LANDULPH NEWSLETTER



issue no. 62 Your guide to what's happening in the area

Parish Council

We have not reported parish council business for some time, and would be delighted if a member of the public were to give it a go on a regular basis. More importantly, the parish council itself is faltering, with one councillor below strength since Reg's death and with Gerry ineligible for re-election following his move to Saltash. Over to you.

Neighbourhood Plan comes alive

The recent Focus Group meetings gave the Plan Steering Group a flavour of local views, but there is a need for wider consultation. Quite soon you will be invited to a day-long open meeting at the Hall where all and any views can be aired and novel perspectives floated. But why bother? Here's what I think. Landulph is special, not just in our affections, but when you compare it to Cornwall more generally. For example we are one of the smallest parishes in population terms, are almost a well-kept secret as we are pretty much invisible and have no through road. Our parishioners have significantly more elderly, retired, self-employed, car owners, healthy and educated folk than the Cornwall average, and fewer unemployed and deprived. Add in the AONB and our thriving clubs etc, and you realise how lucky we are. The Neighbourhood Plan will define the community's policy for future developments affecting land usage and building, and has to reflect the wishes of the majority of residents. This process puts unaccustomed power into residents' hands to shape future development so please support the Plan and attend the drop-in open meeting on Saturday 21st of May.

P.S. Apparently we're expected to think positively, i.e. to say what change we want to see happen, rather than make a list of things we forbid. How difficult is that?

Morton Macleod

What is 'affordable housing'

In the context of potential development within the parish of Landulph, I am often asked for a definition of the term 'affordable housing'. There is no one single definition, so let me try to clarify the situation.

Social Rented Housing

Social rented housing is owned and let by local authorities. These homes are offered at the lowest rents which are set by the Government.

Affordable Rented Housing

These homes are owned and let by housing associations, but higher rents can be charged (up to 80% of open market rent).

Low Cost Housing for Sale

These houses are built and sold at below market value by private developers (usually between 40% and 70% of the open market value). The property is bought at a discount, but it is sold at the same percentage value as when it was bought, so it remains affordable.

Shared Ownership

This is designed for people who cannot afford to buy on the open market. An initial share is bought (usually 24% to 75%) and then rent is paid on the remaining part. The other share in the home is owned by a housing association or a developer. When the house is sold, the proceeds are split according to who owns what. It is usually possible to buy 100% of the property outright so it becomes a traditional open market property, unless it is within a restricted village or rural area.

Shared Equity

This is a scheme usually offered by developers. It helps by providing a loan that acts as part of the deposit, and coupled with a mortgage, leads to 100% ownership.

Help to Buy

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Gerry Stevenson



The first raft of measures to address affordable housing

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Battens Quiz 2016 breaks records

The long-anticipated fifth Battens quiz took place at the end of January. As has become the norm, the Memorial Hall hosted a packed house of happy (rowdy?) Revellers. Topics this year ranged from Children's TV, through to 'O' Levels, with a smattering of Sport, General Knowledge and Trivia thrown in. A new round 'What happened Next' reminded us of the glory days of Pathe News and Superstars, and provided a smattering of comedy with wayward balls and crazy goalkeepers. It also reminded us how

goalkeepers. It also reminded us how much we rely on IT when the videos



decided to start playing up. (Thank you Andy for saving the day.)Half time gave the opportunity for further welcome

refreshment requiring the organisers to raid various wine cellars around the village as they had woefully underestimated the audience's Prosecco demands. Thank you to those who helped out in our hour of need!It was also the opportunity to relive the fun and games of Katie's Mega Ice Bucket Challenge which had raised over £1,200 in Summer 2014. Martin Freeman gave an update on progress made in Battens disease research, particularly with the aid of the Daniovision monitor installed at the Royal Veterinary College. This was purchased with funds raised in Katie's name.This was a record-breaking night as the total raised, with the addition of very generous donations from those unable to make it on the night, exceeded £1,600. This brings the total raised to date to a whopping £27,000. There are too many people and organisations to thank in this short report, but you know who you all are, and you know how much we appreciate all your support, so thank you.

Battens Research Update: The American Pharmaceuticals company, Biomarin, has been running a cutting-edge trial in cooperation with institutions in Europe, the UK (Great Ormond St) and US in which the enzyme missing in Battens patients has been injected directly into the brain ventricles over a period of up to 18 months.

Results of the first phase of the trial have just been published and have shown, on average, an 80% reduction in brain damage caused by the disease. This is a breakthrough moment. It is far too early to talk of a cure, but, if this therapeutic effect continues, it can very possibly buy these children (who normally die by age 9), a significant amount of time during which further scientific progress towards a cure can be made.



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Antiques: Fake or fortune?

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Littlewood, will value and talk about the items you bring, just like the Antiques Road Show, but will offer a private consultation if you prefer. All items are brought at owner's risk. Your £5 entry includes a delicious cream tea, children under 12 come in free. Proceeds to the Landulph Church Fabric Fund

Landulph Festival promises international cast list

The Landulph Festival of Music and the Arts will be held from 30 September to 16 October this year. The organisers have announced another exciting season including:

- Sean Lakeman and Kathryn Roberts in an evening of folk music. Both these stars have international reputations.
- Philippa Mo (violin) and Branimir Pusticki (cello) who also have an international itinerary
- Sean Shibe, a BBC New Generation guitarist and rising talent

The Festival group also arranges top class events outside the Festival and

on 11 November will be presenting *Bel Canto* with a special evening of World War One music and poetry for Armistice Day.

Full details will appear in subsequent issues of the Newsletter or you can get the latest information online at www.landulphfestival.co.uk or contact johnhall1500@gmail.com or ring 01752 841 598.



Derriford hospital bus community enterprise

There are various community enterprises running in Saltash for those living in the PL12 area. A new enterprise is whether to push for a direct bus to Derriford hospital. To find out more and have your say follow this link . http://www.communityenterprisespl12.co.uk/

Landulph Under Fives

We welcome Holly, Isabelle and Finley to pre-school. We have been learning all about space! We have enjoyed pretending to blast off into space and have been keeping an eye on Tim Peake's journey through internet video clips. We have also celebrated Chinese New Year. The children enjoyed pancake rolls and noodles as a snack. The chop sticks proved to be a challenge, even for the adults.

This second half of term, we will be learning about Spring. We have already been looking at the signs of Spring and have been spotting them

around the memorial hall grounds. The children have been clicking away, with their cameras. We will be completing arts for the Spring Show and hopefully, we will have a visit from Amy's lambs. Thank you also to The Brown Family at Park Farm for allowing us to visit in February, the children loved seeing the newborn calf and feeding the lambs.

Thank you to all those who have donated items for our Bag2School collection. We were able to accept a cheque for £96.



We will be holding our Easter Egg Hunt in the Annexe on Sunday 10 April – we hope to see you there for tea and cake.



School to plant Space Seeds

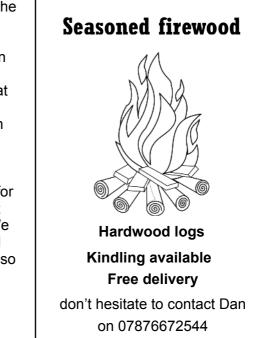
What exciting news we have, we are awaiting the delivery of 200 rocket seeds, 100 of which have been on board the International Space Station. Along with 10,000 UK schools we will be part of a national experiment to compare the effects of microgravity on rocket seeds. This experiment is scheduled to start in the first half of the summer term.

Make a musical in a day was a huge

success. We made a space themed musical to tie in with our space themed term. We are very grateful to the PTA for fully funding this event.

Our netball team is flying high in the High Fives netball tournaments held during this academic year at saltash.net. We finished second in the league.

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Best gave birth to a beautiful baby girl on the 29 February, both mum and Roseanna are well and we can't wait to see them both in school over the coming months. We are currently on the look-out for a new school governor to support us in the running of the school. We are in a MAT with saltash.net and therefore our governing boards also work in partnership. If you are interested in learning more about Landulph School, please phone and ask for more information.



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Cowes Week for Cargreen?

Over the past few years there have been a number of high profile collisions between yachts racing at Cowes Week and commercial shipping. Following numerous risk assessment exercises the organisers of the regatta reluctantly have decided that the event cannot continue in its current format and location and have invited other suitable racing venues to submit applications to host the event from 6 to 13 August 2016. Portland Harbour

Authority have already prepared and submitted a bid and it is understood that the Port of Plymouth Sailing Association (PPSA) is finalising its proposal document. Under that proposal, the majority of the racing would take part in Plymouth Sound, but the application also includes some racing off the quay at Cargreen, namely the Dragon, Flying Fifteen and Redwing classes and the provision of a 'tented village' in the car park of the Spaniards providing food & drink outlets and live music. If the bid is successful expect the lanes and the Parish to be busier than normal at the beginning of August. The closing date for submission of the proposals is 1 April 2016 and the PPSA should be notified if their bid is successful by mid-May.

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Landulph Gardening Club

Our annual Spring Show is drawing near with some degree of trepidation for gardeners. As everyone knows, the winter has been warm and wet and caused the early Spring flowers to go mad, but hopefully there will be plenty of other things available for Saturday, April 9th 2.00 p.m. at the Memorial Hall. Please come along and enter the various classes or just view. There will be refreshments with plants and homemade cakes for sale at a very reasonable price. Full details

and entry forms are available from Jane Espig 01752



844811 or email: espig.cornwall@googlemail.com or from me Jen Hambly 01752 846504 or email: jen@wayton.eclipse.co.uk.

Other dates for the Club are Wednesday April 13th 7.30 p.m. at the Annexe when Jenny Edrich will talk about Cornish wildflowers. On Wednesday May 11th we will have an outdoor visit to Ken-Caro Garden near to Pensilva, meeting at the Hall car park at 6 p.m. Entry is £6 with refreshment or £4.50 without. There will be an away-from-Landulph visit on June 8th, destination yet to be decided. If anyone would like to join in as a visitor, please let me know. *Jen Hambly*



Methodists mark anniversary

The 142nd anniversary of the Methodist church with be marked on Sunday 8 May with a special service taken by Alan Libby. Everyone is welcome. Soup lunches continue on the first Wednesday of the month at a new time of 12.30 pm.

Good Companions

The Good Companions' year got off to a bright start with January's talk by Brian Jones about his life working at Debenhams. In February Val Bungen-Causey, a very lively lady, told stories of being a cook/ housekeeper for HRH Princess Anne. In March pianist and accordionist Sue Evans entertained before the AGM.

In April we welcome back Dr David Price with his wonderful photography of the Tamar Valley. In May Squadron Leader (Retired) Lyn Crawley presents The Red Arrows, taking full advantage of the LMH projector for some spectacular video and stills. Our first trip in April will be to Dartmoor and Tavistock. In May we will go to Bicton Gardens, and in June to the Swindon Shopping Centre and Railway Museum.

The July trip will be something special, a visit to Seaton tramway, anyone wishing to go must give their names and £9.00 deposit to Doreen by May please.

If you would like to join us for our meetings or coach trips, contact Doreen Braund 01752 845495 or Mavis Edmonds for a programme. *Mavis Edmonds*

Sargent's wood

Sargent's wood as it is locally named was once a thriving market garden, growing fruit and vegetables, apple, pear and cherry trees. This piece of land was part of the Pentillie Estate and is between Wayton and Stockadon valleys. You can reach it down the footpath that skirts the solar park

When it was a working garden, access was though a gate (now grown in) at the top of Highdown. The packing shed is now derelict but boxes with their labels to the midland markets, where fruit was sent via rail from Saltash Station, could once be found there.

The last tenant was Bill Sargent, after whom locals named the wood, and when he surrendered the tenancy in the 1960's the land was left to nature; over the years it has become the wood you see today. It is now full of wildlife including badger sets, and old varieties of daffodils flowering in rows as they were planted can still be seen. The cuckoo could be heard in the spring; not anymore. Sargent's wood is a wonderful example of Nature re-establishing itself.

Mavis Edmonds

Rain again (late February 2016)

We've most definitely had far too much rain this winter, gallons more than we'll ever need or use, or have space for, making life very wet and soggy. I read somewhere that if you run through the rain you stay drier/get less wet, but I'm far from convinced, maybe in a wet suit or a

birthday suit, as you'd get good speed up, but fully booted and spurred, with adequate rain protection,

running is no easy feat. Plus if you want to run into the wind it goes down your neck and the front of your wellies, and

running with the wind behind you, it pushes you along; yes, but fills your wellies from the back.

The size of the raindrops affects the speed at which they hit you apparently. Fine drops travel at 2mph, medium drops go about 15mph and large ones at 18mph. Very good to know but by the time you've worked out the size of your rain drops you'll be too wet to care.

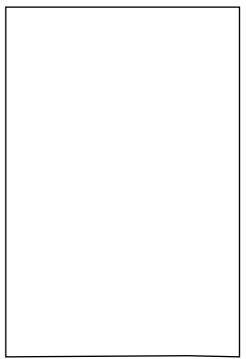


I've always been very interested in clouds and thought most of them very beautiful, but this winter I've sort of gone off them a bit, especially the Cumulo nimbus, the rain cloud, and certainly the Nimbostratus, the very prolonged downpour cloud, which I think we have had nonstop since before December; and the sight of the Mammatocumulus with its beautiful festoons of little clouds under the cumulus, heralding stormy weather, wind and torrents of rain, snow and thunder really puts you off. Yellow tinged clouds for rain, green for snow, and pink to red for, at the right time of day, sunshine. This year red sky at night has deserted us and red sky in the morning is just another days warning. Shepherds no longer get a look in! For the birds The avocets have called, but less than most years. Lots more red shank, and shell ducks becoming more common daily. The kingfisher took to fishing from the pulpit of Joe's old boat, right at the end of our garden - fabulous, and a green sandpiper, with its flashy white tail end showing when it screeches and takes flight, has also taken a fancy to our creek. Stella and Suzann continue to call. Miss Suzann is now a beautiful white swan, despite her mother continuously flying off to the far side of the tide line, leaving her poor little grey and flightless daughter crying piteously as she scrambled and paddled down the stream to find her cruel mama. She's a great survivor. Spring's coming, and summer too, just push that bumpy old jet stream and the waves of low pressure way up somewhere higher and all will be sunshine. *Liz Dunn*

Dog Fouling

I have noticed, in previous editions of Landulph News, that there has been reference to dog fouling. I regret that once again I must refer to this very unpleasant problem. Some of you will know that Graham and I own The Boathouse in Cargreen which is used as a holiday let. Unfortunately, the local dogs seem to think that the small patch of grass at the front of the property is their public loo and their owners are not discouraging them

from thinking this way. One of my guests whilst staying at the house took a photo of a large pile of poo in front of the front door and others have drawn my attention to the rather disgusting state of the front piece of grass. This is also very unpleasant for Nathan who looks after the grass at the front and back of the house. have been brought up with dogs and have always cleaned up after them during their walks. Consequently, I would urge owners who take their dogs down Fore Street and across the Crooked Spaniard car park to do the same and also to keep control of their dogs. This really is a most unpleasant and upsetting occurrence which can be rectified by a more responsible attitude of the dog owners. Sandy Bell



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Cargreen Rainfall

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February	Total Rainfall	156 mm	C
	Number of days	15	
	Wettest day 7th	22.5mm	6



Data kindly produced by Ken Eastment

Found!

On my kitchen window sill at the beginning of January, a pair of Ladies' sunglasses and, in our coat cupboard, a men's (dog-walker) waterproof jacket. If you think these items may belong to you, please call 01752 840715 *Jennie Rayment*

In a field near Penyoke a Manchester United woolly hat with club emblem. Please call 01752 842012 *Allen Pack*



Landulph Ladies say no to WI

Landulph Ladies decided not to join the WI at present and to form an independent women's group. The group had a social meeting at the beginning of March and ideas were shared. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 3 May, when we should have a programme, an outline structure and a few volunteers to do the jobs. Watch the notice boards for more details. *Jennie Rayment*

Rectory Room

For all Rectory Room bookings please contact Glenn Honey who also holds the keys. Tel number 01752 841361, or call at Penyoke Lodge, Hill Gardens, Church Lane, Cargreen.

Thanks from the Johnsons (and dog)

Nigel and Juliet Johnson and Marley Dog would like to thank everyone we know in Landulph for their welcome, support, friendship, parties (!) and bonhomie since we moved into the parish full time over 8 years ago. We will always treasure these times, both happy and sad and we look forward to keeping in touch and to welcoming visits to our new home in north Cornwall.

Nigel Johnson 07787 804 640

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