

# Landulph News



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**World War One 100 years anniversary edition**

## Landulph to commemorate World War One

Landulph Memorial Hall committee will commemorate this milestone at the Hall on Sunday 9 November with an exhibition of photographs, medals and memorabilia about those who went to war in 1914-18. The display will include extensive research done by Gary Pickard about Landulph residents who served in the armed forces.

In the last edition of the Landulph newsletter I asked for pictures, memorabilia and memories. I have already received some from those of you who live in the parish and I hope that in the next few weeks more of you will be able to provide pictures of your great-grandfather or great-great uncle or maybe even a great grandmother. We would love to have as many of you who now live in the parish contribute to this commemoration with your families' photos. We hope the school may also be able to show some of the work they have done on WW1.

Tea and cakes will be served during the afternoon between 2pm and 5pm.

*Jo Butcher*, Tel: 844302, email: [jobutcher@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jobutcher@hotmail.co.uk)

On behalf of Landulph Memorial Hall Committee

### They made the ultimate sacrifice

As we remember the centenary of the outbreak of World War One our thoughts turn to the many people who served and in particular those who didn't return home. Four such men lived in the Landulph parish: Ernest Searle, Morley Balsden, Joseph Best and Eustace Elliott.



#### Ernest Searle

Ernest Searle was the fourth son of Nicholas and Mary Searle and was born in 1888 at Lanreath in Cornwall. His family moved to Landulph in 1901.

Ernest joined the Royal Navy at Devonport aged 16 as a Boy Seaman and did his initial training aboard *HMS Impregnable*, an old three decked wooden warship. Over the next

nine years he served on various ships and shore establishments rising to the rank of Able Seaman. At the end of July 1914, with war just four days away, he joined the old armoured cruiser *HMS Monmouth* at Devonport. On 6 August at 4.30pm she left Plymouth Sound bound for South



America. She joined Admiral's Cradick's fleet hunting down the German raiding squadron led by Admiral Spee. On 2 November the two fleets met. Cradick's old lightly armed ships were no match for the more modern, powerful German vessels. Within two hours *HMS Good Hope* the flagship and *HMS Monmouth* were sunk with all hands; 1,600 Officers and men including Ernest were lost. Earnest was the first parishioner to die in the war.

**The Prince of Wales  
at Landulph Church 1921 with  
Mary Searle centre of the three women**

### **Eustace William Elliott**

Eustace Elliott was the only son of Samuel and Amelia Elliott and was born in 1894 at Marsh Farm, Landulph. In 1911 he was still working and living on the farm with his mother and father. With the outbreak of war, he volunteered for the Army and enlisted in the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry serving as a Private in the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion. It is possible he was a member of the Territorial Army prior to the start of the war. Eustace later transferred to the 30<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Machine Gun Corps and served in France and Belgium.

On 28 September 1918 the 30<sup>th</sup> MGC assisted in attacking strongpoints at Messines Ridge South of Ypres and it was here that Eustace was probably wounded. He was taken to Number 9 British Red Cross Hospital but died from his wounds on 2 October 1918 aged 25. Sadly it was only a few weeks before the end of the war. Eustace Elliott was buried in La KREULE Military Cemetery, South East of Calais. For his service he was awarded the British War Medal and Victory Medal.

## Joseph Best

Joseph Best was the only son of Joseph and Maud Best and was born in Cargreen in 1895. He had a younger sister, Evelyn. His father was a boot maker while Joseph worked locally as a gardener. At the outbreak of war Joseph was 20 and enlisted in the Cornwall Royal Garrison Artillery Territorials at St Ives.

On 27 January 1916 three Officers and 78 other ranks, which probably included Joseph, were sent to join the 93<sup>rd</sup> (Cornwall) Siege Battery Royal Garrison Artillery which had been formed at Plymouth in December 1915. After training, the 93<sup>rd</sup> left Folkestone on 5 May 1916 and arrived at Boulogne the same day. Joseph's battery operated four 9.2-inch howitzers which fired over long range to destroy enemy targets. He obviously showed some ability as he was promoted to Corporal. The 93<sup>rd</sup> Siege Battery was deployed in and around Bayencourt about four miles behind the British front line. They provided part of the barrage prior to the Battle of the Somme on 1 July 1916 when the British Army suffered 60,000 casualties in one day. In October 1917 93<sup>rd</sup> was



operating at Vormezelee around Ypres supporting the infantry and bombarding German artillery positions. On

17<sup>th</sup> October they were ordered to shell enemy dugouts using the Royal Flying Corps as 'spotters.' During a second shoot, at 9.15pm a shell prematurely exploded. The gun was destroyed killing five men and wounding three including Joseph. He succumbed to his injuries and died on 17 October 1917 aged 23. He was buried at the site of the ambulance station, 10 kilometres South West of Ypres.

## **Morley Balsdon**

Morley Balsdon was born in Landulph in 1897. He was the third son of George Balsdon a farm labourer who. with his wife Dorothy, raised three boys and a girl at Stockaton.

Morley enlisted early in the war into the Royal Engineers as a Sapper. He was part of the fourth new army created by Lord Kitchener which raised men to replace the terrible losses sustained earlier in the war. In April he was serving with the 154<sup>th</sup> Field Company, Royal Engineers and was inspected by the king on Salisbury Plain on 25 June. On 1 August 1915 he landed in France and headed to the Somme. It was here on the infamous 1 July 1916, the first day of the Battle of the Somme that Morley was amongst fifteen men killed by a shell as they moved forward in preparation for the attack.

He was buried at Bienvillers Military Cemetery 18 kilometres South West of Arras.

**All four parishioners who died during World War One are commemorated on the brass memorial plaque in the North transept of Landulph Church**

With thanks to *Gary Pickard* for his research and article

### **Special Parish Council meeting**

An extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council was called on 2 September. Perhaps the most interesting piece of news was that a provisional proposal for redevelopment of the Crooked Spaniards Inn had been submitted by the owners to the Cornwall Planners. No members of the PC or public had seen the plans which have been dismissed by the County Planning Officer as 'unacceptable'. He said there must be significant changes in order to comply with the Appeal Inspector's comments. There is therefore not likely to be any significant progress on that front for some time.

Also on the planning front the Council decided not to recommend a change of use from 'holiday' to 'full residential' use at Poppy Fields. Other matters in brief: The diseased tree at the recreational ground is to be removed with no plans for a replacement. An inspector has described the area as 'well looked after'. A mirror will almost certainly not be positioned at the top of Church Lane as the Highways Authority considers them a hazard. A vacancy has arisen for another Parish Councillor - applications from public spirited people should be sent to the Parish Clerk. In public forum, Glenn Honey asked when the new Parish Development Plan would be discussed. The Chairman, Gerry Stevenson said there would be a public meeting to discuss setting up a task group soon. The regular monthly meeting was postponed until Monday 22 September. A report of this meeting will appear in the next Newsletter. *James Jermain*



## Landulph Under Fives



**Photo: Hugo, Ed and Reuben proudly displaying their Toddle Waddle Medals**

After a glorious summer we're back for another term! At the end of the summer term we organised a Toddle Waddle to the park in aid of Barnardos and raised a fabulous £231.25 to help vulnerable children under 5.

We also had a day at Seaton beach where the children enjoyed making volcanoes, making pictures with shells and other treasures they collected from the beach, exploring rock pools and finished off with a bbq lunch.

On the very last day of term we received our Ofsted report in which we have been graded as a setting that requires improvement. A copy of the full report can be found online and outlines some wonderful comments about our staff and the children's experience at preschool. The committee are fully committed to bringing the preschool back up to a good standard as soon as possible and have already made a number of improvements in order to achieve this. So, after a summer holiday which blessed us with some glorious sunshine we're back and looking forward to the Autumn term. Topics will include Autumn, harvest time, Thanksgiving, Diwali and Halloween. We'll be exploring leaves, fruits and vegetables, cooking with seasonal fruit and veg and considering how they are harvested and where they grow. Tractors will almost certainly be involved and hopefully a trip to take a look at a few. Plans are afoot to create something beautifully unique to display at the rectory rooms as part of the Landulph Music and Arts Festival. Term dates remain the same as Landulph School. *Laura Yates*



## **Katie's Mega Ice Bucket Challenge**

The main event of the year so far for raising money for research into Batten's Disease took place on the afternoon of Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September at the playpark in Cargreen. A mega ice bucket challenge saw 25 adults and 16 children

experience the joy of having a bucket of iced water poured over their heads – all in the name of charity.

Reactions ranged from laughter, to silence, to screams, but without exception, there were smiles on everyone's faces by the end.

The event was accompanied by picnics on the grass, a barbeque and sufficient Cornish sunshine to ensure that nobody died of exposure.

Thanks to the generosity of all those who took part, supported, or attended from further afield by the power of Facebook, a fantastic £1,178 was raised.

As is always the case with fundraising in Katie's name, every penny will go directly to research into Batters Disease.

Watch this space for the next event, which will be the annual Batters Quiz in the Memorial Hall – probably in the early part of 2015. *Martin Freeman*

### **Landulph School News**

Wow, as you all know our results from last term were fantastic, but just as we finished for the summer term we heard that these results put us in the top 20% of like schools in the UK, how amazing is that!

We are delighted to welcome Miss Neeves as the new Class One teacher and welcome back Mrs Best as Head of School, who has returned from her maternity leave.

September will see our Year 5 pupils off to attend the Junior Life Skills event at Liskeard Fire Station. This event always proves to be very popular with the pupils and a thought provoking experience too.

A significant number of after-school clubs are being planned for this term, the majority of which are provided free for our pupils and are run by volunteer staff and parents. If you have a skill that you would be willing to share with our pupils over a regular session during a term please do let us know.

Universal Free School Meals have been introduced by the government, which means that all our pupils in reception, Year1 and Year 2 are now entitled to a free school meal. We are very fortunate that we have extensive kitchen facilities and staff are able to take this in their stride so we are able to fulfil our obligation for this government initiative.



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## The church thanks you

The Landulph PCC extends a huge thank you to the amazing team of people who set up and ran the stalls and games, bbq and cream teas for the **Landulph Fete** in August. We were delighted to welcome over 100 people who played games, had their faces painted, guessed the weight of the sheep as well as buying delicious cakes, Landulph calendars and notelets, trash (or was it treasure?), books and enjoyed a bbq, cream tea and much more. Jill Taylor offers a particular thank you to all those who baked cakes and pies and helped to sell them. The cake stall alone raised £156. Thanks to your support the happy and fun afternoon raised over £1250 for the church fabric fund.

Many thanks also to **the Wreckers**, described by one as 'Morris Men with attitude', who came to Slipway Quay with a merry band of musicians and entertained a large group of villagers and friends. It was great to see members of the audience of all ages having a go at 'wrecking' and thank you to all who supplied refreshments. £64 was raised for the church fabric fund.

*Phillida Jermain PCC Secretary*

## Don't forget the Festival

By the time this Newsletter reaches you the Landulph Festival of Music and the Arts will probably be in full swing and hopefully the **Silent Movie** and Rock Night with **Metal Fatigue** will have been a great success. But there is lots more to come. On Sunday afternoon 5 October, at 2.30pm in the Memorial Hall, specially for younger people, is a **Mad Hatter's Tea Party**, while things get a bit more grown-up on Tuesday with the **Helen Wilson talk** about Violet Pinwell. The regular lunch time concert at the Methodist Chapel, starting at midday, is by international harpist **Katie McClaughry**, while on Friday in the Hall at 7.30pm the mood cools for the **Jazz Café** with *Ain't Misbehavin'*.

That leaves just the final all-action weekend kicked off by the ever-popular **Village Night** when local talent shows 100 per cent that they have the X-factor (kick-off 7.30pm). But we have kept the best till last. On Sunday in the Parish Church the fantastic violin duo **Retorica** relaxes in Landulph after a hectic world tour including Japan and Germany. Please note this extravaganza starts at the earlier time of 6.00pm.

But that's not all. Don't forget the **Exhibition of Local Art** which is open on both Festival weekends, 4 and 5 October and 11 and 12 October. Cream Teas will be served from 2.30 to 4.30pm

Full details of events are in the Festival brochure delivered to all parishioners and on the Festival website: [www.landulphfestival.co.uk](http://www.landulphfestival.co.uk).

### **Bowls competitors wanted**

The Memorial Hall is arranging a bowls tournament on Saturday 15 November starting at 7pm. We plan to have approximately 10 teams of four. Each team will have a member of the Bowls club in it who will be the skip and will encourage and instruct their team members on how to play the game.

Please join with your friends, neighbours and family and enter a team of three. All ages are welcome and if you've never played before you are even more welcome. There is an entry fee of £5.00 per team and there will be light refreshments available to purchase.

Please make team entries to *Jo Butcher* by Thursday 13 November Tel: 844302 [jobutcher@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jobutcher@hotmail.co.uk)

### **Bring and Buy for Landulph Church**

Everyone had such a good time last year, we thought we'd have another – a Bring and Buy on Saturday 1 November at 10.30am in the Rectory Room. Come and meet your friends for a cuppa, bring something unwanted (or maybe specially made – cakes, biscuits, jam?) and buy some treasure! All proceeds will go to the church fabric fund. See you there!

*Phillida Jermain*

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## Landulph Gardening Club

Writing this piece in Mid-September, gardening is a pretty mellow experience, vegetables ripening, flowers gently subsiding and my far-away thoughts of what might be planned.

With the Autumn our evening meetings continue on **Wednesday, October 8th at 7.30 p.m.** with a talk by **Sarah Chesters** on the famous RHS garden "**Rosemoor through the Seasons**". Sarah is also a regular on the Radio Devon programme "The Potting Shed".

For **November, on the 12th at 7.30 p.m.**, we will leave England for "**Coastal California**" with **Charlie Pridham** from Roseland House Nursery.

No absolute decision made for the December meal, on the 10th, but I would appreciate members' thoughts and also any ideas for future programme planning.



I look forward to seeing you in October and to welcoming any visitors.

*Jen Hambly*



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## Get cracking for Christmas

There is to be a Christmas workshop on how to make crackers and wreaths on Tuesday 18 November. In the morning you can learn to make crackers you can fill with your own charms and jokes (provided on the day) and in the afternoon make a fabric wreath which you can bring out year after year.

The workshop is to be held at the Rectory Room (to be confirmed) from 9.45am to 4.00pm. The cost of the full day is £18.50 and £10 for half a day. Soup and buns will be provided for lunch for those staying the whole day.

Tel: *Kirstie Evans* 01752 845297 to book a place

## Local Christmas Cards

The following table lists those families who elected **not** to send local Christmas cards last year, but instead gave a donation to the Salvation Army Children's Christmas party. If I don't hear to the contrary, it will be assumed that they wish to continue for 2014. I will collect donations during December. £410 was sent to the Salvation Army last Christmas in lieu of local Christmas cards.

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Tony & Jennie Rayment

If any families new to the Parish wish to join the scheme, please let me know (Tel: 01752 844519).

*Happy Christmas Jack Bedbrook*

## Cargreen Rainfall



July	Total rain	20.3 mm	Very Low
	Rain days	6	
	Wettest day	4th 10mm	
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## ***Cornish Jam* announces charity gig**

The popular local combo, *Cornish Jam*, is to give a charity performance at the Landulph Memorial Hall on Saturday 6 December starting at 7.30pm. The programme will include a mixture of folk, blues, jazz, country, rock and even a bizarre excursion into Kentucky blue grass. The



band will be unveiling many new numbers along with old favourites. The evening will feature guest spots by friends of the band and local performers. The gig is raising money for the local charity **Heartswell**. This is based in Plymouth and aims to support heart patients, their carers

and families in the West Country. Founded in 1996, Heartswell has raised over £1million for hospital equipment and services including nursing services and counselling not provided by the NHS in Devon and Cornwall. Its greatest achievement has been building Heartswell Lodge, near Derriford Hospital where relatives and carers of heart patients can stay.

For more information about Heartswell South West and the work we do please visit <http://www.heartswell.org.uk>

Tickets for the concert are £10 (£6 for under 16s, 10s free). Tickets should be bought in advance from *James Jermain*, Tamarisk Cargreen PL12 6PA or Tel: 01752 847546.





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- 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> NOV TURKEY & TINSEL SOMERSET
- 1<sup>st</sup> NOV BRIDGEWATER CARNIVAL
- 28<sup>th</sup> NOV TAVISTOCK DICKENSIAN EVENING
- 29<sup>th</sup> NOV MOTOR CYCLE LIVE NEC
- 6<sup>th</sup> DEC CLARKS SHOPPING VILLAGE
- 14<sup>th</sup> DEC MOUSEHOLE & ANGARRACK LIGHTS with seasonal supper
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### Early one morning

Very early one bright and sunny morning in mid-June; a bird count Sunday as it happened, my youngest granddaughter and I took to the river in the rowing boat, with pencil, paper and binoculars to see what we could see. Downriver a way, we spotted a big grey blob thrashing around with what looked like a smaller white blob hugging or strangling it. Looking through the binoculars we could make out a very large seal, and as it rolled and crashed around, a big silvery white salmon crushed to its chest and fighting like mad. Coming closer they took no notice of us, so we rowed back and signalled to Ian to bring the camera. He, accompanied by six dogs, came hurling down to the nearest beach in time to see the murder move way out into midstream, with the salmon, now much subdued and rather pink in colour. We do have a small blurry photo of a distant grey blob squeezing an off white blob! It could have been such a grand shot!

*Liz Dunn*



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## **Dynamic' Saltash Heritage Centre**

Along with others, I visited Saltash Heritage Centre recently to see if they would accept some material about Landulph's recent past. What an eye-opener! The volunteer staff were keen to explain their roles in collecting, indexing, archiving, displaying, educating, assisting with family research etc. In short the place is more dynamic than outward appearances might suggest.

Right now there is a mock-up of a World War One trench in a little passageway on the ground floor, and half of the exhibition area is given over to a display of WW1 period items. These are well worth seeing before the displays are removed in November. And if you want to arrange a visit with a group, the Centre can oblige. A speaker from the Centre is available to visit local groups, but I'd strongly recommend going to the Centre itself. As for Landulph historical items, the Centre has a small collection and will be happy to accept more either as donated items or on loan. These can be papers, maps, photos, tools, toys, outdated clothes and so on, especially anything with a PL12 connection. However to get a proper feel for this little gem, pop in and have a good look around.

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## Letter to the editor

As a parent of two small boys I feel privileged to be able to walk and cycle them to Landulph School on a daily basis. I am becoming increasingly frustrated with the disregard some drivers have for both the speed limit and for pedestrians/cyclists. Whilst these drivers are in the minority, I feel it is important to remind people how dangerous our lanes can be for pedestrians, and children in particular. Pedestrians have limited visibility around certain corners, and we are constantly swapping sides to increase our visibility to drivers.

This is a polite request to observe the speed limit particularly the 20 zone around school. Please be aware of the 'busy' times; 8.45-9.15am and 3-3.30pm. There will always be more pedestrians/cyclists at this time. I humbly ask that we all slow down and be more aware of other road users. This issue will never go away but we can make it safer. I intend to contact the Highways Agency and work with school on creating some traffic calming measures.

*Sarah Hopcroft, Cobwebs, 6 Coombe lane, Cargreen.*

## Next edition copy date is 15 November but earlier would be even better

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