What's On In Landbeach – November 2016

There was a cold snap at the start of October, with the first frost on the 3rd. That morning, there was a band of fog over the W'beach Rd field with lovely pink sunrise cloud above. The weather during the month was variable, with quick alternation of sunny days / cold nights / rain / mild nights. There has still been the odd dragonfly or buff-tailed bumblebee around.

Having to trog out in all weathers to attend to my hens has made me a lot more sympathetic to the farmers' point of view. Of course I always knew that the food in Tesco's had to be grown by someone, but now it has dawned on me how utterly dependent we are on the farmers' success.

No more swallows or martins now, but, by gum, there are a lot of cock pheasants about – very handsome they look too, strutting about fields and gardens. A white egret has been seen twice on the Waterbeach Rd field.

As it's Remembrance Day this month, here is a picture of a wreath of leaves and flowers from a gravestone in All Saints' Churchyard. If you would like to remember the village dead of the two World Wars, do come along to the Act of Remembrance at 9:55am at the War Memorial outside All Saints' Church on Remembrance Sunday. It is a simple, quiet event.



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

Minibus Drivers wanted
for Landbeach Flyer
on Tuesday mornings

For shopping at Milton Tesco's,
also Post Office
and Doctor's for prescriptions

For further details phone Kate
on (01223) 862139 or 07523 933492

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 05 - 10:00 Coffee Morning + Bring & Buy
Sun 06 - 10:00 All-Age Service;
15:00 **St John's Waterbeach** Time to Remember
Sun 13 - 09:15 Morning Worship for Remembrance Sunday;
09:55 Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial;
16:00 Evening Prayer
Sun 20 - 10:00 Morning Worship, refreshments and discussion group;
19:00 Taizé Service
Sun 27 - 09:15 Parish Communion for 1st Sunday of Advent
19:00 **St John's Waterbeach** Contemporary Service

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 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 Neil Roberts
Sun 27 - 10:30 Sunday Morning Worship, led by Rev 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

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

Film Afternoon - Tu 01 - 14:00 Baptist Chapel, "What We Did on Our Holiday", tea & cakes, all welcome. Lifts: 01954 202402.

Landbeach Village Calendar

For sale again this year, cost £3.50
Containing 12 new photos of Landbeach
Now available
from Ray Gambell, The Old School, (01223) 860757

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

AN EVENING OF READINGS, MUSIC & ART

On the theme of

AUTUMN

Saturday 19 November
7:30pm

Admission £7.50

Refreshments

To suggest a reading, please contact Ray Gambell on (01223) 860757

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 Wed - 10am to noon @Landbeach Village Hall. Please see our display ad.

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 65 High St (contact Marion Lant 860787)

Landbeach Painting & Drawing Group - Wed 09 & 23 - 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 16 - 19:30 Village Hall, "The history of Chivers", David Oates

Line Dancing Group - Every Tu - 18:30 to 19:45 Baptist Church. Beginners and improvers welcomed. Info: Nancy (861332). Cost £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 - 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 17 - 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 afternoon meetings - speakers and activities of general interest. Transport available. Info: Nancy (861332).
Wed 02 - "History of the Solomon Islands", Rev Brian McDonald-Milne;
Wed 16 - Christine Kimmitt and Josie Charter of Aquaid will give news of recent visits to Malawi and the provision of orphanages and schools;
Wed 30 - Advent service and tea at Histon Baptist Church. Transport.

W.I. - Wed 09 - 19:30 Village Hall, "The Donkey Sanctuary"
Why not try an evening with us? Coming soon: "Many uses of Ribbons" You might decide you would like to join! For info, call 440961.

Catch it this month

"Autumn" Concert - All Saints' Church - Sat 19 - 19:30 - see ad on p.3

Cancer Research Breakfast - Please note that this has unfortunately had to be cancelled this year. The team hope to return next year.

Village Hall Committee Meeting - Tu 01 - 19.30, all welcome

Book these dates

Annual Christmas Prize Bingo Night - Fri 09 DEC - 19.30 Village Hall. Proceeds to the Village Hall Improvement Fund.

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

Parking - please do not park cars on the pavement, as this obstructs pedestrians, wheelchair users and pushchairs

Security - please be vigilant in these dark nights to lock doors and cars

Do you want a say in improving Health or Social Care services?

Cambridgeshire Alliance for Independent Living is a local independent charity that works to improve services by raising the voice of people living with all disabilities.

One of the ways we do this is by bringing people with all disabilities and carers (called Independent Members), Health and Social Care teams, and voluntary sector organisations (such as Age UK, Voice Ability, Cam Sight and the Carer's Trust) together at 'Partnership Board' meetings.

The Partnership Boards are opportunities for you to have your say about what is good about Health and Social Care services, such as home care and day centres, and what you would like to improve or where you would like to see changes. Recent activities by the Partnership Boards include raising concerns about Home Care, which are now being examined closely by the County Council, involvement in helping to develop a new Carers Strategy and involvement in the process for choosing organisations to run Carers Services.

Interested in getting involved? We are looking for new Independent Members to join our boards. We offer full training and support, out of pocket expenses and reimbursement of travel. If you think this could be you, please contact Leisha O'Brien, Development Officer at Cambridgeshire Alliance for Independent Living, by phoning 0300 111 2301 or emailing leisha@cambridgeshirealliance.org.uk

To find out more, take a look at Partnership Board pages on our website www.cambridgeshirealliance.org.uk

Notices

Beaches Community Car Service - To book a lift (min 48 hours' notice, please), 07807 875878. To volunteer, 01223 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 12:19 and 17:34

Landbeach Village Hall Bookings - Anne Bullman, 01223 860692

Parish Council Meeting Dates 2016 - 19:30 Village Hall - 7 Nov, 5 Dec

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)

Landbeach Macmillan Coffee Morning 2016

GRAND TOTAL RAISED £1,116.50

To the cake-makers, stallholders, those who gave raffle prizes, the heroes in the kitchen and elsewhere, the exceptional generosity of some (you know who you are) and to all who came to the event or gave a donation – without your support our little village couldn't send such a fantastic contribution to the fund.

Well Done!

We thank and appreciate each and every one of you.
Jane and Jacqui

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

CHCT Cycle Ride - Thank you for your generous sponsorship, raising a total of £300 (half for All Saints' and half for the Trust)

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

Announcements

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

Waterbeach Barracks & Airfield - leaflet no.4 from developers Urban&Civic now available inside Village Hall, or on Landbeach Village website http://www.landbeach.org.uk . Waterbeach has negotiated with U&C to obtain many benefits - is Landbeach missing out?

Busytots Baby and Toddler Group

Busytots special sessions

Wed 26th Oct - **Mini Halloween Party**
Join us at our Halloween special session. There'll be slimy messy play, spooky music and no tricks, just treats. Fancy dress encouraged. Normal admission applies - £1.50 single child families, plus 50p per additional child. Older children welcome.

Wed 7th Dec - **Christmas Crib service**
at All Saints Church 10am-10.30am, then snack and play at the Village Hall as usual from 10.45am.

Wed 14th Dec - **Christmas Party**
Kids can enjoy fake snow messy play, glittery play dough, Christmas songs, and receive a gift at this baby and toddler group special. Includes snacks for kids, and mince pies or chocolate yule log for grown ups. Plus have a go at our raffle. Festive outfits encouraged!

Christmas/New Year opening

Closed Wed 21st Dec and Weds 28th Dec. Re-opens Wed 4th Jan!

Volunteer Opportunity

Busytots is a not-for profit baby and toddler group, run entirely by volunteers at Landbeach Village Hall. Would you like to get involved? We're looking for two volunteers to join our small, but friendly, team. Can you spare a few hours, 9.30am-12.15pm, roughly once a month on a Wednesday?

What sort of things does volunteering at Busytots involve? As a **Snack Volunteer**, you help prepare simple snacks for the children and tea & coffee for their parents & carers. As a **Busytots Assistant**, you help set up and clear away the toys. Welcome families. Deliver simple craft activities & sing songs.

If you'd like to find out more contact Gemma on 07986 717958 or email gemma.squibb@hotmail.co.uk Visit www.busytots.weebly.com or find us at www.facebook.com/LandbeachBusytots

Roll of Honour Biography – Frederick Ballard

Pte Ballard's death was recorded in our July edition. Many of you know his family, who still live in Landbeach, and his granddaughter Kate has generously shared his war records with us. Thanks also to Paul Ballard, who has kindly let me use information from http://paul-ballard.com/pedigrees/ and http://www.everymanremembered.org/stories/?story=7348

Frederick Ballard was the fourth of nine children, born in 1876 in Great Staughton, Huntingdonshire. He married Clara Wilson on June 18, 1897 in Landbeach Parish Church. They had eight children, of whom Bertram, the youngest, born in 1914, was Kate's father.

Most of the children were born in Willingham or Chesterton. However, they were back in Landbeach by the time Frederick joined up. Their address was given simply as "Landbeach, Cambridge" - no street name or house number seemed to be required then! After Frederick's death his personal effects were returned to Clara, who would also have received his medals - Victory, British and Star – after the war. Army records also show a pension due to her, calculated precisely from Frederick's 1 year and 90 days of service.

Frederick worked all of his life on farms around Cottenham & Landbeach. He had some military connection already, having served in the militia as a young man. On enlistment, he gave his trade or calling as Horse Keeper, so it is not surprising that he ended up in the Army Service Corps Remounts Service, which obtained and trained horses and mules for all other Army units. Frederick's enlistment records show that he was not a big man – only 5' 7" and 10 stone 2 pounds – but I bet he was strong!

Frederick enlisted in the ASC in London on 12 April 1915 as part of the "New Army" for Short Service (For the Duration of the War) and was posted to the British Mediterranean Expeditionary Force. At the top of his enlistment form is stamped "I WISH TO ALLOT ^{D}6 DAILY FROM MY PAY TO MY WIFE". He sailed aboard the "Anchises" from Devonport on 7th November and disembarked at Alexandria in Egypt on the 19th. There he was posted to the 40th Remounts, part of the Balkans Force, embarking the "Victorian" on 21th and disembarking at Salonica in N. Greece on 23rd.

From early April 2016, poor Frederick was in and out of hospital in Salonica, until he died of dysentery in 28 General Hospital Salonica on 7th July 1916. The Balkans Force Casualty list which lists Frederick's death names another 14 men in 28 General Hospital dead or dangerously ill with Heatstroke, Malaria, Typhoid, Pneumonia, Enteritis, Pyrexia (fever) or Dysentery. Salonica in the summer heat was clearly a dreadful place to be.