What's On In Landbeach - May 2017

My oak tree was out (11th April) well before my ash (23rd April). I believe this actually reflects how the weather has been rather than how it will be and certainly this has been a very dry spring. My first swallow in Landbeach was on 19th April – who saw one earlier? Let me know if you hear a cuckoo. Look out for baby birds - I saw a baby blackbird towards the end of April.

Early April was quite exciting, with temperatures building up to a surprising high of 25°C on the 10th, but the weather was rather disappointing for Easter. At the end of April there were lovely sunny periods, but also stormy N winds and hail showers, while clear nights brought frost and ice.

Here are some lovely spring flowers carved on a gravestone at All Saints'.



Annual Parish Meeting
Wednesday 3rd May, 7:30pm
Village Hall

Speaker from Urban & Civic (Waterbeach Barracks developers)

All Parishioners welcome.
This is your chance to make your wishes known to the developers,
so please do attend.

Items for June are needed by Sat 20th May, 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), 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 06 - 10:00 Coffee Morning + Bring & Buy
Sun 07 - 10:00 All-Age Service
Sun 14 - 09:15 Parish Communion; 18:00 Evening Prayer
Sun 21 - 09:15 Morning Worship, refreshments and discussion group, Theme: "Love";
19:00 Taizé Service
Sun 28 - 09:15 Parish Communion
Every Tu - 19:30 at The Old School, United Bible Study Group
Every Fri (except last of month) - 19:00 to 20:30 Bellringing practice.

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 07 - 10:30 Sunday Morning Worship with Communion, led by Rev Robin Giles
Sun 14 - 10:30 Sunday Morning Worship, led by Liz Herrington
Sun 21 - 10:30 Sunday Morning Worship, led by Christine Kimmitt
Sun 28 - 10:30 Sunday Morning Worship, led by Andrew Dalwood

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 09 (note date) - 14:00 Baptist Chapel, "Letters to Juliet", tea & cakes, all welcome. Lifts: 01954 202402.

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

Regular Village Events

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 03 - 14:30 to 16:30 at 65 High St (contact Marion Lant 860787)

Landbeach Painting & Drawing Group - Weds 17 & 31 May, 14 & 28 June - 10:00 to noon All Saints' Church. We welcome people to join us and use different media and methods to interpret our "INSPIRATION". June & John (860669), Gill (07920 448560). £2.50 incl coffee.

Landbeach Society - Wed 17 - 19:30 Village Hall, "Lady Margaret Beaufort in Cambridge", Tracey Deakin

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 09 (2nd Tu of month) - 12:15 for 12:30 Village Hall, book with Gill Diver (861151) - £5

Mobile Library - **Fri** 19 (3rd Fri of month) - 15:45 to 16:15 opposite site of High St bus shelter. **Please note new day and times.**

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 18 - 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 - Summer session - please see our display ad

W.I. - Wed 10 - 19:30 Village Hall, Resolutions Meeting. New members and visitors always welcome. Why not come along to one of our evenings to see we are not all just "Jam" and "Jerusalem"? *Why not join the WI? For information, call 440961.*

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.

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

Churchwardens elected for the parish of All Saints' Landbeach for 2017 - Ray Gambell (sole)

Catch it this month

Annual Parish Meeting - Wed 03 - see display ad on front page

Waterbeach Military Heritage Museum - Wed 03 & Sun 07 - 10:00 to 16:00. Regular opening the first Wed and Sun of the month up to and including Oct. Find us on Facebook at "Waterbeach Military Heritage Museum". For more information: Adrian Wright (01223) 861846, waterbeachmilitarymuseum@waterbeach.org. Free admission.

Guided Bird Walk - Sat 13 - 10.00 Meet Village Hall car park. Join the Friends of Worts Meadow on a guided bird walk through our local nature reserve. Children more than welcome. If you have binoculars, please bring them, but they are not essential, as we will be identifying birds by song.

Waterbeach Running Festival - Sat 13 - for details see www.waterbeachrunningfestival.co.uk

Village Hall committee meeting - Tu 16 19.30 Vill. Hall. All welcome.

Mammoth Charity Sale - Tu 16 to Sat 20, Waterbeach Salvation Army

Friends of Worts Meadow Annual General Meeting - Wed 24 - 19.30 Village Hall. Please come along and hear about our activities over the past year and plans for the future. Refreshments provided.

Book these dates

Waterbeach Feast - Sat 10 June

Brass Band concert and afternoon tea - Sat 17 June - 15.00 to 17.00 Village Hall. £6 adults, £2 children; please use booking form enclosed.

Tithe Barn Special Opening - Sat 24 & Sun 25 June - 14:00 to 17:00. As part of the Fen Edge Festival we'll be opening the Tithe Barn for visitors. There is even a 1969 vintage coach to transport you to and from the festival in Cottenham to Landbeach. Intro talks, a children's I-Spy and refreshments available. Donations welcome.

Waterbeach Yard Sales - Sat 8 July

All Saints' Church Garden Party - Sat 15 July - cakes, flower displays

Mobile Library Changes

New day - every third **Friday** of the month
Same site - High St, opposite site of bus shelter
Slightly shorter time - 15:45 to 16:15

Notices

Beaches Community Car Service - booking line 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 12:19 and 17:34

Landbeach Village Hall Bookings - Anne Bullman, 01223 860692

Parish Council Meeting Dates 2017 - 19:30 Village Hall - **APM Wed 3 May**, 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.

St John's and All Saints' Theology Talks

Making Sense of the Old Testament
Venue: St John's Church Room Waterbeach

Sun 14th May, 7pm	**Leviticus**	Dr Ruth Perrin
Sun 18th June, 7pm	**Prophets**	Dr Nathan MacDonald
Mon 10th July, 7.30pm	**Psalms**	Dr Alison Gray

Making Sense of the Parables of Jesus
Venue: St John's Church Room Waterbeach

Sun 2nd July, 7pm		Prof Craig Blomberg

Third Space Conversations
Venue: TBA

Sun 11th June, 7pm	**The Faith of a Physicist**	Prof Dave Bowler

Contemporary Service
Venue: St John's Church Waterbeach

Sun 25th June, 7pm	**'When Faith Gets Tested**	Patrick Regan OBE

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

Village Hall 100 Club -

March	£20 no.54	£10 no. 37	£5 no. 52
April		£10 no. 27	£5 no. 18

Announcements

Towing Caravan for Sale - £6500, vgc, luxury model, 2005 purchased new 2006, non-smoking owners, many accessories - (01223) 862330

Local Groups' News

Tithe Barn Trust Learning Trustee -

The Tithe Barn Trust is looking to recruit a Learning Trustee to shape and inspire learning at the Tithe Barn. You will have the chance to make a real difference to a friendly and supportive charity at a time of significant development.

To find out more and/or apply:

- contact Gemma O'Shea on 07986 717958
- email tithebarntrust@gmail.com
- visit www.tithebarntrust.org.uk
- visit https://reachskills.org.uk/opp/learning-and-education-trustee

3 Ways YOU can get involved with the Tithe Barn Trust

1. Make a pledge today at www.tithebarntrust.org.uk/make-a-pledge/
2. Become a Friend. Visit www.tithebarntrust.org.uk/become-a-member/
3. Volunteer or become a trustee. Email tithebarntrust@gmail.com to find out more.

Website www.tithebarntrust.org.uk Email tithebarntrust@gmail.com
Facebook: Friendsoflandbeachtithebarn Twitter: @TBarnT

Waterbeach Cycling Campaign (not just for Waterbeach) - a new group campaigning for better cycling provision throughout the whole area (including Landbeach) affected by the Barracks development. Working with horse riding groups. Current objective is to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to have a say about how to improve the cycling provision within the Urban and Civic planning application. To read about the planning application, visit the S Cambs District Council website at https://www.scambs.gov.uk/waterbeach
For more information contact Paul Bearpark, waterbeachcc@gmail.com

Woodside Farm - The College of West Anglia at Milton holds regular Open Days at its farm, suitable for all the family. For details and costs, visit CWA's website and look under Store.

Landbeach Parish Council

Parish Clerk, Maria Sylvester, mariasylvester@hotmail.co.uk 07724 047656

There was a break in in the High Street and also a shed was broken into. Parishioners need to be vigilant.

The Parish Plan will be updated for the APM. Can Parishioners send any suggestions to david_metcalfe1978@hotmail.com

Parish Councillor Andrew Stevens attended a Community Safety Day at SCDC which proved very useful.

There was a meeting with Highways Officers on 11 April who went round the village to consider which traffic calming options would be effective and affordable.

Volunteers are needed for Speedwatch. District Councillor Peter Johnson is meeting with Police to establish the best positions to carry out a Speedwatch.

APM 3 May - Urban and Civic speaking on proposed development at Waterbeach Barracks.

A Working Party cleaned the play equipment on basketball court on 1 April. Thank you to the people involved.

The Bus Shelter will be rebuilt early May.

The Basketball posts have been repaired and the mushrooms will be replaced during April.

Wednesday Club Summer Session

Landbeach Baptist Church

Fortnightly (May 10th & 24th), 2:30-3:45

Physio-mobility exercises for men and women

led by Vida Newell

Guide price per session £2

Local History - Private Victor Percival Peacock

Pte Peacock was killed in action on the 9th of April, 1917 (Easter Monday), the first day of the Second Battle of Arras. This attack in Northern France, by British and Canadian forces, was intended to escape from the stalemate of trench warfare and break through the German trenches. It failed in this ultimate objective, even though the Allies had by then learned a lot about how to fight trench warfare. The British, favoured in their dawn attack by snow blowing into the Germans' faces, gained ground on the first day - but, in the process, killing Victor.

Victor and his young wife Harriet (née Missing) had married during the War, in late 1915, so cannot have spent much time together. Harriet was born in 1895 in Fulbourn, so was married at 20 and widowed at only 22. Before her marriage, she had already worked for several years, as a kitchenmaid in the household of the Pearce family at King's Mill, Gt Shelford. Was this a "khaki" wedding, or did Victor's imminent call-up cause them to marry sooner than they would have done in peacetime?

Victor himself, born in summer 1889, lived most of his life in the 5-room house 40 High St (not the same building as it is now), the household of his grandparents John and Mary Ann. They had a big family, five living and two dead children, with Victor only ten years younger than his youngest aunt Kate. For many years Victor was the only young person in the house, doubtless the darling of his grandparents. But who were his parents? Was his mother perhaps the second daughter Harriette, aged 20, single and living at home when he was 1 year old?

The Peacock family had been quite mobile in earlier years. The grandparents were born in adjacent Huntingdonshire villages: John in Eltisley and Mary Ann in Toseland. They first lived in Toseland and then in Waterbeach (where Harriette was born), but in the 1870s the family settled in Landbeach. Their connection with Waterbeach may be how Victor and his wife Harriet met, as her mother was from Waterbeach.

While living in Landbeach, John was initially a Stone Quarrier, then returned to his original employment as an Agricultural Labourer and finally worked as a Builder's Labourer. He died soon after Victor, in his late 70s and probably physically worn out, but did grief also play a part?

Victor's oldest uncle Alfred was once a Coprolite Digger. Victor was employed all his working life as a Farm Labourer. I picture Victor as a rather unenterprising sort of young man, who doesn't appear to have done anything except be born, live with his presumably doting grandparents, get married and die. This is quite unfair of me, and in any case his many family members must have grieved dreadfully at his loss.