



# **LANDULPH NEWSLETTER**

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**Landulph Life and News**

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

## Editorial

The newsletter group recently received a grant to enable the publication of extra articles with a local historical slant. The history of the pub was our first, and we hope to produce others that will be of general interest. But what to do next?

We have a few ideas, but would very much like our readers to suggest topics for future articles, and would be even more excited if budding authors and fact-finders offered their services.

So please, don't be shy; we really need your help, and hope that you will bring fresh ideas to any member of the newsletter group

*Morton Mcleod*

## Parish Council Meeting 15 December 2008

Our neighbourhood Police Officer Rachel attended, and warned all parishioners against **scams** arriving by post and email, inviting you to claim your lottery winnings or inheritance from a long-lost relative, in return for full details of your bank account, which (surprise, surprise) would then be emptied by the criminals. We also heard of a more worrying incident recently, when some men had been seen **firing rifles** across a road, which was clearly illegal. If anything similar is witnessed, the Police would like a full report, including vehicle registration numbers if possible.

Responding to a recent query, Council reported that **Local Authority housing** in the parish is allocated in equal proportions between Landulph parishioners and Caradon residents.

This year's **parish precept** is £8414. After long discussion, next year's was set at £8918, which includes allowance for inflation and a safety margin for other variables including councillors' travel claims

and even emergency bail-out of the Memorial Hall.

Restructuring of **local government** gathers pace; it has been proposed, but not yet adopted as policy, that the parishes of Landulph, Landrake, Pillaton, St Germans and Botus Fleming will form one ward, to be represented at County Council by one councillor. These parishes plus Saltash might form a Community Network Area, with a local "one stop shop" admin and information office in Saltash, manned by one or more local government civil servants.

**Planning:** Council recommended approval for:

Tree surgery. 17 Hodders Way, Cargreen. Mr B Ford

Extension to building, and ground works. Poppyfields, Church Lane. Mr Crawford.

Council was unable to offer a recommendation re work at Cargreen Yacht Club as 4 of the 6 councillors present were CYC members.

*Morton Macleod*

## Parish Council Meeting 19 January 2009

Amazing, at the end of a busy 90 minute meeting when lots of important stuff was discussed, there's so little that jumps the dullness barrier... except that Steve Toynton and Sandy Allen reported a **trespass** by local gun club members onto private land near their homes, in view of which Council will ask the Duchy for a summary of its shooting permits etc.

Then we learned that **Sue Hooper** has tendered her resignation as Clerk to the Parish Council, and I'm sure that all who have seen her in action will echo Chairman Roger's vote of thanks for her meticulous work in modernising procedures and guiding the newer councillors in their increasingly onerous duties.

We had a nice wee interlude when councillors were invited to suggest a name for our new local government ward (see

December's Report). "St Germans and Landrake" had been proposed by the Boundaries team, and quite properly was rejected by our councillors. They toyed with "Two Rivers" and "Three Rivers", ignored "Landulph et al", before settling on "**Tamar and Lynher**".

Ex-councillor Mavis Edmonds said that she had set up the **Parish Projects Group** in order to raise funds from sources denied the Council, to assist Council aims. (See separate article). Liaison between the Council and Group was strengthened by the co-option of councillors Craddick and Butcher to the Group, and the bond was cemented by Council's promise to underwrite one of the Group's bids to the tune of £453. Not exactly a credit crunch bail-out, Grasshopper, but every little bit helps.

*Gordon Brown*

### PARISH CLERK VACANCY

Landulph Parish Council needs a new part-time clerk.

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Application closing date 10th February 2009. Appointment to commence as soon as possible.

## LANDULPH PARISH PROJECT GROUP

Our Group was formed in April 2008 from volunteers within the parish with the aim of carrying out projects of benefit to the community of Landulph. This will be achieved by fund raising, applying for grants, donations, etc. So far the Group has obtained funding towards notice boards within the Parish and it is hoping to shortly replace the board on the bus shelter at Landulph Cross with a new free standing one.

Our main project continues to be the restoration of the 1914/1918 World War One Memorial Clock at the school. A brief history of the clock is as follows; in the early 1920's the Parish Memorial Committee were looking to place a war memorial in recognition of those people from the parish who served in the First World War. At that time plans were also in hand to build a new school and the two were combined. The school was opened in 1923 and the clock was incorporated into the school building. It has remained there ever since and has provided excellent service.

At a recent inspection it was found that the bell strike controller

needs replacing. The clock dial and hands are faded and would benefit from full restoration, and also the clock movement can be upgraded. The cost of the work is approximately £4,000.

We have been successful in a number of grant applications but still have some way to go to reach the amount required. To help achieve successful funding requests it is very beneficial to show that we have received voluntary contributions towards the project from within the community, so we kindly ask you to offer your support. The clock is a fitting reminder of a previous generation, it is part of our heritage and history and it is hoped we can preserve it for the present and future generations.

To make a donation, no matter how small, please make cheques payable to Landulph Parish Projects Group and put it through the door of our Treasurer, Nikki Gill who lives at Grimsdale at the crossroads or see our Chairman, Ray Oatham, or myself, ideally by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009. Thank you.

*Diane Gregory Secretary*

### **Landulph Playing Field Association**

A public meeting was convened by LPFA on 25th November to dissolve the Association in line with the rules of the Charity Commission.

This was duly done and the surplus of funds ( £1317.01) was passed to the Landulph Parish Council for use in accordance with the objectives of LPFA.

Our grateful thanks are due to both the Association and the various grant providing bodies for providing such successful additions to the Penyoke playing fields.

*Andrew Butcher*

## Landulph Memorial Hall



The open meeting re Landulph Memorial Hall took place on the 12th January and was attended by 42 people. Philip Braund chaired the meeting and opened the proceedings by giving an overall picture of the hall setup, explaining that there was a Management Committee and a Fund Raising Committee, but stated that this meeting was to discuss fund raising activities only.

It was asked if there was any truth in the perception that the hall was in financial trouble. Philip said no, but stated that there is always a need for activities to boost funds, as the hall is self funding and at present these activities were lacking and hoped that the meeting would rectify this.

A lively discussion ensued and numerous questions followed, including:-

- What was the 100 Club - Gaye Braund explained this.
- Any restrictions on licencing - Philip explained that the hall can have 12 within the year; this could be very restrictive.
- Have the Fund Raising Committee a particular amount of money in mind to raise - Philip said no not at present, but stressed that it was community spirit that was lacking.
- How many fund raising events were considered the usual number in a year - it was said 5 was good number.

Many ideas were put forward and Philip asked everyone present to sign a list so the committee could get in touch with all who were willing to help and who had ideas for fund raising. The meeting closed and Philip thanked everyone for coming and hoped, that with so much support, fun would return once more to the hall.

*Jane Gough*

**Don't forget the Hall AGM on Mon Feb 23rd 7.30pm– Ed**

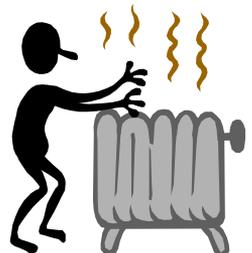
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*Valerie Taplin 01752 844223*



## Landulph School News

The Spring term got off to a very chilly start in January.

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Smith back from her maternity leave who shares the teaching of class 2 with Mrs Johns although we were all sad to see Mrs Selman leave after nearly two years.

Both football and cross-country club have resumed with netball soon to follow. We hope that all the clubs will continue with the successes of past seasons. The cross-country team have a number of events this term with the first one being at Dobwalls on Friday 16th January. Good luck to all the team.

Again we are pleased to welcome Penny Allen to run cycle training for our older pupils later this term and we hope that completing this course will enable those taking part to gain a higher degree of control and awareness when out cycling.

Our oldest children will start practising for their SATs this term with weekly booster sessions until the end of April.

We are delighted that four of our children will be attending a gifted and talented Poetry Day at Wadebridge this term.

The School Council is made up from pupils from each year group and was delighted to gain the Bronze Award for School Councils from the Local Authority in 2008, they are in the process of attaining the Silver Award this year and in order to assist with this process the School Council will be visiting St Germans School Council.

Years 3 & 4 will be competing in a gymnastics competition this term. The popular mobile climbing wall will be paying a return visit to the school in March for all the pupils to experience this exciting out door activity.

The ever active fundraising Landulph School PTA will be organising a Bring and Buy sale during the last week of term. They will also be organising an Easter Egg Hunt along with an Easter Egg design competition.

*M Beaven-Smith, School Secretary*

### **Babysitting**

**All ages**

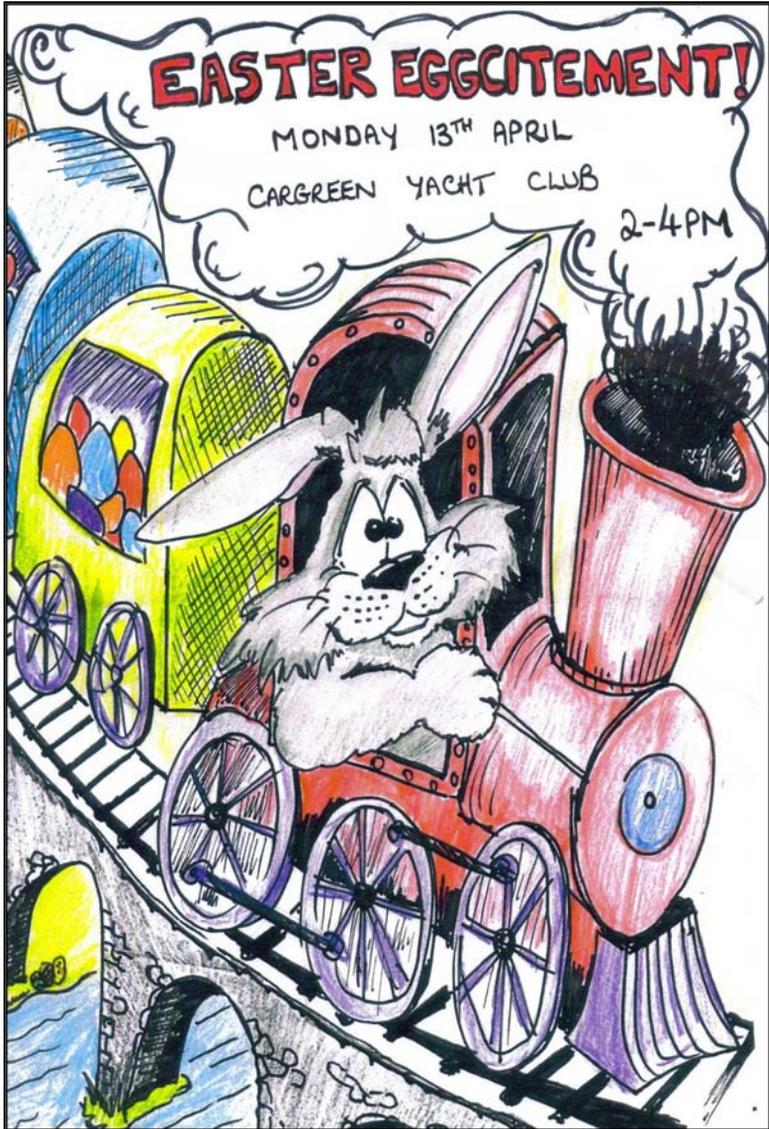
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# Landulph Under Fives



Hurrah it's Easter time again  
We hope it's nice and sunny  
Hunt for the clues and the board the train  
To met the Easter Bunny!

Everybody welcome  
See you there  
*Landulph Under 5's*

## Landulph Under Fives



The Pre-school children and the toddlers from the Parent and Toddler group all enjoyed a magical time at Pennywell Farm. They enjoyed being part of the Nativity Play as they dressed up as angels, shepherds and kings. The presence of live sheep, lambs and donkeys all added to the excitement. Mince Pies and mulled wine was welcomed by parents afterwards while the children

had more fun with a visit to Santa's grotto where they received a present. The funding for the outing was made from the proceeds of the Landulph Fun Day.

The Children from the Pre-school performed their version of "A Star so Bright" for their family and friends in the last week of term. It was wonderful and mince pies were enjoyed afterwards.

Well done Children and a big thank you to Cath, Helen, Kate, Di and Nikki for their hard work putting it together.

*Mel Bennett*

## Cargreen Rainfall

### **November 2008.**

Total 80 mm. Average 131mm. Highest 24 hour fall 26mm on the 9<sup>th</sup> in very heavy squalls from the south west. Precipitation recorded on 19 days. No local thunderstorms.

### **December 2008.**

Total 82.7mm. Average 128mm. Highest fall 35.2 on the 11<sup>th</sup> from noon, very heavy rain and winds reaching gale to severe gale force from the south and southwest. Precipitation recorded on 11 days, dry and cold mid month. No local thunderstorms.

### **Total for year**

1268.5mm. This is about average for this location. The highest monthly total was July 198mm. Highest 24-hour fall 8<sup>th</sup> July 39.5mm. The first six months of 2008 produced 514.6mm. From 18<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> of Dec very little rain was recorded. Local thunderstorms were well below the average of eleven with only three during the summer months.

*Ken Eastment*

## Christmas Cards

Thanks to the generosity of those who dispensed with local Christmas Cards and gave to the Salvation Army Christmas Children's Appeal, I was able to send a cheque for £255 to this worthy cause. This brought joy to many children who are disadvantaged.

A letter of thanks has been received from the Salvation Army and this will be pinned on the Notice Board at the Hall.

*Jack Bedbrook*

## HEAR ALL ABOUT IT!



There hasn't been space in the newsletter since the 2008 Landulph Festival of Music and Art to include a report on the packed and varied programme presented in October, ranging from a drumming workshop to a string quartet, textile and printing workshops to a rock band; we welcomed the return of Bob Tinker playing jazz and the folk band Feague, as well as new local voices, both reading poetry and singing, and brilliant art work for our publicity from Liz Dunn.

Cream teas and guitar music from Richard Bowman enhanced the art exhibition which was once again of a high standard, as was the local musicianship demonstrated at the Crooked Spaniard's Village Night.

**The AGM of the Festival Committee** is the time to offer thanks and praise, and also to outline the plans for the **2009** programme which runs from **09 – 17 October 2009**. So please come to the Memorial Hall Annexe at **7.30pm on Monday 09 February** to hear all about it, both looking forward and looking back, and if you have ideas and suggestions please let us hear all about it too!

*Phillida Jermain, Hon Sec, LFMA*

**Kate Garner** is one of your District Councillors.

If she can be of any assistance please contact her.

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## 100 Club

What is it?

100 people pay £1.00 a month for a year to the Club. Following a monthly draw, cash prizes are won. The profits go to the Memorial Hall.

See the last page of the diary for the latest winners.

Not Ernie, but a fun way to support the Hall!

*Ed*

## **New officers for Cargreen YC**

Don King was elected Commodore of the Cargreen Yacht Club at the AGM held in November last year. He takes over from Charles Evans. The club also has a new Secretary in Nick Head. Steve Garner becomes Rear Commodore, Ian Henning takes over responsibility for the clubhouse and James Jermain is the new Communications Officer.

The AGM also conferred Honorary Life Membership on Sidney Davy, aged over 90, for his years of service to the club. Glen Honey was made an Honorary Flag Officer for his role in planning and building works at the club.

**Date for the diary:** The club is holding a New Members night on Friday 13 February. Anyone with an interest in boats and boating is welcome to come along and see what the club has to offer.

*James Jermain*

## **Landulph Gardening Club**

The annual Spring Flower Show will take place at Landulph Memorial hall on Saturday 28th March at 2pm.

Hopefully there will be a good entry of daffodils, camellias, spring flowers and floral art. There are several classes for children.

You do not have to be a member of the gardening club to enter.

Contact Shirley Kitney (Tel 10752 846808) for a schedule and entry form. There will be a plant stall and teas.

*Jo Butcher*



## **Landulph Good Companions**

Landulph Good Companions began their new year with much revelry. Starting with a most enjoyable trip for forty members to the Theatre Royal panto on Jan 6<sup>th</sup>, and continuing with a party on 10th Jan, when sixty companions gathered at the memorial hall for one of Shirley Floyd's famous buffet meals. Superb!!

Entertainment was by the S.E Cornwall accordion band, and a giant raffle had more prizes than guests!!

Come and join this lovely group. *Ring Harry 846692*

## **Cancer Research AGM**

Following a very successful year of fund raising the committee invite you to the AGM on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm at Tamarind, Penyoke.

2007---1970's pink supper

2008---Afternoon Tea

2009 ---?What next ?

Please Phone Gaye Braund for more information on 01752 847774

## Long term Residents- Margery Blatchford

When I first moved into the village, one of the things I can recall often appearing in conversations was reference to “Auntie Marge”. The lady concerned was Margery Blatchford, and although she isn’t everybody’s Aunt, the name has clearly stuck.



Born at Town Cross, Botus Fleming, one of 8 children, Margery went to the church school in the village, and stayed in the area until the death of her parents.

One of Margery’s early memories is of “pumping” the organ for her sister at the parish church during practice. Apparently her sister Dorothy, an accomplished organist had occasional boyfriends, but none with enough energy to keep the instrument running.

Moving to Landulph, Margery lived for many years at Haye farm with sister Dorothy’s family, helping with the farm work, and was involved with the education of farm students. She tells me that life was much more fun in those days and as secretary of the local Conservative association she organised a barn dance at Stockadon which was so packed they were sure the floor moved during the dances.

When brother-in-law Freddie died, Margery and her sister moved to Penhaye, at the top of the lane, which Fred’s family had built in anticipation of retirement.

Always a devout churchgoer, and coming from a very musical family, Margery was in the Landulph church choir for some 40 years, often taking solo parts. She taught at Sunday school, and this was where the Auntie tag came from. Her sisters’ two children attended the school, and since they always referred to her as “Auntie Marge” it became a reference for the rest of

those attending.

A prominent member of many local organisations, Margery served as secretary on the Village Hall committee for many years.

The WI formed a large part of Margery’s life, and she served four terms as president of the local group. During carnival week, the WI took a float round with the procession, and you can guess who was always on the float

From a personal viewpoint, Margery will admit to a slightly dry and occasionally wicked sense of humour, something shared with her late sister Dorothy. A short while ago, a hospital car called to pick her up for one of her checkups. The driver had come back to Cornwall from Australia where he has lived for many years. When she opened the door, what was his greeting? “Oh, hello Auntie Marge, it’s you”!!

*David Hall*

## Wonderful winter walking



The parish walks on 27<sup>th</sup> December were blessed with perfect winter walking weather. We needed to wrap up warmly against the chill south easterly wind

Many parishioners, with families, friends and visitors rose to the challenge of leaving their warm homes and shaking down some of the excess eating and drinking of Christmas. Ten people turned out for the 9.30 departure of the long walk and 24 (and four dogs) on the medium walk. On the short walk there was a massive group of about 20 adults with at least 10 children and a large number of dogs. There was an age range from 6 weeks to over 80. The youngest was little Tom warmly carried on his Father's chest – that is if we do not count the almost due *in utero* infant who also enjoyed the gentle exercise.

The walks all finished at Ann and David Erskine's barn at *Paulesda*, at Landulph Cross, where they had very kindly organised straw bales for us to sit around, hot mulled wine and delicious home made soup and crusty bread. The chance to chat to friends from other walks was greatly appreciated and the morning was voted a great success.

Very many thanks to Anne and David and the walks leaders who made the event possible.

*Margaret Honey*

## 2009 Launched in style

The New Year's Eve party at the Memorial Hall was a great success. About 120 people joined in the festivities and enjoyed dancing and drinking to Emma Hall's music compilations.

The organisers are planning a repeat next year if The Crooked Spaniard remains closed. Any suggestions for ways in which the event could be improved would be gratefully received.

The evening raised £702.85 for Hall funds.

*James Jermain*

**It was a good start to 2009—thanks to all - Ed**

## 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!

*Nigel Johnson* (Tel: 841520; email: [hawkridgestates@aol.co.uk](mailto:hawkridgestates@aol.co.uk))

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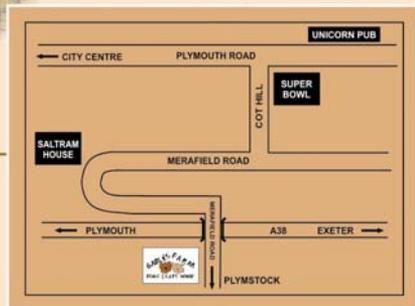
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