What's On In Landbeach – March 2016

This month our photo is of the beautiful artwork of the Landbeach Drawing and Painting Group. I have given it the full page it deserves.



Items for Apr are needed by Sun 20th Mar, 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 05 - 10:00 Coffee Morning + Bring & Buy
Sun 06 - 10:00 All-Age Service for Mothering Sunday
Sun 13 - 09:15 Parish Communion with Bishop David;
16:00 Evening Prayer
Sun 20 - 10:00 Morning Worship, refreshments and discussion group;
19:00 Taizé service for Palm Sunday

Easter Week

Tue 22	- 19:00 Compline
Good Friday 25	- 10:30 Walk of Witness from Baptist Church 11:00 Service followed by Hot Cross Buns 14:00 Final Hour before the Cross
Easter Sunday 27	- 06:30 Sunrise Service Denny Abbey, then breakfast at St John's Waterbeach 09:15 Easter Day Parish Communion 19:00 St John's Wb Contemporary Service

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 06 - 10:30 Sunday Morning Worship with Communion,
led by Andrew Dalwood
Sun 13 - 10:30 Sunday Morning Worship, led by Christine Kimmitt
Sun 20 - 10:30 Sunday Morning Worship for Palm Sunday,
led by David Instone-Brewer (University Lecturer)
Fri 25 - 10:30 Walk of Witness to All Saints' Church
11:00 **All Saints' Church** Service followed by Hot Cross Buns
Sun 27 - 10:30 Sunday Morning Worship for Easter Day
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 01 - 14:00 Baptist Chapel, "The Theory of Everything", tea & cakes, all welcome. Lifts: 01954 202402.

I hope you have enjoyed all the events organised for you by various village groups over the years. This month, here's your chance to contribute to making Landbeach a good place to live.

Beaches Community Car Scheme needs drivers

The Beaches Community Car scheme is run by volunteers and offers lifts to people who have no other means of transport for medical appointments and some social /shopping trips. At the moment the scheme has about 12 drivers from Waterbeach and two from Milton, but takes passengers from not only Waterbeach and Milton but also Landbeach and Horningsea.

We provide an essential service, but without enough drivers cannot always guarantee that we can find someone a lift; this can be very distressing for someone who is ill and on their own. Commercial taxis are extremely expensive.

We have at the moment three or four Landbeach clients, one of who is taken shopping on Friday mornings. The others are usually surgery trips so don't require regular lifts. To have one or two drivers in Landbeach that we could call on first before trying the Waterbeach or Milton drivers would be a great help.

Drivers do not have to commit to a regular day/amount of time each week but are asked on a case by case basis if they can drive someone and if they can't they can say no. Drivers receive a mileage allowance of 45p per mile, must apply for a DBS check (there is no charge to the volunteer for this and the County Council administer it) and their insurance company must give permission.

If we have plenty of drivers then it needn't put too much demand on anyone, and usually things like trips to the local surgeries don't take up too much time (apart from the odd occasion when everything gets out of step and it all takes longer than you expected).

If you are a driver and have even a little bit of time to spare please think about volunteering. To find out more ring Mike Dean on 01223 575698 , or the Car Scheme number 07807875878.

Thank you from the BCCS Team

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 02 - 14:30 to 16:30 at 1 Matthew Parker Close (contact Marion Lant 860787)

Landbeach Painting & Drawing Group - Wed 02 & 16 - 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 16 - "Papworth Hospital 1918 to 2018", Becky Proctor

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

Lunch Club - Tu 08 (2nd Tu of month) - 12:15 for 12:30 Village Hall, book with Gill Diver (861151) - £5

Mobile Library - Mon 14 (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).

Sports & Social Club - Bill Dixon (07889 295949)

Village Coffees - Th 17 - 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).
Wed 09 - Taster Session "Chair-based Exercise" with physiotherapist Margaret Coles. Easter break follows until:
Wed 06 **APR** - "Ruanda - its needs and its beauty", Joy Childs

W.I. - Wed 09 - 19:30 Village Hall, "A Quilt for All Seasons", M. Johnson. 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

Village Hall Committee Meeting - Th 03 - 19.30 Village Hall. All welcome.

Litter Pick - Sat 05 - 11:00 Meet at Village Hall. Please join in with nationwide campaign that weekend: www.cleanforthequeen.co.uk

Book these dates

Newt Watch - Fri 01 APR - 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.

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

First Aid Course - Sat 16 APR - time to be agreed, please book with the Parish Clerk (see contact details under Parish Council)

Election of Churchwardens and Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) - Mon 25 APR (evening) - All Saints' Church

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

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

Village Hall 80th Anniversary Celebrations - Sat 16 JUL - 12:30. With BBQ. A flyer will be delivered soon.

Party in the Park - Sat 23 JULY

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 02 Mar – making Mother's Day cards
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
or email Tosha & Gemma via busytots1@hotmail.co.uk

Waterbeach Brass - Practice every Mon - 19:30 to 22:00 at Waterbeach Barracks. New members welcome. Info: David Pell: (01223) 860396, Mob: 07703 352080, www.waterbeachbrass.org

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 tithebarntrust@gmail.com

Landbeach Village Hall Bookings - Anne Bullman, 01223 860692

Parish Council Meeting Dates 2016 - 19:30 Village Hall - 7 Mar, 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. Please do consider joining us using the enclosed flier.

Christian Aid Week – May 15th to 21st – help needed

Last year it was impossible to cover all the village. If you can deliver or, even more importantly, collect, please contact Barbara Le Gallez, (01223) 860283, blegallez@yahoo.co.uk. A replacement co-ordinator is also needed – please contact Barbara if you would be willing to do this. If you don't like us calling at your house, please remember that the collector is a local volunteer and say no kindly.

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

Announcements

All Saints' Church - Our Associate Vicar, Paul Butler, says **"Thanks to the generosity of the Waterbeach Ecclesiastical Charity, I'm now able to work on a full time basis across the two parishes. Looking forward to seeing you at our Easter services."** N.B. Paul has a rest day on Wednesday.

All Saints' Church - thank you to everyone who supported our Lent Concert by the fabulous student choir of Corpus Christi College. It was a delightful event and raised a total of £445 for church funds.

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

Village Hall Jumble Sale - made the excellent sum of £401. Thank you to everybody who donated jumble and helped on the day.

Volunteering Opportunity with Busytots - a not-for profit baby and toddler group, run entirely by volunteers. An additional volunteer is needed once a month on a Wednesday morning.

What sort of things does volunteering at Busytots involve?

Helping set up and clear away. Welcoming families. Delivering simple craft activities & singing songs.

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

Tudor Tithe Barn Free Open Day

Sat 9 Apr, 10:30am to 1pm

Opened by church bell-ringing from All Saints'

Tudor-style games and dressing-up for kids
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)

Hurrah! In Feb we had snow! Not enough to make a snowman, even a snowball, but nevertheless the ground was "white-over" when I got up on 15th Feb. There was no snow in Landbeach in either 2014 or 2015.

You know how at the end of winter the air sometimes smells and tastes of spring? I noticed that one evening right at the start of Feb. This must have fooled the animals too, as bats were seen on the High St on 4th Feb. A dreadful storm promptly followed! After that the weather became calmer, with alternating mild and cold spells. The lowest temperature of the year was -3°C on the night of 15th Feb.

In the middle of Feb, a frog was seen hopping along Waterbeach Rd. Three beautiful swans have been grazing on the field on Waterbeach Rd. Bumblebees are about when it is sunny and today I saw my first peacock butterfly of the year. ***Barbara Le Gallez***

2015 Precipitation

figures courtesy of Margaret Butler

Month	mm	Days
January	45.25	9
February	42.25	8
March	28.5	10
April	25	9
May	56	10
June	28.5	10
July	126.75	12
August	73.75	13
September	48.75	9
October	52.25	12
November	61.75	18
December	61.25	15
Total	**650**	**135**

This all fell as rain – there was no snow in 2015.
The 24-year average total is 646.25 mm on 161 days, so 2015's total was average, but there were more dry days than average.

The maximum was in high summer, as in 2014. Apart from the heavy rain in July, the rainfall was more evenly distributed than in 2014, which was a wetter year in both number of wet days and total amount of rain.