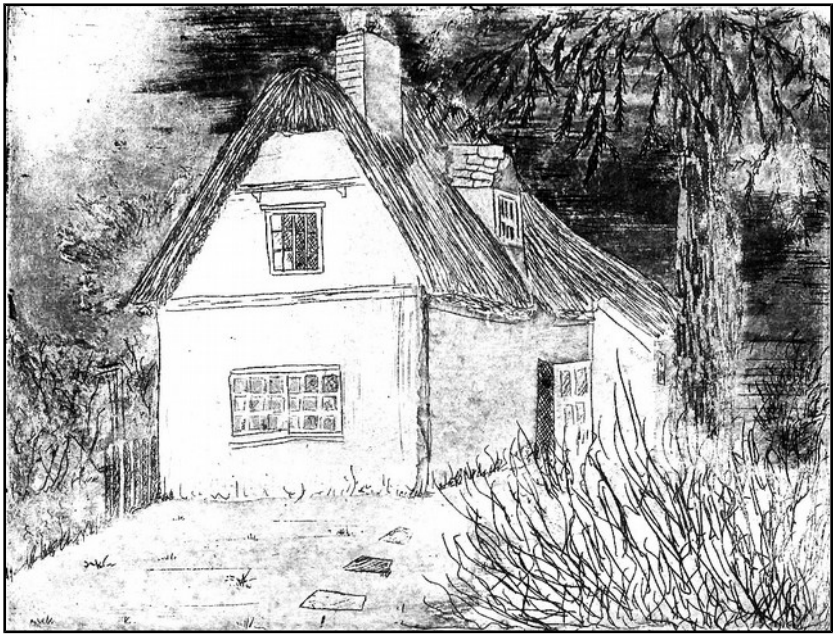
What's On In Landbeach - January 2015

Happy New Year to you all. I hope you enjoyed the village's Christmas events. But Landbeach needs more volunteers to keep community organisations going! Village Coffees, the Parish Council, the Tithe Barn Trust, both churches, the Social Club, the Beaches Community Car Scheme and many other societies within the village would love you to join - and also, it has to be said, take on some of the essential workload. Could this be your vocation?

The first half of Dec was a little colder than last year, with some night-time temperatures below freezing. The middle of Dec saw a mini-heat-wave, when night-time temperatures stayed above 10°C! Will this be a second year without snow? Even so, there have been plenty of hungry birds about, including small flocks of redwings and what look like fieldfares - but too nervous to let me close enough to identify them.

This month's illustration is of Skachbow Cottage, by Anna McArthur,

Items for Feb needed by Tu 20th Jan, 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

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; 19:00 **St John's Wb** Epiphany Café Ch
Sun 11 - 09:15 Parish Communion; 16:00 Evening Prayer
Sun 18 - 10:00 Morning Worship, refreshments and discussion group
Sun 25 - 09:15 Parish Communion
19:00 **St John's Waterbeach**, Contemporary Worship Event
(This year's Christian Unity Service will be on Sun 15 FEB)

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)

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 Malcolm Franklin
Sun 18 - 10:30 Sunday Morning Worship led by Liz Herrington
Sun 25 - 10:30 Sunday Morning Worship led by TBA

Every Sun - 18:00 Sunday Evening Worship (venue may vary)
The Th morning home group will not meet again until further notice.
Every Wed - 18:30 Craft Group, Jen Coxon (01954 202402)

Film Afternoon - Tu 06 - 14:00 Baptist Chapel, "Hugo", tea & cakes, all welcome. Lifts: 01954 202402.

Village Web Site - **www.landbeach.org.uk**

LANDBEACH TITHE BARN

Open Morning
10:30 to 12:30, Sat 24 Jan
Everyone welcome.
Entry via the grass footpath
off Waterbeach Rd by the allotments.
Stout footwear essential.

VILLAGE HALL JUMBLE SALE

Sat 24 Jan – 14:00 to 16:00
The Village Hall Committee's
annual Jumble Sale.
Donations of jumble greatly appreciated
after 10 a.m. on the day.
Proceeds to Village Hall Improvement Fund.

All Saints' Church

Sat 7 Feb 7:30 pm

The Great Eastern Ceilidh Company

Folk Music Evening

playing and talking about their varied instruments
£7.50 on the door (includes refreshments)
In aid of church funds
https://greateasternceilidh.wordpress.com

Regular Village Events

Busytots Baby & Toddler Group - Every Wed (restating 7th) - 10:00 to noon, Village Hall. See our display ad.

Indoor Bowls - Every Tu (restarting 6th) - 19:30 Village Hall, Terry Pauley (860600)

Knit & Natter - Wed 07 - 14:30 to 16:30 at 15 Matthew Parker Close (contact Marion Lant 860787)

Landbeach Painting & Drawing Group - Wed 07, 21 - 10:00 to noon All Saints' Church. Info: Pearl (860406) or June & John (860669).

Landbeach Society - Wed 21 - 19:30 Village Hall, AGM, wine & cheese

Line Dancing Group - Every Tu (restarting 13th) - 18:30 to 19:30 Baptist Ch. 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. Please see our display ad.

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, Web site: www.waterbeachbrass.org

Wednesday Club - 14:30 to 15:45 Baptist Chapel, ecumenical group, all ladies & gentlemen welcome.
Wed 07 Alan Whitfield "Teaching in Africa"
Wed 21 Louisa Chapman "My life in Peru"

W.I. - Wed 14 - 19:30 Village Hall, Trevor Gunton, "Paxton Pits". An Open Meeting - non-members and men invited to join us. New members and visitors are 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

NYE at the Social Club - Wed 31 **DEC** - 8 to late, **Party Dance.** It's for everyone! £7.50 incl. buffet (u16s free). By ticket only (from Social Club).

NYE at All Saints' Church - Wed 31 **DEC** - 23:45 Prayers and Midnight Bell Chiming, refreshments. All villagers and friends welcome.

Village Hall Committee Meeting - Th 08, 19:30 Vill. Hall. All welcome

Friends of Worts Meadow - Th 22 - 19:30 Village Hall. All are invited to a talk by Dick Newell, "Swifts: problems and opportunities". Admission is free and there will be cheese and wine during the interval.

Tithe Barn Open Morning - Sat 24 - 10:30 to 12:30, see display ad.

Village Hall Jumble sale - Sat 24 - 14:00 to 16:00, see display ad

Folk Music Evening - Sat 07 **FEB** - 19:30 All Saints' Ch, see display ad

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

Landbeach Village Hall Bookings - Anne Bullman, 01223 860692

Parish Council Meeting Dates 2015 - 19:30 Village Hall - 5 Jan, 2 Feb, 2 Mar, 13 Apr (All Sts' Ch), 11 May (All Sts' Ch), 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

Beaches Community Car Scheme (BCCS)

Drivers and Co-ordinators Needed
Please contact Mike Dean on (01223) 575698

P.S. Apology from Dec issue - I said the jay was seen in Spaldings WAY (should have been LANE) – and it was Green End anyway. Sorry!

Notices

Bin Collections - Green bin collection is only once per month over the winter months (Dec, Jan, Feb). Blue bins are still collected fortnightly. You can report an uncollected bin using the form on SCDC's website, at https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/report-your-missed-bin-online

Christmas Bin Collections - The collection on Weds 31 Dec is skipped (not just a day late, as used to be the case). The first collection of 2015 will be a blue and green bin collection on Wed 7 Jan.

Gardening Services - Joe McWilliams, RHS qualified, own tools, based Waterbeach. Maintenance, clearance, lawns, fences etc. 07950 431 828.

Poppy Appeal - Thank you for your generous contributions to the Royal British Legion's welfare and benevolent work. Together with the collections at the Remembrance Day service, and gift aid, these totalled £561.38. A special thanks to our collectors.

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).

Waterbeach Independent Lending Library - reopens Mon 5th, 10am

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

Village Coffees

Thanks for some offers of help (but more would be welcome).

Village Coffees will continue for a trial period starting Th 15 Jan
As usual it will be from 10.00 to 11.30, cost £2.50.

Please come and support this longstanding, friendly occasion.
Further info - Margaret, tel 860128.

Grateful thanks to the members of the team who are leaving, for their valuable contribution over many years.

Local History - The Tithe Barn

What is a Tithe Barn, and why on earth is ours stuck out in the fields?

A Tithe Barn was the barn belonging to the parish priest where he used to store his tithes. From the Middle Ages onwards, tithes were a 10% tax on agricultural produce that everyone living in a village had to pay to the priest. You paid him the actual produce (honey, fish, fruit etc), not money. So he needed a big barn to store them and to thresh the corn. The deal was that the priest enabled people to get to Heaven, so the community supported him. The tax was gradually converted to a money payment, and eventually abolished.

Why is the Tithe Barn in so remote a place? The answer is that, at the time when it was being used, it was in a very convenient and central location! It was convenient for the priest because it was at the back of the Old Rectory, where he lived (only it was not so old then). It was central for the parishioners because they could easily deliver their produce by cart across the field. They could also use the canal, Beach Lode, which ran at the back of the houses on the Waterbeach side of High Street, under Waterbeach Road, along the line of the footpath to the Tithe Barn, and up past the church. On the footpath, just behind the allotments, you have to step carefully over humps in the ground – these are the remains of the dock where produce for the Tithe Barn would have been unloaded. I imagine that, in the Middle Ages, the allotments area would have been crowded and busy with sheds, carts and workmen – the Landbeach Industrial Area, in fact!

What happened to the Tithe Barn when there were no longer any tithes? John Morgan recalled how, before WWII, Mr Hatley of Manor Farm used it to store fertiliser, binders and his Armstrong Siddeley motor car. The car was used to push a hay-sweep, which is a very large rake that collects up stooks of hay and pushes them towards the haystack. Then the farm changed to using a baler, driven by a tractor.

The meadow outside the Tithe Barn is sometimes called the Common. Michelle, John's daughter, who attended Landbeach school shortly before it closed in 1965, said that the children used to hold their Sports Day on the meadow, racing along the track that the tractor followed when it went to the Tithe Barn. It was very rutted and the children wanted a proper sports field. So one year they demonstrated with placards saying "We want a Playing Field". Eventually they won, when the Recreation Ground was created from a former hayfield.

Landbeach Parish Council
would like to wish all parishioners
a Very Happy 2015

SCDC Community Chest Grants - Community groups can apply for up to £1500 for projects to improve the quality of life for local residents. See **www.scambs.gov.uk/content/community-chest-grants-201314**

Cambridge Northern Fringe East Area
(including new rail station, opening May 2016)
Public Exhibition
Mon 19 - 14:00 to 20:00 Milton Community Centre.
See www.cambridge.gov.uk/cnfe

Tudor Tithe Barn gets another chance

A recent meeting at South Cambs District Council (who own the building) discussed the future of this unusual tithe barn - a Grade II-listed building dating back to the early 16th Century. Cllr Hockney presented the case on behalf of the emerging trust not to convert it into a private residential property. The trust prepared a 40 page report highlighting the barn's background and an outline business model to restore this wonderful building. The Tithe Barn is one of the best examples of its kind in the country but the building is not without challenges. It has been estimated that an investment in excess of £100,000 is needed to restore it to its former glory.

For now, if you are interested, you can make a pledge to help the Tithe Barn's restoration – perhaps as a New Year's present – which the trust will then claim in the Spring! We, together, can save this building - but the next few months will be crucial.

Visit our Facebook page to find out more –
www.facebook.com/FriendsofLandbeachTitheBarn
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