

# Landulph News



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**Your guide to what's happening in the area**

## **Editorial**

The Newsletter AGM will be held on Tuesday 27 September at 7.30pm at Rosehill, Cargreen. Everyone Welcome.

### **Landulph at War booklet**

A free copy of the booklet was distributed to all households in the parish with the last newsletter. Extra copies can be purchased from Morton at Rosehill for £5 and may make interesting stocking-fillers as well as helping fund your favourite parish newsletter.

## **Landulph Parish Council**

### **June Meeting Report**

An unusual air of levity pervaded the Memorial Hall Annexe before the June Parish Council. Then with one minute to go before the start of the meeting one member of the public arrived and all was serious again,

In the public forum our public thanked the PC for getting the road hedges cut to improve the sight lines. (Too soon muttered the Chairman, wait for the rains after the drought and then see what happens!).

A brief flurry of activity was caused by the arrival of our PCSO who reported Landulph to be crime free.

Bill and Trisha Langdon were thanked for their excellent work in restoring the Telephone Box and creating much improved shelving for the 'Book Exchange' inside.

Cllr Braund reported on the visit to Duloe to inspect the Cricket pavilion with a view to encouraging our local cricket club to replace theirs.

Following a letter of complaint that had been sent to Sheryll Murray MP by a parishioner regarding dangerous driving on the A388 the

PC resolved to write to Cornwall Highways requesting double white lines in the region of the turning from the A388 towards Stockadon.

The Parish Plan completion and distribution, Astroturf on the playing field, Broadband, hedges, PC vacancy, Spaniards planning progress were all discussed ..... A quote from 'Casablanca' comes to mind!

### **July Meeting Report**

As this report is written there seem momentous times afoot.

The recent resignation of a senior government advisor, resignation of senior publishing executives, resignation of senior police officers and the resignation of the senior parish council reporter for the Landulph Newsletter ... are these all connected? We need to know.

A Commission of Lyra, Bilbo, Harry and the Wardrobe will be reporting in a parallel universe near you soon. .. perhaps.

Meanwhile the Parish Council meeting was soon dispatched, with minutes corrected, matters arising dealt with and accounts paid.

The final bill for the printing of the Parish Plan came out as estimated and the final accounts have now been done. The Parish Council decided that it would be appropriate to use the monies remaining to progress some of the issues arising from The Plan. This could include hiring of the memorial Hall for meetings and displays of: Green Energy projects; Community Interest Company; Youth Council for example.

Considerable concern was expressed by the dangerous driving along the A388 in the region of the Stockadon turning towards the village. More people are reporting being overtaken as they wait to turn into the lane. The reply from the Highways Officer was deemed inadequate and Councillor Stevenson would take our concerns to the Saltash Safety Committee later the same week. In the meantime it was suggested we campaign for safer road markings.

The planning meeting following probably accounted for the good attendance of Parishioners.

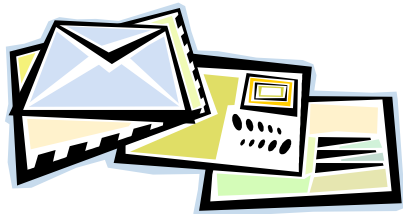
The development of the former village shop was discussed with parking and the façade considered.

The applicant attended this meeting and a fruitful interchange of ideas seemed possible.

The next meeting would be Monday 19 September unless any planning permissions are lodged.

*Andrew Butcher*  
*Chairman*

## Letter to the Editor:



## Thank you from Carole

I would like to thank all the residents of Cargreen and Landulph who have given me their wholehearted support to retain me as their "postie". All your phonecalls have been noted and those of you who wrote, your letters have been filed. The present situation is that the reorganisation plans have been postponed until next year.

I look forward to being able to spend at least the rest of the year with you all, until decisions are made on the future of the deliveries. Many thanks from your very grateful postie.

*Carole*

## Film Club

### Buy 5, get 3 free

Come to the Film Club on 20 September, enjoy Marilyn Monroe in *The Seven Year Itch*, buy a £25 season ticket and you could see 8 great films for the price of 5. Simple!

## Landulph Memorial Hall

**Summer Fête:** £425 was raised for the Hall. We held the fête in partnership with the Under 5's. Lunches and cream teas, and many of the village organisations and groups were present either with a stall or a demonstration of their activities. It was a great way to get together, showcase local organisations, fundraise, and socialise and for all ages to have fun in the sunshine. The Short Mat Bowls group encouraged all to try their skill, many played Mah Jongg, and Landulph School provided hidden treasure; I have not mentioned all who provided stalls but thanks to you all for coming and I hope you too enjoyed the day.

**Can you solve the Mystery?** 3 bottles of apple juice were spirited away from the annexe at the fete, from under the table of the parish council stall.

**Cuban evening:** It was sad to cancel the event but tickets did not sell well and we needed to buy food so to avoid making a loss we decided that it would not go ahead.

**Christmas BIG Breakfast and BIG Craft Market:** This will take place on Sat November 26 from 9am to 12 noon. More details in October's newsletter. To book a stall phone 07917 225 694

**Burns Night:** The Hall committee and the newsletter group will be joining forces to fund raise in the New Year. Put the date in your diary now: 21 January.

*Jo Butcher, Landulph Memorial Hall committee*

## Landulph Good Companions

The speaker at the May meeting was Mrs Yvonne Toms who gave a talk on the life of Joyce Grenfell and included her famous monologues. The May coach trip to Heligan Gardens and Charlestown was excellent with good weather

In June the speaker was Mr David Snelling with a sequel to Operation Henry; now supporting sufferers of pancreatic cancer and their families with The Operation Henry Trust.

June's trip to Ledbury was much enjoyed, returning by the scenic route through Wales and over the Severn Bridge.

On Monday July 11 members and friends enjoyed a cruise up the

river Tamar to Morwellham, 2 hours was spent looking around the quay and cottages, portrayed in the TV series Edwardian Farm, before returning to Saltash.

In August we welcome the return of the wonderfully talented duo John and Rosemary Heard, Violinist and Pianist. Our coach trip will be to Dunster and Minehead. The speaker for September is Mike Stephens, his theme 'A Wonderful Winter Garden', the September trip will be a mystery one organised by DAC coaches.

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## **Cancer Research**

On Saturday 7 May a coffee morning was held at Three Corner Meadow. Residents of Landulph arrived to find those much needed items on the bric a brac table, plants galore to fill their gardens and tempting goodies on the cake stall. With coffee drunk, raffle held and news exchanged a grand total of £400 was raised. The Committee would like to thank all who attended, donated and helped raise these much needed funds. Our next event will be a pie & games evening on 22 October, details to follow.

*Gaye Braund*  
*Chairperson*

## **The Battens Quiz is Back!!**

The Hall has been booked for the evening of Friday 23 September for the second Battens Village Quiz.

Check out the notice boards from August onwards for further details.

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## Landulph School

The annual activity week took place in June, with all the Y5 & Y6 pupils spending the week at the Delaware residential facility. The pupils enjoyed Archery, Rock Climbing and Mountain Biking at the centre with Kayaking at Siblyback Lake and Orienteering on Kit Hill. By far the most popular event of all was a new activity for this year called Gorge Walking where the pupils walked up the river Plym in the area of Shaugh Prior, Dartmoor and enjoyed sliding down the natural rock formations.

Our younger pupils had a week focused on Water which covered the importance of drinking water, science investigations "making bubbles", the water life cycle, rivers of the world and the work of the charity Water Aid are among the many topics covered. We were also delighted to welcome Allan Jewit (the Eel man) into school for a talk and film about eel fishing on the river Tamar.

The pupils also enjoyed being part of the Landulph Memorial Hall summer fete; parents had generously donated cupcakes for a decorating stall whilst the pupils from class 3 ran a treasure map from their stall.

*Marie Beaven-Smith*  
*School Secretary*



## Landulph Methodist News

The Treasure Hunt held on Saturday 18 June was well supported. There were nine cars with two taking part on bicycles who still arrived home before the last car. The route took them from Landulph through Botus Fleming to Saltash Waterside, up Culver Road past Mary Newman's Cottage to Victoria Gardens, top of Fore Street, back to Landulph Church before returning to the Methodist Church for a buffet supper prepared by Peggy Dawe and her helpers. The route was devised by Mavis and Christine Edmonds. Ray Oatham checked all the answers and announced that two had tied

on points so the winning entry was awarded to the ones who had travelled the least mileage which were Roger, Janet and Valerie Willcocks and Tony and Greta Jope. People taking part came from as far afield as Milton Abbott, Tavistock, St Dominick and Hatt, and while no one from the parish went on the route some came to enjoy the supper. £285 was raised for Church funds. Special thanks to everyone for making the evening such an enjoyable one. Hopefully next year's Treasure Hunt will be held on Saturday 16 June so put the date in your diaries now.

*Mavis Edmonds*

## Landulph Cricket Club – a personal memory



During the 1939-45 war, the Landulph XI stopped playing, but a new team was re-formed some time in the mid fifties. This was a local team which played friendly matches at fields at Wayton, Grove farm, and at Mr Barrett's fields behind what is now Coombe Drive. At that time, there was not a proper cricket field. However the field now used by Saltash Cricket Club was owned by the Church Commissioners and rented as a market garden to Mr Cecil Clarke (Mary Eastment's father) who decided to give up that business. The Church Commissioners were willing to sell the field which was purchased for £600 on behalf of the Landulph Cricket Club by Jack Dawe (married to Peggy Dawe, brother of Bertha Crabb).

To begin with, this small Club played competitively in the Plymouth & District division III and the Cornwall Evening League, but after we decided to open the Club to players from outside the parish, we were able to field two teams. These teams went from strength to strength, with promotion to Cornwall Junior League division I, Senior League I, and also won the Isaac Foot Cup East Cornwall Knockout three times at Callington.

As you can see, we had many happy and successful seasons, but gradually football took over from cricket and our teams' strength and interest began to fade. Eventually the Landulph Club was wound up and the field was sold to a new owner who fortunately reserved its use for



sport. It's good to see the field still in use by Saltash Cricket Club, even if Landulph no longer fields a regular team.

The pavilion started as a wartime hut that was used by the Navy at Tregantle Fort. Trevor Price bought it from the Admiralty for £60 after the war and it was brought to the field in sections on lorries borrowed from G Hosking.

The photo shows the Landulph team in the mid 50s when it competed in the local leagues. Standing next to the scorer (in the suit) is Peter Braund\*, then Jack Dawe, Charles Congdon\*, Mervyn Channings, Tony Morby and Barry Richards\*. Next to the scorer kneeling are Roy Williams\*, Les Rutherford, Eric Braund, Dave May and Tony Channings\*. Those marked\* still live in the parish.

*Tony Channings*

### **Searle Family Memorial Field**

The plaque recently placed at the entrance to the cricket field commemorates the long-standing friendship between Henry & Gertrude Searle (then living opposite the field where Juliet Bird lives), and the bachelor gentleman who bought the field in 1980. Henry died in 1996, but such was the affection and hospitality that the



Searles had offered the gentlemen over decades that when he donated the field to the parish council in 2000 he required that the field be named to honour his old friends. At last, and after a discourteous elapse of time, a smart plaque is in place. RIP Henry.

*Morton Macleod*

**Delivery of the newsletter** is by willing volunteers. We are very grateful to them.

New volunteers are always welcome.

#### **Births, Deaths and Marriages.**

If you wish to make an announcement please contact any committee member.

Details on the back cover.



## Landulph Under 5's

Thanks to everyone who supported the Summer Fair, it was lovely to see so many of you and enjoy a glass of something fruity in the sunshine. I vote we make it an annual event?

Pre-School gamely dressed as pirates and had a stall at the Saltash Regatta. We entertained lots of children making pirate hats and fairy wands...a lovely day was had by all.

The children took part in the Barnardo's Big Toddle, toddling down to the park and back dressed as animals. We managed to raise £100...which was a great success.

Following on from our AGM, we say a fond farewell and an enormous thank-you to Carolyn Pickard for being an amazing Chair. She has done so much, is endlessly enthusiastic and we will really miss her. She has been replaced by me, Sarah Hopcroft...enough said!

*Sarah Hopcroft*



### **New Book Exchange!**

Congratulations to Bill and Trish Langdon for transforming our telephone box into a very posh mini library. After a great deal of hard work I think they have a lot to be proud of and it is hoped that the village will take a pride in it and keep it in good order. May we request that unless there is room on the shelves for more books, please do not leave bags of books (or anything else) on the floor. The book monitors will remove any surplus but it would help if readers could refrain from cluttering the floor.

*Sylvia Bedbrook*



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## **The Retirement of Fr. Philip Lamb**

As many of you will know the Rector is retiring at the end of September. His last service will be on Sunday September 25. Everyone is most welcome at this service which will involve all the churches of the benefice at 11.15 at Landulph. There will be a luncheon following the service at the Landulph Memorial Hall. Here we will all have a chance to express our thanks to him, and his wife Gwen for their fifteen years of service to the community and to make a suitable presentation. For further information you can contact the church warden Terry Darke Tel: 01752 846040 or Treasurer Nigel Johnson 841520.

## **Nature Notes**

On one of those lovely warm, gentle, sunny spring afternoons we all long for; sitting on our quay; half of me watching the creek and the rest happily dozing, a little brown lady mallard quietly paddled down the leat which wound through the mud on a low neap tide. Skimming and bobbing around her, as close as they could were eight, maybe nine tiny balls of fluff, all paddling frantically. A splendid scene, one to lift the heart and make you smile.

Watching through the binoculars, I noticed a heron stealthily inching his way along the tide line, beady eyes and sharp pointy beak apparently down cast. A herring gull perched on the old log post we use to keep an eye on the tide, and making its way along the beach a crow hopped and scuttled nearer. I threw a stone at the crow, which it nimbly side stepped, hurled a curse at the heron and swore blindly at the herring gull --- they didn't even flinch!

The little lady turned back up the

leat, her family madly following. She tried three times to reach the river as the crow, the heron and the herring gull watched nonchalantly. The crow flew over her and the heron and the herring gull eased their way along the water's edge. As the little family disappeared from view behind the tamarisk on the corner of the marsh, I folded my binoculars, threw another hapless stone and another worthless curse and turned my temper against the ground elder spreading under my own tamarisk and shed a few tears -- what else can you do. May be they made it.

Then early yesterday morning eight tiny shell duck chicks shepherded by two adults made a swift and successful dash down the leat to the comparative safety of the wide river. The heron and the crow seemingly still snoozing and the herring gull maybe still at sea.

That's life --- They say you can't win every time.

*Liz Dunn*

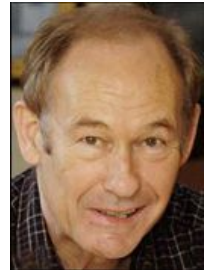
## 10th Anniversary Season of the Landulph Festival of Music and the Arts

In 2001, the roof of the 12<sup>th</sup> century Landulph Parish Church required urgent repair. So a committee, under the direction of the late Dan du Plessis and Martin Schute, instigated a fund raising programme. As part of this a music festival was suggested. The first Festival was in 2002. On completion of the church roof the committee was disbanded but it was decided to continue the Festival as a stand-alone event, guided by enthusiastic and very hard working committee members, and many others. This year is the 10<sup>th</sup> Festival, so we are hoping that everyone in the village will help us to make it a special occasion. The programme is diverse and varied with something to whet everyone's appetites:

The opening night on Saturday 1 October will be a reception with canapés, a free glass of bubbly and a bar. Entertaining us will be **Stomping Dave (Dave Allen)**, an exceptional musician whose outstanding solo talents range from being a world championship banjo player to an extraordinary keyboardist.

The art exhibition will be open over each of the three weekends. Cream teas will be available. Further information for artists planning to exhibit and the theme for the photo exhibition will be announced shortly. There will be an **art talk** on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> by local artist Rita Smith.

On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> we are looking forward to welcoming singer-songwriter **Mike d'Abo**. Former lead singer with Manfred Mann, Mike d'Abo, who now sings with his band, The Mighty Quintet, will be giving a one-man show recalling his career. He will also be playing his greatest hits and some of the music that inspired him in the early days.



**Mike d'Abo**

At the Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> lunchtime concert we are pleased to present one of the UK's elite harpists, **Elizabeth-Jane Baldry**. She has delayed travelling to Italy especially to make our festival.

On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> there will be a **Flamenco and Tapas** evening with two young performers coming over from Spain just for our event. For the 10<sup>th</sup> Festival we wanted to celebrate by asking back some of the best players from previous years. We are delighted that the internationally acclaimed virtuoso classical guitarist **Morgan Syzmanski** is returning, this time joined by **Harriet Mackenzie**, an exceptional young violinist, promising a wonderful and varied programme. Again this year we are joining with the film club who will be screening the classical 1929 silent movie **Piccadilly**

which will be accompanied live by the band **Wurlitzer**. It is a British film directed by Ewald André Dupont, written by Arnold Bennett and starring Gilda Gray, Anna May Wong, and Jameson Thomas. The film was restored in 2004 and features music written by Neil Brand. The poetry evening on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> will have a slightly different format. This year will be a type of poetry '**Desert Island Discs**'. We would like the audience to bring with them either a favourite piece of poetry or prose to read themselves, or a recording that has special memories or meaning for them and explain its significance by way of introduction.

**Bob Tinker** is one of the Festival's great friends and helpers. He is recognised as one of the best jazz trumpeters of the 1970s and early 80s. He now runs an acclaimed jazz café in Brittany. He has found us some first class bands in the past and we are in the final stages of confirming this year's line-up. Nowadays jazz is not such a popular genre, however why not give it a chance?

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> sees the welcome return of **Mad Dog Mcree**

During the final weekend **Philip Thorby**, one of the country's leading performers and teachers in the field of Renaissance and Baroque music and founder/ director of the Renaissance ensemble Musica Antiqua of London, will be giving a master class to a group of solo and choral singers. Their rehearsal sessions will be open to the public on Friday, Saturday and Sunday 14-16 October, culminating in a performance at Landulph Parish Church on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> in the mid-afternoon accompanied by original instruments

The only event not yet mentioned is, for many, the highlight. The **Village Night** on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>, which enables local people to reveal their various talents, will be the usual fun. Nigel Johnson is co-ordinating the evening, so please respond to the advertisement below. And bring along your family and friends.

On the issue of bringing ones friends... providing such a high quality, and diverse cultural event, is very expensive, so the support of as many people as possible is essential, not only for this year's festival to be a success, but also to enable future ones are to take place. So please think ahead, come along, spread the word and introduce your friends from outside the area and bring them too!

Lastly, much needed help may be given by becoming a Friend of the Festival, and many thanks to those who have already done so. Why not become a Friend ? Please send a cheque for £20 payable to the Landulph Festival Association to: John Hall, Landulph Rise, Landulph, PL12 6NG. Corporate Friends are also encouraged. Individual or local business, small or large, might be able to help. We would greatly appreciate sponsorship

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The box office will open in September. Details and final programme may be found on the website at

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*Stephen Toynton (Chairman, Landulph Festival Association)*

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## Landulph Gardening Club

Garden Visits to members' gardens in June was a good evening. Four members were kind enough to open their gardens to members and friends. It was very interesting to see four very different styles of gardening and it gave everyone a chance to exchange ideas and advice. Thank you to those who welcomed the club.

The Club had a stall at the Memorial Hall summer fete and £75 was raised

In July we visited Northwood Gardens at St Neot, the sun shone, the views were beautiful and there was a guided tour around the inspiring garden. It's well worth a visit if you are in the area. The are open on Sunday and Monday.

Gardening club is taking a break in August, but Highcroft gardens are open on 7 and 14 August.

Our next talk will be on 14 September at 7.30 when John Price, an expert from Mawnan Smith, will speak on 'Hydrangeas, an Oriental Immigrant'. It is bound to be entertaining and also informative. Those of you who heard him talk previously, on camellias, will remember how good he was.

On 12 October we will have a new speaker, Becky Martin from Trethew Mill. Becky works for Duchy Nursery and will talk on 'Gardening with Grasses'.

Visitors are welcome to all the meetings.  
*Jo Butcher Programme secretary*

## Illegal Net Fishing on the Tamar

It is a busy time of year for fishery officers at the Environment Agency. In previous years, the long light evenings have attracted poachers to the Tamar Estuary looking to catch bass and salmon in their illegal nets.

This time last year fishery officers were alerted by a Cargreen resident who had seen a small boat casting a large net into the river at high tide. This report led to the vessel being put under surveillance, and a few weeks later the same boat was found by the

MOD police this time setting a net in the Salcombe area. The poacher's boat and net (found to contain 500 bass with salmonids) were seized by the Environment Agency and the poacher Shane Barton from Plymouth was prosecuted and fined £550.

It is illegal to use a net to take any fish from the Tamar Estuary. Should you spot any netting activity on the river **don't ignore, it report it** to the Environment Agency Incident Line 0800 807060.

*Clarissa Newell*

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For both events, please bring appropriate outdoor clothing and folding chairs (some seating provided).

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