What's On In Landbeach - March 2015

"The old order changeth, yielding place to new"

So wrote Tennyson 150 years ago, in *The Passing of Arthur*, putting words into the mouth of a fictional medieval hero, whose original lived 1500 years ago. Change is always happening, and it seems to be happening particularly here and now in Landbeach.

Traditional community organisations are struggling to get new members and committee members. Do you think that is because they are "the old order" and their role is over? In that case, we need "the new".

My challenge to existing community groups is – Change or die! Seek out fresh ideas; give new members the authority to carry out their plans.

And my challenge to everyone else is - Find a cause that matters to you & make it succeed. Don't be limited by what was done in the past.

Items for Apr are needed by Fri 20th Mar, please. Barbara Le Gallez, 113 Waterbeach Rd, 01223 860283, blegallez@yahoo.co.uk.

Our drawing is by Alan Farrant, seeking recruits for the Bowls Club.



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).

Sun 01 - 10:00 All-Age Service
Sat 07 - 10:00 Coffee Morning + Bring & Buy
Sun 08 - 09:15 Parish Communion, then APCM;16:00 Evening Prayer
Sun 15 - 10:00 Morning Worship, refreshments and discussion group;
- 19:00 Taizé Service
Sun 22 - 09:15 Parish Communion;
- 19:00 **St John's Waterbeach**, Contemporary Worship Service
Sun 29 - **10:45 St John's Waterbeach** Benefice All-Age Communion

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

All Saints' Landbeach
Election of Churchwardens and
Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Sun 8 March, approx 10:30 am (after morning service)

Landbeach and Milton Baptist Church -
Neil (01223 860410), Maureen (01954 250118)

Sun 01 - 10:30 Sunday Morning Worship with Communion, led by Andrew Dalwood
Sun 08 - 10:30 Sunday Morning Worship led by Malcolm Franklin
Sun 15 - 10:30 Sunday Morning Worship led by Liz Herrington
Sun 22 - 10:30 Sunday Morning Worship led by Terry Yaroslaw
Sun 29 - 10:30 Sunday Morning Worship with Communion, led by Margaret Jude

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

Sorry, no Thursday morning home group at present

Every Wed - 18:30 Craft Group, Jen Coxon (01954 202402)

Film Afternoon - Tu 03 - 14:00 Baptist Chapel, "Falsely Accused", tea & cakes, all welcome. Lifts: 01954 202402.

Regular Village Events

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

Indoor Bowls - Every Tu - 19:30 to 21:30 Village Hall, Terry Pauley (860600) or Mike Park (860918). See our front page ad.

Knit & Natter - Wed 04 - 14:30 to 16:30 at 10 Matthew Parker Close (contact Marion Lant 860787)

Landbeach Painting & Drawing Group - Wed 04, 18 - 10:00 to noon All Saints' Church. Pearl (860406) or June & John (860669).

Landbeach Society - Wed 18 - 19:30 Village Hall, Horry Parsons, "More stories from the Tower of St Edmundsbury Cathedral"

Line Dancing Group - Every Tu (last before Easter is 31 Mar, first after Easter is 14 Apr)- 18:30 to 19:30 Baptist Ch. Beginners and improvers welcomed. Nancy (861332) or John (01638 601253). £5

Lunch Club - Tu 10 (2nd Tu of month) - 12:15 for 12:30 Village Hall, book with Gill Diver (861151) - £5

Mobile Library - Mon 09 (2nd Mon of month) - 15:40 to 16:20 opposite High St bus shelter

Sports & Social Club - Bill Dixon (07889 295949)

Village Coffees - Th 19 - 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, ecumenical group, all ladies & gentlemen welcome. Easter break has now started. Resuming after Easter with:
Wed 15 **APR** - Alan Winfield, "Teaching in Albania"; Wed 29 **APR** - TBA

W.I. - Wed 11 - 19:30 Village Hall, Julie Woods, Flower Arranging Demonstration. 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 Management Committee Meeting - Th 05 - 19.30 Village Hall. All welcome.

Special Bell Ringing - Sun 29 - for 1h in the afternoon, to wish a happy special birthday to the Rev Brian Macdonald-Milne, our former Rector

Worts Meadow Evening Expedition - Tu 31 - 20.00 Meet Village Hall car park to join Friends of Worts Meadow looking for Great Crested Newts and other amphibians in our ponds. Wellingtons or stout footwear advised, and bring a torch, please.

Tithe Barn Open Day - Sat 11 **APR** - 10:30 to 13:00. See flier.

House/Garage sale - mid-**APR** - Spaldings Lane. More details in April.

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

Plus special sessions:

Wed 11th Mar - Make a Mother's Day Card
Wed 18th Mar - Shamrock handprint pictures
Wed 1st Apr - Mini Easter Egg Hunt
Wed 8th Apr - Grow your own cress egg Head
Wed 17th Jun - Make a Father's Day card

Messy play Summer Holiday sessions;
Wed 29th July - Sand theme
Wed 5th Aug - Water theme
Wed 12th Aug - Jelly theme
Wed 19th Aug - Paint theme
Wed 26th Aug - Cornflour slime

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

Announcements

Patterson - Rowland, Jill, Ken and all the family of the late **Margaret** thank everyone in the village for their kindness at the time of their sad loss. Thank you to all who attended her funeral and Service of Thanksgiving, and donated generously to the Alzheimer's Society.

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 forward at 01:00 on Sunday 29 March

Landbeach Village Hall Bookings - Anne Bullman, 01223 860692

Parish Council Meeting Dates 2015 - 19:30 Village Hall - 2 Mar, 13 Apr (All Saints' Church), 11 May (All Saints' Church), 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

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) for information about the post. This is an essential role and full support will be given.

WAY Project (Waterbeach and Landbeach Action for Youth) - seeks new paid staff and volunteers. www.waterbeachway.org.uk

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

Annual Parish Meeting – All residents are invited to the APM on Thursday 30th April 2015. Speakers are:
John Mason, PCSO, Safer Neighbourhood Officer,
South Cambs Neighbourhood Team, Histon ***and***
Carolin Gohler, Cambridge Past and Future.

Defibrillator - The Parish Council hope to get a Defibrillator free from East Anglian Ambulance Service, subject to the application being successful. They do not supply a cabinet so one would have to be purchased - the cost is £1,000. We are asking for donations towards this from Parishioners, Groups etc who would like to use it. Please contact the Clerk on mariasylvester@hotmail.co.uk or 01954 252400.

Neighbourhood Watch Advice -

Please keep sheds and outbuildings securely locked at all times. There was a mid-Feb night-time burglary in the High Street from a workshop.

There are reports from local villages of overnight thefts of tools from Ford Transits by thieves with a master key - please use extra security.

There are reports from Cambs villages of persons using false ID as Police Officers, or knocking on doors with false ID as Water Officials.

So please be especially vigilant if you are called on by males dressed as utility workers, or wearing high visibility clothing. Always keep your door shut, or use a door-chain if you have one, until you are satisfied the callers are genuine. Don't call a number the caller has given you, check your utility bill for the emergency contact number. If you feel threatened or suspicious, contact the police on 999.

For information or advice, contact Andrew Stevens, Neighbourhood Watch, tel. 07850 250673, andrewstevens@btinternet.com

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 Helpline - Contact is now Maria Sylvester (Parish Clerk), mariasylvester@hotmail.co.uk or 01954 252400, who will give you contact details for relevant groups/agencies.
Sorry, this is all we can provide at the moment. Anyone interested in taking this over from Margaret Patterson, please contact Parish Clerk.

The Cry of the Lonesome Committee

Chorus: Won't you join our committee, my friend?
Or the Club, it is going to end!
Our numbers are falling; that's why we are calling:
Won't you join our committee, my friend?

Now Landbeach is a village
That isn't very big,
With allotments at the crossroads
For gardeners to dig.

It used to have the quality
That nobody would shirk.
Now, all are up for jollity –
But who's to do the work?

I know both partners have to work –
You can't be here all day.
You've aged parents to support
And they live far away.

I know the kids have much to do,
With outings, clubs and homework too.
And Facebook seems the way to keep
In touch with friends – who laughs? who weeps?

But ask yourself – who RUNS each thing
That comfort and stability bring?
Church, Chapel, Hall, Society
Need you and me on their committee.

Their founders now have passed away,
Or else are growing old and grey.
Who'll carry on their good work – who?
The answer is right here – it's YOU!

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Barbara Le Gallez, January 2015

2014 Precipitation

figures courtesy of Margaret Butler

Month	mm	Days
January	100.75	27
February	79.75	17
March	13.25	6
April	19.75	10
May	95.75	13
June	52	13
July	94.75	13
August	135.5	14
September	26	7
October	79.5	19
November	70	11
December	53.75	9
Total	**820.75**	**159**

The 23-year average total is 647.3 mm on 161 days.
The previous year, 2013, recorded a total of 560 mm.

So 2014 can be described as - wet, with dry periods in spring and autumn. The increased precipitation was due to an increase in precipitation on wet days, not to an increased number of wet days. All the precipitation was rain – there was no snow in 2014.

New! Link to live bus times – on the Village Web Site,
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 http://www.facebook.com/WaterbeachLibrary
(accessible even if you are not on Facebook).