



LANDULPH NEWSLETTER

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Landulph Life and News

Your guide to what's happening in the area

Parish Council Meeting 18 February 2008

A few pickings from a serious and businesslike meeting.

Firstly, a correction to my notes on the January meeting re street lighting in Hodders Way: Parish Council (PC) has asked County to switch the lights off for the longest period offered by County i.e. from 0030 to 0530, and awaits a decision.

Secondly, PC has learned that if streets and lanes are to be named and signposted, unanimous agreement of affected residents will be necessary, PC will have to pay a substantial fee, and the changes will have to be logged with the Land Registry. PC clearly no longer favours any change, but will seek public opinion when fact-finding for the next Parish Plan.

However as a related matter, PC opened discussion re provision of a notice board version of a village street map, to assist visitors and delivery drivers.

Finally, PC has been advised by District that Caradon's sole Dog Warden had authority to take action against dog fouling on areas designated for enforcement, but was unable to respond quickly to all problems. PC had an option to seek designation of an area, or thereafter to employ its own Warden at its own expense. PC needed no formal motion to dismiss that suggestion with unanimous laughter.

Planning. PC recommended approval for:

- Demolition of existing extension and construction of two-storey extension, Enfield Cottage, Ellbridge Lane, Hatt. Mr J Grove
- Construction of single storey extension, and enlarged porch, Trelevans, Landulph. Mr & Mrs Gould.

PC recommended refusal for:

- Construction of two-storey extension, 4 Stockadon Barns, St Mellion. Mr W D'Crus

Meeting lasted 77 minutes.

6 members of the public and District Councillor Garner in attendance.

Morton Macleod

Parish Council Meeting 17 March 2008

During public forum, Andrew Butcher offered PC an abstract from the Highway Code concerning parking at crossroads, of relevance to the peak flows of school traffic at Landulph Cross. The chairman welcomed this and promised to refresh police awareness if appropriate.

I asked why the parish precept in my Council Tax bill has gone up by 64.5%; the chairman attributed most of this to the need to adhere to nationally approved guidelines re. the Clerk's salary and expenses and stressed that it was worth every penny, hear! hear!

In the general meeting, a patchily poor broadband service in the parish was discussed. It had attracted no help from BT, or from neighbouring parishes which had

been invited to share costs of an improvement. The chairman explained technical problems and possible remedies and, while offering no actual optimism, instructed the Clerk to make representations to “One Cornwall”, County and District Councils, and the MP.

Gerry Stevenson said that councillors’ travel to meetings had increased recently, often re. planning for the unitary authority, and he thought that expenses should be payable. The point was acknowledged, but cannot be addressed until May as PC had decided in November not to claim during the ensuing six months.

Gerry also drew attention to County and District’s waste management efforts, much of which relies on people like us to Reduce, Re-use, Recycle. It was good to hear that Mavis’ project group was now in harness and soon will start raising funds, initially for repairs to the Memorial clock on the school.

Then, intriguingly, we learned that Land Registry had found two apparent claims on the bit of land beside the Coombe stream where “Roma’s seat” stands, and which PC had been invited to adopt....await further investigations. Personally, I’d have preferred to have horse-drawn wagons race across the prairie to stake their claims...Yee Hah, my lover!

Planning. PC recommended approval for:

Dormer extension over existing balcony area, 13 Coombe Drive, Dr H W Douglas.

After a brief adjournment for refreshments and high-calorie cakes, we reconvened for **the Annual Assembly**, addressed by Samantha Cleeve, East Cornwall representative of County’s Rural Transport initiative. Briefly, the aim is to improve access to shops, health centres, etc in rural communities by recognising need (via inputs from individuals, groups, PCs and Parish Plans), and enabling solutions (e.g. by advice, support, and sometimes part-funding of such ideas as Community bus projects, volunteer car forums, Shopmobility schemes, one-off innovations).

Much discussion was stimulated, e.g. if we can’t have a village shop, could we have a mobile shop: if Local Government shared costs with a private bus service like Waitrose, could new routes be added? Samantha was keen to strengthen local contact, and invited those interested to email samantha.cleeve@ncdc.gov.uk or phone 01208 265693. 7 members of the public and District Councillor Garner attended.

Morton Macleod

Next edition copy date is 13th May but earlier would be even better. Please contact a committee member for more details.			
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Landulph Gardening Club 11th Spring Show

Chris Dunn decides which daffodil to enter



Neil Cradick presents Ann Hall with her cup

Heavy rain and gale force winds were no deterrent to the members of Landulph gardening club. The display in Memorial Hall on the last Saturday in March was full of colour.

Shirley and Mike Kitney, the show secretaries and a willing band of helpers set up the tables and staging on Friday



afternoon. Pillaton gardening club generously lend their staging and vases each year.

Friday evening and Saturday morning saw frenetic activity by all the exhibitors arranging their flowers and shrubs to look good for the judges.

Prize winners included Barry Richards, Ann Hall, Jo Butcher, Marie Bersey, Jane Espig and Sophie Gill.



*Jane Espig's winning entry
Rough & Smooth*



Sophie with her cup

Landulph School

There have been many exciting events through the term and although Landulph School is a small school we take advantage of all the opportunities available to broaden our educational horizons.

Our Football team has played in a number of local matches and has won all but one. They are definitely going from strength to strength, and at present we are waiting to find out if they have come top of the small schools league!

The Cross Country Team has one more race to participate in this term at Bocconoc and then next term Landrake Cross country race marks the end of the cross country season. Our children love to run come wind or rain and particularly enjoy getting very muddy. We do now have many very strong cross country runners who come within the first ten runners, every time.

We are very pleased that many of our Year 5 pupils have taken part in workshops based at Plymouth or Exeter University. There have been drama workshops, History and English master classes and also ICT sessions for our pupils to enjoy.

Years 2, 3 & 4 are taking part in a Multiskills Sports Festival at Saltash.net Community School, enjoying a range of sports including High Fives, Tag Rugby and Badminton.

Year 5 and 6 pupils are looking forward to their Archaeology Day when they will be spending a whole

day developing skills, analysing and making deductions linked to evidence they are given.

In Class 1 many different visitors have talked to the children about their work linked to the theme of 'special people'. We are very grateful to the following:

- Health Visitor - Lisa Marson
- Vicar - Rev Malcolm Griffiths
- Vet - Ms Sue Hassan
- Farmer—Richard Brown
- Dr Sissons
- Caterpillar digger driver -Mr Gould
- Refuse collection driver

Climbing Wall – it has been arranged for every pupil throughout the school to participate in this exciting event. It is part of the PE curriculum for all pupils to take part in outdoor and adventurous activities. Every pupil will have an hour on the climbing wall which involves team work, co-ordination, courage and a dry day....

This is just part of what has happened this term at Landulph School...

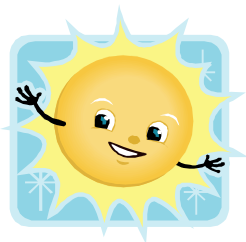
Next term we will be preparing for our SATs for our pupils in Years 2 and 6; pupils in Year 6 are going to Delaware Outdoor Education Centre for a week of activities which will include canoeing and orienteering. We will also be having an Open Day in June - more details to follow in the next Newsletter.

B. E Worth

Landulph Under Fives Playgroup

The play group have now recruited a new playgroup leader who will replace Mrs Sandra Plumb. We wish to express our thanks to Sandra for all her hard work over the years.

Mrs Cath Sissons will be the new playgroup leader and we wish her the very best of luck.



It's back again!

The Landulph Summer Fun Day will be back again on Sunday 27th July at the Cricket field (Searle Family Memorial Field).

There will be something for everyone including beer tent, bouncy obstacle course, train rides, numerous goods and games stalls, cream teas, BBQ, welly wanging, cherry stone spitting, bale tossing, face painting, a live band and of course the annual inter-village tug-o-war competition!

If you would like to be involved in any way please contact either Mel Bennett (07915663080, 840589) or Nina Armstrong (01752 841846). All help is greatly appreciated and will ensure a fantastic day for everyone

Mel Bennett

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Landulph Snooker Club

The Club's Annual General Meeting took place on Feb 28th.

The eight people present considered the Club's current status and its future so uncertain that the Chairman suspended the meeting. Those present called for an Extraordinary General Meeting to be held at 8.00pm on Thursday April 10th in the Snooker Room at the Memorial Hall and at which it will be decided if the Club shall continue to operate.

All club members and interested parties are requested and invited to attend.

All matters and enquiries regarding the meeting should be addressed to the Chairman Chris Billing, by 'phone on 01752 845234

Gardening Club



Landulph Gardening Club continues with the regular monthly meetings following the excitement of the flower show!

April 9th at 7.30pm sees a talk by Tony Guyatt from the R.S.P.B.

May 14th the garden visits start and the first one is by kind invitation of Valerie and David, to see wildlife gardening at Kingsmill Farm - there is a new fresh water lake and wildflower meadow and bog garden. They have also placed many nest boxes in the garden. Meet at 6.20pm at Landulph Memorial Hall to car share as parking limited.

Jo Butcher

Cargreen Rainfall 2008

January total 147.3 mm. Average for the last 9 years, 105.17 mm.

Rain was recorded on 20 days with the highest 24-hour fall 27.8 mm on the 14th. Complex areas of low pressure west of Ireland brought heavy rain and gales from the SW on the 13th and 14th

February total 64.2mm. Average 93.4 mm.

Rain recorded on 12 days with highest 24-hour fall, 19 mm on the 25th with heavy overnight rain after early frost

No thunderstorms for the last two months.

Ken Eastment

Landulph Music and Art Festival

Choirs, church music, cellos, concerts, canvas and committees were all discussed at Landulph festival of Music and Arts recent AGM.

Steve Toynton the chairman said the committee had worked hard to produce a successful event last year and hoped to do the same in 2008.

Local organisations had benefited from the small financial surplus.

This year the festival will start on October 3rd and last for 10days

The programme is still being developed and aims to appeal to all musical tastes.



The Festival committee are planning to run a stall at the village Fun Day in July, featuring all things musical and artistic – of course!

We would be very pleased to have your unwanted music CDs, pictures, art books, art materials, etc. for re-sale on our stall.

If you have anything suitable, please contact Trisha Langdon 842533, Jane Espig 844811 or Marcia Pirie 842078

Memorial Hall News

The AGM of the Management Committee Feb 25th

The Chairman, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer all delivered reports on the Hall's activity and financial standing. The annual accounts were accepted and show a Profit surplus for the year of £5151. Continued maintenance and improvements ensure our hall is one of the best and most used in East Cornwall. There were no questions or comments in the public forum.

The AGM of the fund raising committee March 4th

The past year's activities were reviewed and those for the coming year agreed.

At both meetings elections for the Officers and Committee were held and details of these are displayed in the Hall.

An important point came out at both meetings- that there is considerable need for continued, and well supported, fund raising activities. Without them the Hall will struggle because rental income alone will barely provide enough to cover the running costs. A copy of the audited accounts may be viewed at the hall.

Inter- Parish Cricket Match

The annual match between Botus Fleming and Landulph will not take place this summer. The Landulph Memorial Hall Fund raising committee considers the support last year from Landulph does not justify its continuance.

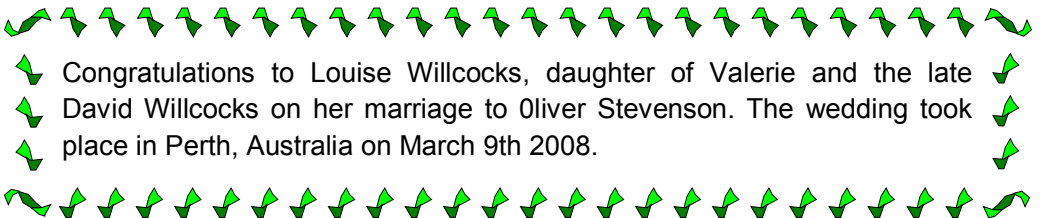
The Memorial Hall Committee



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✓ David Willcocks on her marriage to Oliver Stevenson. The wedding took ✓
✓ place in Perth, Australia on March 9th 2008. ✓

The Great Analogue switch OFF

Many people are getting concerned about the announcement that old style television reception is coming to end, so I am hoping to give some advice on this subject.

Yes all Analogue television stations in the west of England will be switching their existing transmissions off in just over a year's time.

If you are receiving either 'FREESAT' or monthly payment 'SKY' then this will not affect you and you can carry on watching TV as at present.

If you are watching old style television (Analogue which has only 4 or 5 stations) then these are your options for the changeover.

Option 1. You will still be able to use your present television set but you will need to buy a Set top Box which is known as Freeview Box or Tuner; with this Freeview box you will receive a handheld remote control.

Option 2. If you do not wish to use two hand held remote controls as in option 1 then you would have to buy a new television of the latest type either LCD or Plasma but please make sure it has the 'Tick' [✓] symbol that denotes it is fitted with a Freeview tuner, you now only use one remote control.

As many household had their aerials fitted many years ago, both the aerial and down lead may have to be replaced with a 'Wideband Aerial' for both option 1 & 2. The final TV picture you receive is only as good as the aerial is capable of receiving.

There are two local transmitters that can be used for reception of Freeview, either Caradon or Plympton depending on your location.

Freeview is also known as Digital.

With a good aerial you could receive up to 54 TV channels plus 25 radio stations and 8 Teletext.

If you wish to go into this subject more deeply then I suggest you go on to www.digitaluk.co.uk or www.freesat.co.uk

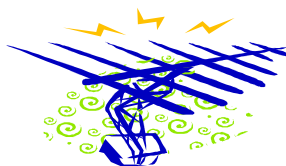
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Cargreen Committee– Cancer Research UK

No change at the top! At the AGM Gaye Braund was returned as Chairman and Ivor Rogers as Treasurer and Lorraine Rogers as secretary. The group had raised £1900 during the year .

The committee hope that there will be good attendance at a coffee morning on **Saturday 24th May** at Three Corner Meadow Cargreen and at the High Tea which will be on Sunday November 16th at 4pm at the Memorial Hall

Jo Butcher

Good dog; stupid owner

This note is no April Fool jape, and unusually for the newsletter is grumpy and intended to embarrass.

Some good people who recently walked round the village lanes picking up litter from the verges were disgusted that of the four carrier bags filled, two were filled with plastic bags containing dog poo that had been chucked into the hedges. None of these folk is a dog owner. I doubt whether they will be keen to repeat their public-spirited act.

However they and others might just join in if dog-walkers were to organise the next anti-litter walk. **GOOD IDEA.** As for those who stuff packaged dog crap into hedges, this Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty would be better off without them.

Morton Macleod

Wanted

I am looking for two outdoor stalls for using to sell home produce.

If anyone has one or two that they no longer use and would like to sell or pass on I would be delighted to hear from you.

A friend is also looking for a small second-hand poly tunnel

Please contact Celia Gorham 01752 849787

Front cover

Thanks to Hayley for the picture “River Tamar” 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 by May 1st.

John Congdon– long time Landulph resident

John Congdon's family has been farming at Kingsmill for 3 generations. As family history tells, his grandfather was not considered a particularly serious purchaser at the farm sale, until he produced a large bag of sovereigns, and promptly bought the place outright.

At that time, the business was market gardening. One of the crops was apples, and while Cider was not made locally, the crop was sold to Whiteways. There was an old press on the farm, however, and this is now a showpiece at Dartington.

On the birth of brother Charles, John was told to walk to Grove Cottage, home of the local taxi owner, Victor Prideaux, and arrange to take mother into hospital. It's quite a walk, especially at 2 am in the snow when

you're 12 years old!

John, who attended Landulph school, his father originally attending the Old School House, recalls life

being "quite tough" in his early years, and he used to walk out to Popham, where the family also farmed, to bring back the horses. This meant that the men could carry on working until exactly 5 o'clock when they would be

brought back in the family lorry. Work always stopped at exactly 5 o'clock! Other land farmed by the Congdons at that time was the area in Landulph which is now Highcroft Nurseries.

Produce was taken to market in Plymouth, often via the Torpoint Ferry as, surprisingly, it could be quicker than crossing at Saltash. Best prices were obtained if you could be in by 4 am, and cash was banked in Devonport since it was considered pointless and probably not safe, to bring the money home.

John and wife Pauline were married in 1959, which of course means they will celebrate their Golden Wedding next year. They later bought the farm at Ellbridge, where they still live and work. They have 3 sons and a daughter.

Kingsmill is still run by brother Charles.

The business is now all livestock, and in total the family farms some 800 acres in the area. John says retirement is "unthinkable", and is justifiably proud of his business.

I was given a tour around some of the farm, and the sight of 500 ewes in a barn as big as a supermarket, waiting to give birth, is quite staggering. In addition, some 500 cattle, of which 200 are currently milking just seems to make his life that bit more interesting!

David Hall



Raising dust in the Rectory Room

The Rectory Room has seen many uses over the years.

It was used many years ago to hold dances with “Mums” sitting on the balcony to make sure the youngsters behaved themselves.

In recent years it is the venue for the annual harvest Festival supper, monthly pasty lunches, bi-monthly coffee mornings, art classes and the annual Art exhibition.

Various church functions are held there to raise much needed funds for the Church

It has been given a face lift over the last four years, mostly by local voluntary workers giving their time and labour.

The main hall has been painted, rewired and heating put in and the kitchen has been completely refurbished.

Most recently a small but energetic group have sanded the main floor and sealed it. This was a big job and it is a vast improvement on the old floor and various bits of carpets. A really professional job was done. A big thank you must be expressed to all.

John Boughton

Golden Wedding



Congratulations to Ken and Mary Eastment who celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary on the 15th February 2008.

Mary, (formerly Clark) was born in Cargreen, and has lived in the village all of her life, principally at the couple's present home, Bounds Tenement. She met Ken, who was born in Landrake, when she was 16. On his completion of 3 years service with the Royal Air Force, the couple were married at Landulph Church by Canon Adams on 15th February 1958.

Ken and Mary have a daughter Brenda, and two grandchildren, Liam and Gavin.

Ken and Mary would like to thank all those people who gave donations to celebrate their Golden Wedding by contributing £400 for Landulph Church.

David Hall

Landulph Newsletter welcomes new residents

Terry (Theresa) West and David Bullivent

We've ventured across the border from Plymouth to Cornwall so physically no distance at all, but mentally a whole new culture for us city-dwellers. Children and family think we are mad but that is nothing new. Relocation was to be to the seaside but the zany agent sent us to Landulph where we saw Wadavers, the view and the village and the rest as they say was history.

We run our own small company offering services including interim and project management, surveys & audits and public relations. Our current contracts are in the public and private sector, with either or both of us working away or from home now because as part of the move we have closed our Plymouth office.

Leisure interests have not been a priority for some years but we're now intending to make time for walking, sailing, badminton and possibly a stab at the Scottish country dancing - but with our combined lack of co-ordination suspect we may not be the most welcome additions to that particular activity! Guess we need to get into gardening a little more to preserve the legacy of Fay & Peter DuPlessis.

Looking forward to meeting everyone around the village or at whatever activity we're tempted to try or get talked into.

Wadavers, Church Lane

Marley

My name is Marlene Cadbury (most of my friends call me Marley).

I have a few hobbies which include walking, swimming, running, sunbathing, and snorkelling for stones.

Juliet Donner who moved with me has hobbies too. We look forward to meeting you. (I'm a chocolate Labrador, Juliet isn't!)

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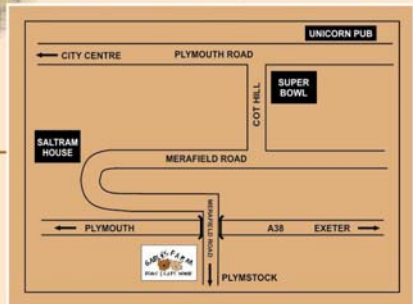
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