HELP TO SAVE LANDBEACH'S OLD TITHE BARN

As part of its current cost-cutting agenda, South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) plans to sell the Landbeach Tithe Barn for housing, unless the Landbeach Society or others can raise the funds needed to maintain this wonderful historic medieval building within the village.

This beautifully proportioned, Grade II Listed Building is a very fine example of a 16th century tithe barn. Timber-framed and weather boarded, with a thatched roof of long straw, it is highly unusual in that its historic flooring is also intact together with its large oak barn doors. It occupies a fantastic location overlooking the old common still grazed by cattle.

Now, we urgently need support from the local community in order to ensure that we can continue to look after the barn. Help is needed to cover annual overheads, maintenance costs and essential repair works. SCDC is giving us until mid January 2014 to illustrate a sustainable way forward – and your support will prove essential.

How you can help :

1) Donations required

A generous local resident has already offered to donate a substantial sum to help save the Barn. However, much more help is needed. The Parish Council is supporting the Landbeach Society in asking anyone for **pledges of significant financial donations** to help retain this unique part of our community heritage. If sufficient funding can be generated, supplementary external grants may well be forthcoming.

If you think you can help, please contact:

- Robert Stripe (Chairman of the Landbeach Society) robert.stripe@talk21.com Tel. 862297, or
- Melanie Hale (Chairman of the Parish Council) melanie.hale@btconnect.com Tel. 441522.

2) Questionnaire

Please complete and return the questionnaire enclosed by 11 January 2014
or on-line on the Landbeach Society's home page on the village web site:
Landbeach.org.uk/groups/99-landbeach-society



Join us for a Special Open Day at the Barn:

SATURDAY 11 JANUARY 2014

10 AM – 12 NOON

(Access and attendance is at the risk of individuals. Sturdy footwear is recommended as the grass path and barn flooring are uneven in places)

The grass path to the barn starts from the kissing-gate opposite No. 4 Waterbeach Road (to the right of electricity sub-station). From there it is just a 200 yards walk to the barn.

We will love to see you and hear your ideas.

QUESTIONNAIRE

Please complete and return the **questionnaire by <u>11 January 2014</u>**.

1. Have you visited the Tithe Barn in the last 5 years ? Y / N
2. Should we save the Tithe Barn ? Y / N

2a. If Yes – what could we do with the barn, and how could we improve it to make it **financially viable?**

Your ideas are welcome:

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2b. If No – why not?

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3. Should we consider relocating the barn to a museum or elsewhere?

Yes: where? _____

No:

4. **Can you provide any voluntary help including technical support/ advice?** Y/N

If yes please state – at the moment we are looking for specific skills – please tick:

- Building surveying / property condition survey
- Architecture / construction expertise
- Roofing / thatching expertise
- Preparing business plans and / or applications to donors and for grants
- Help with cleaning for open days / event
- Help manning the barn during open days / welcoming visitors
- Do you have other skills that might be useful? Please list here:

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5. Can you pledge financial help? Y / N

Your Name _____

Address _____

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e-mail _____

Telephone number _____

Please return the questionnaire to :

Chairman of the Landbeach Society
87 Waterbeach Road
Landbeach
CAMBRIDGE
CB25 9FA

or return the on-line version to
robert.stripe@talk21.com

or return at the Tithe Barn OPEN MORNING
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