What's On In Landbeach – October 2016

Roll of Honour – October 1916

Ferguson, Percy
Private 4440, 1st Battalion, Cambridgeshire Regiment
Killed in action 14 October 1916, aged 29
Born Landbeach, enlisted Cambridge
Husband of Elizabeth Hannah Ferguson, of Landbeach
Buried in MILL ROAD CEMETERY, THIEPVAL, Somme, France.

Roll of Honour information with permission from www.roll-of-honour.com
Please see the back page for some biographical details of Pte Ferguson.

Like last year, wreaths (kindly donated by the Royal British Legion) for the 1916 WWI dead will be dedicated at the Remembrance Sunday service at All Saints' and then taken to their graves / memorials. A single wreath will be shared by the four men on the Thiepval Memorial – Ptes Fromant, Long, Bowers and Waldock. This wreath, together with a wreath for Pte Ferguson at Mill Road Cemetery, will be taken to France on 15th Nov. A wreath will be taken to Thessaloniki for Pte Ballard in the spring.

There were still swallows and martins about at the end of Sept. I saw swallows flying about the High St on 25th Sept and a cloud of martins flitting over my house on 27th. The last swift chick in Landbeach fledged on 22nd Sept – the latest ever. It was a second brood after the first died.

Temperatures soared again in the middle of Sept, reaching 29°C in the middle of the month, fractionally below the max of mid-July. Most of Sept was pleasantly warm, with Red Admiral butterflies putting in a late appearance, but now, at the end of the month, the days are cloudy and windy and temperatures are dropping. On 28th Sept there was a gruesome sunrise, starting with greenish-yellow sky in the E below a scrap of old moon and turning to smears of tangerine and flamingo over the entire sky.

The man from the Drainage Board cleaning out the Wb Rd ditch found lots of sticklebacks. Other ditches contain tench, perch and pike up to 12" long. There are even otters in Landbeach (eating the fish at the fishing lake!)

Items for Nov are needed by Th 20th Oct, 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). Website: http://stjohns-waterbeach.org.uk

We invite you to join our welcoming and generous Christian family in this lovely historic Parish Church. The church is accessible to all, and we hold varied services and other events for people of all ages.

Sat 01 - 10:00 Coffee Morning + Bring & Buy
Sun 02 - 10:00 All-Age Service with Baptism;
18:00 Evening Prayer (note date)
Sun 09 - 09:15 Parish Communion with Bishop Stephen
Sun 16 - 10:00 Morning Worship, refreshments and discussion group
Sun 23 - 09:15 Parish Communion
Sun 30 - All Saints' Sunday (our Patronal Festival)
10:45 St John's Waterbeach Benefice All-Age Communion
15:30 to 16:30 Special Bell Ringing for All Saints' Sunday

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

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 02 - 10:30 Sunday Morning Worship with Communion,
led by Liz Herrington
Sun 09 - 10:30 Sunday Morning Worship, led by Malcolm Franklin
Sun 16 - 10:30 Sunday Morning Worship, led by Andrew Dalwood
Sun 23 - 10:30 Sunday Morning Worship, led by John Cherry
Sun 30 - 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

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

Film Afternoon - Tu 04 - 14:00 Baptist Chapel, "Out of Africa" (part 2), tea & cakes, all welcome. Lifts: 01954 202402.

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 Community Room at the rear of the Waterbeach School site.
You can use your County Library card. Free Internet access. Free wi-fi.

Landbeach Social Club

Quiz Night

Friday 21st October

Club is open at 7pm – 8pm start

The Bar has Real Ale, Keg Beer, Draught Lager, Guinness, Cider, Wines and Spirits etc

£1 per player

Nibbles supplied on the tables

You may bring your own light snacks if you wish

Maximum team of 6

Come along for a light-hearted evening in your local community club

Regular Village Events

Please note that, for all events at the Baptist Chapel, transport can be arranged if you need it. Just ask the event contact person.

Bell Ringing - Every Fri - 19:00 to 20:30. All Saints' Church. New & returning ringers welcome. Barbara (860283, blegallez@yahoo.co.uk)

Busytots Baby & Toddler Group - Every Weds - 10:00 to noon. V.Hall.

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

Knit & Natter - Wed 05 - 14:30 to 16:30 at 1 Matthew Parker Close (contact Marion Lant 860787)

Landbeach Painting & Drawing Group - Wed 12 & 26 - 10:00 to noon All Saints' Church. The 11th year of the group. "CELEBRATING AUTUMN" will be the theme for our "INSPIRATION". We welcome people to join us and see how we use different media and methods to interpret our "INSPIRATION". Come and have a happy time with us. Pearl (860406) or June & John (860669). £2.50 including coffee.

Landbeach Society - Wed 19 - 19:30 Village Hall, "Britain's hidden marine life", Dr. Frances Dipper (please note - not as in programme)

Line Dancing Group - Every Tu - 18:30 to 19:45 Baptist Church. Beginners and improvers welcomed. Info: Nancy (861332). Cost £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 - 15:40 to 16:20 opposite High St bus shelter

Sing to Remember - Every Th during term-time - Coffee at 10:45 and singing 11:00 to noon at the Baptist Church. All adults welcome - men and women. A fun, relaxed atmosphere in which to enjoy yourself. Favourite songs old and new. Free (donations welcome).

Village Coffees - Th 20 - 10:00 to 11:30 Village Hall Lounge. Do come and join us for refreshments and a chat. Info: Margaret, 860128. £2.50.

Wednesday Club - Alternate Weds, 14:30 to 16:00 Baptist Chapel. Retired men and women invited to informal talks and activities of general interest. The non-retired also welcome! Info: Nancy (861332).
Wed 05 - "Friends", Sally Niven of Girton
Wed 19 - Bring a souvenir and tell its story

W.I. - Wed 12 - 19:30 Village Hall, "Flowers, Foliage and Anecdotes", Kath Doggett. *Why not try an evening with us?* Coming soon:
"The Donkey Sanctuary", "Many uses of Ribbons"
You might decide you would like to join! For info, call 440961.

Catch it this month

Macmillan Coffee Morning - Fri 30 SEP - 10:00 to noon. Village Hall Lounge. With large raffle. Donations of prizes welcome beforehand, please, to 2 Matthew Parker Close. Entrance £3 (includes refreshments)

Prior Fen Chapel Harvest Festival Service - Sun 02 - 15:00. Please arrive early, or you will not get a seat! Location between Upware and Swaffham Prior, CB7 5YJ (please consult map as well as satnav).

Waterbeach Military Heritage Museum is open - Sun 02 and Wed 05 - 11:00 to 16:00. Wb Barracks. e: rafwaterbeach.museum@gmail.com

Friends of Worts Meadow - Wed 05 - 19:30. Village Hall Lounge. Quarterly management meeting. All welcome.

Quiz Night - Landbeach Social Club - Fri 21 - see display ad

All Saints' Church Cleaning and Churchyard Maintenance Day - Sat 29 - 10:00 to 16:00. Please do join us to give our lovely church its annual tidy-up. Jobs for all tastes - stay as long or as short a time as you like. Equipment provided or bring your own. Free refreshments.

Special Bell Ringing - Sun 30 - 15:30 to 16:30 To celebrate All Saints' Sunday, our Patronal Festival. Do come in to watch the ringing.

Book these dates

Cancer Research Breakfast - Sat 12 NOV - more details next month

Landbeach Parish Council

Parish Clerk, Maria Sylvester, mariasylvester@hotmail.co.uk, 01954 252400

Landbeach Helpline - contact the Clerk to obtain contact details for relevant groups/agencies who may be able to help you.

Speedwatch - There have been several complaints of speeding in the village. Milton PC are not interested in sharing a Speedwatch, but the PC are in consultation with Highways about speeding in the village.

Church Cleaning and Churchyard Maintenance Day

Sat 29th October, 10am-4pm

Interested in All Saints' Church?
Do come along to explore it
and help tidy church and churchyard for the winter.
All help gratefully accepted. Free refreshments.

Notices

Beaches Community Car Service - To book a lift (min 48 hours' notice, please), 07807 875878. To volunteer, 01223 575698.

Buses - Early morning journeys into Cambridge, and evening journeys from Cambridge, are by Citi2, not 9. See at: http://bit.ly/stagecoach9

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 12:19 and 17:34

Landbeach Village Hall Bookings - Anne Bullman, 01223 860692

Parish Council Meeting Dates 2016 - 19:30 Village Hall - 3 Oct, 7 Nov, 5 Dec (no meeting in Aug)

The Old Forge 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-11:30 pm; Sun: noon-3 pm. Bill Dixon (07889 295949)

Waterbeach Brass - Practice every Mon - 19:30 to 22:00 at Waterbeach Barracks. New members welcome. Info: David Pell: (01223) 860396, 07703 352080, www.waterbeachbrass.org

Landbeach Village Hall is available for hire

Did you know you can hire the village hall?
Excellent facilities for children and adults, competitive prices.

For further info and a booking form
visit www.landbeach.org.uk/directory and click 'Village Hall'
or call Anne on 01223 860692

Landbeach Village Calendar

For sale again this year, cost £3
Containing 12 new photos of Landbeach
Available during October
from Ray Gambell, The Old School, 01223 860757

Mobility Exercises at Baptist Church
Sorry, CANCELLED for this year. Possible re-start in spring 2017.

Village Hall 100 Club -

Sep	£25 no.69	£10 no. 34	£5 no. 39
Oct		£10 no. 57	£5 no. 90

Announcements

All Saints' Church - Thank you to everyone who helped with the Pudding Evening and the Harvest Festival and Lunch in September - caterers, those who got the church ready and cleared away afterwards, and the flower arrangers who created the beautiful Harvest flowers. Thank you to the Village Hall Committee for kindly loaning us extra chairs for the Harvest Lunch. Thank you especially to YOU for coming!

Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust Cycle Ride - Thank you to all who supported All Saints Church by sponsoring Barbara Le Gallez, who visited 20 churches in the Wisbech District and locally.

Towing Caravan for Sale - vgc, luxury model - (01223) 862330

Dogs - The Friends of Worts Meadow request that dog walkers keep their dog on a lead whilst in any part of Worts Meadow the cattle are using. Also please always pick up after your dog - BAG IT, BIN IT!

Emmaus Cambridge - please follow us - Twitter @EmmausCambridge and Facebook www.facebook.com/CambridgeEmmaus

Supporting Busytots - Did you know you can help Busytots by collecting FREE donations every time you shop online? Find out more and join here: easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/landbeachbusytots

Tithe Barn Trust - Now registered for Gift Aid, as we are now a Registered Charity, Number 1167108. Ways to get involved -

- Become a Friend - www.tithebarntrust.org.uk/become-a-member
- Volunteer - Join our Events or Fundraising team. Email tithebarntrust@gmail.com for further info.
- Make a pledge - www.tithebarntrust.org.uk/make-a-pledge

Website www.tithebarntrust.org.uk Email tithebarntrust@gmail.com
Facebook: Friendsoflandbeachtithebarn Twitter: @TBarnT
Please do survey: www.tithebarntrust.org.uk/2016/07/11/have-your-say

Village Web Site - new online Event Calendar is now full-screen and easier to read! See **www.landbeach .org.uk/calendar**

Volunteering Opportunity with Busytots - a not-for profit baby and toddler group, run entirely by volunteers at Landbeach Village Hall.

Can you spare a few hours, once a month, on Wednesday mornings? We're looking for a Snack volunteer to join the small but friendly volunteer team. See our website www.busytots.weebly.com or contact Gemma on 07986 717958 or email busytots1@hotmail.co.uk

Roll of Honour Biography – Percy Ferguson

The 1911 census shows a big Ferguson extended family, spanning three generations, all born in Landbeach. The grandfather William and grandmother Elizabeth lived with their unmarried daughter Clara and little granddaughter Gladys Irene. Clara had in 1901 been working in Bedfordshire as a domestic kitchenmaid. A younger brother, Ernest, had moved out by 1911 and a daughter, Hilda, had died. William was a Corn Merchant's Labourer and Percy was a Bricklayer's Labourer for a builder. So they weren't landworkers – but who did they work for?

Percy, born in 1887, married Elizabeth Hannah Thorogood early in 1910 and by 1911 they had an infant daughter, Mary. Thorogood was a common Landbeach name, but Elizabeth was born in Chatteris, in 1886.

Percy was enlisted in the 1st Battalion of the Cambridgeshire Regiment. This had existed pre-war, as part of the Territorial Army. Being a "terrier" was a big part of their social life for many men in Cambridgeshire. The Regiment, originally founded in 1860 as the 1st Cambridgeshire Rifle Volunteer Corps, held weekly drill nights and summer camps – providing its members with a bit of variety in their working lives.

The Battalion was organised into Companies, some recruiting from the Cambridge area and some from Fenland. Many new recruits enlisted during the recruitment drive in Jan 1914, and more joined up once war started. You could choose what regiment you wished to join – there was a bit of rivalry, with Regular Army regiments looking down on the Territorials.

"The Cambridge Boys", as they called themselves, left Cambridge in August 1914 and went to France in February 1915 - sometimes at the front, sometimes having a rest as a Training Battalion. In October 1916, the battalion was involved in the capture of Schwaben Redoubt – "The Swabian Fortification". This was a network of trenches and machine-gun posts dominating Thiepval. Its name comes from the troops who constructed it, who were from the German region of Swabia (Schwaben in German).

This position was fought over repeatedly during the Battle of the Somme. On 14 October, the 1st Cambridgeshires, the 4th/5th Black Watch and the 17th King's Royal Rifle Corps of the 117th Brigade attacked the north side of the redoubt. The troops advanced over the open under heavy shell fire. Nearly all the officers were either killed or wounded, so it was down to the ordinary soldiers to advance regardless – described as "a soldier's battle". After hours of fighting, they captured the redoubt by 11:00 p.m. – but at the cost of Percy Ferguson's life.