# What's On In Landbeach - September 2015

**The answer to last month's question is that the British spend £200m a year on feeding wild birds, and a total of 130 species have been seen eating this food. (From British Trust for Ornithology via Wild Scotland.)**

**Babs Shook writes: We have two very large hedgehogs living somewhere in our garden. John feeds them every night at 10 p.m. (dog and/or cat food, which they love – but NOT milk, as they are lactose-intolerant). There was one smaller one which unfortunately didn't make it across the road. Meanwhile, the swallows are teaching their babies to fly. This is at least the seventh year they have graced us with their presence. Amongst many other birds, our two resident crows appear to have had a baby. If there's no food on the table they squawk until there is !!!**

**The signpost at the centre of the village has been refurbished by villager Clive Brown, helped by his son Josh. It was Clive who made it in 2004, for the Parish Council, with wood donated by Ridgeon's. Last month's picture was a drawing from a photograph of the old sign. I think you will marvel at how much cleaner it is, and you may also be amused by the difference between a drawing and a photo. Sadly, Clive did not take up my suggestion of using more unusual place names, such as Timbuctoo.**

**Items for Oct are needed by Sun 20th Sep, please. Barbara Le Gallez, 113 Waterbeach Rd, 01223 860283, blegallez@yahoo.co.uk**



## Regular Church Events

**All Saints' Church** - Rev Paul Butler (860353), Ray Gambell (860757), Robert Stripe (862297).

**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 05 - 10:00 Coffee Morning + Bring & Buy
Sun 06 - 10:00 All-Age Service;
19:00 **The White Horse Waterbeach**, Talk: "God on the Brain"
Sun 13 - 09:15 Parish Communion; 18:00 Evening Prayer
Sun 20 - 10:00 Morning Worship, refreshments and discussion group
Sun 27 - **11:30 Village Hall** United Harvest Festival followed by lunch.

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

Fri - 18:30 to 20:30 Bellringing. New learners welcome. (01223) 860283.

**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 06 - 10:30 Sunday Morning Worship with Communion,
led by Andrew Dalwood
Sun 13 - 10:30 Sunday Morning Worship led by Liz Herrington
Sun 20 - 10:30 Sunday Morning Worship led by Dominic Jackson
Sun 27 - **11:30 Village Hall** United Harvest Festival followed by lunch.
Speaker: Liz Herrington. All invited.

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** – Wed 02 (note different day) - 14:00 Baptist Chapel, "Cranford" (continued), tea & cakes, all welcome. Lifts: 01954 202402.

**God on the Brain – Sun 06 – 7pm – The White Horse, Waterbeach**

Talk and conversation with Rev Prof Alasdair Coles (neurologist and priest). How does the latest research on brain science relate to faith?

# *All Saints' Landbeach*

# PUDDING EVENING

## Saturday 19 September

## 7:30pm

**Come and enjoy puddings,**
**tea / coffee and a Quiz**

**all for £5**

***With a small exhibition of the work of the Landbeach Painting and Drawing Group***

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## LANDBEACH then & now

*A new book by Ray Gambell*

Ray's latest book shows pictures from the archives of the Landbeach Society together with modern photographs of the village, to illustrate some of the history of the village over the past century or more.

The book will be launched with an illustrated talk by Ray at the September meeting of the Landbeach Society. All are welcome; refreshments will be served. Copies of the book will be on sale.

The book is also available, price £7.50, from Ray at The Old School.

*Book Launch: Landbeach Village Hall, Wed Sept 16, 7:30 pm*

## Regular Village Events

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

**Indoor Bowls** - Every Tu - 19:30 to 21:30 Village Hall, Terry Pauley (860600) or Mike Park (860918).

**Knit & Natter** - Wed 02 - 14:30 to 16:30 at 10 Matthew Parker Close (contact Marion Lant 860787)

**Landbeach Painting & Drawing Group** - Weds 09, 23 - 10:00 to noon, All Saints'. We explore all media and welcome people to join us to see what we do. Pearl (860406) or June & John (860669).

**Landbeach Society** - Wed 16 - 19:30 Village Hall, Book Launch of "LANDBEACH then & now", with archive & modern photos. Ray Gambell.

**Line Dancing Group** - Every Tu starting 15th - 18:30 to 19:30 Baptist Ch. Beginning our 5th year. Beginners and improvers welcomed. Nancy (861332) or John (01638 601253). £5

**Lunch Club** - Tu 08 (2nd Tu of month) - 12:15 for 12:30 Village Hall, book with Gill Diver (861151) - £5

**Mobile Library** - Mon 14 (2nd Mon of month) - 15:40 to 16:20 opposite High St bus shelter

**Sports & Social Club** - Bill Dixon (07889 295949)

**Village Coffees** - Th 17 - 10:00 to 11:30 Village Hall Lounge. This month, hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning, with raffle. £2.50 entrance. ALL are welcome to spend a happy morning in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

**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** - next meeting Wed 16 - 14:30 to 15:45 Baptist Chapel. All retired men and women welcome to a varied programme of general interest. Transport available.

**W.I.** - Wed 09 - 19:30 Village Hall, "Hand-Crafted Porcelain", Mr Sean Brady. 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.

## Catch it this Month

**Village Hall Management Committee Mtg** - Th 03 - 19:30. All welcome.

**Waterbeach & District Gardening Club Annual Show** - Sat 05 - viewing 14:30 with presentation of prizes at 16:00. Waterbeach School Hall.

**Garage and Table Top Sale** - Sat 12 - 10:00 to 13:00. Organised by the Village Hall. Your application form needs to be in by 5th Sept to Gill Diver, 6 Abrahams Cl, or Terry Pauley, 7 Abrahams Cl. £8 garage / £3 table-top.

**Macmillan Coffee Morning** - Th 17 - 10:00 to 11:30, Village Hall Lounge (replacing Village Coffees in Sept only). Raffle. £2.50 entrance.

**Pudding Evening** - Sat 19 - 19:30 All Saints' Church. A variety of tasty hot and cold puddings and a quiz. Also showcasing the work of the Landbeach Painting and Drawing Group. All welcome. Cost £5.

**Hoe-Down and Supper** - Sat 26 - 18:30 Baptist Church. With the Line Dancing Group. All welcome. Please book in advance with Debbie Brightley (441126) or Mo Coxon (01954 202402). Cost £3.50 on the door.

## Book these Dates

**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.

**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

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

**Volunteer** needed by the Busytots baby and toddler group snack team. Can you spare two hours once a month on a Wednesday morning? You'd help prepare simple snacks (no cooking involved) and wash up. We're a not-for profit group, entirely run by volunteers, so help is really appreciated. If you're interested, please contact Gemma on 07986 717958 or email gemma.squibb@hotmail.co.uk

## Announcements

**Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust Sponsored Cycle Ride** - Sat 12 - please sponsor those raising money for the Trust and All Saints'

**Landbeach Village Hall Committee** - 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 being co-opted. Info: Robert Humphrey, 01223 863454.

**Macmillan Coffee Morning** - please donate raffle prizes, to Jane Ward (440961) or Jacqui Ellam before the day (Th 17th). Thank you.

**Poppy Day Co-ordinator** - required due to the sad loss of Margaret Patterson. The network of collectors is in place, so all the co-ordinator has to do is to give out and collect the collecting boxes, and be responsible for the collection boxes in All Saints' church and the Village Hall. If willing to help, please contact Norman Foster on 01223 474622.

## Notices

**Beaches Community Car Service** - To book a lift (min 48 hours' notice, please) call 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

**Friends of the Tithe Barn Trust** - contact tithebarntrust@gmail.com

**Landbeach Village Hall Bookings** - Anne Bullman, 01223 860692

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

**Job Vacancy** – Landbeach Village Hall has a vacancy for a paid cleaner commencing on 1 November 2015. Applications to be made in writing to the Chairman, Anne Bullman, Maple Lodge, Green End, Landbeach, to arrive by 1 October 2015. Details of hours, rate of pay and terms and conditions are available from the Chairman on request.

## Landbeach Parish Council

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

**Defibrillator Training** - The Parish Council's Defibrillator is installed in a cabinet on the Village Hall wall facing the car park. **Training** will be provided on Thursday 1 October from 7pm. If there is sufficient interest, the session may be split into two. Anyone interested should book beforehand by giving their names to the Clerk, Maria Sylvester, (mariasylvester@hotmail.co.uk or 01954 252400).

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

**Live Bus Times** - on the village website: **www.landbeach.org.uk**

**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.

Jazz Picnic in the grounds of The Old Rectory
Sat 26 Sept, Noon until late afternoon

A very special Picnic with Traditional Jazz and Classic cars

featuring Brian Carrick and his Algiers Stompers

This unique band, whose members have all played in New Orleans, replicates the original driving, melodic, stepping-out-for-pleasure style of New Orleans traditional jazz.

Vintage cars will be on display. Your own classic and unusual vehicles are invited, too!

Everybody is welcome. You don't need to book, but if possible please reply, indicating numbers. Bring your own food – drinks available. Cost: £8 on the day.

Reply / Info: Tom Poole, 01223 861507, ftpoole@talk21.com

## Nature Notes - Landbeach Barn Owls

In the past, Barn Owls have suffered greatly from loss of nest sites; as old barns get turned into houses, and old trees get taken down, all of the cavities available to them were gone. As a result they have been amber-listed, i.e. a species of medium conservation concern.

In recent years, the provision of nest boxes across the country has led to a huge improvement in the fortunes of these birds, so that the population in 2009 was about 4 times what it was in 2000 (BTO BBS). It has fallen off a little since then, but 2014 was the most successful breeding season ever. This year, 2015, it is not as good, and many of those breeding are very late. Barn Owl fortunes vary with the vole population.

Landbeach is doing its bit for Barn Owls, there being 13 nest boxes that we know of. Barn Owl boxes are not only good for Barn Owls, they are also used by Little Owls, Tawny Owls, Kestrels, and Stock Doves, not to mention, less desirable to some, Jackdaws and Squirrels. One nest box in Landbeach, in different years, has had Kestrel, Barn Owl, Little Owl and Stock Dove breeding in it.

Our own Barn Owls in Old Beach Farm are breeding again this year, the first time for a few years, and they currently have 4 chicks. One box in the south of Landbeach currently has 2 large chicks, and two other boxes have Barn Owls in residence. For the first time we have no Kestrels in nest boxes this year, but many of the boxes have breeding Stock Doves.

Barn Owls have not bred in the Tithe Barn for a number of years, but there was a bird present earlier this year. Now that it has been decided to renew the thatch, it is necessary to provide alternative accommodation. So a Barn Owl nest box, kindly sponsored by Conservation Construction (www.conservationconstructions.co.uk - a local ecology consultancy, who also undertook a free bat survey for the emerging Tithe Barn Trust) is to be erected nearby on an old chestnut tree.

We also plan to erect a Tawny Owl nest box in All Saints' churchyard.

*Dick Newell, Old Beach Farm, August 2015*

P.S.: In the church tower, 3 pairs of Swifts had chicks in the nest boxes. The evening spectacle was often quite impressive, with up to 30 Swifts over the tower. Also, one night, a Swift seemed to enter the mouth of the gargoyle high up on the southeast corner of the tower!