



LANDULPH NEWSLETTER

February 2007 No 7

Landulph Life and News
Your guide to what's happening in the area

Editorial

Welcome to the second year of the Landulph Newsletter.

Following discussion with our readers, you will notice that the format will have a more consistent approach. We hope that this will make it easier for you to read and also to find the information you need.

Please keep us informed of all your organisations' activities and dates of future events. We hope you will understand that pressure of space means we may sometimes need to edit articles.

Thanks go to Landulph Festival Association and Landulph Gardening club for donations.

Fortunately, owing to grants received from **BBC Radio Cornwall/ Cornwall Community Foundation**, we have purchased a laptop and printer and now we can do our own printing.

This means we will need some more help in producing the newsletter, in particular assembling the finished product.

Please contact any committee member if you can help.

Best Wishes for 2007 from the Newsletter Committee.

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Parish Council Meeting 18th December 2006

Two items were raised in the Public Forum

- a) Continued growth of vegetation in Penyoke Creek.
- b) Vehicle parked in Back Lane, causing potential danger by restricting the width of the carriageway.

Both items discussed by Councillors during the meeting & action agreed. Vacancy for Clerk to Parish Council – agreed advertisement to be placed in Local Press, Parish Notice Boards and Landulph Newsletter, in January 2007.

Affordable Housing – 15 responses to the questionnaire received. It was agreed to defer any decisions to the February Meeting, allowing time for further responses, following a reminder to be sent out with the next Newsletter.

No response has yet been received from BT, in answer to the letter from the Parish Council, regarding Broadband.

Footpath maintenance for Landulph Parish will take place between April and June 2007.

Possible speakers for the Parish Council Annual Assembly were discussed; the Clerk will send a letter of invitation.

The Parish Precept for 2007/2008 was discussed and the level of increase agreed.

The road surface between Stockadon and Wayton was discussed and it was agreed to write to Cornwall County Council Highways again expressing concern at its condition.

Planning –Application for planning at Windrift, Cargreen – withdrawn.
Val Oatham

Parish Council Meeting 15th January 2007

No comments from the public.

General: Affordable Housing to be discussed at February meeting. Two doctors interviewed for vacant post at St Barnabas Hospital, Saltash, but Council noted the disappointing acceptance by MP, Town Council, and PCT that the Minor Injuries Unit would close if recruitment failed. Second letter to be sent to BT re. broadband. Paradise Lane cleared of fallen trees. Letter from Natural England re Penyoke Creek grass ("Spartina"), re-stating that it is a natural colonisation. Council agreed to invite a representative from the Tamar Estuary Conservation Forum to an open, daytime meeting at the creek in April at low water to discuss the matter further.

Planning: Recommended by Parish Council for approval:

Conservatory, 4 Stockadon Barns. Stevenson Homes

Porch, 5 Stockadon Barns. James

Conservatory, 6 Hodders Way. Barker

Development approved by District Council:

Alterations & extensions, 6 Church Lane. Rayment

New vehicular access, Park Cottage. Duchy of Cornwall

Conservatory etc, Tinnel Farm. Coryton

Work on trees in conservation area, 10 Coombe Lane. Jones

Development refused by District Council:

2-storey extension, Enfield, Ellbridge Lane. Gale

Retention of alterations to garage, Enfield, Ellbridge Lane. Gale

Meeting lasted 40 minutes. Public attendance 1.

Morton Macleod

Would you like to be a Parish Councillor?

The only qualification is to live in the parish or be within 3 miles.

Parish Councils have no powers but observe the area, especially planning issues, highways, footpaths and any other parish problems together with matters that may arise. Responsibilities are to attend the monthly meetings which are held on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7.30 pm in the Landulph Memorial Hall Annexe.

Landulph Parish has 7 councillors who stand for 4 years.

Publication of Notice of Election this year, is Tuesday 27th March. Prospective candidates are invited to stand and have their nomination papers signed by two persons who must be on the Parish Electoral Register. These papers should be sent to Caradon D.C. by noon on Wednesday 4th April. If there are more than 7 nominations, an election is held, which this year will be on Thursday 3rd May.

It is a very rewarding and worthwhile rôle in the community - one way of learning about the Parish and people who live there.

Please consider becoming a Parish Councillor by ringing Caradon D.C. on 01579 341000 and asking for the Nomination Pack.

YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU

Landulph Methodist Church News

The church was full for the Annual Carol Service on Sunday 10th December at 3 pm. Mrs Marguerite Smith welcomed visitors from Catherine Street Baptist Church Plymouth, Bealbury, Landulph Parish Church and Landulph School.

Peggy Dawe, Pauline Rutherford, Ray and Val Oatham, Beth Worth, the Head of Landulph School, James North and a member from Catherine Street Baptist read the lessons.

Children from Landulph School, accompanied by Beth on the piano, sang 'A Starry Night' and the Saturday Children's Club sang 'Once a Star shone in a Bright Sky'. All the children joined in 'Away in a Manger' accompanied by Jack and Sam on the Saxophone and Clarinet. A poem was written and read by Harry Pryce. Organist was Mavis Edmonds.

After Mrs Marguerite Smith expressed thanks, all enjoyed tea and mince pies.

A joint collection for the Children's Hospice South West from Landulph Parish and Methodist Churches raised £222 during December.

Mavis Edmonds

Landulph Parish Church

A talk by Ann Moxley on her war time experiences in Shanghai will take place on February 27th at 7pm. Monies raised will go to restoring the 15th Century box pew panels in the Church.

Landulph First Responders

A Plea for House Identification

As reported in a previous newsletter, Landulph First Responders are trained volunteers who attend emergency (999) calls received by the NHS Ambulance Service, providing first aid until an emergency ambulance arrives.

To find the correct house from where the 999 call has originated is sometimes difficult, especially when dark, as house names are obscured, not visible from the road or in some cases non existent. **PLEASE, PLEASE** can all parishioners ensure that their house name or number is placed in a site visible from the road.

Thank you from all the Responders

Memorial Hall News

Annual General Meetings

The dates of our two AGMs are fast approaching. First comes that of the Management Committee on Monday 26th January and this is followed by the Fund Raising Committee on Tuesday 6th March. Both meetings will be held in the Annexe starting at 7.30 p.m., and are open to the public so if you want to know how your Parish Hall is run and funded why not come along? The agendas will be posted on local notice boards and include a Public Forum during which members of the public are invited to ask questions.

Murder Mystery Night

This popular event returns to the hall on Saturday 3rd March. Details will be appear nearer the time but meantime please make a note in your diaries. Those who have been to MMN before know what an enjoyable event it is. A professional group, Dutch Murder Productions, presents a series of scenes leading up to the discovery of a body and then all you and your fellow sleuths have to do is identify 'who done it!' There will be a licensed bar and a light supper.

Lots of fun! Don't miss it!

Memorial Hall Committee

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Landulph Festival Of Music and Art

Thank you to those who have kindly offered accommodation to members of The Ashton Singers, Winchester's premier Chamber Choir, whom we are delighted to welcome to sing in our festival this year. If you are able to offer a bed/beds for the night of **Saturday 2nd June** please could you let me know. An indication of the type of accommodation available (single, double, bunk bed) would be very helpful. Thank you! Phillida Jermain, Tamarisk, Fore Street.

Tel 847546 Email: phillidajermain@hotmail.com

The **AGM** of the Landulph Festival of Music and Art will now take place on Monday March 5th at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall Annexe. Please come and support us and enjoy a glass of wine.

Doctor's Car Rota

Please phone before 10.00 am

			Mar 2nd	P duPlessis	848190
Feb 2nd	W Baker	845393	Mar 9th	P Collins	842305
Feb 9th	O Egglestone	01579 350712	Mar 16th	P Clayton	847892
Feb 16th	P Anderson	844426	Mar 23rd	J Rayment	840715
Feb 23rd	M Edmonds	01579 350385	Mar 30th	M Kitney	846808

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Parish Diary

The following regular activities with contact numbers take place at the Memorial Hall or Annexe except where indicated.

Short Mat Bowls	Tues & Thurs 7 pm. Wed 2 pm	Reg Rice	844858
Badminton	Mon 7 30 pm	Philip Braund	847793
Under 5's Group	Mon & Thurs 9 30 am - 3 pm. Tues 9 am - Noon.	Sandra Plumb Helen Richards	842941 849407
Mother & Toddler (MHA)	Thurs 9 45 am – 11 30 am	Nikki Gill	846941
Parish Council (MHA)	Third Mon of the month.	Clerk Joan Worth	843554
Good Companions	Third Tues of the month.	Harry Pryce	846692
Gardening Club (MHA)	Second Wed of the month	Liz Hart	846442
W.I. (MHA)	Second Tues of the month	Val Oatham	842560
Snooker Club	Open daily to members	Daniel Billing	845432
Ta'i Chi	Wed mornings	Helen Manning	840603
Maj-Jong	Tues 2 pm. Tamarisk	Phillida Jermain	847546
Doctor's Surgery	Fri from 10 45 am.	Phone Saltash Health Centre for appointment	842281
Mobile Post Office	Tues 2 - 2 45 pm.	Bottom of Fore St, Cargreen	

Venue Codes. LMH = Memorial Hall. MHA = Memorial Annexe. CF = Cricket Field. CL = Coombe Lane. MC = Methodist Church. MSR = Methodist Schoolroom. PC = Parish Church. RR = Rectory Room. LS = Landulph School. YC = Yacht Club.

February			
Tues 6th	2 00 pm	Get Together	MSR
Sun 11th	10 30 am	Methodist Service. Rev R. Stevenson HC	MC
	11 15 am	Sung Eucharist	PC
Tues 13th	7 30 pm	W I. Annual Meeting	MHA
Wed 14th	7 30 pm	Gardening Club. Maureen Hindle. Flower arranging demonstration	MHA
Thurs 15th	1 40 pm	Mobile Library	CL

Sat 17th	9 00 am	Table Top and Car Boot Coffee Morning and 100 Club draw	LMH
Sun 18th	8 00 am	Said Eucharist	PC
	10 30 am	Methodist Service. Rev Jake Watson	MC
Mon 19th		Half term this week	
Tues 20th	2 30 pm	Good Companions. Yvonne Toms 'Joyce Grenfell'	LMH
	7 30 pm	Short Mat Bowls AGM	LMH
Wed 21st	12 Noon	Church Pasty Lunch	RR
	7 30 pm	Mass with Ashing	PC
Sun 25th	10 30 am	Methodist Service. Mrs H Burke	MC
	11 15 am	Sung Eucharist	PC
Mon 26th	7 30 pm	Landulph Memorial Hall Management Committee AGM	LMH
Tues 27th	7 00 pm	Ann Moxley's experience in Singapore during World War Two in aid of Landulph Church	RR
March			
Thurs 1st	1 40 pm	Mobile library	CL
Sat 3rd	10 00 am	Children's Saturday Club	MSR
	7 30 pm	Murder Mystery Night	LMH
Sun 4th	8 00 am	Said Eucharist	PC
	10 30 am	Methodist Service. Rev A J Smith	MC
Mon 5th	7 30 pm	Landulph Festival Ass. AGM	MHA
Tues 6th	2 00 pm	Get Together	MSR
	7 30 pm	Memorial Hall Fund Raising AGM	MHA
Sun 11th	10 30 am	Methodist Service. Mrs Marguerite Smith	MC
	11 15 am	Sung Eucharist	PC
Tues 13th	7 30 pm	Open meeting Derek Pook from the Salvation Army. Talk on 'Missing Persons'	MHA

Wed 14th 7 30 pm	Gardening Club. Tim Ellis from Ellis Nurseries, Launceston. Talk on Perennials	MHA
Thurs 15th 1 40 pm	Mobile Library	CL
Sat 17th 9 00 am	Table Top and Car Boot Coffee Morning and 100 Club	LMH
Sun 18th 8 00 am	Said Eucharist	PC
10 30 am	Methodist Service. Mr A Yalden	MC
Mon 19th 7 00 pm	Parish Council followed by Annual Assembly at 8 pm. Speaker Mauve Nightingale, Coastal Officer for Tamar Estuary Conservation Forum	MHA
Tues 20th 2 30 pm	Good Companions AGM Andrew Barrett 'Landulph Nostalgia'	LMH
Wed 20th	No Tai Chi	
12 Noon	Church Pasty Lunch	RR
Sat 24th 2 00 pm	Annual Flower Spring Show Details from Shirley Kitney Show Secretary	LMH
Sun 25th 10 30 am	United Methodist Service at Bealbury Chapel	
11 15 am	Sung Eucharist	PC
Wed 28th	No Tai Chi	
Thurs 29th 1 40 pm	Mobile Library	CL
April		
Sun 1st 10 00 am	Palm Sunday Benefice	PC
10 30 am	Methodist Service	MC
Mon 2nd 7 30 pm	Holy Monday Said Eucharist	PC
Tues 3rd 2 00 pm	Get Together	MSR
Wed 4th Noon	Close of receipt for Nominations to Parish Council	
Sat 7th 10 00 am	Children's Saturday Club	MSR
10 00 am	Coffee Clack	RR

Sat 7th	7 15 pm	Easter Vigil	PC
Sun 8th	8 00 am	Easter Day Said Eucharist	PC
	10 30 am	Methodist Service	MC
Thurs 12th	1 40 pm	Mobile Library	CL
Sun 15th	8 00 am	Said Eucharist	PC
	10 30 am	Methodist Service	MC
Mon 16th	7 30 pm	Parish Council	MHA
Tues 17th	2 30 pm	Good Companions. 'The Looe Entertainers'	LMH
Wed 18th	12 Noon	Church Pasty Lunch	RR
	Afternoon	Greek Orthodox Service	PC
Sat 21st	9 00 am	Table Top and Car Boot Coffee Morning and 100 Club draw	LMH
Sun 22nd	10 30 am	Methodist Service	MC
	11 15 am	Sung Eucharist	PC

Thank you for reading the newsletter.

Thanks to the Festival Association and Gardening Club for donations

The newsletter committee reserve the right to edit or refuse material.

If there are any mistakes, we apologise.

Please contact any member of the committee with suggestions for new items, or other helpful comments.

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

Please use the parish website at www.landulph.com which is managed by Roger Creagh-Osborne.

Copy deadline for the April 2007 edition is March 15th 2007

Please give a committee member your copy or phone 01752 844302.

100 Club Results

December 1st £22 Jo Butcher 2nd £18 Rita Walker
 3rd £15 Edie Reeves 4th £10 Jill Taylor

January 1st £20 June Prout 2nd £12 Louis Barrett
 3rd £8 Landulph Good Companions



“We are what we eat”

It is important to feel a connection with, and have trust in the food we eat, and now is a great time to make a difference to your family’s eating habits.

The award winning Riverford Organic Vegetables Box Scheme is based on a co-operative of 14 farms situated around Buckfastleigh in Devon. The farm and the co-op no longer rely on selling their produce to the supermarkets and have instead created a network of local distributors delivering organic vegetable boxes. This has enabled fantastic produce fresh from the farm to be delivered direct to your door.

There are over 85 different types of vegetables grown at the farm. Many of the vegetables are picked one day, and delivered to households the next. **The local distributors are Ian and Emma Bailey**, who live in Plymouth. As they are so close to the farm they pick up early in the morning to deliver to you on the same day.

“It is important to us to be part of making top quality organic vegetables available and it is great to be involved with a business where you get so many positive comments from customers.”

There are a range of different sizes of boxes to suit most households’ needs. With your box you receive a weekly newsletter, which gives news from the farm and a recipe. There’s also other organic produce available to order along with your box such as fruit, eggs, milk, and juices.

For anyone who is interested in changing their shopping and eating habits, ordering a box is a great step.

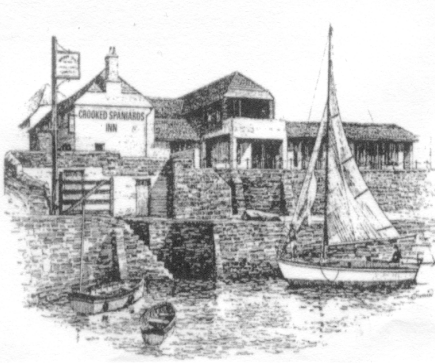
Please phone the farm on 0845 6002311 for more details or visit the web site at www.riverford.co.uk where you can check the predicted box contents, look up recipes, find news from the farm and of course place an order. Box prices start from £7.50 and include delivery.

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March 18th: Mother's Day

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Landulph Women's Institute

It is with much regret that the Members and Committee of Landulph Women's Institute must advise that, with effect from their Annual Meeting on Tuesday 13th February 2007, their branch will cease to exist. You may have read recently in the National and Local press of other WIs around the country closing, due to the vast increase in subscriptions and the imposition of a magazine being sent to each member (which in part accounts for the rise in subscription), whether they wanted it or not; previously purchase of a magazine was optional. This situation may have contributed to the decision by some members not to rejoin in 2007 but the resolve to close was finally forced upon us by the small number of members who remained, making continuation unviable.

The procedure now is that any monies in the account at the time of closure will be held in suspension by the County Federation for a period of three years. Should Landulph WI re-start within that three year period, these funds will be released to assist that group to reconvene.

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Art classes have begun in the Rectory Room on Thursdays.

Originally tutored by Howard Brown, artist from Looe, we very much regret that he has had to take a back seat, due to the illness of his wife, but we hope that he will be back again with us at the end of February.

In the meantime the group is continuing with Art sessions on a self-help basis and we meet at any time from 10.00 am onwards. You can come for as long or short a time as you wish and we welcome new faces and beginners. Just bring your own art materials and enthusiasm and £2.00 to cover the hire of the hall.

For further information, call Jane Espig 844811 or Trisha Langdon 842533
Trisha Langdon

Cargreen Badminton Club

The club, which meets at Landulph Memorial Hall on Monday evenings, is keen for new players to enable the club to continue. The floor of the hall has been resealed and now provides a good playing surface. If you are interested in joining the **Badminton Club**, please contact Philip Braund on 01752 847793.

Playgroup

December was a busy month at Playgroup with the children making many Christmas handicrafts. On Thursday 14th December we held our annual Nativity Play. This was very well supported and a **big thank you** to all the families and friends who attended. The performance and singing by the children was very entertaining and enjoyable.

Afterwards, the raffle was popular, with three lucky winners taking home a Christmas hamper each. The items were kindly donated by the parents of children at Playgroup and the Baby and Toddler group.

On Monday 18th December we held our Christmas party, with the highlight of the day being a visit from Father Christmas. This forthcoming term will be slightly quieter where the theme will be "Toys".

Diane Gregory

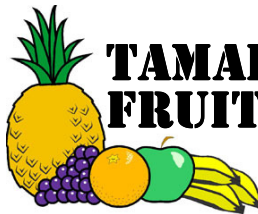
Group Travel

Dunmere Road Garage Bodmin PL31 2QN
Telephone and Fax: 01208 77989

2007 EXCURSIONS

Holiday on Ice	Sat 24th Feb
Crufts Terrier and Hound	Sat 10th March
City Of Bath (Costume and Roman Baths option)	Mon 2nd April
Scottish Highlands and Islands (5nights/6 days)	April 10th
British Open SJ Championship	Sun 15th April
Badminton Cross Country	Sat 5th May
Malvern Spring Garden Show	Sat 12th May
River Dart Cruise & Steam Railway	Thurs 17th May
Pecorama & Seaton Tramway	June 2007

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This is a gentle form of exercise and anyone interested is welcome to join. Cost £3.00 per session.

For further details, phone Helen Manning on 01752 840603.

My Progress Over the Years as a Bell Ringer 1931-2006 by Les Clark

Part 3

With three, sometimes four, regular ringers, we had to blend in eight new ringers to listen and get to know the sound of the bell they were ringing.

Obviously it took a long time, but with a little encouragement, their determination and a bit of fun when at times it goes wrong, I have a band of ringers I am proud of and I have enjoyed every minute of it. There have always been ladies ringing, but at the Millennium we celebrated with a team of lady ringers, the first we have had since 1921, when a team of 6 ladies rang to celebrate the visit of the then Prince of Wales and Duke of Cornwall to Landulph.

A few years ago a group of students from Japan visited us. They climbed to the bell chamber and were shown how things worked there and on their descent they all wanted a go at it. I could only take them on as I would any learner, but they surprised me. They took home a video and recording of our bells.

Nancy and Richard had their son visit one practice evening - he came along to see what mother and father were up to, so he had a try. Now he with his daughter are ringers at their own church. Mother and father have moved to be closer to them.

We move on. One evening Ann got in conversation with Christine over a drink at the pub and bells were in the conversation. I was introduced to her, and eleven lessons later she was one of the six.

A special occasion for our Church and ringers was a blessing of marriage for a young man from Japan and his local wife. Some time later it was said he was interested in learning to ring - why not bring him along? It was rumoured that their baby daughter was to be baptised at our Church. After a few lessons I told him I would aim to get him ringing as one of the six at that service. He achieved his position unaided after twelve lessons, and rang with pride on a very unique occasion. I have never seen so many cameras in the tower before, nor have I ever known a father ring at such an occasion before.

Last, but by far not least, there is Amy, and the support she has given me for a number of years. She is the first ringer a learner will see at their first attempt to follow another bell - thanks Amy.

I almost forgot why I started all this lot: it was something about years. I often tell Amy that I paid my first subscription to the Guild and rang as one of the six to welcome her into this wonderful world.

If you ask her age she might tell you. I make no promises.
PS. Visitors are always made welcome.

Les Clark

Cargreen Rainfall 2006

November total 161mm (6.44ins). This was 50mm above average. Highest 24 hour fall 36.5mm on the 24th. Precipitation recorded on 19 days.

December total 131.7mm (5.5 ins). Highest 24 hour fall 28mm on the 29th. 21 days of rainfall.

Total for year 2006, 1012 mm (40.48 ins), below the yearly average of 46 ins.

Highest monthly total 172mm in October with a 24 hour fall of 51.5mm was the highest for the year. This was recorded during 4 hours of prolonged thunderstorms moving south to north over the area.

A total of eleven overhead thunderstorms were recorded during 2006. October accounted for six. The most prolonged period of outbreaks were 2nd of July from 1. 30 am until about 2 pm on the 3rd. Rainfall over this period was 25.5mm.

Ken Eastment

Mobile Library

The number of people using the Mobile Library is regularly monitored by the Cornwall County Library service. Whether this is part of the ongoing and widely reported cost cutting exercise of this service is matter for speculation, but clearly an uneconomical and poorly used service could be under threat. The library bus comes to the parish every other Thursday – see the diary for details. It is used by only a few, so the message and the possibility is clear – Use it or Lose it!

Reg Rice

Broadband

A broadband survey was conducted during December. We had 35 sheets returned which showed that only a few subscribers to broadband companies had achieved a satisfactory connection and only one subscriber once had 950kb, with the others only getting around 512kb, sometimes intermittently.

Quite a number were still waiting for BT to check their lines, and many are complaining about lack of effort from BT. We had eleven ISPs listed in the survey with the majority being on Eclipse closely followed by Talk-Talk.

The Parish Council have written to BT after their November meeting stating that Landulph is very poorly served and asking when better results can be expected. The council are still awaiting an answer.

We followed this up with an email to BT chief executive Ben Verwaayen who passed the inquiry to Julian Biggerstaff in their broadband dept who replied as follows:

"I have now concluded my investigation, as I have now received all the relevant information with regards the provision of broadband from the Saltash exchange.

The network planning team have carefully considered the availability of broadband in your community who are served from the Saltash exchange. They are conversant with the network issues in your area; however they have reviewed this again on my request and concluded that this area will not be included in the current network program. I hope you can understand that BT's universal service level agreement is to provide a line for telephony, therefore the provision of any additional services has to be commercially viable to the business.

I am aware that this decision will be disappointing and can assure you

that BT is doing all that it can to find alternative ways of supplying broadband to those like yourself, who are currently unable to receive it, due in the main to the length of individual lines from the Saltash exchange."

I have heard of a report in a Cornish newspaper that 99.9% of broadband customers in Cornwall were satisfied; evidently they did not survey Landulph. We will keep you informed via this newsletter as and when and if we get other results.

If anyone one has any news of improvements please contact Sylvia Bedbrook on 844519 or Reg Rice on 844858.

Reg Rice

Christmas Cards

The December edition listed those people who elected to donate to the Salvation Army rather than send local cards.

Before Christmas I was able to send a cheque for £180 for needy children. Thank you all.

I have enclosed a letter from Derek Pook, acknowledging the cheque, together with a certificate, and thanking Cargreen for their help. I will repeat this suggestion for 2007. **Note: A copy of the certificate will be pinned to each noticeboard in the village.**

Jack Bedbrook

Letter from The Salvation Army:

Dear Jack,

On behalf of The Salvation Army would you please accept the enclosed award showing how much you and your friends of Cargreen donated to help the work of The Salvation Army.

One Hundred and Eighty Pounds. This money will be used to buy toys and gifts for needy children. We hope to bring some cheer to what seems to be hopeless cases.

We do appreciate your support and all the monies donated will be used in trying to make a difference in people's lives. The Salvation Army is working in so many areas with the homeless; Drug Addiction; Children's Homes; Prison Ministry; Family Tracing. All these programmes operate in our city.

Wherever there is a need we try to make a difference. Thank you for all your help.

*Yours sincerely,
Derek Pook*



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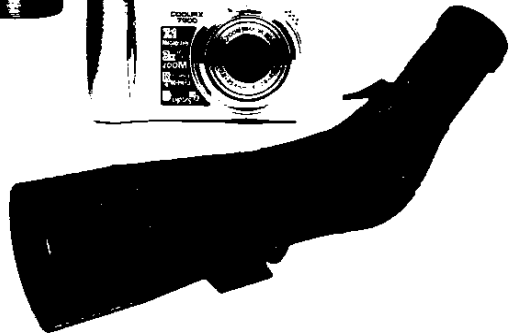
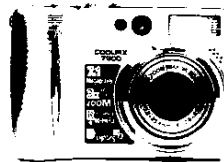
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The Jester Challenge - Tony Head in 'Triple Venture'

In the Landulph newsletter for August 2006, my brother Nick introduced the Jester Challenge, a no-frills, low key single handed transatlantic race from Plymouth to Newport RI USA for yachts under 30ft and he went on to describe initial progress in my 28ft Twister class yacht TRIPLE VENTURE. This note rounds off the story.

My personal aims were: (a) get to Newport alive with the boat in one piece, and (b) beat a time of 31 days 17 hours set by Twister CORKSCREW in the 1992 Observer Single Handed Transatlantic Race. This latter dictated that I had to attempt the shorter direct route (about 2,900 miles) against prevailing winds and currents rather than take the longer but generally easier southerly route. Thankfully the race also meant I could avoid the World Cup!

On departure from Dingle, TRIPLE VENTURE was soon back out to 16°W. But another gale on 20 June forced me to heave-to again and reflect on speed-time-distance calculations. A queue of lows near Newfoundland showing up on the weather fax suggested that the direct route was not the way to go in my little boat that year! Accordingly, as the gale moderated, I changed strategy and headed on a southerly route.

There followed some superb sailing on a fine reach, achieving daily runs of 120-140 miles a day. All went well until 250miles NE of the Azores when the wind backed and I had to beat against strong force 6 winds, but at least it was fairly warm. More speed-time-distance calculations and re-reading (for the 100th time) a worrying long range hurricane forecast eventually led me to the conclusion that I could not make Newport RI, or sail back to the UK, before the risk of hurricane activity in the Atlantic became too high for a boat as small as mine. Rather than turn for home, my objective became the Azores; at least I could salvage something and have a foreign run ashore. 3 days of hard upwind sailing (in which a Twister revels more than the crew) saw us in Horta, Faial on 1 July.

To add insult to injury, my first beer ashore (in Horta's Café Sport, of course) had to be endured amongst a riot of Portuguese fans watching on TV the depressing spectacle of Portugal beating England in the World Cup! The cacophony of motor horns and exploding firework mortars lasted all night.

There followed a lazy 2½ weeks exploring the western group of Azores islands and enjoying the warm hospitality of the islanders. Reluctantly, departure was taken from Angra do Herismo, Terceira on 19 July for a fast and bumpy passage home, marred by a terrific and prolonged thunder storm a few days out from the islands, quite the most frightening experience of the whole Jester trip. Finally, and I'm sure much to the relief of my wife Marsha, TRIPLE VENTURE and I arrived safely back in Cargreen on 1 August 2006.

Now for a few statistics for TRIPLE VENTURE: 37 days under way, 3700 miles sailed, average speed 100miles a day. 11 bottles of wine, ½ bottle of whisky, 43 stubbies of beer consumed underway. 17 litres of fuel burnt. £450 of Iridium satellite telephone calls made.

What of the future for TRIPLE VENTURE? Plans include an expedition to climb Rockall in 2007, the Jester Azores Challenge in 2008 and the Jester Transatlantic Challenge in 2010. . . It would be super to be accompanied by more CYC yachts in these events! Contact tony-head@lineone.net to discuss further.

For Sale / Wanted

Garage Sale (Next to Rectory Room) Saturday 17th February
10.00 am – 12 noon.

Bodgers Bargains – from furniture building to boat building.

Also 5 sets of speakers (house and car speakers), computer parts/printer cables, Household bargains and oak kitchen table.

Donations to RNLI and Alzheimer's Society. Annemarie Nathan 01752 844127

Volunteer Caseworkers needed

The Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association (SSAFA) is a national charity helping serving and ex-service men, women and their families in need. Volunteer caseworkers are needed to provide the link between the Association & those seeking help.

To find out more about the SSAFA, or about becoming a caseworker, please contact Morton Macleod at Rosehill, Cargreen. Tel: 01752 846520

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