

# **LANDULPH NEWSLETTER**February / March 2008 No 13

**Landulph Life and News** 

Your guide to what's happening in the area

#### **Editorial**

We are now into the New Year, and wish you all a happy, prosperous and healthy one.

How the time flies, we are now up the thirteenth edition; it was started in February 2006 when individuals within the parish requested in the Parish Plan a newsletter for better all-round communication.

A group of 6 volunteers came together and started the first edition, since then it has grown thanks to the help we have had from all and sundry, and to some very welcome donations and recently to the Scottish dance evening which brought in £641.80

We believe we have enough in the kitty to carry on for all this year, please let us know what you think about this newsletter good or bad, we have broad shoulders.

I would like to remind you that a Mobile Library comes to this village once a fortnight and brings a fair selection of books but it is not too well used. If we do not use it we will lose it, please see diary for times of calling. If you have any queries on this matter please give me a call.

Reg Rice

#### Parish Council Meeting December 17th 2007

Guest speaker Mary Cooper from Cornwall County Council opened the meeting with a summary of progress towards the establishment of the "One Cornwall" unitary authority, which would see the abolition of the District Councils in 2009. Most of her information had been covered in the questionnaire which the District Council sent out to all residents a few months ago, and has no immediate impact, but it was interesting to note the intention to create about 25 one-stop Council sub-offices around the county, to bring local government closer to the public than at present. She had lots more to say and for fuller info please see www.cornwall.gov.uk, or speak to your District Councillor.

Mavis has been advised by Caradon's Grants Officer that it would be helpful for the parish to form a projects group which could coordinate grant applications; Mavis agreed to convene a group, to include non-councillors.

The chairman read out part of a letter from Mr Lunn, Caradon's Affordable Housing Officer, in which he said that a fresh search of Caradon's database of eligible applicants for **affordable housing in Landulph had shown 12 households,** and admitted that the previous lower figure was wrong.

Accordingly, Mr Lunn said that **Caradon intended to proceed with a project to** 

<u>erect 8 units</u> on the preferred site opposite the Memorial Hall, and asked for the parish council's support, which was approved by unanimous vote.

At the end of the meeting, in the newly agreed open forum, it was put to the council that Landulph residents should be consulted afresh on this project, so as to maintain local input. The chairman took the point for later consideration.

Much other business was discussed, and is of course fully minuted on the notice boards, but I draw to your attention a request for **parish's views on street** lighting as District wishes to reduce lighting costs (Hodders Way & Cloake Place residents may have a view?), and also a lovely cameo piece from Gerry re un-named lanes and roads in the village where signage might be a good idea.

District Councillor Garner said that a Caradon rep would visit and take forward recommendations. How wonderful to know that once Sammy Sands, Penyoke Hill, Back Lane and Strange Lane are logged onto satnav roadmaps, jammed lorries will be able to phone in their precise location.

Planning: Council recommended approval for:

Construction of single storey extension and new garage (demolition of old garage). Ivydene, Fore Street, Cargreen. Mr & Mrs N Lee.

Meeting lasted 2 hours. District Councillor Mrs Garner and 8 members of the public in attendance.

#### Morton Macleod

Thank you for reading the Newsletter.

The Newsletter Committee reserve the right to edit or refuse material.

If there are any mistakes, we apologise.

The Parish newsletter printer is available for use by local organisations Please contact any member of the committee with suggestions for new items, or other helpful comments.

Letters to the editor can be given to any committee member or e-mailed to joanna@threecornermeadow.wandoo.co.uk

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-Osbome.

Next edition copy date is 13th March but earlier would be even better.  Please contact a committee member for more details.			
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#### Parish Council Meeting 21 January 2008

Why weren't you there? This was a cheerful meeting with much serious business done, but you can read about that on parish notice boards, so I'll focus on matters that took my fancy.

First, Harold Bolt handed in a cheque for £25 from sales of parish maps and footpath guides. These have been available for years, but newer residents won't feel at home until they have purchased both.

Regarding street lighting, the Chairman had taken soundings from residents of Hodders Way and Cloake Place, the majority of whom favoured cessation of street lighting. A request for a blackout will be forwarded to County.

As for the saga re <u>traffic and parking at Landulph Cross</u> at the beginning and end of the school day, apparently a snap visit by police found two offenders, one a school governor, the other a teacher.

Unexpectedly, <u>dog poo</u> provided the liveliest and longest topic of the evening; starting with a letter of complaint about fouling, then discussion about prevention and penalties. It emerged that Dog Wardens can issue enforcement notices to known owners of offending dogs only if the land on which the offence took place has been registered for anti-fouling protection. Council then tentatively agreed to seek anti-fouling status for the recreation ground and cricket field, provided that costs were minimal and no authority was yielded.

As if that wasn't enough, there followed a diatribe about dog owners who use plastic bags to lift their pooch's poo, and then stuff the lot into the bottom of hedges. We were too polite to recommend veterinary procedures for owners of incontinent dogs.

It was almost a relief to hear a calm discussion about the need to <u>refresh the Parish Plan</u>, perhaps on a four-yearly cycle. District Councillor Garner emphasised the importance of a comprehensive Plan to guide the new Unitary Authority.

Finally, noting that the PC was required to indicate whether it would take on new executive powers under the unitary authority, Steve Garner recommended that they adopt lots from the start, rather than struggle to acquire them later. On the same theme, Andrew Butcher suggested that the PC adopt the waste ground near the Coombe creek where a beautiful bench seat had recently been installed.

There were no planning applications, thank goodness. Meeting lasted 90 minutes. 6 members of the public and District Councillor Garner in attendance.

#### Morton Macleod



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#### **Parish Project Group**

Whilst sourcing funding for restoration of the Memorial Clock with Caradon Grants Officer, I was advised that now would be a good opportunity to set up a Parish Project group to coordinate grant applications. Grants for Parish councils are very limited and with several council owned assets that will need improving in the future, this would be a way forward. Is there is anyone who would like join such a group?

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#### **Boxing Day Parish Walks**

We were blessed with a mild and dry day for the Parish Walks this year – although by the time you read this year it will, of course, be last year! Despite the warnings of muddy conditions there was a goodly turnout of families, friends, dogs and children to enjoy the fellowship, and to walk off some of the excesses of Christmas Day.

Although we had made the start times of each of the three walks  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour later than in previous years, there was only one person to accompany the leader on the first walk at 9.30a.m. There were 10 people on the "middle" walk, but the overwhelming favourite was the short walk at 11.00. There were at least 20 people, joining and leaving at different places as it suited them. A small number finished up at the pub, justifying their pint as well earned, the rest went straight home to more family time, and eating up the cold turkey.

Numbers were down somewhat. Would Saturday 27th December suit more people for 2008? Should we perhaps drop the 7 mile walk, even though it is a good opportunity to use the less frequented paths out to Elbridge? Please let us know your views.

Continue to enjoy our footpaths – like a dog "they are not just for Christmas". Margaret Honey (e-mail honey@penyoke.eclipse.co.uk or Telephone 841361 For the Landulph Footpath Group

# Landulph Gardening Club Spring Show 2008 Saturday Afternoon March 29<sup>th</sup> 2pm

The show is open to all so please do consider entering. If all of you who read this entered just one class we would have a wonderful show.

There will be new class for hellebores this year. For full details of all classes please contact Shirley Kitney for a schedule (Phone 01752 846808).

The gardening club evening meeting on Feb 13<sup>th</sup> will help you if you are unsure about entering as one of our judges will be speaking and he will tell you how to make the most of your entries. Please come along at 7.30pm and non members will be made welcome.

Jo Butcher

#### **Good Companions**

The Club celebrated its 31<sup>st</sup> year with a varied programme of meetings with entertainments, coach cruises (mainly with fine weather!!) and lots of other very exciting happenings. There have been of course, a few sad losses and ailments with advancing years, but on a happier note we are continuing to attract new members with the promise of more to come so our membership hovers around the 100 mark. There is always room for more, don't be shy, a warm welcome awaits you.

2007 season ended with a super meeting when we were entertained by the S.E Cornwall Accordion Band, who caused some concern over the safety of the hall roof when they led us in Cornish songs, including Trelawney. This was followed a few days later with a full Christmas lunch at Hannafore Point Hotel, when over 60 members attended. Unfortunately the coach suffered a broken fan belt (no ladies nylons were available!) but DAC coaches rose to the situations and a replacement coach soon appeared. Being Good Companions it was all taken in good humour!

A full programme for 2008 is available – from Harry – 01752 846692 Harry Pryce

#### **Cancer Research Group Cargreen**

Cancer to many people is still an unmentionable word. However owing to many advances in diagnosis and treatment the life expectancy and quality of life for those with cancer is improving all the time.

To enable this to continue money is needed for research. We have a small but active fund raising group in Cargreen.

<u>The AGM will be on Monday March 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm</u> at Gaye Braund's house (Tamarind Penyoke). Please come along if you would like to help. Phone 01752 847774 for more details.

Gaye Braund

Almost half of the parish have been intimately involved with the Pentillie estate for many years however for most of us living in the village it has been hidden from view in many ways.

As the estate has now passed to the next generation we felt the time was right for the newsletter to carry an article about Pentillie estate. Ed

#### **History of the Coryton Family of Pentillie**

The seat of the Coryton Family previous to Pentillie Castle was at the Mansion of Newton Ferrers near Pillaton.

Towards the end of the 17<sup>th</sup> century Sir John Coryton died young and Elizabeth his widow married Sir James Tillie, the family steward, son of John Tillie of Wingfield in Wiltshire. Sir James took his masters deeds and lands.

Pentillie castle was built 1689. Sir James Tillie died in 1713. He was an eccentric and constructed himself a peculiar tower of 3 storeys at the summit of a higher hill he named Mt Ararat, now known as the Mausoleum

He left instructions in his will that he be placed in the Mausoleum, dressed in his best clothes with a wig and a fine hat set on his head. He requested his hands be placed on his knees and then be secured with iron bands. Around him was to stand a chest of oak containing his books and other personal effects.

Sir James would sit here and wait for his resurrection and return to Pentillie he believed 2 years later.

Sir James's instruction was carried out, but unfortunately within a few years the upper rooms of the Mausoleum collapsed to the ground floor. His remains were properly buried in a coffin beneath the ground floor of his tower.

Perhaps as to not trouble his spirit and to respect his wishes a life size statue of Sir James was erected on the ground floor and still remains there to day.

The 4<sup>th</sup> and last baronet Sir John Coryton died childless in 1739, a second cousin Peter Goodall became head of the family and assumed the name of Coryton (his grandmother's maiden name) and came to live at Crocadon, St Mellion. His son Peter Coryton married Mary Jemina Tillie granddaughter of Sir James Tillie, joining the two families and the estates of Crocadon and Pentillie. Newton Ferrers was finally sold in 1834.

When James Tillie's great niece married a Coryton in 1810, plans were drawn up by William Wilkins to alter the Castle with the addition of 3 wings to form a hollow square. In 1965 quite a lot was demolished and now the Castle is almost the same as the original.

Granite pillars from Kit Hill makes the front impressive, while a statue of Sir James in the center of the courtyard seems to register approval.

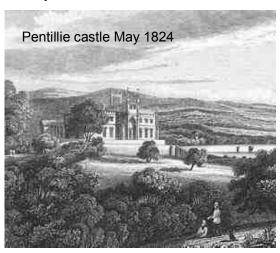
The Coryton Estates were at one time the largest in Cornwall with land to Fowey and Bodmin Moor, also Coryton in Devon, but marriage settlements and death duties have reduced the Estate to what is now, parts of St Mellion, St Dominick, Pillaton and Landulph parishes.

The Old School at Landulph Cross was built on Coryton family land.

Squire William Coryton who inherited in late 1847 built several new farmhouses in Quethiock Parish but these farms were sold by auction in 1919 the year of his death. Most farms were bought by Cornwall County Council and split into smallholdings for the men returning from the 1914/18 War for their employment.

Squire William Coryton was Master of Dartmoor Hunt in Devon from 1901 to 1915 and kept his pack of foxhounds at Pentillie and Ivybridge traveling between the two by train. Such was his love of his horses that when they were threatened with requisition by the army to go to the war in France, he shot them instead and buried them in Pentillie. A fine painting of the Squire sitting on his horse surrounded by his hounds still hangs in the staircase at Pentillie Castle.

Captain Jack Tillie Coryton inherited in 1919 and died in 1965. Parts of Pillaton, St



Mellion and St Dominick parishes were sold so as to raise death duties. Jack married Dorothy (nee Parker-Jervis) and had two sons Peter and Jeffrey. Peter was killed in the 1939/45 War and his second son Jeffrey inherited.

Major Jeffrey Coryton MC died suddenly in 1980 aged 56yrs and his widow Mrs. Kathleen Coryton lived on at Pentillie until her death on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2007. The estate has now passed to Mr. Edward C Spencer Coryton of Tinnell, Captain Jack Tillie Coryton's great nephew. Major Jeffrey in his will requested Edward take the family name of Coryton, like his ancestor he took his grandmother's maiden name; she was Captain Jack's sister Ruth Coryton.

The Corytons served as Sheriffs of Cornwall in 1683, 1782, 1848, 1902 and Major Jeffrey in 1972.

I am most grateful to Ted and Sarah Coryton for helping me compile their family history.

Mavis Edmonds

#### Fred Billing



Some little while ago, there was a happy event taking place at the Old Smithy, Landulph Cross where Fred's wife 'to be' was busy being born. On the other side of the Parish, Fred was equally keen to greet the world, and was born about an hour later, allegedly by the same midwife who, having delivered Chrissie, dashed across to complete the pair that were to eventually become Mr and Mrs Billing.

Fred spent his early life at Kingsmill, attending Landulph School in the old building. On leaving he joined his step brother Victor as a market gardener, working land that is now the site of Elbridge electrical station. His skills were also in demand by local residents, and he would often be seen on his trusty tractor whizzing from garden to garden, doing a bit of overtime.

He joined the Home Guard during the war, and fondly recalls the many nights he spent guarding the Saltash rail bridge. Fred and Chrissie moved into the old Smithy, where the present owner was born with his twin sister, and later another son made up the family. Fred was approached by Fred Brown, at Park and worked as a herdsman there for some 30 years, running his own market gardening business in his "spare" time, of course, and living in the farm cottage. Fred's gardening business was later to move to Church lane, working with Arnold Crabb, where one of the main crops was Dahlias. Fred tells me it was such a beautiful sight he can still picture it to this day.

As a typical traditional Farmer, I asked Fred to sow some grass in the field behind our house. I assumed he would drive up in his tractor with a spreader, but was amazed to see him, bucket in hand doing the job manually. He told me I'd get a far better result than with any spreader, and he was right. I don't think I've had the bill yet!

Fred spent 26 years on the Parish Council, many of them as Chairman, and was the local representative in Saltash on the road safety committee. He was always to be seen acting as Master of Ceremonies at Carnival days and assorted social events, and it was during his time on the council that many changes in Landulph took place, including building the Memorial Hall.

You know, Fred is one of those people who seem to have devoted so much time serving the interests of the village that it's hard to imagine he worked for his living as well. Presumably in his "spare" time!

David Hall

#### **Scottish Dancing Evening**

If you think Scottish Dancing is just for wimps, you're probably right! However, despite a welter of double left feet and people not knowing



The Gay Gordons and The Dashing White Sergeant were much more our level of expertise.

Thanks are due to everyone who helped to

make the evening such a success, particularly Kirstie, for organising the

dances and the music, Charles Evans for the Glühwein. Jill

> Taylor for coordinating the food and cooking



much of it

herself, along with Sarah Coryton, Phillida Jermain and Gwen Anderson, and Glenn Honey and his helpers for

running the bar. There was also a

valuable contribution from those who made donations; either because they couldn't come or those of us who because they felt



have teeth drawn than cavort around the Hall. I have to tell you, folks, that you missed a really enjoyable evening.

Trisha Langdon

them from their right, the fundraising evening in December in Landulph Memorial Hall was agreed to have been great fun,

and around £650 was raised for the

ongoing expenses of the Newsletter.

'When can we do it again?' was heard more than once. but I think that Kirstie Evans may feel that enough was

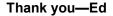
enough for a while. With great patience, she steered a crowd of 60 dancers through their steps and made us all feel



that we really did know what we were doing. However, even had been to the that they'd rather practice

sessions at Wayton House couldn't quite master The Reel of the 51st on the night!

PS The newsletter group would like to thank everyone for all the hard work and we are now able to continue to produce the newsletter for the next few editions.



#### Cargreen Rainfall 2007

#### Total for 2007 1247mm – 49.88ins

Yearly average for this location 46ins Highest month February 225mm. Lowest month April 29.4mm Highest 24 hr fall 23<sup>rd</sup> September 36.8mm (very heavy showers behind the main rain belt) 182 days with rain during 2007.

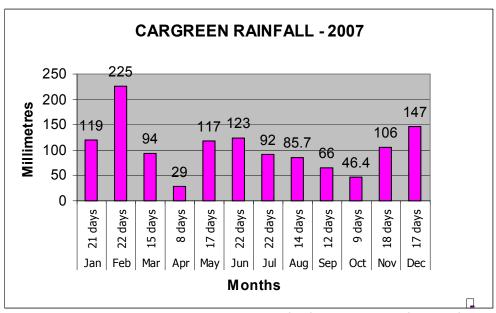
During the first 6 months of the year 703mm – 28ins recorded.

Observations of local thunderstorms were 4 with the average of 11 per year.

June being the highest with 2 thunderstorms.

#### Rainfall for the last 2 months of 2007

November 106mm. 18 days with rain. December 147mm. 17 days with rain.



Thanks to Ken Eastment who provides the rainfall figures and Val Oatham for the graph showing the rainfall for the year . Ed

#### Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

#### **Christmas Cards**

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

As a result, a cheque for £245 was sent for needy children. A huge thank you to all who contributed. A letter of thanks from the S.A. can be found on the notice board on the corner of Coombe Drive.

#### Jack Bedbrook

#### Cargreen Yacht Club - The Barge

"On the strength of one link in the cable dependent the might of the chain. Who knows when he may be tested, Take heed that thou bearest the strain."

Each year, between January and March, you may see the Yacht Club's mooring barge performing strange gyrations on the river. What is it doing; and why at this time of the year?

95% of our moorings consist of a chain "riser" which is connected to an orange or yellow mooring "Hippo" buoy at one end and a length of ferry chain at the other embedded in a concrete sinker.

Unfortunately the chains do not corrode uniformly; so when the links in the middle of the chain are badly reduced through corrosion, the whole chain has to be replaced. A chain lasts an average of 5 – 6 years so around 20 of the 141 chains have to be replaced each year and the Barge crew also clean mussels, barnacles and weeds from Hippos and risers. Hopefully most of the ferry chain and the sinker remain in the mud – they work best if undisturbed.

If you should wonder at the apparently haphazard way that the Barge manoeuvres around the moorings; it is because the full survey of the chain and its security to the ferry chain can only be done around low tide.

Of necessity the Bargees wear protective clothing and it is more uncomfortable to work in warm weather than cold. Furthermore, the water temperature is warmer in January than it is in April and, typically in winter with high pressure centred over the UK, the winds are often lighter than in the Spring. Hence the Greeks referred to these months as the halcyon days.

George Lipscomb

#### **Cargreen Yacht Club Autumn Dinghy Series**



Commodore Charles Evans presents Andrew Butcher with his trophy for winning the series.

#### History of 1914/18 War Memorial Clock

The School clock is elderly and in need of restoration

At the end of the First World War, a parish memorial committee discussed a suitable Memorial to those who had served. A granite stone was suggested but at the time plans were in hand to build a new school. Mrs. Olive Prideaux (Pauline Rutherford's grandmother) a teacher at the old school suggested a clock at the new school would be a fitting Memorial.

The general consensus was this was a good idea and the building

plans were altered to incorporate a clock tower and a chamber for the weights between the two classrooms. The school was opened 19<sup>th</sup> November 1923; this can be seen on the inscription below the clock today.

The clock was ordered from Smiths of Derby (who service

Big Ben) and the engineer stayed with Mr & Mrs Prideaux while he carried out the installation. The clock was an eight day movement and had to be wound by hand weekly. To access the roof chamber for winding, a ladder was kept in the classroom, Mrs Prideaux's son Victor (Pauline's father) took responsibility for the winding together with the cleaning and oiling until early 1970's (48 yrs). Pauline then continued the task.

Landulph Parish Council took responsibility for the maintenance in 1931 when the Memorial committee disbanded

In 1978 Cornwall County Council decided to extend the school and to make the two classrooms into the main hall; this meant that the weight chamber situated in the dividing wall would have to be removed. Mrs. Pauline Rutherford, Clerk to the Parish Council suggested this would be a good time to have the clock automated, and this was carried out in

1980 with grants from Landulph Parish Council (£685) and Cornwall County Council (£925. A grandson of the founder of Smiths of Derby did the work

The Roll of Honour for 1914/18 War was transferred from the school to Memorial Hall when it was built in 1970.

At a recent inspection, the engineer advised that the controller, which operates the striking mechanism, needs replacing, also that the clock dial is in need of restoration. Estimated cost £2170 plus VAT. This is more than the parish council can afford, therefore, it is hoped that grant funding can be secured.

Mavis Edmonds



#### Front cover

Thanks to Rose Cradick for the spring picture "Nesting Bird" she created on the front cover of this edition of the newsletter.

If you feel inspired to create a cover for the next newsletter please contact one of the committee .

#### **GABLES FARM DOGS' & CATS' HOME**

#### We are looking for country homes for some of our residents

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#### **Gables Farm Celebrates a Centenary of Care**

To mark 100 years in the city, Gables Farm will be holding a series of events throughout 2007 to celebrate its Centenary, honour its heritage, raise funds and increase awareness of its cause to an even wider audience.

"We hope the people of Plymouth will take our Centenary campaign to

their hearts and work extremely hard to raise money for us by getting involved in our calendar of events as well as hopefully, developing their own fund-

raising ideas," said Tony Harris, the general manager of Gables Farm. "During the year we hope to attract a fresh wave of support that will carry us forward for decades to come and help us finance the care we provide to many hundreds of animals each year".

Staff at Gables Farm have been serving the region's four legged

friends since it was founded in 1907 by two sisters, who cycled around Plymouth collecting stray cats and then later dogs too.

Originally based at Cattedown, Gables Farm moved to its purpose-built site near Saltram House, with state of the art accommodation in 1999. This move coincided with an intensive programme

of re-branding and restructuring that helped the city's major animal welfare charity to become a more competitive force. In order to address the need of

expanding waiting lists and overcome limited space, the modernisation of Gables Farm's facilities is an ongoing requirement. Extensive refurbishment is already currently underway on existing dog kennels, coupled with an appeal to raise funds for additional accommodation.

There are many ways you can help raise funds and support our Centenary celebrations. <a href="www.gablesfarm.org.uk">www.gablesfarm.org.uk</a>.

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