What's On In Landbeach - April 2015

Roll of Honour – April 1915

Fromant, Ernest Tom

(Bombardier) Gunner 70480
"O" Battery, Royal Horse Artillery

Killed in action 22 April 1915

Born and enlisted Cambridge

Buried in RUE-DAVID MILITARY CEMETERY
FLEURBAIX, Pas de Calais, France

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To be honest, I'd more-or-less forgotten about the centenary of WWI by now. Maybe Landbeach people 100 years ago had done the same, thinking that perhaps war wouldn't be too bad after all. So the death on 22 April 1915 of Ernest Fromant perhaps came as a shock.

As Fleurbaix, where Ernest is buried, is about 20 miles south of Ypres, I suppose he died in the Second Battle of Ypres, which started on that day. Ernest's rank of Gunner corresponds to Private, while Bombardier was the lowest NCO rank. Do you remember Harry J Hatton, who died in Sept 1914? He too was an artilleryman, Driver in the Royal Field Artillery. So I suppose they were skilled men, and we are not yet talking about the mass slaughter of later years.

You can see figures of a driver and a gunner on the Royal Artillery Memorial, at Hyde Park Corner (the London one).

Let's cheer ourselves up with talk of Spring. There are still night frosts, but so many flowers now – daffodils, hyacinths, plum blossom, flowering currant - and the first green leaves are starting to appear.

Items for May are needed by Mon 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). For lifts: Allan Whyte (860824, 07749 555523).

Easter Week

Mon 30 Mar -	19:00 **St John's Wb** Compline
Tue 31 Mar -	19:00 Compline
Wed 01 -	19:00 **St John's Wb** Sung Compline (rehearsal at 18:30)
Maundy Thursday -	19:00 Simple supper followed by Communion
Good Friday -	10:30 Walk of Witness from Baptist Church 11:00 Service followed by Hot Cross Buns 14:00 **St John's Wb** Hour before the Cross
Sat 04 -	10:00 Coffee Morning + Bring & Buy
Easter Sunday -	06:30 Sunrise Service Denny Abbey, then breakfast at Wb Salvation Army 09:15 Easter Day Parish Communion 16:00 **St John's Wb** Farewell Service for Pam and Trevor Thorn

Sun 12 - 09:15 Parish Communion; 18:00 (note time) Evening Prayer
Sun 19 - 10:00 Morning Worship, refreshments and discussion group;
Sun 26 - 09:15 Parish Communion

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

Landbeach and Milton Baptist Church -
Neil (01223 860410), Maureen (01954 250118)

Good Friday - 10:30 Walk of Witness to All Saints; 11:00 Service
Easter Sunday - 10:30 Easter Sunday Morning Worship with Communion, led by Liz Herrington

Sun 12 - 10:30 Sunday Morning Worship with baby dedication, led by Sheila Martin
Sun 19 - 10:30 Sunday Morning Worship led by Dr Eugenio Biagine
Sun 26 - 10:30 Sunday Morning Worship led by Norman Setchell

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 **14** (**Note: 1 week later**) - 14:00 Baptist Chapel, "The Railway Man", tea & cakes, all welcome. Lifts: 01954 202402.

Regular Village Events

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

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

Knit & Natter - Wed 01 - 14:30 to 16:30 at 65 High St (contact Marion Lant 860787)

Landbeach Painting & Drawing Group - first in Apr is Wed 22 - 10:00 to noon All Saints' Church. Pearl (860406) or June & John (860669).

Landbeach Society - Wed 15 - 19:30 Village Hall, John Sutton, "Stand and Deliver! Highwaymen and Newmarket during the reign of Charles II"

Line Dancing Group - Every Tu (last before Easter is 31 Mar, first after Easter is 14 Apr) - 18:30 to 19:30 Baptist Ch. Beginners and improvers welcomed. Nancy (861332) or John (01638 601253). £5

Lunch Club - Tu 14 (2nd Tu of month) - 12:15 for 12:30 Village Hall, book with Gill Diver (861151) - £5

Mobile Library - Mon 13 (2nd Mon of month) - 15:40 to 16:20 opposite High St bus shelter

Sports & Social Club - Bill Dixon (07889 295949)

Village Coffees - Th 16 - 10:00 to 11:30 Village Hall Lounge. ALL are welcome to spend a happy morning in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere for £2.50.

Waterbeach Brass Practice - Every Mon - 19:30 to 22:00 in Landbeach Village Hall (but first Mon of month in St John's Church Room, Waterbeach). New members welcome. Info: David Pell: (01223) 860396, Mob: 07703 352080, www.waterbeachbrass.org

Wednesday Club - 14:30 to 15:45 Baptist Chapel, ecumenical group, all ladies & gentlemen welcome:
Wed 15 - Alan Winfield, "Teaching in Albania"
Wed 29 - speaker is Rev Brian Macdonald-Milne

W.I. - Wed 08 - 19:30 Village Hall, Annual Meeting. New members and visitors always welcome. Why not come along to one of our evenings to see that we are not all just "Jam" and "Jerusalem"? For info, call 440961.

One-off Events

Friends of Worts Meadow - Th 09 - 19.30 Village Hall lounge. Meeting. All welcome, refreshments provided.

Tudor Tithe Barn Fun Open Day
Sat 11 April, 10:30 to 13:00

To get to us, use the kissing gate
opposite 2 Waterbeach Rd, Landbeach (near the crossroads)

You are invited to take a peek inside this special Grade II listed barn

Intro talks at 10:45am and 11:45am
Storytelling and an I-Spy sheet for families
Refreshments available

Tudor-style bell ringing at All Saints' Church,
using the Tudor tenor bell, at 10:30am and 11:30am

Please give generously to support the restoration of this ancient barn – part of our local heritage.

See facebook.com/FriendsOfLandbeachTitheBarn

Village Hall Management Committee AGM
Thursday 16th April 19.30 in the Village Hall

Please come along to hear a report for the last year
and let us have any suggestions on improvements
you would like to see to this valuable community asset

House & Garage Sale
Fri 17 & Sat 18 April 10:00 to 16:00
No. 8 Spaldings Lane
Furniture, Household Items,
Tools, Garden Equipment

Waterbeach Salvation Army Charity Shop - Tu 21 to Sat 25, donations received on previous Sat / Mon; to arrange collection: 571477

Wine Tasting Evening - Sat 16 MAY Village Hall. Run by Events Committee. More info in May, and flyer with full details will be delivered.

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. If you can only do a short run once a week, that would still make a tremendous difference to somebody who is struggling with inadequate public transport. Mileage is paid. Mike Dean (575698).

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 12:16 and 17:31

Landbeach Village Hall Bookings - Anne Bullman, 01223 860692

National Plant Monitoring Scheme – To join in this nationwide scientific survey of wildflowers and their habitats, see www.npms.org.uk

Parish Council Meeting Dates 2015 - 19:30 Village Hall - 13 Apr (All Saints' Church), 11 May (All Saints' Church), 1 June, 6 Jul, 7 Sep, 5 Oct, 2 Nov, 7 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

Village Hall 100 Club Winning Numbers -
March: No. 35 - £25, No. 70 - £10
April: No. 63 - £10; No. 33 - £5; No. 80- £5

Village Hall Chairman - The Village Hall Management Committee is still looking for a Chairman. Anyone interested please contact Colleen Dell (01223 860578) **/** Robert Humphrey (01223 863454) for information about the post. This is an essential role and full support will be given.

Mobile library -

This service is sadly underused. Use it or lose it! It gives you a link to the entire County Library stock in your own village. Do pop in – you may be surprised at how much you enjoy it!

When: 2nd Monday of every month, 15:40 to 16:20
Where: opposite the High St bus shelter

Landbeach Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting - All residents are invited to the APM on Thursday 30th April 2015. Speakers are:
John Mason, PCSO, Safer Neighbourhood Officer,
South Cambs Neighbourhood Team, Histon ***and***
Carolin Gohler, Cambridge Past and Future.

Defibrillator - The Parish Council hope to get a Defibrillator free from East Anglian Ambulance Service, subject to the application being successful. They do not supply a cabinet so one would have to be purchased - the cost is £1,000. We are asking for donations towards this from Parishioners, Groups etc who would like to use it. Please contact the Clerk on mariasylvester@hotmail.co.uk or 01954 252400.

Neighbourhood Watch Advice -

Please keep sheds and outbuildings securely locked at all times. There was a mid-Feb night-time burglary in the High Street from a workshop.

There are reports from local villages of overnight thefts of tools from Ford Transits by thieves with a master key - please use extra security.

There are reports from Cambs villages of persons using false ID as Police Officers, or knocking on doors with false ID as Water Officials.

So please be especially vigilant if you are called on by males dressed as utility workers, or wearing high visibility clothing. Always keep your door shut, or use a door-chain if you have one, until you are satisfied the callers are genuine. Don't call a number the caller has given you, check your utility bill for the emergency contact number. If you feel threatened or suspicious, contact the police on 999.

For information or advice, contact Andrew Stevens, Neighbourhood Watch, tel. 07850 250673, andrewstevens@btinternet.com

New Parish Councillor - Landbeach Parish Council would like to fill a vacancy for Parish Councillor by co-option. Anyone interested would be very welcome. Please contact the Clerk for details of what is involved and how to apply: mariasylvester@hotmail.co.uk or 01954 252400.

Landbeach Helpline - Contact is now Maria Sylvester (Parish Clerk), mariasylvester@hotmail.co.uk or 01954 252400, who will give you contact details for relevant groups/agencies.
Anyone interested in taking this on, please contact Parish Clerk.

Coach to Thursford Christmas Spectacular - Sun 06 DEC, depart Village Hall 10:30. Cost of coach + ticket for 2pm matinee £44. Names plus £10 non-refundable deposit to Anne Bullman, 97 Green End.

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 portakabin 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).

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

Plus special sessions:

Wed 1st Apr - Mini Easter Egg Hunt
Wed 8th Apr - Grow your own cress egg Head
Wed 17th Jun - Make a Father's Day card

Messy play Summer Holiday sessions;
Wed 29th July - Sand theme
Wed 5th Aug - Water theme
Wed 12th Aug - Jelly theme
Wed 19th Aug - Paint theme
Wed 26th Aug - Cornflour slime

Find us at facebook.com/LandbeachBusytots
or email Tosha & Gemma via busytots1@hotmail.co.uk

Announcements

All Saints' Church - at the Election of Churchwardens on 8th March, Ray Gambell and Robert Stripe were elected.

Patterson - The final total collected for the Alzheimer's Society in memory of **Margaret** was £630. Thank you from all her family.

Thank you - to John Attwood and Neville Diver for attaching the Village Noticeboard to the side of the High Street bus shelter.

Local History - Working Horses

This afternoon, I followed a gipsy pony and trap trotting briskly along the A10, with another pony tied on behind. The ponies were an impressive sight, with long swirling manes and tails and feather on their legs, and they were very well schooled. Up until the 1950s, this would have been a common sight, and that thought reminded me to share some of John Morgan's horse stories with you.

John worked on Manor Farm with a pair of Shire horses, mother and daughter, called Smart and Beauty. They were almost identical - brown with white socks and long feathers. One of their jobs was to pull a wide harrow after sowing to get some weeds up. John had to walk behind – "You got fit!" he said.

After work, when the horses had been unharnessed from the car, they would walk through the yard, stop of their own accord to drink at the trough, push open the gate with their chests and go into the horseyard. The farmyard is now Ravensdale. Mr Hatley's horses were stabled in the long black shed by the road, which is still there today. It had stalls for 6 horses. There was one big long manger. They all had their own places, but the horsekeeper had to keep an eye on them to stop them stealing each other's food. The harness room was just inside the gates.

The farrier was in Abraham's Close, where the phone box is now. All that area used to be workshops. A travelling stallion would be walked around the farms to mate with the mares, so that you could breed working horses with a good pedigree.

John had to break in Mr Hatley's horses. He would lunge them on heavy ground and have them on the three-horse roller (an agricultural implement with ribs to crush the ground) for 3 or so days. When John was breaking in one young horse, a hunter called Dauntless, he had it on the roller for a couple of days and then Mr Hatley said "Will you ride it home, John?" John said yes, and Mr Hatley gave him half a crown for doing so. Then he had to break it in properly.

Working horses were the delivery vans of the era. Vera, John's wife, who was a wartime Land Girl from Liverpool, unfamiliar with horses, was doing a milk round with a pony and trap when John met her. The other milk round was done by Freddy Bavester, who had an Arab, which would stop at the right houses. When he had done his job you could hear it coming up Waterbeach Road high-stepping.

Please tell me your recollections of working horses in Landbeach.