

LANDULPH NEWSLETTER

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Your guide to what's happening in the area

Editorial A Community at Risk

Two crises have hit the parish in quick succession that pose a real threat to our community life.

First was the extended and possibly permanent closure of The Crooked Spaniard, a serious blow to the vibrancy of life in Cargreen. This is, of course, a private business and, however strongly we may feel about the situation, we have little right to interfere with the owners' commercial decisions.

The second is the news that the Memorial Hall Fundraising team will not be able to put on any more functions unless they get more support. This is something we can and should do something about. It's *our* meeting place and activity centre and a particularly fine one too. It is not so long ago that there was a major function at the Hall almost every month; great opportunities for the parish to meet and mingle.

Later in this Newsletter you will see a notice from the Hall Fundraising Committee calling a public meeting to discuss the future of events at the hall. Please make every effort to attend with positive ideas on how to rejuvenate and even extend the programme in view of the closure of the Spaniard. The team says it doesn't necessarily want people to serve on long and dull committee meetings but to offer willing hands at specific events. *James Jermain*

Landulph Parish Newsletter AGM 2008

At the AGM on 30 September , members of the production team attended, together with four parishioners and two Police Community Support Officers. We are grateful to the latter six for their visible support.

The production team welcomed James Jermain as a new member, and bade farewell to Val Oatham, with many thanks for her contributions as team member and secretary. Minor business was transacted. Minutes of the meeting are available from the production team.

Morton Macleod

The front cover

Thanks to Jane Espig who designed and produced the cover for this edition of the newsletter.

Parish Council Meeting 20 October 2008

It was virtually standing room only in the public gallery where parishioners with a drinking problem rallied to seek Council's help...the problem being that the pub had closed without notice, and its regulars were **very unhappy.**

Most of the public forum, and a substantial part of the formal meeting, were taken up with discussions on loss of amenity, licensing law, planning formalities, and what (if anything) should be done by Council to influence a private business decision. Council agreed to minute that they "deeply regretted the closure of the pub", but decided that at this juncture they could take no official action.

However, Councillor Terry West, acting as an independent parishioner, volunteered to gather whatever facts she could from the pub owners, and offer them a helpful link to the Parish Council and interested parishioners.

This was a long and often serious meeting, with much time also spent on uncertainties and worries about the looming deletion of District Councils and the apparent fragilities of the One Cornwall organisation. Reassuringly, our councillors have been attending briefing meetings on these matters, and seem to be increasingly confident and proactive in making their views on the way ahead known.

Now some simpler stuff: the Ellbridge to Kingsmill road will be closed for repairs from 8 Jan 2009; despite appeal, the Mobile Post Office service will end at Easter 2009: and just when we thought that there was no good news, Roger told us that the County Council had not vet worked out how to transfer Direct Debit Council Tax arrangements from Caradon to themselves. "No taxation without representation!" he cried. echoing American colonists who had no representation in Parliament. I'm not sure what this all means, but look where American independence has qot us.

Planning: Council recommended approval for:

Construction of dwelling, Penyoke Lane, Cargreen, Mr & Mrs M Rickard. *Morton Macleod*

Parish Council Meeting 17 November 2008

Without diminishing the importance of the serious matters discussed, including local government changes, future budgets and responsibilities etc, I'll focus on **roads** because they're topical and easy to understand....or are they? County's recent speed limit proposals for Landulph Cross were endorsed by Parish Council, which awaits further inputs from parishioners if, for example, there is a wish for the 20 mph limit to extend all the way down Fore Street. At a recent site meeting at the Cross, the Highways Divisional Surveyor had commented that enforcing non-parking there would just shift the problem elsewhere, and that irregular parking actually slowed traffic in any case, so possibly reduced accident risk. The meeting toyed with other ideas to reduce risk to children walking to school, including a proper footpath from village to the Cross (impracticable), a daily "walking bus" of high-vis-clad children escorted on foot by adults, a dropoff lay-by or car park on part of the school playing-field (beyond the authority of governors), or a bus service from village to school. Excouncillor Ray Oatham said that the latter was a condition of contract for the existing school bus service, but that no village parents had supported it, possibly because of the 50p daily charge. Not a lot of people know that.

Then there's the long-running saga of "The Dip at Clampit" about

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Grants

Landulph newsletter has been awarded a grant from Cornwall Community Foundation.

This will allow us to publish more articles about the history of the parish.

We have thought that articles about the school, parish church and horticulture in the parish may be where we will start, but really need to hear from you, the readers about what you want.

We also need your help in providing us with the information, so please contact James Jermain or any committee member if you have a story to tell or wish to help us.

Jo Butcher

which the PC has complained to Highways without success, having been told that on inspection the contours are acceptable. This is still an irritant to those who haven't learned to slow down on the approach to an awkward corner on a narrow road that they've been driving for donkey's years. Frankly, I can't get excited, and in any case drive a Toyota so glide through life. Merry Christmas, one and all.

Morton Macleod



Anyone for French or German?

Having recently moved to 1, Slipway Quay, I was interested to read in the Parish Plan that there was potentially a demand for foreign language tuition in the parish.

I'm semi-retired but work from home and am fluent in French and German.

If anyone would be interested in French or German conversation sessions over the winter please get in touch. I am not a teacher, but it could be sociable and fun to put my meagre talents to constructive use!

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Landulph Memorial Hall Warning! All fun cancelled at the Hall

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- New Years Eve Party
- Quiz
- Race Night
- Hawaiian Banquet
- Joey the Lips concert
- Murder Mystery Night

Wondered why we don't have



them anymore? The reason is we haven't enough volunteers to organise, help on the night and clear up the next day.

We would love to start these and other events again as they add to the community spirit and help pay for the upkeep of the hall. If you would like to help please come to an **open meeting on Monday 12 January** in the hall annex, starting at 7.30pm.

Memorial Hall Committee

Snooker Club

It was reported at the Management Committee meeting on 10th November that no interest has been shown in resurrecting the Club.

In view of this, the snooker table, being the property of the Memorial Hall, the committee decided that the table should be sold.

Memorial Hall Committee

Quiz Night

A lot of very clever people battled with the questions set by Colin James and the brains of Landulph were this year again "Festival Follies". The hall funds benefited by £400.

Landulph Gardening Club

Christmas supper, provided by Shirley Floyd, is on Wednesday 10 December at Landulph Memorial Hall.

There will be a demonstration after the supper with a Christmas theme. Please book your place for the supper phone 01752 844302. *Jo Butcher*

Landulph School News

The autumn term started well with 13 new pupils and by half term, we had welcomed another new pupil and five new members of staff.

Soon into the term, we were delighted to be part of the Landulph Music and Arts Festival, which was jointly funded by the festival committee and the school. This made it possible for Drum Crazy to spend a whole day in school and for all the children to experience this exciting workshop. At the end of the day all three classes joined together to perform a superb drumming composition, which was enjoyed by many parents and friends of the school.

On a chilly November morning a number of groups of children were

to be seen busily gardening around the school grounds planting the 200 daffodil bulbs that had been kindly donated by the local gardening club. We are all looking forward to a beautiful display in the spring.

With Christmas fast approaching, I thought you might like to know about two Christmas events to get you in the Christmas spirit:

1. The PTA are hosting "An Evening of Christmas music around the Christmas tree" on the evening of <u>9 December</u> at 6.30pm, mince pies, mulled wine and luxury hot chocolate will be available.

2. The end of term Carol Service will be held at 9.15am on <u>19</u> <u>December</u> - everyone welcome! *M Beaven–Smith, School Secretary*

Mobile Post Office

The service which visits Cargreen each Tuesday was under threat of withdrawal in October but it was still operating on 10 November. There appears to have been a temporary stay of execution. The service's Post Mistress says the Post Office will continue to call until the end of the year but is likely to be withdrawn in early 2009 although no specific date has been given.



The Village Walk, 28 Sunday September 2008

There have been wet walks; there have been windy walks; there have been cold walks, and maybe even frosty ones. This recent one must go down in the annals as being blessed with perfect weather for walking. The sun shone, but no one over-heated.

A total of 21 folk enjoyed the footpaths at their best, with the usual format of three staggered start times, resulting in almost everyone ending the morning sitting around one large table outside the Spaniards, enjoying the sun and a drink.

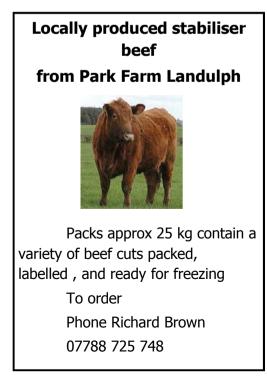
The final part of the long walk, along the foreshore from Neal Point, was decidedly muddy. I'd never in the past been particularly impressed with those trousers that convert into shorts. On that day, they served me well. (I unzipped the muddy leggings, and left them outside the pub

Let's hope for good conditions for the next walk on 27 December .

Thanks, Reg, for doing the organising.

Richard Bowman







Under Fives



Above, Oliver and Paige , fancy dress winners

Right, Children enjoying the disco

Landulph under fives committee hosted a Halloween disco on 24 October, which included a Pop-kids session (for under-fives), a disco and fancy dress. Ghoulish fun was had by all and we managed to raise £50 for the Under Fives' funds



This term the children have been visited by Father Lamb, who talked about Harvest Festival and we are exploring celebrations around the world, including Divali (Hindu/Indian Festival of Lights), Hanukkah (Jewish Festival), Christmas traditions around the world, including the story of Babushka (Russian folk tale).

The Under-fives will be hosting a Nativity play at Landulph Memorial Hall on **16 December** at 10.30am, to which the local community are invited. Admission will include a raffle, tea/coffee and mince pies.

Cath Sissons

Landulph Good Companions

Sadly the Companions have lost two of their well loved members recently, Joyce Cox and Joyce Braund, both of whom had been associated with the club since its formation, over 30 years ago; they will be well remembered. On a happier note, in the next month or two, we are holding some exciting events: a Christmas lunch at Launceston, a trip to the pantomime and the annual party when Shirley Floyd will be preparing one of her famous buffet meals and the S. E. Cornwall Accordion Band will entertain.

Please contact Secretary Harry (01752 846 692) for more details of next years programme including coach trips. New members are all welcome, age no barrier.

Harry Pryce

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Does The Crooked Spaniard have a future?

The unexpected closure of Cargreen's pub in early October sparked a flurry of speculation and gossip. In an attempt to uncover the facts, the Parish Council set up an informal meeting between the owners, the Arnold family, and a small group comprising two Councillors, Terry West and Gerry Stevenson and villager James Jermain.

At this meeting Jason Arnold made his family's position very clear. The pub has not made a profit for many years and can never do so unless some form of accommodation can be provided. Unless planning approval for limited development could be obtained it would not be possible to reopen The Crooked Spaniard as a pub.

He then outlined plans he was proposing to submit to Caradon planners. The building to the left of the riverside entrance will remain as a pub and be refurbished. The kitchens and toilets would remain where they were and food would continue to be served in 'pub style'. The upper floor would be stripped out and turned into a function room. The current function room would be converted into two or three *en suite* and possibly self-catering accommodation units under a pitched roof. In the car park they propose a number (six or less) of 'boathouse' style accommodation units, which would include an *en suite* bedroom but no self-catering facilities. Justin said the units would not be higher than the embankment below Hodders Way and would not extend beyond the rough ground at the rear of the car park.

Justin said that provided approval for this scheme was forthcoming he and his family would consider several other improvements to the pub including installing a deep-water pontoon off the quay and a shop inside the building. He proposes to hold a public meeting in the New Year to present his plans to the village

In the meantime, though, Justin asserted he had no plans to reopen the pub within two years.

James Jermain

Missing cat

Our very old, small, brown and grey striped cat went missing some time in October while we were away. She may well have gone somewhere quiet to die, but if you have seen her, please let us know on 01752 849910. *Kate Garner*

Cargreen Cancer Research Fund Raising Group

Tea time at the Memorial Hall was a very successful fund raising event. 90 people enjoyed tea. The wonderful sum of £705 was raised. A big thanks to all who helped in any way, gave donations and came to tea.

Gaye Braund - chairperson

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Signed articles do not necessarily express the views of the committee.

If you are a new resident to the parish and would like to write a small article introducing yourselves we would be delighted to receive it.

If you feel inspired to create a cover for the next newsletter please contact one of the committee.

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Open Day at Cargreen Yacht Club

After a truly awful sailing season, the club was extremely lucky to get excellent weather for two of its big events in September. Our annual cruiser regatta on 13 September saw some 40 plus boats with over 100 crew members from local clubs sail up from Plymouth Sound to the finish line at Cargreen. The usual banter about tactics, the prize giving, live band, BBQ and bar rounded off a very pleasant day.

Two weeks later, on 27 Saturday September, the club opened itself up for inspection at an **Open Day** designed to make the club's activities better known in the area and to encourage interest in water sports.

It was an experiment and the organisers were uncertain what interest there would be. By the opening at 2.30pm, in beautiful sunny and warm weather, the public was vastly outnumbered by club members, but gradually parties of visitors turned up and before long the site was buzzing with people.

We were particularly pleased to see so many young families, and the kids readily joined in the various quiz and drawing competitions. Stalls and displays by the Looe Model Boat Club, the Horizon Trust and the RNLI added colour and interest to the site. As the tide came in, the club's cadet sailors got onto the water to demonstrate their (fun) racing skills – not easy when there is very little wind.

The calm weather did suit the most visually exciting aspect of the afternoon, and that was the arrival and later impromptu racing of gigs from the Calstock and Tamar & Tavy Gig Clubs.

Those who braved the opportunity of trying out the rowing machines or the chance to actually row in a gig seemed to thoroughly enjoy the experience – at least they increased their appetite for the cream teas and BBQ and beer that followed.

The jolly atmosphere was maintained by the folk music provided by the "Quercus" band, and first-aid cover (fortunately not used) was provided by St. John Ambulance volunteers.

Over 40 local club members helped out with the day which seemed to be enjoyed by them and our guests alike – our thanks to them all, and in particular to Neil Cradick for the use of his field for the very necessary parking spaces.

Don King, Rear Commodore

Long Term Residents

Peter Braund



Peter was born in Rose Cottage at the top of Fore Street, and along with sister Delcie has always lived in Cargreen.

Peter's parents were a very private

couple, Mother, Gladys, an excellent cook, and Father, Bert, son of Herb, the salmon fisherman pictured in the recent Spaniards article. Peter often helped Father and Grandfather on their fishing trips.

He can recall not having an electricity supply in the village until the age of 14, and also the National Bus coming through Fore Street where it had two stops, one at the Blacksmith Shop (who knows where that was then?) and the other outside the Pub.

There was also a daily cattle procession through the village, as the Richards' family stock was walked down to be milked just behind the Chapel. Peter would go to collect the fresh milk in a jug.

Peter attended Landulph School, or "Cross College" as it was known by the students, then went to work for the Cloake brothers in Church Lane Gardens. Following a spell with the Barrett's and then in his mid twenties, he went to the Hosking brothers, until the business was sold.

His working day was extended, helping with the Braund family market garden, at Penyoke. He would often start at 4.30, picking strawberries before going to the "day job"! Breakfast there was a rare treat, a full English, followed by treacle and cream.

During his early teens, he and his friends would visit the cider press at Penyoke, and have a little "taster". The biggest problem seems to have been the laxative properties of the fine brew, and occasionally the youngsters would fail to make it home before the mixture took effect.

Peter sang for 63 years with the Landulph Church Choir and he is justifiably proud of having sung at the Royal Albert Hall and Truro Cathedral as a member of the Cornwall Federation Male Voice Choir. He still enjoys regularly performing. A keen bell ringer for over 50 years, Peter also served for many years as a Church Warden at Landulph.

One of his proudest achievements was Chairing the Hall Committee during the building of the Memorial Hall and was also a founder member of the Snooker club

I see Peter walking around the lanes. He tells me he does it to keep himself fit. I think he does it because he loves the place!

David Hall

Dear Editor & Committee

It is with great indignation that I write this letter once again on the subject of **dog poo!**

This morning I found no less than 3 piles of offensive dog poo along the front of our property (and we can by no means be the only people to have been so blessed!). Can I appeal to all dog lovers, for I assume that is what you are if you have a dog, that you do not let your dog wander off in front or follow along behind you or roam along the road completely unsupervised, where you cannot see them performing their essential animal functions and, therefore, are unable to clear up after them and take the poo home with you.

I wonder what your reaction would be if I were to allow one of my grandchildren to defecate outside your property and just leave it there! I suspect you would be outrage. Perhaps you would then realise that this disgusting behaviour in not clearing up your pet's excreta is unacceptable especially when it is on private property.

I hope you would agree that our children, grandchildren and pets are a pleasure to us all but we should exercise our responsibilities and not let any of them interfere with the environment in which we all have to live.

Valerie Oatham

Further to my suggestion in the October '08 Newsletter, regarding local cards being dispensed with and replaced by a donation to the Salvation Army Christmas Children's Appeal. The following people contacted me and will <u>not</u> be sending local cards but wish to extend Seasonal Greetings to all friends:

Richard & Christine Bowman Glen & Margaret Honey Maurice & Annemarie Nathan James & Phillida Jermain Andrew & Jo Butcher Jill & Richard Taylor David Bullivent & Terry West Jack & Sylvia Bedbrook Pete & Jenny Bamford Ray & Anne Moxley Roma Netherton Margery Blatchford Kate & Steve Garner Gwen Anderson

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Happy Christmas

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