

LANDULPH NEWSLETTER



Artwork by Liz Dunn

Your guide to what's happening in the area
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Parish Council February

As one-act plays go, this got off to a wobbly start. The clerk and two councillors were absent, and the chairman's PC wouldn't shake hands with the TV screen! Then the heating went off.

Councillor Marilyn Dennis took notes while the usual long agenda was dealt with swiftly, as many standing items needed no attention, there being no planning applications and nothing much to be said about the Neighbourhood Plan, or the Lower Fore Street dog bin (Ye Gods).

However once again there was discussion on new policy for the recording of Council proceedings by Council or visitors. In brief, video and sound recordings are permitted, but as a matter of courtesy it is expected that the meeting will be informed that recordings are being made.

Quotations of £16.6k and £18.8k for the replacement of the Penyoke playground perimeter fence were noted, and competitive local tenders will be sought by Council. With regard to the nascent Emergency Plan, Council will liaise with Botus Parish Council on common interests.

On hedges, Council will consult afresh with relevant landowners and farmers to ensure timely cutting and fair responsibility for payments. A member of the public expressed concerns for the safety of children coming home from school on Church Lane on fast-moving bikes, scooters etc as they approached Fore Street. He was relieved to hear that the school might soon be hosting suitable road safety training.

A member of the public drew Council's attention to Right to Roam legislation in which unrecorded footpaths and bridleways created before 1949 cannot be added to local councils' Definitive Map of Rights of Way after 1 Jan 2026. If you'd like to know what is already registered, follow this link:

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/countryside/public-rights-of-way/definitive-map-and-statement/viewing-cornwalls-definitive-map-online/>

Morton Macleod

Parish Council March

Once again the meeting coped with the absence of Katherine, the Clerk, and councillor Andrew Butcher. Public forum lasted nearly half an hour as location managers from a TV company explained the plans for filming a light comedy in Cargreen.

They apologised to the point of self-immolation for the previous Thursday's thrombotic episode when our roads and lanes were clogged with vehicles and hundreds of people all trying simultaneously to audition in the Hall for a bit part in the movie. Filming starts on 8 April.

In other news, Council has received quotes for replacement of the wooden fencing around Penyoke playground, ranging from £7,830 for wood to

£29,000 for plastic. Gulp! Chairman Martin Worth, suggested they look at patch-and-mend as required, which restored gaiety.

Still at Penyoke, work to create efficient drainage at the foot of the bund will be postponed until after all filming of a 'village fete' there, at the end of May, is over. Villagers are excluded but the Council will be charging rent for the field, if that's any consolation.

Getting roadside hedges cut in a timely fashion remains elusive. Council would be acting beyond its authority, ie illegally, if it carried on commissioning cuts which are properly the responsibility of landowners.

Martin Worth outlined the policy for this year. The Cornwall Highways Department and Road Safety division will be mustered to support the Parish's effort to get commitments from landowners to undertake or contract out essential cuts when road safety is compromised. If all else fails (and landowners pay no heed to their obligations and public contempt) the Parish Council will seek County approval to commission work which, by that stage, would be an urgent imperative.

During discussion of an appeal for a dog bin to be installed near the Church and Paradise Lane, councillor Phillip Braund noted that if County didn't pay for it and Parish did, the combined costs of that and the Lower Fore Street dog bin would amount to about 10% of the entire parish precept. What nonsense. Thrust and parry, Philip! And while everyone was in high good humour, Martin Worth announced Any Other Business as AONB, and if you don't know what that means you might consider becoming one of Jane Espig's litter-pickers. Sumer is ycumin in... Let's make it lovely.

Morton Macleod

Church Bell Tower – a big thank you!

On behalf of the Parochial Church Council I would like to thank most sincerely those who have responded to our appeal which is helping to 'raise the bar' on the tower board at the crossroads. We particularly appreciate the Festival Committee's very generous donation. The funds are still coming in and if you have not got around to giving anything yet, then any donations, however small, are still very much needed. The amount raised is now approaching £41,000 but we need £60,000. We would also like to remind you that on **Saturday 18 May at 7.30 pm** there is a Grand Concert in Landulph Church with the Tamar Valley Male Voice Choir and Looe Valley Ladies Choir in aid of the Church Tower Fund. Tickets £6 pay on the door.

Please do come

Richard Hosking – Church warden



Snow White tops Jack's Beanstalk

Landulph's second pantomime played to sell-out audiences in the Memorial Hall at the beginning of February. Now it's all safely 'behind us!' we can vote it a complete success and congratulate producer/director Sally Worth, and all those involved, on another fine achievement.

Lead by the same core team of actors, Sally's reworking of Alexander Vales recreation of the Snow White fairy tale brought the panto into a 21st century of Brexit, rock-and-roll and local politics.

Set in Graceland under the rule of a bewitched King Elvis (played by hip-swivelling Peter Plume) and the evil Queen Arachnida (cackling Andrea Edwards), the story featured no less than 14 dwarfs played by one team of delightful children and one of rather puzzlingly cast adults. Meanwhile... stars Princess Snow White and Prince Percius, convincingly played by husband-and-wife team Nicola and Jason Small, got it on as only panto heroes do.

Providing the comic relief were type-cast double-act Roger Pugh and Gideon Barrett who hammed it up to perfection. David Ford reprised his 'dame' stridently and with a Brummy accent. Spreading fairy dust, and not a little gunpowder residue, over proceedings was glamorous mastermind Trixabelle (Amanda Pugh). Filling the stage with song, dance and humour was a well-drilled team of supporting actors old and young to make this a truly parish production.

In addition to director Sally and sound-and-light man Martin Worth, thanks are due to the back stage unsung heroes who made it all happen, especially hard working 'talking curtain' Elizabeth Hawken.

James 'Grumpy' Jermain





Parish proposes 'Check point Charlie'

At the latest Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting (the first after a long partial shutdown) voting was close, with councillors' opinion split roughly 52-48 in favour. The meeting had been called to discuss the

Council's plans to install a lifting barrier to restrict inbound traffic at the top of the hill near the Memorial Hall. Council had been concerned about the proposed development of Rosehill Nurseries and the additional traffic it would create in the village and potential parking problems in Fore Street. As a result, they have proposed the following:

- A lifting barrier would be installed opposite the Memorial Hall operated by a contactless card system;
- Cards to be issued to current residents of Landulph Parish;
- The cost of the barrier to be borne by the residents of the new Development.
- The lane past Tinnel to be permanently closed at Salter Mill;
- To enter the village unobstructed then just leave the 'Church Lane backstop', a mechanism designed to allow freedom of movement for all village residents whilst electronically restricting goods and residents of the new estate.

Full details of how this will work in practice are yet to be formulated and may be delayed.

Plans so far can be found at: the Cargreen Yacht Club, at Landulph School, in the Cargreen phone box Book Exchange and at the Memorial Hall. There is a six-week consultation period from 1 April 2019.

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Landulph School

The school recently welcomed visitors from a school in Queensland. The children asked some fantastic questions and enjoyed learning an Australian action song. World Book Day saw the whole of Landulph immersed in books, what a treat. The children started the day with a hat parade showing huge effort and creativity. They also enjoyed book

quizzes, arts and crafts and spent the afternoon in shared reading. All the classes were very excited when they had a visit from some orphaned lambs. To launch Science Day we welcomed Biology Bob from Fizz Pop Science. We all had an amazing time making giant bubbles, sherbet and gooey slime.

On the sports front the school is very proud of its cross-country team. They had some incredible results during the season and trained really hard. Finally, we raised an amazing £191 for Comic Relief. The children came to school in mufti, hosted a talent show and joined Radio Cornwall live on air for a Move and Groove session.

Esther Best

Under Fives

The Spring term has got off to a great start, very ably led by Nicola with support from Abbey, when we were rated 'Good' by Ofsted. Our new team member, Gemma, who started in January is settling in well. As ever, we still have child places available, so would be grateful if people could spread the word and tell their friends. Penny has the excellent Baby and Toddler Group running each week with loads going on. For details of opening hours, contact us via our website,

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Lent Lunch

Richard & Sheila Hosking, Gill Cummings and Jackie Leverton would like to thank everyone who attended the Lent Lunch at the Parish Church on Wednesday 13 March.

A delicious lunch consisting of homemade soup, rolls and fresh fruit was enjoyed by all. The amazing sum of £227 was raised for the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution.

Thank you for your support.

Jackie Leverton

Landulph's own disaster emergency recalled

In the last Newsletter the Parish Chairman, Martin Worth, appealed for Emergency Plan Volunteers. These people would be expected to hold the fort in the event of a local emergency until the usual rescue services arrived.

The appeal jogged the memory of parishioner Liz Dunn who recalled a local 'emergency' last year when Landulph had its own 'Lockerbie-style disaster'. She was struck by the emergency services' response to it. She reflected:

'I witnessed one of the "Pentillie Fliers" (microlights based at Tinnel) do an amazing somersault over the hedge at the landing strip and crash dramatically into the next field. I dialled 999 and in no time the emergency and rescue vehicles began to appear. I cannot be sure of the order of arrival but I am sure of the numbers because I had to direct traffic at Tinnel to prevent it all tangling up down at Salter Mill.

Arrivals included:

- One small and one large ambulance
- Two paramedics in two posh cars
- One doctor and driver in another posh car
- One large and one small fire engine
- One medical person on a giant motor bike
- One air ambulance
- Two policemen in a flashing police car
- One policeman on a gigantic motor bike
- One small microlight with two other members of the Pentille Flyers
- A mass of friends, neighbours and nosey parkers
- One black police investigation helicopter which, seeing there was no space to land, pushed off elsewhere.

It was a beautiful, sunny afternoon and the pilot, except for a very painful back, was fine. A few months later the pilot had another crash into the field, which cured his back.

Liz Dunn

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A night at the races

Race Night, in aid of Memorial Hall funds, was a huge success. Not only did the event make a fantastic profit of over £1,000 to help with maintenance, wages and so on, but best of all everyone enjoyed a fun filled evening which was the main purpose of the exercise.

I would like to thank everyone who bought a horse, sponsored a race or just paid for a ticket in the last race treble, won by Josh Small. A big thank you also to the team who made the evening so successful : cooks, tote, door, bar, ticket sellers, ticket printer and last but not least the cleaning team!

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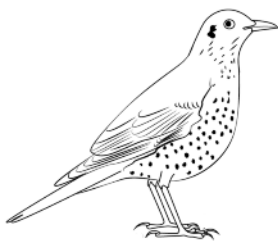
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Landulph birds in spring

Spring comes early to our little corner of the Southwest as it did in my childhood growing up in Devon but it is coming earlier still. The first bird you may hear singing is the mistle thrush - larger than the song thrush but with the same achingly beautiful song - along with the snowdrops and sweet violets it is the harbinger of spring.

Blackcaps overwintering from Southern Germany, regular visitors to our bird tables now, will be singing too before our breeding birds arrive from Africa. The Blackcap is a warbler and its song has been likened to that of the Nightingale.

The Dawn chorus used to start in mid to late March but now it can be as early as late February with Dunnock, Robin, Wren and Blackbird all joining in.

Bumblebees may be on the wing, awakened by mild days, investigating crocus, hellebores and early dandelion flowers.

We are blessed here by clean air free from heavy pollutants, which is evident in the diverse species of lichen. Long-tailed tits will be putting these to good use as they build their nests with moss, hair and spider web, the outside being camouflaged with up to 3,000 flakes of lichen that very effectively waterproof the nest.

Look out for frogspawn if you have a pond. A female can lay 2,000 eggs and just five may survive to froglet stage. Toads will be out looking to find their breeding ponds too - if it waddles it's a toad, if it hops it's a frog.

Our marshes here on the Tamar are very important habitat for waders, look out for large flocks of godwit and avocet gathering ready to depart for their breeding grounds.

If you have nest boxes in your garden make sure they are cleaned out ready for your next residents. Blue tits will be investigating suitable nests as early as February. If you have greater spotted woodpeckers (and we do have a healthy population here) make sure your nest boxes have a metal ring protecting the entrance as they are aggressive predators of blue tits. They peck at the hole to make it large enough for them to enter. They will empty the nest of chicks to feed their young so quickly you may hardly notice.

We have sparrowhawks here too, the most exciting of small raptors, a flash and it's all over as I discovered yesterday. The juvenile male in my garden has become more confident and took a ring necked dove from the bird table. It's not bad news, it just means we have a healthy population of garden birds that we can enjoy and listen to with heart-lifting joy as Spring announces her arrival.

Amanda Pugh

Gardening Club

I must make a conscious effort not to mention the weather but all the resurgent signs of Spring are around. This is fortunate because the Flower Show is due to happen on Saturday afternoon 13 April, 2 to 4pm, and as you can see from the flyer there will be a lot of variety and colour.

Before that, on the evening of Wednesday 10 April, Tricia Howard from Hidden Valley Garden near Fowey will give us ideas on garden design. The meeting on 8 May will be an evening visit to the garden of Linda Mavin, an energetic and green-fingered lady. She will show us her garden, including vegetable growing and compost. Afterwards she's planning a small quiz, tea/coffee and cakes.

We look forward to seeing as many as possible, particularly for the celebratory Spring Flower Show.

Jen Hambly

Try short mat bowls - fun for all ages and abilities

We meet at Landulph Memorial Hall during the playing season on Wednesdays at 2pm and Thursdays at 7pm. We welcome any one to join us for three free sessions. We also offer the chance on Thursday evenings to try your hand at bowling, as a total beginner or a novice. We start our first of three free sessions for beginners on 11 April. Guidance and help will be given by our friendly players. We will loan you bowls (aka woods) all you need are soft clean shoes to play in. Why not give it a go? The playing season on Wednesdays runs to the end of May and returns in September to the end of November. For Thursdays the season continues to the end of June, and from September to the end of November.

Current fees are only £10 per annum or, if joining after April, £5. There is a £1 charge for each two-hour session.

For further information please contact our Treasurer Glenn Honey (tel. 01752 841361) or our chairperson Sheila Hosking (tel:01752 846873)

Glenn Honey

Who is 'that tree warden woman'

Members of the Snow White... panto audience may have spotted a reference to 'that parish tree warden woman.'

Firstly, 'Grumpy' would like to apologise for any offence caused to Amanda 'Trixie' Pugh who, some people might be surprised to learn actually is our Parish Tree Warden. The Tree Warden scheme is a nationwide initiative involving many thousand people and millions of volunteer hours. I asked her what her job entailed.

Among other things Wardens

- champion local trees and woods
- plant and care for trees
- carry out woodland management
- survey trees and provide early warning of disease
- arrange training and field trips for local people
- spearhead initiatives such as the Hedge Tree campaign



Amanda works with our school and Under 5s to ensure people are aware of the importance of trees from an early age. She has spoken at our parish council on the need to include indigenous trees in any new development in the village and is hoping to develop a more robust policy to include trees and hedge protection in the current Neighbourhood Plan. She recently awarded a prize at the Landulph Primary School for the 'Best Acorn Grown to a Sapling' competition. The photo shows the winner, Isabelle, in the front row with runners-up Daisy, Fleur and Oscar behind, Isabelle said, 'My Mummy is going to be so proud of me!'

Amanda is currently campaigning on the roadside verge cutting issue. This year a mild spring has lead to many birds nesting early making them vulnerable to the usual timing of hedge cutting.

She can also advise on Tree Preservation Orders and replanting programmes. She herself is about to start a replanting programme along the river bank by her home. Amanda is also a passionate protector of birds and, indeed, all wild life.

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Film Club's contrasting offerings

Tuesday 16 April **Death of Stalin (2017)**

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Why not come and see?

Tuesday 21 May **The Aviator (2004)**

This fast moving, epic-scale film documents the life and loves of Howard Hughes (Leonardo Dicaprio) the young millionaire industrialist who comes to Hollywood determined to make epic movies.

His first major project, a World War 1 air epic called Hell's Angels, is a massive hit turning Hughes into a Hollywood mogul. After a time the restless Hughes turns to designing airplanes, setting air speed records and risking his life testing aircraft, including his last, most famous and very, very large seaplane...

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Local firm wins national award

BJ Richards Flowers, the Landulph based wholesaler with an international reputation, has been voted the 'Wholesaler of the Year' by the British Floristry Association. The award was presented at Fleurex, the industry's trade show in Birmingham.

BJ Richards is one of the smallest companies in the Association and was competing against all the big city wholesalers and the nationwide chains. BJ Richards is a real family concern run by Barry and his sons Paul and Darrin. The Richards have been growing flowers locally since 1880 and established their 12-acre Highcroft nursery on its current site in 1971. The company supplies retail florists and other wholesalers and also imports flowers from around the world.

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we have never won it before. We were shocked just to be nominated and get on the final short list so to go on and win was even more of a shock. Sadly, thinking they had no chance, none of the family went to the exhibition so the award was picked up on their behalf.

The Richards have recently employed a florist at Highcroft who can make up bouquets and other arrangements on site. These can be ordered and collected in person.



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successful candidates. The Club has recruited two more assistant instructors to help the team headed up by senior instructor Mick Flanagan. The club is an RYA approved Training Centre. Mick is also keen to encourage adult dinghy sailing and is offering courses for beginners and improvers. These will run on Friday evenings alongside the cadet training. Suitable club dinghies are usually available.

The club's Wednesday White Sail Challenge series of 'friendly' races will also be starting soon. David Ford will be entering one of the club's RS Visions and is looking for young crew to join him.

Details of this and all CYC activities can be found on www.cargreenyc.org or on the CYC Cadets Facebook page or email training@cycadmin.org.

James Jermain

Lighthouse Praise & Worship

You may have noticed in the Newsletter Diary reference to services entitled Lighthouse Praise & Worship: this is a new initiative, offering a monthly evening service of praise and worship for the benefice featuring worship songs, modern songs, teaching and prayer. Please support it if you enjoy this tradition, and help our congregations grow.

Chris Painter

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Newsletter's new Treasurer

The Newsletter Group is delighted to welcome its new Treasurer. Jane Moore has taken over the books from retiring Tim Clarke. The Group's Chairman, James Jermain said 'I can't thank Tim enough for the years of work he has put into our finances. We are in a stronger position now than we have ever been with a good advertiser base. I am delighted that Tim will remain a part of the group.

Jane lives in Hodders Way with her husband David having moved down from Alton in Hampshire before Christmas. She and David ran their own company there and Jane continues to do freelance bookkeeping. They have known Cargreen and the surrounding area for 20 years having enjoyed holidays locally and made friends in the village. They are water enthusiasts and have a 20ft day fishing boat.

James concluded, 'we are lucky to have recruited Jane who is already a fan of the Newsletter'.

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Come and explore the Castle dressed for a wedding and meet some fantastic suppliers.

Ladies Lunch ~ Tuesday 9th April - £25 per person*

2 course lunch & talk by textile artist Joanna Shepherd of 'Catch a Memory'

Pentillie Defender Day ~ Sunday 14th April ~ 11am-4pm

A celebratory day of all things off-road & 4x4 - Advance £20 / Gate £30 per vehicle.

Garden Open Day & Local Produce Fair

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Explore 55 acres of gardens, indulge at our pop up cafe & enjoy the produce fair!

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