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LANDULPH NEWSLETTER

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Landulph Life and News

Your guide to what's happening in the area

Editorial

As summer slowly fades, autumn begins to assert its array of magical colours and the early mornings give a slight chill to the air – I never fail to be amazed at the sheer beauty of our surroundings here in Landulph.

As we marvel at the beauty of our surroundings maybe we should also be mindful of our Community in Landulph, of which each one is a part, there is a wealth of talent and expertise around us; this is shown in the various clubs/organisations and activities that take place here. We only have to look at the Parish Diary to see how 'busy' we all are, however, there are still many opportunities to get involved and even if we feel our contribution may only be small, be assured it will be greatly appreciated by those who sometimes feel somewhat drained and weighed down by their responsibilities in keeping the 'wheels turning'.

Should you feel you are able to offer some of your time/expertise/talent to any of the organisations, including the group who produce the Newsletter – you will be welcomed with open arms – a little help, however small, goes a long long way!

Val Oatham

Parish Council Meeting 17th September 2007

There was a meeting in August, but the guest speaker (who was to have given a presentation about Cornwall County Council's ambition to become a unitary authority) was unable to attend. Not much else happened, but see Planning, below.

At the September meeting, we learned that: a slate plaque would be erected at the entrance to the cricket field identifying it as the Searle Family Memorial Field; that information was urgently required by County re condition of footpaths so that maintenance could be planned; that there were no active planning applications re the wooded field (immediately downhill from the Baker's Hatt pasty shop) where there had been recent activity; that the memorial clock on the school had corroding electronic equipment that would cost £1175 to replace, and that the Parish Council could not afford repairs unless other funders were found or the Parish precept were increased.

Snoring stopped when the Police Report for the period Jan to Sept was summarised. There had been 7 crimes, all involving theft, comprising 3 dinghies from the Yacht Club, and 4 re granite mushrooms and a trough. There was no suggestion that granite-laden dinghies had been used as getaway vehicles. The Police thought that school parking problems at the beginning and end of the school day had been resolved.

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Sale of Work at the Rectory Room

Saturday 10th November 11.00—1500

Syd Davy

Liz Dunn

Janie Saunders

Woodcraft

Cartoon

Ceramics

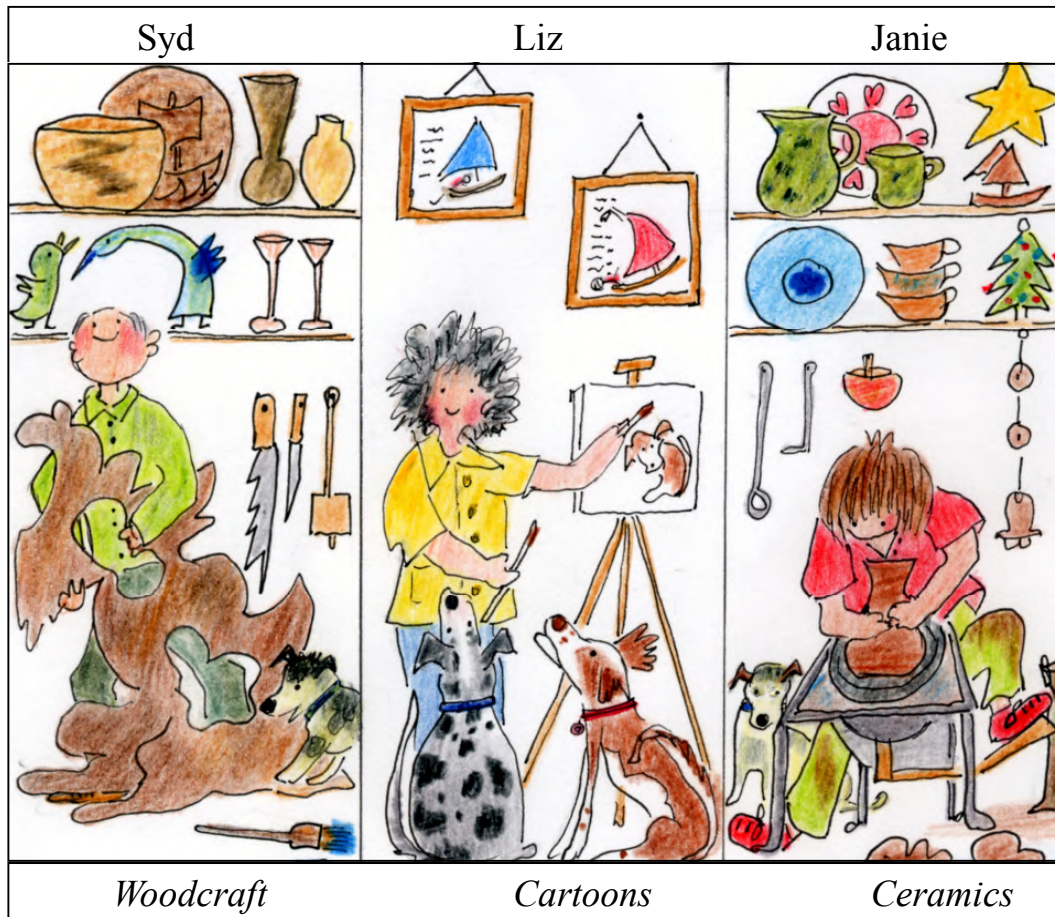
Some of Syd's larger pieces are on sale, beautiful driftwood, oak burrs, creative sculptures and wood turning.

Janie & I will do our best.

So hoping you'll come and be our guest,

Just pop in for a quick hello.

You might be amazed you never know.



There followed a lively discussion on whether the village should have road signs indicating CARGREEN on entry to the built up area, and if so, where they should be sited on upper Fore Street, and possibly on Church Lane, and even on the Coombe lane. Council decided to maintain the *status quo*, possibly on the assumption that anyone too dull to find the village might as well stay lost.

Council was more robust in deciding to invite County Highways Dept to advise re Council's wish for the 30 mph speed limit area to be extended to include the entire village.

Planning: Council recommended approval for: -

Construction of building for storage and offices. The Ranch, Landulph. Mr J Fordy, conditional on the buildings being used for business purposes only.

Construction of single storey extension, Paulesda, Landulph Cross. Mr & Mrs Erskine.

And in August recommended approval for revised plans for:

Construction of a conservatory, Tinnel Farmhouse, Landulph. Mr & Mrs Coryton.

Meeting lasted 70 minutes. Attendance 6, with councillor Mrs McTaggart in attendance.

Morton Macleod

P.S. A later edition of the newsletter will relate the Searles' connection with the Cricket field.

Not everybody's best friend

At our last planning meeting, and after agreeing items for inclusion in this edition, one of us said how nice it was to be able to walk down the far end of Coombe Lane without treading in dog mess. This was echoed with pleasure, as it seemed that careful dog owners were making full use of the dog bins. But then came the YES BUTs... including complaints that dogs off the leash had been fouling drives, and in at least one recent instance attacking and wounding another dog.

So please, dog owners, make it easier for us all to enjoy your pets.

The Newsletter Group

Memorial Hall News

The Annual Landulph v. Botus Fleming Cricket Match.

You will remember that adverse weather conditions forced the game originally scheduled to take place on 19th August to be abandoned. However with a little manoeuvring we managed to rearrange it for Sunday 9th September and this time the weather was kind; but not so the result - at least for Landulph. Botus fielded a strong and youthful team of thirteen* for this annual Inter-parish game and in doing so scored an emphatic victory. They batted first and scored an impressive 189 for 6 in their 25 overs. In reply the Landulph team could only manage only a modest 100 All Out.

Botus' batting started badly with 2 wickets down for 2 runs, but they recovered well and the next wicket didn't fall until 108 runs were on the board. Landulph managed to take only 3 more wickets for the next 81 runs at which point the allotted 25 overs had been bowled. The high scorers for Botus were Matt Robins, James Morris, Jonny Trembath, Ian Smith and Adrian Robins.

Landulph's reply started quite well but then when the score was at 74 for 4, three wickets fell and another 3 fell at 84. The writing was on the wall! Ross Braund and R Williams batted well but others didn't do so well - including some who didn't trouble the scorers! Botus' bowlers performed strongly and pretty well shared the wickets between them.

Botus' victory takes the match tally to three each, and the Golden Balls Trophy has returned to The Rising Sun where it's rumoured it may be super-glued and bolted to the trophy shelf - unless, of course, we care to take it back next year!

A good crowd vociferously supported both teams and brought brisk business to the bar and barbeque. This annual inter-parish match is a Landulph Memorial Hall social and fund raising event and our committee thank all those who played, watched and supported their teams, and especially those who, on and before the day, helped to making it a very good day and lot of fun!

*Yes - we know there should be only eleven, but we had thirteen too. Better than last year perhaps when both sides fielded sixteen players. Amazing really, when only minutes before the game Landulph were scratching about for players! Come to think of it that may have had a bearing on the result because we fielded one or two distinctly superannuated-not-so-superstars and some to whom it appeared that cricket was an entirely new experience!

Landulph Memorial Hall Committee

Long Term parish Residents

Bertha Crabb

Bertha Crabb was born in Cornwall, and moved with her family, the Dawes, to Tinnell when she was 12 years old. With 3 brothers and a sister, it is not surprising that during the war years there were some exciting times, and Bertha remembers the occasion when she found an aeroplane had landed in one of the fields, apparently the pilot had got lost! Just down the lane from the farmhouse, she can also recall the armed forces lighting a decoy bonfire to attract the German fighters up the river to divert them from bombing Plymouth.

During the war, many young people were evacuated into Cornwall, and Bertha's family agreed to take in 3 brothers when the oldest, Les Cummings, insisted that his family should not be split up. Memories of the time are recalled in a privately published booklet by his brother Vic, and were it not for the kindness shown by Bertha's family in taking the boys; the Cummings family would surely never have appeared in Landulph.

Without wishing to embarrass Bertha, there's a lovely quote from Vic's book where he thanks the Dawe family, and particularly "that lovely gentle lady, Mrs Crabb, who treated me like a young son or brother, I'm not sure which".

Bertha was married to Arnold Crabb, who had served in the armed forces during the war years, and on his return home, they moved to Church Lane, Arnold first working for Freeman's Nurseries, then market gardening. Following Arnold's passing, Bertha carried on the business for a few years, then didn't so much retire she tells me, as get fed up with working!

In her "spare" time, Bertha was responsible for the local Guides and Brownies group, was for many years active in the Landulph W.I. and still supports the Good Companions.

An enthusiastic member of the original Landulph badminton club, she took on the task of coaching many of the village youngsters before normal club time commenced at the village hall.

Bertha can be found walking her dog every day, and it's not a short walk. After all, what would you expect from this still very active lady who used to play hockey for Cornwall. And she only mentioned that as an afterthought in our chat!

Bertha it was fascinating, thank you.

David Hall.



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Landulph Parish Newsletter

Wednesday 3rd October 2007, Methodist Church Schoolroom 7.30pm

This is a chance for the Newsletter to respond to its readers' wishes. The production team would love to have your feedback—encouraging or critical. The office holders have to be elected and the accounts approved, which won't take long. See you in the Pub later!

Please come and have your say

Landulph Methodist Church

Landulph Methodist Church held their Harvest Festival Services on Sunday 16th and Monday 17th September. The service on Sunday was taken by Barbara Snowling with the Saturday Club singing 'See here are red apples' helped by Ray and Val Oatham. Organist was Robert Moon accompanied by Edward Jacobs on the piano.

On Monday evening the service was taken by Pastor Martin Bunkum, organist was Mavis Edmonds. After a pasty supper, Fred Billing sold the produce. Proceeds were for Church funds. Members are raising funds to redecorate and carpet the Church next year.

Don't forget the concert by Jonathan Delbridge, well known organist and pianist on Sat October 6th at 7 30 pm.

Mavis Edmonds

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Landulph School

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Please stay afterwards & enjoy the refreshments as part of the 'Worlds Biggest Coffee Morning.' All proceeds will go towards Macmillan Cancer Support.

Tesco have started issuing their Sports Vouchers and we would be glad to receive any that you may have. Last year we managed to 'buy' a Get Active Sports Kit with the vouchers collected. Please either give to someone who has children at Landulph School or put them through the letter box at school.

Thank you.

Thanks

Rita Rice would like to thank all those people who contributed £120 to the RNLI and £20 to the Cornwall Air Ambulance in celebration of her 80th birthday at the end of July.

Highcroft Gardens

Barry and Karen Richard's Gardens at Highcroft, Cargreen open on Sunday 5th and 19th August was very successful raising £1100 for the National Gardens Scheme and £270 for Landulph Methodist Church who served cream teas on both afternoons.

Special thanks to Neil and Rose Cradick for use of their field as Car Park.

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Mahjong

Mahjong may be old, but you don't have to be old to play it!!

There are few games whose history is shrouded in quite so many myths as Mahjong. While some say the game is over 2,500 years old, records only date back to the mid 19th century at the very earliest. The oldest artefact identifiable as a Mahjong tile dates back to the 1880s. The Game probably started in the provinces around Shanghai.

One of our regular players Anne Moxley vividly remembers her mother playing with other expatriates living in Shanghai before the 2nd World War, which is one of the reasons that she enjoys the game so much today.

Most researchers agree that the game probably derived from an old Chinese card game Mah-tiae (Hanging Horse), which was played with a very similar set of tiles. Mahjong roughly translates as "chattering sparrow" which is the noise the tiles make as you shuffle them. The tiles are very tactile and vary from set to set in appearance. There are 3 suits Circles, Bamboo and Characters, and Honours of Winds and Dragons. The flowers or guardian tiles which are not used in general play are the most decorative.

In the late 40's during the Chinese Communist Revolution Mahjong was banned, as it was regarded as encouraging gambling and a capitalist pastime. The ban was not lifted until the late 60's.

The traditional game played on street corners, parks and in homes throughout China has far fewer rules than the International game played in the west, and is played at a fast and furious pace. Whereas the group who meet up on Tuesdays afternoons in Cargreen play at a much more leisurely pace and of course no gambling takes place! I would like to say that this certainly doesn't mean that the will to win is any less.

I would like to leave you with one comment made by the husband of a Mahjong player who had been watching his wife and friends play for some time. "I think that this is a wonderful game, as it is the first time I have seen so many women in one room so quiet for so long." Please feel free to join us on a Tuesday afternoon – all are welcome. Contact: Phillida Jermain Tel: 847546

Gilly Ainslie

Peter and Doreen's Bacon Butty Party

On September 1st the annual bacon butty party took place, organised by Doreen and Peter. As usual this was well attended and nearly £600 was raised for Mount Edgecombe Hospice.

Well done to Doreen and Peter and all their helpers.

Landulph Footpath Group

You will have noticed in the last Newsletter that the Parish Council was allocated £500 for work to maintain our public footpaths. The County Council has now cleared some of the fallen trees that were obstructing our Gold footpath that runs from the recreation ground along the foreshore to Landulph. Although several fallen trees at the northern end have been cut back it is still, by its nature, a difficult path. There are many overhanging branches and a very large upended rotting oak tree that must be skirted. The sea weed is slippery and, in places, there is quite thick mud. The location of this seems to vary with the tides but at the moment it is worst just south of the red channel marker post at Weir Point.

Although this path can only be negotiated around the rock outcrop of Neal Point at a Spring Low Water it is still a favourite of many, particularly if they walk dogs and can be made a part of a longer circular walk. It is very beautiful and peaceful and you can enjoy the birds on the mud and the wonderful colours and shapes of the rocks. However in our view this path should not be attempted without stout waterproof boots and a stick is very helpful in places.

Members of the Footpath Group continue to walk the paths, secateurs in hand. If you have any concerns or problems please will you get in touch with one of us?

Margaret Honey

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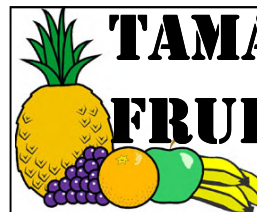
Horse of the Year Show	7th October
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Cargreen Cancer Research Committee

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Please you will support us by bringing your friends to dinner at Landulph Memorial Hall on Saturday October 13th 2007.

We hope you will join in the spirit and either wear seventies clothes or something **pink**.

You can either book a table or we will join you on a table with others.

Please indicate your food preferences on the booking form obtainable from Jo Butcher (844302) or Gaye Braund(847774)

There will be a bar with wine and soft drinks. Music of the seventies will be played during the evening; perhaps some people will put on their dancing shoes!

Support breast cancer research 

Summer Fun Day

The Summer Fun Day came back to Landulph with a bang!

On July 22nd the sun shone in clear blue skies as the cricket pitch was transformed (with a lot of help) into a festival of all things fun.

From traditional cream teas and cake stalls to the legendary sporting events of cherrystone spitting and welly boot throwing. The beer tent brought much needed refreshment in the hot sun with many a sizzling sausage off the barbeque satisfying hungry tummies. The human fruit machine was hilarious fun, an array of tombolas, "it's a knockout" and the coconut shy also entertained the crowds.

It was a real family day with visitor numbers approaching 500, including lots of face painted children enjoying tractor train rides and the bouncy castle. The big success of the day was the atmosphere which was fantastic and full of community spirit. This was well represented with the highly competitive "inter village" tug o war teams! It was the same community spirit that helped organise and run the event, raising £2500.

We look forward to producing an even bigger summer fun day next year with even more stalls, activities, live band and visitors raising more money to invest back into the parish.

To everyone who was involved and to everyone who came along a huge "thank you" for your support. So... get your diaries out and those wellies polished in readiness for next years summer bash which will be held on

We look forward to it!

Mel Bennett and Nina Armstrong



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Gables Farm Celebrates a Centenary of Care

To mark 100 years in the city, Gables Farm will be holding a series of events throughout 2007 to celebrate its Centenary, honour its heritage, raise funds and increase awareness of its cause to an even wider audience.

"We hope the people of Plymouth will take our Centenary campaign to their hearts and work extremely hard to raise money for us by getting involved in our calendar of events as well as hopefully, developing their own fund-raising ideas," said Tony Harris, the general manager of Gables Farm. *"During the year we hope to attract a fresh wave of support that will carry us forward for decades to come and help us finance the care we provide to many hundreds of animals each year".*

Staff at Gables Farm have been serving the region's four legged

friends since it was founded in 1907 by two sisters, who cycled around Plymouth collecting stray cats and then later dogs too.

Originally based at Cattedown, Gables Farm moved to its purpose-built site near Saltram House, with state of the art accommodation in 1999. This move coincided with an intensive programme of re-branding and restructuring that helped the city's major animal welfare charity to become a more competitive force. In order to address the need of expanding

waiting lists and overcome limited space, the modernisation of Gables Farm's facilities is an ongoing requirement. Extensive refurbishment is already currently underway on existing dog kennels, coupled with an appeal to raise funds for additional accommodation.

There are many ways you can help raise funds and support our Centenary celebrations. www.gablesfarm.org.uk.



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Landulph Gardening Club



There is a change of speaker for the October meeting.

The evening will take the form of a **"Gardener's Question Time"**. Beryl Davies will be in the chair and all are asked to bring their questions for her. Please bring any plant or problem you may have! We look forward to welcoming you at 7.30pm on October 10th in the Annex of Landulph Memorial Hall.

The meeting will be followed by a short AGM.

November 13th sees a talk by Neil Cradick with the title of **"Cherries in Landulph"**.

The club always has a plant stall at the spring show. The plants are grown by the club members. We need flower pots for growing on the plants for the stall. Please phone 844302 if you have any spare ones.

Jo Butcher

