What's On In Landbeach – October 2015

Roll of Honour – October 1915

Mead, Harry (Henry)

Acting Sergeant 5755

2nd Battalion, Suffolk Regiment

Killed in action 1 October 1915, aged 32

Born Chittering, Cambs
Enlisted Cambridge

Husband of Florence Molton (formerly Mead)
of Half Acre Farm, Barway, Ely, Cambs

No known grave
Commemorated on
YPRES (MENIN GATE) MEMORIAL
Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium

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How exciting to have a little biographical detail - Harry was a mature man, a husband and a farmer or farmworker, with a life he had hoped to return to. Barway is a hamlet located near where Soham Lode joins the River Gt Ouse. But then the questions start. It reads as though Florence remarried after Harry's death, so was Half Acre Farm where Florence lived with her new husband and nothing to do with Harry?

The Suffolks were an old infantry regiment with a proud history. The 2nd Battalion, returning from India to join the British Expeditionary Force in Aug 1914, were promptly almost all killed or taken prisoner at Le Cateau, where their heroic refusal to surrender didn't bring victory. So Harry volunteered after that, but not very long after, as he was in a regular army battalion rather than the for-the-duration New Army.

Items for Nov are needed by Tu 20th Oct, 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)

Through the reading and preaching of the scriptures we proclaim the forgiveness of sins and salvation through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. We aim to promote growth in the Christian faith.

Sat 03 - 10:00 Coffee Morning + Bring & Buy
Sun 04 - 10:00 All-Age Service
Sun 11 - 09:15 Parish Communion; 18:00 Evening Prayer
Sun 18 - 10:00 Morning Worship, refreshments and discussion group;
Sun 25 - 09:15 Parish Communion

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

Fri - 18:30 to 20:30 Bellringing. New learners welcome. For an introductory lesson, contact Barbara on (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.

Sun 04 - 10:30 Sunday Morning Worship with Communion, led by Andrew Dalwood
Sun 11 - 10:30 Sunday Morning Worship led by John Cherry
Sun 18 - 10:30 Sunday Morning Worship led by John Garnham
Sun 25 - 10:30 Sunday Morning Worship led by Liz Herrington

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 06 - 14:00 Baptist Chapel, "Cranford" (ctd), tea & cakes, all welcome. Lifts: 01954 202402.

All Saints' Church

Church Cleaning & Churchyard Maintenance Day

Sat 24 Oct, 10am-4pm

Jobs to suit all - do join us

Info: Barbara Le Gallez 01223 860283

blegallez@yahoo.co.uk

Regular Village Events

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

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

Knit & Natter - Wed 07 - 14:30 to 16:30 at 65 High St (contact Marion Lant 860787)

Landbeach Painting & Drawing Group - Wed 07 & 21 - 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 21 - 19:30 Village Hall, "Audley End and its Occupants", Sarah Trice

Line Dancing Group - Every Tu - 18:30 to 19:30 Baptist Ch. Now in our 5th year. Beginners and improvers welcomed. Nancy (861332) or John (01638 601253). £5

Lunch Club - Tu 13 (2nd Tu of month) - 12:15 for 12:30 Village Hall, book with Gill Diver (861151) - £5

Mobile Library - Mon 12 (2nd Mon of month) - 15:40 to 16:20 opposite High St bus shelter

Sports & Social Club - Bill Dixon (07889 295949)

Village Coffees - Th 15 - 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. All retired men and women welcome to a varied programme of general interest. Transport available - call Nancy (861332).
Wed 14 - "Gideons International", Jane Mann; Wed 28 - TBA

W.I. - Wed 14 - 19:30 Village Hall, Open Meeting, "A History of Witchcraft", Maureen James. New members & visitors always welcome. Why not come along to one of our evenings? For info, call 440961.

Last call - All welcome to our Harvest Festival

This Sunday 27 SEPTEMBER Village Hall

11:30 service followed by 12:30 lunch

Catch it this month

Defibrillator Training - Th 01, 19:30 Village Hall. See PC section.

The Little Chapel in the Fen - Sun 04 - 15:00 Traditional Harvest Festival Service. Situated at CB7 5YJ between Upware and Swaffham Prior. Be early to guarantee a seat. Info: Trish 07979 868676.

Poems in the Kitchen - Th 08 - 10:00 to 19:00 Roseyard Cottage, Primrose Lane, Wb. Theme is "Light". All welcome. Info: Angela, 860214

Waterbeach Brass Concert - Sat 10 - 19:30 **St John's Waterbeach.** Profits to Waterbeach Military Heritage Museum. £7.50 (incl. nibbles) from Rosemary Newsagents. Email rafwaterbeach.museum@gmail.com

Friends of Worts Meadow Indoor Meeting - Th 15 (note new date) - 19.30 Village Hall lounge. All welcome, refreshments provided.

All Saints' Church Cleaning and Churchyard Maintenance Day - Sat 24 - 10:00 to 16:00. Our popular annual event - do join us for an hour or so, inside or out. Info: Barbara 01223 860283, blegallez@yahoo.co.uk

Book these dates

Big Breakfast - Sat 07 **NOV** - 10:00 to 14:00 Village Hall, Full English Breakfast for £5.50; also bric-a-brac. Money raised goes to Cancer Research UK and Arthur Rank Hospice. Do come and bring your friends

Th 03 **DEC** - 19:30 - Village Hall. Prize bingo evening.

Coach to Thursford Christmas Spectacular - Sun 06 **DEC**. Start the season! Depart Village Hall 10:30. Cost of coach + ticket for 2pm matinee £44. Lunch can be taken, or use the new restaurant. Names + £10 deposit to Anne Bullman, 97 Green End. Balances can be paid now.

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

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

Announcements

Macmillan Coffee Morning - Thank you to everyone who organised, donated to and supported the Macmillan Coffee Morning at the Village Hall in September. Your extremely generous contributions raised the grand total of £310 for Macmillan.

WHITE - Peter, Paul, Mark and Nicholas would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the kindnesses shown, support given and for the cards and messages of sympathy received by them and their families during their recent sad loss of JULIA.

We also thank all those who attended either or both of the services at the Crematorium and All Saints' Church. Thanks to the Rev Canon Brian Macdonald-Milne for his words of comfort, to the teams of flower arrangers who excelled themselves in the decoration of the church, the bell ringers (not many people knew that Julia was an international bell ringer) and to the ladies of Landbeach Women's Institute who provided such attractively-presented refreshments. We are truly grateful.

A total of £645 collected for the Alzheimer's Society in memory of Julia has been sent to the Society. Thank you to all who contributed to this worthy charity.

Wood Green - Terry Chapman thanks his friends and neighbours for their generous support for his sponsored cycle ride for the "Animals of Wood Green", which amounted to £534.

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).

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

Clocks - go back 1h at 2am on **Sun 25 Oct**

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

Landbeach Village Hall Bookings - Anne Bullman, 01223 860692

Parish Council Meeting Dates 2015 - 19:30 Village Hall - 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 -
Sep: No. 62 - £25, No. 45 - £10, No. 65 - £5
Oct: No. 73 - £10, No. 53 - £5

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

Affordable Housing - if anyone is interested in this, please contact the Clerk, mariasylvester@hotmail.co.uk or phone 01954 252400

Defibrillator Training - The Parish Council's Defibrillator is installed in a cabinet on the Village Hall wall facing the car park. The PC is running a training course in the Village Hall on Thursday 1 October at 7pm. Members of all village organisations are invited. Please book with the Clerk, Maria Sylvester, (mariasylvester@hotmail.co.uk, 01954 252400).

Landbeach Helpline - contact Maria Sylvester (Parish Clerk), mariasylvester@hotmail.co.uk or 01954 252400, to obtain contact details for relevant groups/agencies.

Live Bus Times - on the village website: **www.landbeach.org.uk**

Local MP - Wed 30 **SEPTEMBER** - 18:00 to 19:00 St John's Ch Rm, Waterbeach. A chance to hear, and ask questions of, Lucy Frazer MP.

New Parish Councillor - Landbeach Parish Council would like to fill a vacancy for Parish Councillor by co-option. For info contact the Clerk, mariasylvester@hotmail.co.uk or 01954 252400.

Speedwatch - Landbeach has been invited by Waterbeach, Fen Ditton and Horningsea Parish Councils to join a Speedwatch initiative. If you want to do something practical about the traffic passing through the village, contact the Clerk, Maria Sylvester, 01954 252400, mariasylvester@hotmail.co.uk

LANDBEACH then & now

A new book by Ray Gambell

Ray's latest book shows pictures from the archives of the Landbeach Society together with modern photographs of the village, to illustrate some of the history of the village over the past century or more.

£7.50

Landbeach Calendars 2016

With 12 colour photographs of the village

£3.50

Both are available now from Ray Gambell at The Old School

Nature Notes - Swifts

At the end of the last century, there were very few Swifts that we knew of breeding in Landbeach: a couple of pairs in Mrs Pullen's shop, now lost to development, and maybe 2 more pairs in the School House.

In 2002, a Swift was taking great interest in a hole in our brickwork in Old Beach Farm. One morning I found it hanging outside the hole with a wing stuck inside. Rescued, it flew off OK. The hole was just too small!

Not knowing anything about nest boxes for Swifts, I put a couple of home-made nest boxes in front of the hole. After experiments and playing of attraction calls, a pair eventually moved in in 2004. By 2005 we had 19 nest boxes on the northwest corner of the house. This has built up to 9 pairs this year, 8 of them raising chicks. They give us a lot of pleasure on summer evenings with their wonderful aerobatic displays.

In 2006, with the blessing of Ray Gambell and the PCC, we put nest boxes behind the louvres in the belfry of All Saints church. Two years of attraction calls resulted in no swift being seen near the church. Then in 2013, by which time we had learned a lot from other successful church projects, we made some changes, used more modern solid state MP3 equipment and we managed to attract one pair into one of the boxes. In 2014 this increased to 3 pairs, the pair from 2013 raising chicks. This year, all 3 pairs raised chicks and birds were seen entering some of the other boxes, as well as the gargoyle on the NE corner of the tower. It was not uncommon this year to see Swifts charging around the tower, often up to a dozen birds and on one evening a flock of 30.

In the meantime, we now have 12 boxes on North Farm, occupied by 5 pairs this year, 4 boxes in Matthew Parker Close with 2 pairs, 7 boxes on Bob Humphrey's house on the High Street with 2 pairs and 3 boxes on the Baptist church, which had 1 pair until a Little Owl ambushed them. Pigeon spikes have been secured to the tops of the boxes to deter the owl.

Nationally, Swifts are amber-listed, a bird of medium conservation concern. Their numbers decline by about 3% per year. There is plenty of scope for many more Swifts in Landbeach, should anyone have a desire for nest boxes under their eaves. You can contact me at 01223 860400 or actionforswifts@gmail.com, or see actionforswifts.blogspot.com

Dick Newell, Old Beach Farm, August 2015