

What's On In Landbeach – April 2016

Nights were still cold during March, often falling to nearly 0°C. One day in early March had showers of sleet and hail. Then the middle of March brought a patch of foggy mornings that cleared to warm, sunny days, with temperatures up to 13.5°C. A brimstone butterfly was tempted out into my garden. The next few days after that were disappointingly chilly, with cloud all day and a cool N wind. Fieldfares flocked in large numbers to the trees at the bottom of the garden.

My neighbour's hen has stopped visiting, as she now has six younger sisters to keep in order. It is fascinating to look over the fence and see their society developing. Before leaving, she penned a poem describing her visits - eating the wild bird food and supervising me while I dug the garden - which you can read on the back page. Hens are talkative animals, and their noises are easy for us to make, so we used to have good conversations. It was scary realising that, in the Middle Ages, this would have convinced people I was a witch! By the way, I can't bring myself to eat a roast chicken any more.

Here's a close-up of the flowers beneath the tree in last month's photo of the artwork of the Landbeach Drawing and Painting Group. They were a bit too pale last month - hope you can see them now.



Items for May are needed by Wed 20th Apr, 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>

Sat 02 - 10:00 Coffee Morning + Bring & Buy

Sun 03 - 10:00 All-Age Service

Sun 10 - 09:15 Parish Communion; 18:00 (note time) Evening Prayer

Sun 17 - 10:00 Morning Worship, refreshments and discussion group

Sun 24 - 10:00 Parish Communion

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)

Sun 03 - 10:30 Sunday Morning Worship with Communion,
led by Christine Kimmitt

Sun 10 - 10:30 Sunday Morning Worship, led by Andrew Dalwood

Sun 17 - 10:30 Sunday Morning Worship, led by Liz Herrington

Sun 24 - 10:30 Sunday Morning Worship, led by Malcolm Franklin

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 05 - 14:00 Baptist Chapel, "Captain Corelli's Mandolin", tea & cakes, all welcome. Lifts: 01954 202402.

Card-making Day

Landbeach and Milton Baptist Church

Sat 7 May, 10am - 4:30pm

Great Tuition

Cost appx. £42 (includes lunch and all other refreshments)

To book, please phone Jenny on 01954 202402

Landbeach Parish Council says thank you to

Elaine, Robert, Pearl and the Parish Councillors who came -
helping with the Litter Pick last month despite the awful weather

Tudor Tithe Barn Free Open Day

Sat 9 Apr, 10:30am to 1pm

Opened by church bell-ringing from All Saints'

Tudor dressing-up for kids

Tudor-style games

Tudor weaver

Intro talks at 10:45am and 11:45am

Refreshments available

Donations welcome towards the restoration of this unique barn

*Entrance to the barn is opposite No. 2 Waterbeach Rd
(just to the right of the substation)*

See our new website www.tithebaritrust.org.uk

Tithe Barn Trust - Ways to get involved -

- Become a Friend - visit <http://1drv.ms/1lylSqy>
- Volunteer - Join our Events or Fundraising team.
- Email tithebaritrust@gmail.com for further info.
- Make a pledge - <http://goo.gl/forms/PPwHXFBv5j>

You can find further details and apply on our new website
www.tithebaritrust.org.uk

Landbeach Bell Ringers Limerick Book

1 guinea (£1.05)

LIMERICKS ABOUT RINGING, BELLS AND RINGERS
BY LANDBEACH VILLAGERS, RINGERS AND FRIENDS

FEATURING ALLAN, THE LANDBEACH TENOR,
QUASIMODO

AND OTHER LANDBEACH CHARACTERS

AVAILABLE IN ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, OR FROM THE EDITOR,

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Regular Village Events

Busytots Baby & Toddler Group - Every Wed - 10:00 to noon. Village Hall. See our display ad for details and info on our special sessions.

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

Knit & Natter - Wed 06 - 14:30 to 16:30 at 65 High St (contact Marion Lant 860787)

Landbeach Painting & Drawing Group - Wed 06 & 20 (note we are skipping Wed 30 March) - 10:00 to noon All Saints' Church. We explore all media and welcome people to join us to see what we do. Pearl (860406) or June & John (860669).

Landbeach Society - Wed 20 - "Anglesey to Fairhaven and back again", David Craig

Line Dancing Group - Every Tu - 18:30 to 19:45 Baptist Ch. Last before Easter is 22nd March, first after Easter is 5th April. Beginners and improvers welcomed. Nancy (861332) or John (01638 601253). £5

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

Mobile Library - Mon 11 (2nd Mon of month) - 15:40 to 16:20 opposite High St bus shelter

Sing to Remember - Every Th during term-time - 11:00 to 12:30 Baptist Church. For anyone with any form of memory loss and their carers. Volunteer helpers sought to serve refreshments. Free (but donations).

Village Coffees - Th 21 - 10:00 to 11:30 Village Hall Lounge. Do come and join us for refreshments and a chat. Info: Margaret, 860128. £2.50.

Wednesday Club - 14:30 to 15:45 Baptist Chapel. All retired men and women welcome to a varied programme of general interest. Transport available - call Nancy (861332).

Easter break until:

Wed 06 - "Ruanda - its Beauty and Tragedy", Joy Childs (Joy will also show her paintings - a hobby she took up in retirement)

Wed 20 - Members' meeting - CDs, readings and reminiscences

W.I. - Wed 13 - 19:30 Village Hall, Annual Meeting. New members and visitors always welcome. Why not come along to one of our evenings to see we are not all just "Jam" and "Jerusalem"? For info, call 440961.

Catch it this month

Newt Watch - Fri 01 - 20.30 Meet Village Hall car park to join the Friends of Worts Meadow in our annual look for Great Crested Newts and other amphibians at our local nature reserve in Cockfen Lane. Wellies or stout footwear advised, and please bring a torch.

Friends of Worts Meadow - Th 07 - 19.30 Indoor meeting in the Village Hall lounge. All welcome, refreshments provided.

Village Hall Annual General Meeting - Th 14 - 19.30. Please attend and help support this valuable village asset.

Tithe Barn Free Open Day - Sat 09 - 10:30 to 13:00. See box ad.

First Aid Course - Sat 16 - 10:00, with later second session if enough attendees. Please book with Parish Clerk (see under Parish Council).

Waterbeach Salvation Army Jumble Sale - Tues 19 to Sat 23

Election of Churchwardens and Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) - Mon 25 - 19:30 All Saints' Church. All welcome - come and hear what the church does - talk to us about what it COULD do for you.

Book these dates

Card-Making Day - Sat 7 MAY - Baptist Chapel; see display ad

Dawn Chorus - Sun 22 MAY - 04.30. Join Friends of Worts Meadow to listen to the dawn chorus in our local nature reserve and surrounding area. An expert will be on hand to identify the birds heard and there will be a free breakfast afterwards.

Annual Parish Meeting (APM) - Th 26 MAY - Village Hall. Spkr TBA

Village Hall 80th Anniversary - Sat 16 JULY - 12:30 BBQ. Flyer soon.

Party in the Park - Sat 23 JULY. A flyer will be delivered soon.

Landbeach Parish Council

*For enquiries, contact the Parish Clerk, Maria Sylvester
(mariasylvester@hotmail.co.uk, 01954 252400)*

First Aid Course - Sat 16 Apr - 10:00, with later second session if enough attendees. Please book with Parish Clerk.

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

Speedwatch - There have been several complaints of speeding. If you want to do something practical about speeding, contact the Clerk.

Village Hall 100 Club -

March	£25 no.83	£10 no. 71	£5 no. 77
April		£10 no. 29	£5 no. 89

Notices

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

Beaches Community Car Service - Help! More drivers are desperately needed. We can be completely flexible, to accommodate whatever frequency and type of journey you can provide. Mike Dean (575698).

Buses - Early morning journeys into Cambridge and evening journeys from Cambridge will now be by Citi2 and not 9. Details are online at: <http://bit.ly/stagecoach9>

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

Friends of the Tithe Barn Trust - contact tithebaritrust@gmail.com

Landbeach Village Hall Bookings - Anne Bullman, 01223 860692

Parish Council Meeting Dates 2016 - 19:30 Village Hall - 4 Apr, 9 May, 26 May (APM), 6 Jun, 4 Jul, 5 Sep, 3 Oct, 7 Nov, 5 Dec

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 pm; Sun: noon-3 pm. Bill Dixon (07889 295949)

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

Waterbeach Independent Lending Library –

Mon 10-noon & 3-5 pm, Wed 6-8 pm, Fri 2:30-5:30 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.
See <http://www.facebook.com/WaterbeachLibrary>
(accessible even if you are not on Facebook).

Announcements

British Summer Time - starts at 2am on Sun 27 March - put your clocks forward 1h

Green Bins - back to fortnightly collection now

Volunteering Opportunity with Busytots - a not-for profit baby and toddler group, run entirely by volunteers at Landbeach Village Hall.

Would you like to get involved? Can you spare a few hours, once a month, on Wednesday mornings?

We're looking for two volunteers to join the small but friendly volunteer team: 1 Snack volunteer and 1 Busytots Assistant.

What sort of things does volunteering at Busytots involve?

As a snack volunteer, you help prepare simple snacks for the children and tea & coffee for their parents/carers. 10.30-11.45am roughly once a month on a Wednesday.

As a Busytots Assistant, you help set up and clear away the toys. Welcome families. Deliver simple craft activities & sing songs. 9.30am-12.15pm roughly once a month on a Wednesday.

If you'd like to find out more, see our website <http://busytots.weebly.com> or contact Gemma on 07986 717958 or email busytots1@hotmail.co.uk

Find us at [facebook.com/LandbeachBusytots](https://www.facebook.com/LandbeachBusytots)

Busytots baby & toddler group

Every Wed 10am - 12 noon @Landbeach Village Hall

Kids can get hands-on at this baby and toddler group

Craft activities or Messy play, toys and sing along or story time at most sessions. Includes snacks for kids, plus cake for grown ups.

Special sessions:

Wed 30 Mar – Mini Easter egg hunt (10am-11:45am) – includes a yummy prize!

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

Find us at [facebook.com/LandbeachBusytots](https://www.facebook.com/LandbeachBusytots)

and <http://busytots.weebly.com>

or email Tosha & Gemma via busytots1@hotmail.co.uk

Village Web site - events / info / live bus times -
www.landbeach.org.uk

The Song of Hen Pen

I am Hen, a very superior being.
See my jolly red comb and strong claws,
My smart ginger and black tweed suit.
Watch me glide majestically to earth.
Hear me: pock-pock, caoo, caOO!

I keep a human to dig for me.
Dig faster, lazy human!
You are too fat and need the exercise.
I spy a worm just by your boot -
Out of my way: pock-pock, caoo, caOO!

My human and I are a team.
She, slow herbivore, digs for roots.
I, quick carnivore, dive in for grubs.
I peck her shiny claw to show who's boss
And scold: pock-pock, caoo, caOO!

My human is stupid but well-meaning.
She runs to get me sunflower seeds.
Her eyes are like two luscious grubs.
She is learning to speak my language.
She says: pock-pock, caoo, caOO!

That last worm was the size of an anaconda.
I retire behind my bush and digest.
I despise the skinny wild birds.
My human admires my round breast and huge thighs.
I say: pock-pock, caoo, caOO!
My human has cooked roast potatoes and green peas.

She has been to Tesco's and bought ...
An oven-ready chicken.
No-one eats me: I rule the world.
I am HEN: pock-pock, caoo, caOO!

as dictated to Barbara Le Gallez 2/3/2016