What's On In Landbeach - August 2014

This month, Brian Barber's drawing shows Old Mabel's being pulled down, only to rise like a phoenix (more like a barrage balloon, actually). Inside, you can read some stories of people and events in the old house from 1938 to c. 1950. Thank you to all who have shared their memories, especially John Morgan and Alan Wyatt.

Beche Way has emerged as the top Landbeach place to hear the cuckoo (thank you, June!) So, birders, head there next year!

Mon 4th August is the centenary of Britain's entry into WWI. There are various local, regional and national events planned to mark it (see the back page for one). It's hard to imagine Britain before the Great War, when people were confident that civilisation (by which they meant the way THEY did things!) had triumphed and the only way was up.

Items for Sep needed by Wed 20th Aug, please. Barbara Le Gallez, 113 Waterbeach Rd, 01223 860283, blegallez@yahoo.co.uk

No 9 High St



Regular Church Events

All Saints' Church - Rev Paul Butler (860353), Rev Pam Thorn (864262), Ray Gambell (860757), Robert Stripe (862297). For lifts to or from church services and events: Allan Whyte (860824, 07749 555523).

Sat 02 - 10:00 Coffee Morning + Bring & Buy
Sun 03 - 10:00 All-Age service
Sun 10 - 09:15 Parish Communion; 18:00 Evening Prayer
Sun 17 - **10:00** Morning Worship
followed by refreshments and discussion group
Sun 24 - 09:15 Parish Communion
Sun 31 - **10:00** ST JOHN'S WATERBEACH
Joint Parishes All-Age Communion NO SERVICE IN ALL STS'

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

Fri - 18:30 to 20:30 Bellringing. New learners welcome.
Barbara Le Gallez, (01223) 860283, blegallez@yahoo.co.uk

Landbeach and Milton Baptist Church -
Neil (01223 860410), Maureen (01954 250118)
Sun 03 - 10:30 Sunday Morning Worship with Communion, led by Liz Herrington
Sun 10 - 10:30 United Service at **WATERBEACH BAPTIST CHURCH**
Sun 17 - 10:30 Sunday Morning Worship led by Carole Durose
Sun 24 - 10:30 Sunday Morning Worship led by Christine Kimmitt
Sun 31 - 10:30 Sunday Morning Worship with Communion, led by Andrew Dalwood

Every Sun unless otherwise announced -
18:00 Sunday Evening Worship (venue may vary)
Every Th - 10:00 for 10:30 Landbeach Home Group (at the church)
Every Wed - 18:30 Craft Group, Jen Coxon (01954 202402)

Film Afternoon - Tu 05 - 14:00 Baptist Chapel, "We Bought a Zoo", tea & cakes, all welcome. Lifts: 01954 202402.

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 a Facebook user). Children's Summer Reading Challenge now on.

Regular Village Events

Busytots Baby & Toddler Group - Every Wed - 10:00 to noon, 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/Tiff/Gemma via busytots1@hotmail.co.uk

Indoor Bowls - Every Tu - 19:30 Village Hall, Terry Pauley (860600)

Knit & Natter - Wed 06 - 14:30 to 16:30 at 1 Matthew Parker Close (contact Marion Lant 860787)

Landbeach Painting & Drawing Group - next meeting will be in September. Info: Pearl (860406) or June & John (860669).

Landbeach Society - next meeting Wed 17 **SEP**

Line Dancing Group - Every Tu - 18:30 to 19:30 Baptist Ch. Taking a summer break after Tu 22nd July and resuming on Tu 23rd Sept. Beginners welcomed as well as improvers. Info: Nancy (861332) or John (01638 601253).

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 outside "New Mabel's" (opposite High St bus shelter)

Sports & Social Club - Bill Dixon (07889 295949)

Village Coffees - Th 21 - 10:00 to 11:30 Village Hall Lounge. ALL are welcome to spend a happy morning in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. £2.50.

Wednesday Club - 14:30 to 15:45 Baptist Chapel, ecumenical group, all ladies & gentlemen welcome: Meetings resume in September.

W.I. - Wed 13 - 19:30 Village Hall, Bev Briggs - Personal Shopper
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 -
You are invited to join the Friends of Worts Meadow at the following events:

Th 21 - 20.15 A bat walk starting from the Village Hall car park. Come and listen and see what bat species we have in the village.

Sat 30 - 14.30 Pond dipping for children of all ages. Bring a parent or guardian and wear wellies. Nets will be provided and an expert will be on hand to identify species. Meet Worts Meadow pond.

Sun 31 - 08.00 Village Hall, examination of moth traps set the previous evening in Worts Meadow. Bacon rolls, tea etc. provided.

St Clare's Day Service - Sat 09 - 18:00 Denny Abbey, Eucharist and bring-your-own picnic

All Saints' Church - Sat 04 **OCT** - Eyehall Musick & Corona Brass

Cambridge Junior Parkrun

An exciting free initiative to help children get fit and build stamina has been launched in Cambridge.

Cambridge Junior Parkrun - the first of its kind in the county - now takes place weekly. This 2km run has just started; it takes place every Sunday at 10am in Milton Country Park.

Children aged 4-14 can take part, running on their own or accompanied by up to two parents, grandparents or older siblings.

Register at www.parkrun.org.uk to get a personal barcode which will allow you to see your times. Or just turn up and join in.

It's for runners of all abilities and is the children's version of the Saturday parkrun which now attracts 400 runners each week.

Tracy Hutchison (Beach Babies)

Notices

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. Contact Mike Dean (575698).

Gardening - Cambridgeshire Age UK now offer a Gardening Service for over 60s who have difficulty doing their gardens. Visits last for a min of 1h and cost £12.50 ph. All gardeners are DBS checked and carry photo ID cards. They also provide regular company and keep a friendly eye out for clients. They can direct clients, carers and family members to our other services. To book visits OR to become a gardener : 01354 696650 or suzanne.cameron@ageukcambridgeshire.org.uk

Thank you - Margaret and Rowland would like to thank everyone for their kindness, help, friendship and support during the difficult time of the past month.

Village Coffees - Please note that in **September** Village Coffees will be on Th 25th instead of Th 18th. It will be combined with a Macmillan coffee morning and all proceeds will be donated to the charity.

Information

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

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 17:16

Landbeach Village Hall Bookings - Anne Bullman, 01223 860692

Parish Council Meeting Dates 2014 - 19:30 in Village Hall - no meeting in Aug,1 Sep, 6 Oct, 3 Nov, 1 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 Web Site - For event listings and information see **www.landbeach.org.uk**

From Landbeach Parish Council

Neighbourhood Watch - please be vigilant about door to door callers and report anything suspicious to your Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator or to the Police

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

Suggestions for local highway improvements - if you have any suggestions, please contact the Clerk as above

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 phone 01954 252400.

Adult fitness equipment - A parishioner has suggested installing Adult fitness equipment on the Recreation Ground. Do other parishioners have suggestions or ideas of what they would like?
Does anyone understand what sort of equipment is meant? [Barbara]

DOG POO

Dog faeces can pose a significant health risk to animals and humans, particularly young children. All faeces contain bacteria, roundworms and other parasites that can cause stomach upsets, but the greatest risk is from *toxocariasis*. This is particularly hazardous to small children as their immune systems are not fully developed and it can result in blindness.

So, please, **NEVER** take a dog to a play or sports area, and always **CLEAR UP** pet faeces, especially on Worts Meadow and other public places.

Local History - No. 9 High St 1938-c.1950

Thank you to John Morgan, Alan Wyatt and others for their memories of this house's busy life - as a residence, a shop and the venue for the successful Landbeach Boys' Club.

Strictly speaking, the building is 7-9 High St. It originally consisted of three cottages parallel to the road. Then a Victorian wing was added at the S end, incorporated into cottage no. 9 and used as a shop. Until well into the 20th century, the middle cottage had a door on the road side (so the door and porch on the new house are authentic!)

May's drawing, from 1910, shows the end wing looking very smart as Mr Bull's cycle shop, sporting a side extension. By 1938, it had lost this and seems to have come down in the world a bit. The back kitchen was still Mr Bull's cycle repair workshop, where the lads used to congregate in the evenings – that was all the social life there was in the village. In the shop in the front, Mr Bull sold sweets from large jars. Later, Joe Benton did cobbling there, repairing shoes and other items.

When WWII started, the buildings were tumbledown, but people from outside nevertheless came to live there. Alan recalls a lady who came from London to escape the bombing in the early 1940s for a couple of years. At this time, Waterbeach airfield was fully operational, with a large number of personnel, and her boyfriends often cycled over to visit her. John recalls a Mrs Gluck (or similar), whose German husband had been interned, living in the middle cottage. John says "In the summer, she used to sit on the doorstep watching the world go by. She was a rather lonely woman. I don't think people really entertained her a lot."

After the war, things started to look up. Mabel and Sidney Pullan bought the entire property in 1947 and made it habitable. They soon opened a shop selling sweets, tobacco etc, which gradually grew as customer requests were added. I wonder what made them choose Landbeach?

Mabel was always interested in people, so, with Alan Wyatt, they started a Boys' Club, in the long upstairs room of the cottage part. The boys remember Mabel climbing the stairs with mugs of hot chocolate. Sidney, a lab technician, taught them how to dismantle and rebuild a car engine. Three of the boys went on to have successful careers in the motor trade. Alan directed the boys in putting on a play, "Shivering Shocks", and two concerts in the Village Hall, which had a full stage and curtains in those days. There was a Girls' Club too, but that did not last many months.

Nearby Events

The College of West Anglia, Milton are running a number of events at the campus this summer : pet advice clinics, Farmer Tom's open mornings, children's fun farm sessions and smallholder skills sessions. If you are interested in any of the events, or would like some more information, please contact Fran Cook on fcook@col-westanglia.ac.uk or call reception on 01223 860701 and ask for Fran or Jessica. You can also keep checking our website www.cwa.ac.uk where we will be updating the pages with new events.

The Great War - Between the Lines
The Last Day of Peace

Free commemorative family event
run by Cambs CC
Sunday 3 August 2014, 1-5pm
Hinchingbrooke House, Huntingdon

Re-enactors in costume
The Music Hall Society
Somersham Brass Band
The Combat Veteran Players
Expert advice on family history
Vignettes and reading of letters
Displays from St Neots Museum
Exhibitions
Shire Horses
A veteran car
Vintage Cycles
Light refreshments