What's On In Landbeach - May 2020

'Ere we are again! But online only this time.

What glorious weather! There was a little rain in the middle of April, but the last significant rain before that was in mid-March. Daytime temperatures are reaching the mid 20s, but at night it is still near zero. Butterflies are out in force.

How peaceful the roads are! Have you noticed that drivers are less stressed and so are sticking to the speed limits? At night, the A10 is empty. Let's hope this continues into "peacetime"!

I've not seen a swallow yet; have you? Dick Newell writes:

"On my permitted 1 hour walk, I found a trip of 4 Dotterel in a field near the house. Although traditionally regular in Spring, they have never been common and they have declined a fair bit in recent years, so it was really nice to find them on our doorstep. These birds may be on their way to the mountain tops of Scotland, more likely Scandinavia or even further east. Dotterel are beautiful birds and a very special bird to have in Landbeach. Here's a picture of a female (in Dotterel, females are the more beautiful)."



Items for Jun are needed by Wed 20th May, please. Barbara Le Gallez, 113 Waterbeach Rd, 01223 860283, blegallez@yahoo.co.uk

Church Events

All Saints' Church - Rev Paul Butler (860353), Ray Gambell (860757), Website: http://stjohns-waterbeach.org.uk

Regretfully, the church remains closed. You can keep in touch via our Facebook page St John's Church, Waterbeach & All Saints' Church, Landbeach. Here you will find prayers and links to online services.

Landbeach and Milton Baptist Church - Mo (01954 202402), Maureen (01954 250118)

We deeply regret that we have to close for the foreseeable future. No church services or weekday activities.

Catch it this month

International Dawn Chorus Day - Sun 03 - 04:30 start. Not an organised event; the birds do it every day! If you struggle to sleep, why not get up early on this, or any, day and go for a walk, or even just out into your garden? You feel like you are the only human being in the world and truly a part of Nature. Then back indoors for a cup of tea and to treat yourself to a special breakfast (civilisation has its advantages!)

VE Day Stay at Home Street Party - Fri 08. You've probably heard or read suggestions that everyone should sit in their front gardens (so they are socially distanced) with their houses decorated, and eat party food. Thus we are apart - but together! If you like the sound of this, you can find out more on social media; or just talk to your neighbours!

Book these dates

Great British September Clean

11 to 27 SEPT 2020

Keep Britain Tidy
bringing communities together
to clean up our streets and parks.

Cancellations

All structured events are closed / cancelled.

Busytots baby & toddler group - check our Facebook page for updates facebook.com/LandbeachBusytots1

Village Coffees - Keep an eye on What's On or phone Margaret on 860128 for information

Friends of Worts Meadow

Sadly all our work parties are cancelled until further notice. The Dawn Chorus walk on May 2nd is of course also cancelled. The AGM and wildlife talk is postponed until September, the date tba.

However, Worts Meadow and the wood are flourishing with bluebells emerging, birds nesting and brambles growing! The ponds, including the new one, all have newts in them and the pond plants and flowers we planted last year are starting to grow. If anyone has any interesting wildlife sightings, whilst on their daily exercise, then do please send them to me on frances.dipper@sustenergy.co.uk. The reserve is a haven for peaceful daily exercise walks and runs. Please enjoy it, whilst of course, still maintaining social distancing.

Notices

Village Hall Treasurer's Position

Landbeach Village Hall are currently looking for a treasurer, as our present one is retiring after a number of years. If you are interested and would like to discuss this position, please contact Colleen on 860578.

URGENT! Volunteer drivers needed for
Beaches Community Car Scheme

Call 07807 875878, or email m.dean@ntlworld.com. **THANK YOU!**

Beaches Community Car Service - **Booking line** 07807 875878. For trips to hospital, doctor etc. Please give as much notice as possible.

Landbeach Village Hall Bookings - Anne Bullman, 01223 860692

Useful websites

The Internet is really coming to the fore to help us cope with lockdown. Whatever you wish you were doing, there is a website or Facebook page dedicated to enabling you to do it.

Would you like to share veg, fruit, salads or herbs with others living in the Waterbeach area? Why not join the Facebook group GLUT?

Would you like temporary work picking fruit and vegetables? (If on furlough, you need your employer's permission first.) Several big organisations (NFU, British Summer Fruits, Concordia) are seeking recruits to do just that. See also the website https://homegrown.earth

Do you want to stay in the "Slow Life" after lockdown ends? The website www.slowlifegoodlife.com will teach you the necessary skills.

Announcements

Summer grazing available

with shelter and straw.
1/2 acre field in Waterbeach road, Landbeach.
Suitable for small pony or a few sheep.
Owner has to bring water and must have own insurance.
Rent £2 a week.
Please email sevenlittlepigs@btinternet.com

The police e-cops service advises:

If you want information about coronavirus and COVID-19 visit www.nhs.uk or Public Health England via www.gov.uk

Please don't go searching the internet, because you may just read something untrue, or your device will get infected with malware because you visited a website controlled by a cyber-criminal.

Covid-19 transmission via animals

It is possible for the Covid-19 virus to be spread from person to animal fur and then to another person. So please do not touch animals - livestock as well as pets - that you do not own, and please wash your hands after touching your own animals.

Buses

Bus passes - Stagecoach have removed the 9.30am start restriction on bus passes. You can now use your bus pass any time, 7 days a week.

There are emergency timetable changes. Check before travelling.
No Park & Ride at the moment.

Tesco Milton

Open 6am-10pm Monday-Saturday, 10am-4pm on Sundays.
Mon, Weds & Fri 9-10am is priority for
vulnerable and elderly customers.
Please respect this.

Foodbank

Rev Paul Butler can issue Foodbank vouchers from the Vicarage.

These Cambridge City Foodbank centres are OPEN:
St Paul's Church, Hills Road (Monday & Friday)
Church of the Good Shepherd Arbury (Thursday)
Cambourne Old Blue School (Thursday)
C3 Centre, Coldham's Lane (Friday)

These are CLOSED:
Chesterton Methodist Church (CLOSED)
OLEM Catholic Church (CLOSED)
Alpha Terrace, Trumpington (CLOSED)
Waterbeach Baptist (CLOSED)

Cambridge Sport Lakes

Do you remember this from, oh, so long ago? A 220-acre site between Milton and Waterbeach was going to become a £25 million multi-use leisure park, one of the country's largest purpose-built sporting complexes, with facilities and competition venues for rowing, triathlon, BMW, cycling, canoeing, long-distance swimming, equestrian and fishing. Gasp!

Well, Cambridge Sport Lakes Trust has now withdrawn its application, which had become hopelessly out of date, but is going to submit a fresh one later this year.

Or is it? Is a microscopic, blobby, knobbly life-form going to have something to say about that?

Milton Country Park

Is now open for those wishing to take their daily exercise only. Please adopt social distancing of 2m from others at all times and respect other users. The car park and toilets remain closed.

Please do not drive to the park. Only members of one household. Dogs on lead, please.

Playground closed. Toilets closed. No litter. No picnics, BBQs, gatherings or fishing. No lake access.

If you feel that the park is busy PLEASE LEAVE.

If visitors do not respect these rules the park will be closed. We are a charity and are not local authority funded.

If you enjoy visiting Milton Country Park please consider supporting us here: https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/support-milton-country-park

Landbeach Tithe Barn News (Registered Charity Number 1167108)

Free admission; donations welcome. Thank you for your support.

Tithe Barn entrance opposite 2 Waterbeach Rd, Landbeach, CB25 9FA

www.tithebarntrust.org.uk E-news: www.tinyurl.com/z9d4s4p
email tithebarntrust@gmail.com 07986 717958
FB: FriendsofLandbeachTitheBarn Twitter: @TBarnT

Donate at https://www.totalgiving.co.uk/mypage/TitheBarnTrust
Become a Friend - http://www.tithebarntrust.org.uk/become-a-member
Volunteer / Trustee - https://do-it.org/organisations/tithe-barn-trust

Sadly, due to the latest coronavirus guidance,
The Tithe Barn Trust is postponing all our events until further notice.
Please check our website www.tithebarntrust.org.uk
for the most up to date news.
Thank you for your continued support &
we hope to see you all soon.

Waterbeach Independent Lending Library

Please see our Facebook page for updates

https://www.facebook.com/ WaterbeachLibrary

Children are invited to post reviews of books
they have read whilst in lockdown.

Every child will get a pressie for joining in.

Cambridgeshire Library Service

The mobile library service has been suspended for now. All library charges have been suspended and the due dates of items extended until at least the end of April. The mobile libraries will be used to provide transport for the distribution of essential goods and services to communities, care homes and individual housebound as required – mobiles already distribute batteries and are in discussion with food banks about deliveries. The library's online offer of ebooks and audio books is being expanded, including possible online events.
Follow Cambridgeshire Libraries on Twitter or our Facebook page for more news on this.

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

Landbeach Parish Council

Clerk - Maria Sylvester, Landbeachparishcouncil@gmail.com 07724 047656

Please do report any problems you have to the Clerk. Just leave your contact details and she will be happy to call you / respond to messages.

Please see enclosed sheet of Parish Council news

Facebook for PC - http://www.facebook.com/landbeachparishcouncil

Parish Council meetings 2020 - 27 Apr, 11 May plus AGM, 1 Jun, 6 Jul, 7 Sep, 5 Oct, 2 Nov, 14 Dec

Food parcels

If you have a condition that makes you clinically vulnerable to coronavirus, but haven't already been contacted, you can register online at Gov.uk to get a food parcel. You'll need your NHS number.

There are very useful and informative web pages at

https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/coronavirus

and

https://www.scambs.gov.uk/coronavirus

Green Bin Collections will resume w/c Mon 4 May

but with a reduced service, as crews currently only consist of two persons, to permit social distancing in the cabs.

You are guaranteed at least a monthly collection, but you are asked to put your green bin out every fortnight with your blue bin, when it will be collected if possible.

This is further complicated by bank holidays in May. Our schedule is:

Fri 1 May	**Blue**
Mon 11 May	**Black**
Sat 16 May	**Blue. Put green bin out (for possible collection)**
Fri 22 May	**Black**
Sat 30 May	**Blue & Green**

SCDC invite you to fill in an online survey on residents' opinion on the A14 Cambridge-Huntingdon Upgrade. You can access it at:

Facebook;
https://www.facebook.com/SouthCambridgeshireDistrictCouncil/photos/a.155464601178391/2914286735296150/?type=3

Twitter; https://twitter.com/SouthCambs/status/1247432342731403265

Community Cupboard



The Community Cupboard is back in use; in the porch of All Saints' Church, by kind permission of Rev Paul Butler, our vicar.

It is currently being run by the Landbeach Covid-19 Support Group. If you have any queries about it, please contact the support group: 07724 047656 or covidlandbeach@gmail.com

Residents who have spare food can place it in the boxes in the porch.

Those who are out and about but have been unable to shop are invited to take what they need. Please spread the word.

Remember "Stay Safe" - wash hands before and after use, keep 2m apart and only 1 person should use the boxes at a time.

Please leave the church and porch gates open or ajar but the boxes tightly shut.

Enjoy!