What's On In Landbeach – March 2017

This Feb, first it was winter, then it was summer – and then it was mild, windy and wet! After a light snowfall at the end of Jan, there was another in the second week of Feb, during a detestable period in which temperatures hovered just above freezing both night and day.

But once the middle of the month was reached, daytime temperatures rocketed up to double figures, achieving a spectacular high of 16.5°C on the 22nd. The churchyard was flooded with snowdrops and the plum tree outside the church's N door was flowering. By the way, do you think there used to be more winter aconites growing in the churchyard? Elsewhere in the village, gardens were full of crocuses and pussy willows were waving at us. Leaves are showing on flowering currants, but disappointingly no forsythia yet – let me know when yours flowers.

As the end of the month neared, there was a tedious period of stormy rain. But, thinking of African countries which are desperate for rain, we cannot but be glad that we can keep our gardens and fields green.

This month we have an insert with, on one side, Parish Council news and, on the other, a detailed and imaginative comment on the Parish Plan. Please do think what you can contribute to forming the Parish Plan – you can use the contact details in the PC's display ad to do so.

The story behind this snowdrop-bedecked gravestone is described on the back page. Have you more to add? – if so, please do be in touch.



Items for Apr are needed by Mon 20th Mar, 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.

Wed 01 - 19:00 Ash Wednesday Communion with Imposition of Ashes
Sat 04 - 10:00 Coffee Morning + Bring & Buy
Sun 05 - 10:00 All-Age Service
Sun 12 - 09:15 Parish Communion; 16:00 Evening Prayer
Sun 19 - 10:00 Morning Worship, refreshments and discussion group, Theme: "Ambition"
Sun 26 - 09:15 Parish Communion for Mothering Sunday; 19:00 **ST JOHN'S WATERBEACH** Contemporary Service

Every Tu - 19:30 at The Old School, United Bible Study Group
Every Fri - 18:30 to 20:30 Bellringing practice. Barbara (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.

Currently reading the Minor Prophets:

Sun 05 - 10:30 Sunday Morning Worship with Communion, Andrew Dalwood, "Zephaniah"
Sun 12 - 10:30 Sunday Morning Worship, Liz Herrington, "Haggai"
Sun 19 - 10:30 Sunday Morning Worship, Dominic Jackson, "Malachi"
Sun 26 - 10:30 Sunday Morning Worship for Mothering Sunday, Sheila Martin

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 07 - 14:00 Baptist Chapel, "The Love Punch", tea & cakes, all welcome. Lifts: 01954 202402.

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

All Saints' Church

Saturday 18th March

FAURÉ'S REQUIEM

COME AND SING at 2pm

followed by

CONCERT at 4:15pm

Come and Sing details:

All singers invited

£10 / £7 concessions

Advance booking essential –
call 07740 282387 to book without booking fee

For more information see St John's Church website:
http://stjohns-waterbeach.org.uk/whats-on-2/upcoming-events/landbeach-come-and-sing-faures-requiem-2017/

Concert details:

Everyone is invited to join the audience

Free - but retiring collection for New Kitchen Fund

Regular Village Events

Baptist Ch events - ask the event contact person if you need transport

Busytots Baby & Toddler Group - Every Wed - 10:00 to noon, Village Hall. 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 01 - 14:30 to 16:30 at 65 High St (contact Marion Lant 860787)

Landbeach Painting & Drawing Group - Wed 08 & 22 - 10:00 to noon All Saints' Church. We welcome people to join us and see how we use different media and methods to interpret our "INSPIRATION". June & John (860669). £2.50 incl coffee.

Landbeach Society - Wed 15 - 19:30 Village Hall, "Cambridge Folk Museum", Becky Proctor

Line Dancing Group - Every Tu - 18:30 to 19:45 Baptist Ch. Beginners and improvers welcomed. Nancy (861332) or John (01638 601253). £5

Lunch Club - Tu 14 (2nd Tu of month) - 12:15 for 12:30 Village Hall, book with Gill Diver (861151) - £5

Mobile Library - Mon 13 (2nd Mon of month) - 15:40 to 16:20 opposite High St bus shelter

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

Village Coffees - Th 16 - 10:00 to 11:30 Village Hall Lounge. Do come and join us for refreshments and a chat. Info: Margaret, 860128. £2.50. **Another permanent volunteer is required - please do consider this.**

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 08 - Ben Thorpe reporting on a recent visit renewing contacts in Ukraine
Wed 22 - Pearl Watts leading a creative afternoon of handicrafts

For our Summer sessions - please see our display ad

W.I. - Wed 08 - 19:30 Village Hall, ''Advice & Information regarding Wills & Power of Attorney", K Rooney. *Why not try an evening with us?* You might decide you would like to join! For info, call 440961.

Catch it this month

Waterbeach Military Heritage Museum - Wed 01 & Sun 05 - 10:00 to 16:00. Regular opening the first Wed and Sun of the month up to and including Oct. For more information: Adrian Wright (01223) 861846, waterbeachmilitarymuseum@waterbeach.org . Free admission.

Village Hall Committee meeting - Tu 07 - 19.30 All welcome

Amphibian Walk - Wed 15 - 18:30 to 20:00. Join the Friends of Worts Meadow on an amphibian walk led by Froglife, the national charity for the conservation of our native amphibians. They will be showing us how to find our native newts, frogs and toads, identify them and how to manage their habitats. Please wear outdoor clothing and stout footwear or wellies and bring a torch. Meet at the Village Hall car park.

Come & Sing Fauré's Requiem - Sat 18 - 14:00 to 17:00 All Saints' Church. Rehearsal followed by public concert. Please see display ad on p.3 for all details. In aid of New Kitchen Fund.

Book these dates

Annual Parish Meeting - WED 03 MAY; all Parishioners welcome.

Landbeach Parish Plan - *Your chance to contribute!*

One of the roles of the Parish council is to create a plan for improvements in the village, and to focus on these areas throughout the year. The current plan needs updating, and the council would like to invite you to give your feedback on what you feel they should be focusing on. Some suggested areas could be: affordable housing, green spaces, facilities, etc.

The feedback is being collated by David Metcalfe, of the parish council; please send him your feedback,
either by email to david_metcalfe1978@hotmail.com
or by dropping a note through his door at 40 High Street.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Regards, Landbeach Parish Council

Waterbeach Independent Lending Library -
Mon 2:45-5 pm, Wed 2:45-5pm & 6-8 pm, Fri 2-5:30 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.

Notices

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

Bins - Our new bin day is Friday. From March we move back to a fortnightly green bin collection. So bin collections are as follows:
Wed 22 Feb: Black**, Fri 3 Mar:** Black**; Fri 10 Mar:** Blue/Green**, etc**

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

Clocks change to BST - Sun 26 March

Landbeach Village Hall Bookings - Anne Bullman, 01223 860692

Parish Council Meeting Dates 2017 - 19:30 Village Hall - 7 Mar, 3 Apr, 8 May, 5 Jun, 3 Jul, 4 Sep, 2 Oct, 6 Nov, 4 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. Details of new chairman to follow.

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

£1.50 single-child families, plus 50p per additional child

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

Wednesday Club Summer Session
Landbeach Baptist Church
Starts Wed 26th Apr, fortnightly, 2:30-4
Regular mobility exercises for men and women
led by Vida Newell

Announcements

Waterbeach Barracks & Airfield – NEW leaflet no.5
from developers Urban&Civic now on Landbeach Village website.

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 a **Snack Volunteer** to join our small, but friendly, team. Can you spare a few hours, 9.30am-12.15pm, roughly once a month on a Wednesday, to help prepare simple snacks for the children and tea & coffee for their parents & carers?

Contact Gemma on 07986 717958 or gemma.squibb@hotmail.co.uk
www.busytots.weebly.com or www.facebook.com/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

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

Minibus Drivers wanted for Landbeach Flyer on Tuesday mornings

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

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

Landbeach Village Hall is available for hire

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

Local History – "The RAF Grave"

This issue's front page photo shows "the RAF grave" tucked away near the NE corner of Landbeach Churchyard. Someone, sometime, has planted some snowdrop bulbs in front of the gravestone, and now they are blossoming again. The grave is of Sergeant John Stewart Cookson, of the RAF Volunteer Reserve, who died on the 20th October 1944, aged only 36.

A village resident recalls that Sgt Cookson died of a heart attack while cycling along Waterbeach Rd, possibly to visit his wife and infant daughter who, he remembered, lodged at Banworth House.

The church burial register gives Sgt Cookson's address as RAF Langar, in Nottinghamshire. However, he must previously have been posted to RAF Waterbeach, as his daughter Judy, born in June 1944, was baptised in Landbeach church in August. These two postings suggest that Sgt Cookson was a member of Bomber Command.

John and his wife Betty had lived in Surrey before the war, but their address at the time of Judy's baptism was given as c/o Roseleigh (a farm on the A10 opposite Enterprise Nurseries). After the war, Judy often returned to visit the Palmers at Roseleigh. She later had a successful career as a showjumper.

New Landbeach Mobile Warden Scheme - *Info from Parish Council*

Mobile Wardens are flexible and, to some extent, can meet the needs of the clients as they see fit. The cost will be £5 per week, for which you will get a call every day and a visit every week. This could be adjusted in some situations to help clients who are in greater need. The warden can help clients fill in forms, pick up prescriptions, make appointments, do small amounts of village shopping, organise assessments, or simply come for a chat. The warden would be trained by Age UK to ensure they have knowledge of statutory provision and other schemes, and should therefore be a 'sign-poster' for the clients. The warden might be able to suggest using the Age UK day club, the handyperson service, telephone helpline service (like CAB for older people), befriending schemes and so on. The warden can act as an effective link between the clients, doctors and family members. He/she would not be a replacement carer. Getting clients up, washed and dressed or doing regular housework is not the remit of a mobile warden.