full and varied its life.

Rose's parents, Herbert (Herb) and Florence Ada (née Rose) Spalding, lived at Rectory Farm (up Cock Fen Lane). As this was quite remote (no car, no telephone!), it was decided that the birth would be safer at Florence's parents' home at Milton, where a midwife lived nearby, so that is where Rose was born, on 8th January 1912.

Rose was christened in Landbeach church and attended Landbeach school, walking a two mile round trip every day from Old Field, where the family then lived. It was a long, lonely walk for a little girl, but, being an only child, she became quite content with her own company.

The Spalding family subsequently moved to the High Street, opposite the village store, where Rose's parents lived for the rest of their lives. Mr Spalding at that time worked for Dave Easy at Landbeach, and here Rose met Dave's son Thomas Victor, whom she married at Landbeach church in 1936. They lived in the High Street next to the old telephone box. Their only child, Terence, was born in 1939; tragically he died in 1947, aged 7, of leukaemia and was buried in Landbeach churchyard.

Tom Easy initially took up farming, but over the years the couple became Turf Accountants, shopkeepers and bakers - all in Landbeach. Their interest in racing led to their becoming owners of a successful steeplechaser. Rose was one of the first women in Landbeach to drive a car. She and Tom moved several times (but never very far!) along Landbeach High St. First they lived in "Sandhurst". Then, when Freddy Day retired, they took over his General Stores and bakery, living at the shop. Subsequently they converted the bakehouse into their home.

Rose and Tom then moved a bit further - first to Milton, where they both took on various posts, and subsequently to Cromer, where Rose, with her remarkable appetite for work, became assistant warden at sheltered housing. Widowed, Rose eventually moved back to Barnabas Court, Milton, where she cared for herself until well over 100, ending her full life in Waterbeach Lodge at the grand old age of 104. Her ashes were laid to rest in Landbeach churchyard, joining Terence and Thomas.

Thank you to Rose's family for sharing her story with us. It is the story of some of the people who shaped our village, and so it is our story, too.