What's On In Landbeach - November 2014

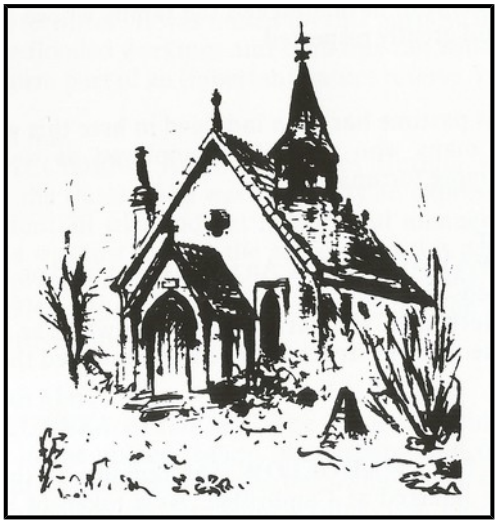
Thank you to the people who told me about the change in bus times. Please do let me know if anything in What's On needs updating, or if your copy does not arrive by the end of the preceding month.

Ray Gambell has put some really unusual and attractive photos in this year's Landbeach Calendar, so why not buy one (or more) to support All Saints' Church? See under Notices for details.

Who has seen or heard owls recently? There is a screech owl (aka barn owl) living behind the church, and you can hear it going out hunting at dusk. For a couple of days at the start of October, a white hen pheasant visited my garden. Did you see it in your garden?

This month's Local History article is about Waterbeach Fen Church. Thank you to Ann Brown and Lorna Rhodes for their reminiscences. The drawing below of the Fen Church was, I think, originally done by a Mr Thrussell, but it is copied here by permission from the Waterbeach Chronicle. This fascinating book, recently re-printed by the Waterbeach Village Society, is available for £5 from Waterbeach Library, Bull's Butchers, Rosemary Diary or Adrian Wright.

Items for Dec needed by Th 20th Nov, please. Barbara Le Gallez, 113 Waterbeach Rd, 01223 860283, blegallez@yahoo.co.uk



Regular Church Events

All Saints' Church -
Priests: Rev Paul Butler (860353), Rev Pam Thorn (864262)
Churchwardens: Ray Gambell (860757), Robert Stripe (862297)
Transport co-ordinator: Allan Whyte (860824, 07749 555523)
Website: http://stjohns-waterbeach.org.uk

Sat 01 - 10:00 Coffee Morning + Bring & Buy
Sun 02 - 10:00 All Saints' Sunday, All-Age service
Sun 09 - 09:15 Remembrance Sunday Morning Service with
09:55 Act of Remembrance;
16:00 Evening Prayer (note earlier time)
Sun 16 - 10:00 Morning Worship, refreshments and discussion group;
19:00 Taizé Service
Sun 23 - 09:15 Parish Communion
Sun 30 - **10:00** Advent Sunday Benefice All-Age Communion;
19:00 **St John's Waterbeach**, Contemporary Worship Service

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

Fri - 18:30 to 20:30 Bellringing. New learners welcome.
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Landbeach and Milton Baptist Church -
Neil (01223 860410), Maureen (01954 250118)

Sun 02 - 10:30 Sunday Morning Worship with Communion,
led by Liz Herrington
Sun 09 - 10:30 Sunday Morning Worship led by John Searle
Sun 16 - 10:30 Sunday Morning Worship led by Terry Yaroslaw
Sun 23 - 10:30.Sunday Morning Worship led by Andrew Dalwood
Sun 30 - 10:30 Sunday Morning Worship with Communion,
led by Christine Kimmitt

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 04 - 14:00 Baptist Chapel, "Life of Pi", tea & cakes, all welcome. Lifts: 01954 202402.

Landbeach Village Hall

Sat Nov 15, 10am to 2pm

Full English Breakfast

For Arthur Rank Hospice & Cancer Research UK

£5.50

With nearly-new bric-a-brac stall

To donate items for this stall, please contact
Colleen 860578 or Gill 861151

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 & Gemma via busytots1@hotmail.co.uk . We have a couple of special sessions coming up, as well as the usual weekly sessions every Wed morning: See our back page display ad for details. Our last session will be Wed 17 Dec 2014. We then break for Christmas and reopen on Wed 7 Jan 2015.

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

Knit & Natter - Wed 05 - 14:30 to 16:30 at 10 Matthew Parker Close (contact Marion Lant 860787)

Landbeach Painting & Drawing Group - Wed 05, 19 - 10:00 to noon All Saints' Church. Info: Pearl (860406) or June & John (860669). Your last chance to join us and **PAINT A POPPY** before Remembrance Day!

Landbeach Society - Wed 19 - 19:30 Village Hall, Andrew Lacey, "The Glorious Dead – Memory and Mourning after the Great War"

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

Lunch Club - Tu 11 (2nd Tu of month) - 12:15 for 12:30 Village Hall, book with Gill Diver (861151) - £5

Mobile Library - Mon 10 (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 20 - 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. For a car to collect you, tel 860128 / 440961 BEFORE the day.

Wednesday Club - 14:30 to 15:45 Baptist Chapel, ecumenical group, all ladies & gentlemen welcome.
Wed 05 Visit to Scotsdale's Garden Centre at Horningsea
Wed 19 Beetle Drive

W.I. - Wed 12 - 19:30 Village Hall, Veronica Hewins, "Indian Cookery". 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

Village Hall Committee meeting - Th 06 19.30. Open to everyone.

Church Cleaning & Churchyard Maintenance Day - Sat 15 10:00 to 16:00. Please join us to help make your parish church and churchyard clean and tidy for the winter. Free refreshments. Info: Barbara (860283)

Bourne Wood - Sat 22 - 10.00 Meet Village Hall car park. Join the Friends of Worts Meadow planting a few elm tree saplings in Bourne Wood and other light management work.

Pop Music Quiz Night - Sat 22 - 19.00 for 19:30 start, Village Hall. Organised by the Event Committee; proceeds towards future events. Please book using form already delivered. Info: Deborah (860712).

Christmas Bingo Night - Th 04 **DEC** 19.30 Village Hall. With seasonal refreshments and a raffle.

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 17:31 (new later time)

Landbeach Village Hall Bookings - Anne Bullman, 01223 860692

Parish Council Meeting Dates 2014 - 19:30 Village Hall - 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**

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 (this is accessible even if you are not on Facebook) http://www.facebook.com/WaterbeachLibrary

Notices

All Saints' Church

Church Cleaning & Churchyard Maintenance Day
Sat 15th Nov 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Please join us to help make your parish church and churchyard clean and tidy for the winter

All welcome

Equipment provided or bring your own
Free refreshments

Info: Barbara (860283)

Beaches Community Car Service - Help! More drivers are desperately needed. Mileage is paid. Contact Mike Dean (575698).

Landbeach Calendars - with twelve different colour pictures of the village and All Saints' Church, now available from Ray Gambell, at The Old School, Green End (Tel: 860757), price £3.50 including envelope.

SCDC bin collections - in case of non-collection, call 03450 450 063 or email Arnie Leader at Arnie.Leader@scambs.gov.uk

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).

Village Coffees

The Macmillan Coffee Morning in Sept raised £420.
Thank you from the organisers for all your support.

At our **NOV** 20th coffee morning, we will be selling Christmas cards and other small items for Help for Heroes and Hounds for Heroes. Please come and support these wonderful charities.

We can now provide a car to collect you -
tel 860128 or 440961 BEFORE the day, please.

We need to recruit 2 or more willing helpers for next year.
If you feel you could help once a month,
please contact Jane on 440961 or Margaret on 860128

Local History

The **Fen Church** of St Andrew's most unusual moment was when its floor fell in during a Harvest Festival taken by Lay Reader Jack Harding in the early 1960s. The church was then closed and later demolished.

This tiny church was situated in Waterbeach Fen, at almost the very end of Long Drove, Waterbeach, a long road running roughly N into the fens parallel to the River Cam. If you search for it today (if you can bear the undulating road surface), all you will find is a small square of woodland, with an unusual mix of trees. It is on the left hand side of the road, just before The Black House, at Grid Ref TL523696.

The church was opened on 1st April 1883, Low Sunday (first Sunday after Easter). Rev Henry C. D. Chandler was then Vicar of Waterbeach, It was built of stone, at a cost of about £800, mainly contributed by Mrs Horne, and seated 60, It was for the use of people living in the Fens of Waterbeach, Wicken and Swaffham Prior. Access was easy between these places at that time, via the chain ferry across the river from the end of Long Drove to Upware. There were then many farmers and farm workers living out in the Fens, and there was a strong community spirit. The church was well-used, with children being baptised there.

An undated and unsigned painting of the Fen Church now hangs in a room at the back of Waterbeach Church. This shows the church tastefully decorated, with oil lamps hanging from the ceiling and chairs, not pews. There is a lectern, a tiny chancel up two steps and a round stained-glass window behind the altar.

By the 1930s and 1940s, there was only a monthly service. Mrs Saberton played the organ, which was hand-pumped (to keep its bellows going), by her daughter Lorna. The church had a small bell, inside a bell cote near its West end, the rope to ring it falling down inside the church. Mrs Saberton's son Bill chimed the bell to announce services, and he absent-mindedly continued to do so on the first Sunday after the wartime ban on ringing, fortunately escaping trouble when Mr Swann, the Vicar, protected him.

The floor eventually collapsed in the early 1960s. Ann Brown says "Jack Harding gave it out at Bible Class that there would be a service and we all went down there on our bikes. The funny thing was that no-one fell over. Part fell in so we moved to another part. Then that fell in." Lorna Rhodes adds that they ended up finishing the service outside, and luckily no-one was hurt.

Landbeach Parish Council

Cambridgeshire County Council - would like you to complete a survey about your information needs regarding adult social care, older people's services and the Care Act. There are paper copies available in All Saints' Church, Waterbeach Independent Lending Library and your GPs surgery, or you can complete it online at https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LSKLNY2
Sorry, you will have to act quickly, as it only runs until 31 Oct.

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

New NHS Non-Emergency Telephone No - **111**

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–Cottenham Cycle Path - to express a view or support, contact the Clerk on 01954 252400 or mariasylvester@hotmail.co.uk

Neighbourhood Watch - There have been several burglaries in the village recently. Parishioners need to be vigilant and always ask for ID. If you have any worries, ring the Police on 101 or 999.

Park and Ride - you can pre-pay online for parking via the website http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/around/park-ride/

Busytots Baby & Toddler Group Special Sessions

Wed 26 Nov - 10 to 11.45 GLAZED&AMUSED @ BUSYTOTS
Kids can make their own decorations, baubles and gifts with the help of a ceramic artist, at this baby and toddler group special. Plus the usual toys to play with and a sing along. Includes snacks for kids and cake for grown ups. Prices start from £9 for a tile, plus the usual entry fee.

Wed 17 DEC - 10 to 11.45 BUSYTOTS' CHRISTMAS PARTY.
Make your own Christmas crafts, listen to Christmas music and have a go at our raffle at this baby and toddler group Christmas party. Includes snacks for kids and mince pies or chocolate Yule log for grown ups. Plus a free gift for every child! £1.50 single child families, plus 50p per additional child.