What's On In Landbeach - May 2015

My first swallow in Landbeach was seen on the High St on 16th Apr – not as early as last year. There are house martins swarming around Waterbeach - can you report any sightings of summer bird visitors?

In early April, food must have been short, because barn owls were seen hunting around the village in the early evening or even late afternoon. Northerly winds kept temperatures down at the beginning of April, but they soared during mid-April. Then followed a period of generally NE winds, when night frosts and, later, foggy mornings soon cleared to glorious sunny days. By the end of the month, the wind had reverted to southerly, and April was as usual proving very dry.

More drawings are needed, please! Instead of a drawing this month, we have an urgent plea for help – please consider it. Thank you.

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

Beaches Community Car Scheme (BCCS)

BCCS is a vital voluntary service providing transport for elderly or disabled people in Landbeach, Horningsea, Milton and Waterbeach who have no other means of getting to places such as the surgery, dentist, optician, Addenbrooke's etc. With enough drivers it can also help with shopping and social trips. There are **no** drivers in **Landbeach** now but there **are** people who need your help.

Due to several drivers retiring recently the scheme is under extreme pressure and we need some more drivers to ensure that it is able to keep going. If you can spare as little as an hour a week or even an hour a month **please** can you think about **volunteering**?

You do not have to commit to a regular day or time, the Coordinator contacts you to see if you are available and you just say yes or no.

Drivers get a mileage allowance of 45p per mile but must have a DBS check (organised by the scheme) and the approval of their own car insurance company. If you would like more information, phone Mike Dean on 01223 575698 or the Car Scheme mobile 0780 7875878 (leave a message and someone will respond within 24 hours).

Regular Church Events

All Saints' Church - Rev Paul Butler (860353), 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, refreshments and discussion group
Sun 24 - 09:15 Parish Communion
Sun 31 - **10:45** (note time, but please also check nearer the date)
Joint 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.
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 Barry Vendy
Sun 10 - 10:30 Sunday Morning Worship led by Malcolm Franklin
Sun 17 - 10:30 Sunday Morning Worship led by Andrew Dalwood
Sun 24 - 10:30 Sunday Morning Worship led by Liz Herrington
Sun 31 - 10:30 Sunday Morning Worship with Communion, led by Robin Giles

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 **12 (Note: 1 week later due to Bank Holiday)** - 14:00 Baptist Chapel, "Oh Brother, Where Art Thou?", tea & cakes, all welcome. Lifts: 01954 202402.

The Village Web Site now has live bus times -
www.landbeach.org.uk

LANDBEACH EVENTS COMMITTEE

WINE TASTING EVENING

SATURDAY 16TH MAY 2015

7.30 P.M.

LANDBEACH VILLAGE HALL

YOU WILL BE GIVEN
8 DIFFERENT WINES TO TASTE
WITH INFORMATION ABOUT EACH OF THEM
BY JAMIE HARRISON
OF NOEL YOUNG WINES

ASK YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO JOIN YOU
FOR A FUN EVENING
OF WINE ACCOMPANIED BY
A SELECTION OF NIBBLES
AND A LIGHT HEARTED GAME/QUIZ WITH PRIZES

TICKETS £12.50 EACH

FROM ANNE HINKINS, 73 HIGH STREET, LANDBEACH

A BOOKING FORM HAS BEEN DELIVERED TO YOU
OR YOU CAN TELEPHONE ANNE ON 01223 861553
TO BOOK YOUR PLACE

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).

Knit & Natter - Wed 06 - 14:30 to 16:30 at 20A High St (contact Marion Lant 860787)

Landbeach Painting & Drawing Group - Wed 06, 20 - 10:00 to noon All Saints' Church. Pearl (860406) or June & John (860669).

Landbeach Society - Wed 20 - 19:30 Village Hall, Becky Proctor, "From Workhouse to Playhouse: a history of Mill Road"

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 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 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 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. To arrange transport - Nancy (861332)
Wed 13 - Members' Meeting - share a special reading, poem, CD or memory;
Wed 27 - Jane Mann, "Distributing Gideon Bibles"

W.I. - Wed 13 - 19:30 Village Hall, Resolutions Meeting and Bingo. 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.

Special Events this Month

Christian Aid Week - Sun 10 to Sat 16 - Please support us.

Friends of Worts Meadow AGM - Th 14 - 19.30 Village Hall. All welcome; please come along and hear a report on our activities over the last year and events planned for the remainder of 2015.

Wine Tasting Evening - Sat 16 - 19:30 Village Hall. See display ad.

Village Hall Committee Meeting - Th 21 - 19.30 Village Hall. All welcome.

Book these Dates

Love - A Celebration in Flowers - Sat 13 **JUN** (10:00 to 16:00) & Sun 14 **JUN** (noon to 16:00) - Baptist Church. Proceeds in aid of Church Restoration Fund. Refreshments available. £2, children free.

Landbeach Village Picnic - Sat 13 **JUN**, noon to end of afternoon - The Old Rectory. Traditional jazz with George Huxley All-Stars. Vintage cars on display. Bring your own food - drinks available. All villagers and their friends welcome. No need to book, just turn up and pay on the day. Info: Tom Poole, (01223) 861507, ftpoole@talk21.com. £5.

Waterbeach Brass Band Concert - Sat 25 **JUL** - 15:00 to 17:00 Village Hall. Afternoon cream tea. Booking form to be issued end June.

Village Garage Sales - Sat 12 **SEP** - 10:00 to 13:00. Organised by the Village Hall; more details nearer the time.

Coach to Thursford Christmas Spectacular - Sun 06 **DEC**, depart Village Hall 10:30. Cost of coach + ticket for 2pm matinee £44. Names plus £10 non-refundable deposit to Anne Bullman, 97 Green End.

Announcements

Landbeach Village Hall Chairman - The Management Committee is pleased to announce that Anne Bullman was elected as Chairman at the recent Annual General Meeting.

We are now keen to have more members on the committee to aid with decision making and event organisation. Please think about helping to run this vital community asset by becoming a co-opted member.

Further details can be obtained from the Secretary, Robert Humphrey, on 01223 863454. Or why not just turn up at our next committee meeting on Thursday 21 May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall and see what we are about before making a decision?

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 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

Notices

Beaches Community Car Service - To book a lift (min 48 hours notice, please), 07807 875878. Please read our message on the front page.

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

Friends of the Tithe Barn Trust – join the Friends to receive regular updates and invitations to social events. Email tithebarntrust@gmail.com or Facebook FriendsofLandbeachTitheBarn.

Landbeach Village Hall Bookings - Anne Bullman, 01223 860692

Parish Council Meeting Dates 2015 - 19:30 Village Hall - 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

Contributions to What's On

Please note that I do not publish letters or articles submitted anonymously. You must supply your name and contact details. You may request me not to publish these, and I will honour that.

Landbeach Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting - All residents are invited to the APM on Thursday 30th **APRIL** 2015 at 7:30pm at the Village Hall.
The speaker is Carolin Gohler, Cambridge Past and Future.
(Sorry, the PCSO is now unable to attend.)

Defibrillator - The Parish Council now has a Defibrillator and cabinet and it will be installed as soon as possible**.**

Future Housing Needs Survey - please fill in and return the enclosed survey. Thank you.

Landbeach Helpline - contact Maria Sylvester (Parish Clerk), mariasylvester@hotmail.co.uk or 01954 252400, to obtain contact details for relevant groups/agencies.

Neighbourhood Watch Advice -

The Police remind you about putting your wheelie bins away as soon as possible after collection. Also make sure windows are closed now the warmer weather is here.

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.

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).

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!

When: 2nd Monday of every month, 15:40 to 16:20
Where: opposite the High St bus shelter

Local History – A School Boy's Eye View – *by Terry Chapman*

It was very interesting to read last month's article on Working Horses.

When I was at school and wanted to earn some pocket money during the summer holidays, I searched among the farmers to find a job helping with the harvest. Calling to speak with Mr George Jones led me to a job at Heron Farm, down Waterbeach Fen. The cycle ride to Heron Farm took about half an hour.

One of the jobs was Shock Horse Leading. In the harvest in those days a machine called a Binder, pulled by a horse, was used to reap the corn. First the Binder cut the corn and made sheaves. The next task was gathering the sheaves into shocks in neat rows. The final task was loading the sheaves on the waggon and Tumble Cart, which took them to the stack yard close to the farm house. My job was leading the horses, stopping at each shock to be leading on again. You had to watch yourself from getting trod on by the horse! There were two horses. Boxer had quite large hooves so you had to mind he never caught you. Beauty, the other horse, was more gentle with her hooves.

There were other working horses when I was a school boy. The Market Gardeners from Waterbeach used to have a Horse and Trolley to take their produce to Cambridge. I remember there was a Tilley lamp hanging on the rear corner to help traffic to see them. The Bakers used horses to deliver bread to Landbeach, together with the Milkman Fred Bavester, who worked for Hatleys.

There were two Blacksmiths in Waterbeach. There was also a Blacksmith's works at the corner where Landbeach Village Hall now stands. A Blacksmith's job was to shoe the horses, and he was also a wheelwright. The wooden wheel had no tyre. Instead, a metal band was heat shrunk onto it. There are photos of the old Blacksmith's shop in Landbeach in the Village Hall lounge.

Great War Wreath-Laying

What a nice gesture it would be if a wreath were taken from Landbeach to the grave / memorial of each of our WWI dead. These are mostly in N France or Belgium, but one is in S. Greece (Salonika) and one in N.E. Italy (Vicenza). If you would like to be involved, please contact me on (01223) 860283, blegallez@yahoo.co.uk. Perhaps it could be included in your holiday plans. ***Barbara Le Gallez***