

# LANDULPH NEWSLETTER



Your guide to what's happening in the area  
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*Freshly Squeezed at the Landulph Festival*

## Landulph Festival 'best yet'

Landulph Festival 2023 has enjoyed one of its most successful years yet with a total audience of almost 700 enthusiastic supporters over the four weekends. It always amazes me that a single fund raising project for the church roof started 22 years ago has developed into the four weekends of varied events of music and art that an ever increasing audience enjoys today. This year's Festival featured eight events over four weekends combined with the ever-popular local art exhibition. The programme began with an interactive murder mystery evening. *Gatsby's murder* took place at the end of the show with a lot of clues



*The cast from the Murder Mystery evening*

and innuendos leading an analytical minority deduce who might have committed the actual deed. The audience entered fully into the spirit of the occasion, many dressing for the period and appreciating cocktails at the Bar to complement their three-course meal prepared by the committee; a huge thank-you to them for their hard work.

*Freshly Squeezed*, a fantastic funk and soul band, created a full-blown evening of music and dancing, with all ages, pensioners downwards, inspired to take to the dance floor. *The Stoves* from Padstow, a Celtic and Ceilidh band played shanties and other Cornish songs to keep the audience's feet tapping for most of the evening.

Our talk by Derek Gow on *Bringing back the Beaver*, very nearly didn't take place as he forgot to turn up! The evening was saved by Martin Worth organising a zoom presentation of his pre-recorded talk and Derek then answered questions afterwards. It was very interesting and there was a large audience with not everyone pro-beaver, but he did



### *Freshly Squeezed*

answer all their questions and informed us that he thought that there are currently six beavers in the Tamar Valley. Returning acts were *Medical Maelstrom*, *Johnny Cowling*, *Barrett's Privateers* and *Philippa Mo*. *Medical Maelstrom* are always popular with their lively brand of Cornish entertainment, *Johnny Cowling*, as always, provoked a lot of laughter even though I was the butt of a lot of his jokes about the pasties! Need I say anything about *Gideon* and *Barrett's Privateers*... I think not. He gave us an excellent evening of musical entertainment, and I know that one of my committee was very touched that he sang her late husband's favourite song. *Philippa Mo* was not accompanied by a violinist as before but by *Romano Viazzani*,



*Barrett's Privateers.*

an Italian accordionist; they played a lovely variety of music with explanations about the composer and instruments as they went along. All performances were memorable to their enthusiastic audiences. The Art Exhibition again had an impressive variety of art, giving a more cultured backdrop to the Bar! The Art Group put in a lot of hours choosing, putting up the art and taking it down at the end, also manning the annexe at the weekend out of festival hours when they produced delicious cream teas. My committee members are great, they, their families and friends all help in different ways.



*Philippa Mo and Romano Viazzani*

I am grateful for the many hours that they and willing volunteers give towards making the festival such a success, enabling us to make substantial donations to our chosen charities each year. Most importantly, it is you our loyal supporters to whom we are most grateful; audiences for turning up in all weathers, our sponsors whose donations and financial backing enable us to keep up the standards of performances, and our Patrons who kindly also support us. Without all of you we would not have a Landulph Festival. The Committee is already planning for next year!

*Kirstie Evans, Chair*



The festival would not be possible without the many volunteers. Andrea is pictured with her daughter and brother. Funding was raised for the charity Pancreatic Cancer UK in memory of Gareth Edwards, Andrea's husband who was an active volunteer, and who passed away in May 2023 .

### *Letter to the Editor*

#### **Ho Chi Minh to Singapore and The Landulph Orchard Green project.**

Hello everyone. My name is Peter Booth and some of you may well have seen me cycling in the lanes around Cargreen/ Landulph. On 4 January myself and two friends, Richard from Spain and Bob from Australia will be meeting up in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, to cycle to Singapore. We are known as the '3 skinnybikers'.

The journey is through Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand and Malaysia to Singapore and is roughly 3,000km. We will complete the ride in mid-February. As this is quite a mammoth journey I would like to raise funds for the Landulph Orchard Green project. A *JustGiving* page will be set up in the community section, entitled The Landulph Orchard Green Project and on it you will be able to see photographs and follow the journey on route. You will also be able to make a donation and all monies raised will go to the orchard project. My wife and I are quite new to Landulph but since moving here we have been struck by how the community works together and we believe this will have a positive impact on the orchard project. All good wishes Peter Booth

## **Parish Council - October**

**Public Forum** Following a scary incident, Mr Richards asked if there were any ways to enforce the 20mph speed limit. The Chair explained we might be able to access the Community Speedwatch programme in which residents would be given training, speed cameras and fetching hi-viz jackets. The idea is to stand in protected areas and monitor traffic, with speeding drivers given three strikes before being reported to the police for further action. (Councillor Andrew Butcher offered his layby as a 'protected area'). In addition, police camera vans can now monitor 20mph zones. I expect Cargreen will be a priority area!

**Tamar Crossings Tolls** The Tamar Crossings website has a discussion document and survey on the options for tolls and a public meeting was held on 18 October. The survey is somewhat one-sided. It only presents four options for increased tolls or a 'do nothing' alternative which would result in the Crossing Authority going bust. It was pointed out that increases on the M6 toll road has reduced traffic. Locally, commercial vehicles were already avoiding the bridge by using the A388/A30 route which is only seven miles longer than the A38. Councillor Tagg commented that, from a climate change perspective, we were trying to discourage driving anyway! Councillor Ansell suggested we ask our MP about an HS2 dividend.

**Zero Hour** The PC had been asked to support the second reading of the Climate & Ecology Bill in Parliament on 24 November. The request came from 'Zero Hour', which is a lobbying group. The group and the bill have a lot of laudable aims, and the council voted to accept the request (Chair abstaining).

**Energy Proposals Working Group** Referring to the proposed Elbridge battery storage facility, Councillor Ansell briefed that, countrywide, there are about 700 proposals to build 300 gigawatts of electrical capacity. However, as National Grid's plans only require an additional 70 gigawatts by 2035, many proposals are speculative. Beyond that, the process for connecting new capacity is not fit for purpose and urgent reform is needed. From a local perspective, Elbridge is the only project able to move to the construction phase. National Grid has offered to present their latest plans to the November PC meeting.

The government has responded by creating a new body, DESNZ. I do know what it stands for, but believe me you wouldn't be interested. On a separate level, it was noted that Cornwall Council's Energy Planning Group is on a different planet to the rest of us.

**Climate Action Group** See the report elsewhere. Two talks are planned for Spring 2024.

The Public Transport Competition was complete, but with fewer entries than hoped for. The rhetorical question asked was whether kids use public transport. The unrhethorical answer is that they are probably at school when the local buses run.

**Landulph Orchard Group** The Orchard Group have been busy updating rainwater harvesting equipment and refurbishing a noticeboard. The first site, named 'Duke Orchard', should be launched in January or April next year with a community event. (Does dwile flonking still exist?) The group would seek further support from FIPL (Farming in Protected Landscapes) for the second field, Duchess Green.

**Playing Field** New equipment installation is now complete, but tractor repairs are ongoing. The outcome of the grant application to CIL should be known in January 2024.

**Chair's Business** 30mph signs have now been ordered. Funding for 'Beware Horses' signs is in the next financial year.

The Pedestrian Walking route idea would cost about £23K for a 500m path. This is the entire Cornwall Gateway road lining budget for the year, so is a non-starter. Notwithstanding, it seems that walking routes have downsides. They give pedestrians a false sense of security, since they may not react to oncoming vehicles leading to an actual reduction in safety. Pathways work best where there is low traffic flow/speed, low percentage of large vehicles and lots of pedestrians.

**AOB** Councillor Braund advised that the school centenary celebrations started on 17 November 2023 and culminate in July 2024.

*Peter Plume*

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## Parish Council - November

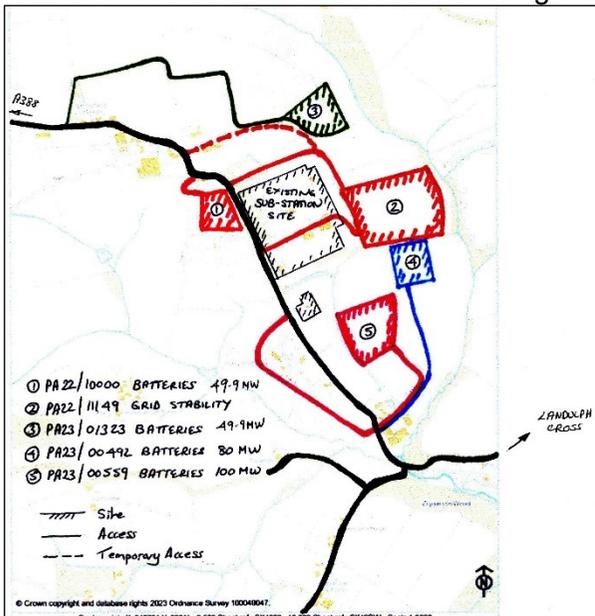
**Public Forum** Peter Booth introduced himself and explained that he and a friend will be cycling from Ho Chi Min City to Singapore in February next year. He wants to use the journey to raise funds for the Landulph Orchard project. The PC thought it was a fantastic idea, and would support it. There was discussion about the practicalities of handling donations, and it was suggested that the school might be interested in following their progress. (See Page 5)

**Footpaths** Councillor Tagg had beaten Cormac into submission. It has agreed we can join its volunteer scheme to work on public rights of way, so any work is covered by Cormac's public liability. The Footpaths Group is very pleased, but might need to ask the PC for funds if necessary.

**Speed Limit Signs** 30 mph signs have now been installed and the entry gate will be fitted shortly. 'Beware horses' signs would cost us about £1000 if we wanted them before next April, but after that the cost would be absorbed into the Highways budget.

**Energy Proposals Working Group** Three members of Stantec attended the meeting by Zoom and briefed the PC on their plans for one of the battery storage facilities at Elbridge. (Area 5 on the diagram). Stantec had submitted a 'pre-app' to the County Planners and had been advised to brief the PC – this was it! The briefing was interesting, but Stantec were unaware of at least one of the other battery proposals, and seemed unaware of the issues surrounding the actual transfer of power

into the grid. At this point, Councillors Ansell and Gawith introduced themselves properly and seemed to have far more experience in the power industry and planning than the briefers. (The briefing team all looked very young to me, but then so do policemen these days.) The PC explained that they were concerned about the plethora of access tracks, about traffic from the A388 on a route used by pedestrians and horses, about landscaping and



biodiversity. When asked when work might start, Stantec said two years', later upping this to three. Pull the other one!

**Other Planning** Applications for extensions to Clifton Farmhouse (on the Pentillie Estate) and for listed building consent were presented. There was discussion about the presence of a cess pit and slight surprise at the approval of the Listed Buildings Officer, but the PC unanimously supported both applications.

Helluva Pasties street trading licence (in the layby on the A388) was also unanimously supported.

**Governance & Finance** The end of year position had been predicted, but the outcome of the grant application for playground equipment would not be known until after the precept had been fixed. This would have a significant impact on the actual position, so three options would be evaluated.

**Housing Needs Survey** The County Council's call for building sites was progressing, but its affordable housing model is properties for rent. Our survey has shown that the demand in Landulph was for property for purchase. Community Land Trusts have a range of models which might be appropriate here, but the PC was waiting for feedback.

**Christmas** In case you'd missed it, Christmas will soon be here and the PC agreed to buy a Christmas tree for the Cross. We have lights, and a budget of £100 was agreed for the tree.

**Newsletter** With the rise in costs, the newsletter team were finding funds short. The PC is unable to make a grant for operational costs, but agreed that taking advertising space or sponsoring the calendar up to £200 a year would be appropriate.

**Chair's Business** The Chair noted that the double yellow lines outside the school had been lost in the recent road resurfacing and he would pursue this to get the lines and hatching repainted.

*Peter Plume*

## Group Travel

Day Trips & Coach Holidays  
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### Coach Excursions & Tours 23/24

2nd December      Clarks Shopping Village

9th December      Exeter Shopper & Christmas Market

17th December     Cornish Christmas Lights

**TBC April 2024**    **Derbyshire & The Peak District**

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**Landulph School** has been very busy recently as it launches its Centenary Celebrations.

The school was founded on 19 November 1923.

We ended our first half-term with a fantastic Harvest Festival at Landulph Church, where the children put on a wonderful performance. We were pleased to welcome some visitors to school this term with our annual Grandparents Lunch.

### **Our learning this term**

*Class 1* have started learning about Cornish folklore in their topic for this term “Are mermaids real?”. They have also been learning more about Bonfire Night and used this knowledge in one of their music lessons to talk about the different fireworks and the noises they make!

*Class 2* have started learning about the Stone Age and talked about what they already know of the Stone Age and what they’d like to find out. They have become familiar with ‘Stone Age Boy’, written diary entries and investigated the effects of making and using paints from natural resources.

*Class 3* have been exploring the story of Macbeth and used the story to improve their skills by writing newspaper reports, re-enacting the story, and debating who was guilty in a courtroom scenario.

Look out for our newsletter on the Parish noticeboard to see what else we get up to!

If you have a child who is

due to start school in 2024, we would love to welcome you to Landulph to show you our school. We also have a few places in other year groups.

If you are interested in finding out what we can offer your child, please contact us to arrange a visit.

From all the staff and children of Landulph Primary, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and safe festive season.

*Karen Ball Headteacher*



# Parish Diary December 2023 /January 2024

## Contact details for organisers of groups

**Venues:** LMH = Landulph Memorial Hall MHA = Memorial Hall Annexe  
PC = Parish Church, CYC = Cargreen Yacht Club, BFC = Botus Fleming Church

**Contacts for booking** LMH and MHA Landulphhall@gmail.com

<b>Film Club LMH</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in winter 7 for 7.30pm John Hall Johnhall1500@gmail.com	01752 841598
<b>Gardening Club LMH</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday <b>2.30pm</b> Jen Hambly hambly.wayton@gmail.com	01752 846504
<b>Good Companions</b>	3rd Tuesday 2.30pm Wilma Oakes	01752 843784
<b>Hopper Shopper</b> from Landulph to Tamar View / Waitrose / B&M / Lidl and return	Every Wednesday. First of six pick up points 11am from LMH, returning from 1pm to as close to your house as possible. <b>Book at least the day before.</b> Return trip costs £3 (cash to driver) —no bus passes. hub@CEPL12.co.uk	01752 848348 / 07916 259263
<b>Hopper Trips</b> run by Community Enterprises PL12	Run by Community Enterprises PL12. For details see www.CEPL12.co.uk. <b>Booking essential.</b> hub@cepl12.co.uk	01752 848348
<b>Lively Ladies LMH</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday 7.30pm Cindy Zimmer cinders696@hotmail.com	01752 842187
<b>Mah Jongg at Annemarie's</b>	Every Wednesday 2.00—5pm Annemarie Nathan annemarienathan@hotmail.com	01752 844127
<b>Mobile Library Coombe Lane</b>	Every 4 <sup>th</sup> Friday <b>12.25—12.45</b> See Mobile Library - Cornwall Council	
<b>Parish Church</b>	Landulph is to become part of the Saltash Benefice, so we are now working closely with Botus Fleming	
<b>Parish Council</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month except August, LMH, 6.30pm Details on PC website & village notice board	01752 240541
<b>Post Office</b>	Hatt Post Office open <b>11am—4pm Mon—Fri</b>	Hatt PO
<b>Purrfect Pilates</b>	Tuesdays 5.45—6.45pm with Chris Juckes, LMH purrfectpilates1@gmail.com	07888 704917

<b>Recycling Collection</b>	Tuesdays fortnightly, next collection on 5 December Recycling alternates with garden waste collection	03001 234141
<b>Bus Service to/ from Saltash Tuesday 452 Thursday 454</b>	452 10.42 Cargreen Fore St, to Saltash 11.45am 1.45 Lower Fore St Saltash to Cargreen 2.57pm 454 09.05 Cargreen, Fore St to Saltash 10.00am 1.45 Lower Fore St Saltash to Cargreen 2.49pm Full details of local services and connections on <a href="https://www.gocornwallbus.co.uk/services#top">https://www.gocornwallbus.co.uk/services#top</a>	
<b>Short Mat Bowls LMH</b>	Wednesdays 2 - 4pm, Thursdays 7 - 9pm Shirley Kitney tregwheal@yahoo.co.uk	01752 846808
<b>Taiji LMH</b>	Wednesdays 10 – 11am Helen Manning helenmanning50@hotmail.com	01822 258208
<b>Under 5s MHA</b>	Monday - Friday morning and afternoon sessions during term time Claire Fry committee@landulphunderfives.co.uk	07718 830149
<b>Village Choir CYC</b>	Thursdays 7 – 8.30pm Chris Bowman christenebowman@hotmail.co.uk	01752 841573

## DECEMBER

Fri 1	6.45pm	Saltash Christmas Tractor Run for <i>Mission Christmas</i>	
Sun 3	10am 6.30pm	Holy Communion at Landulph Church Evensong, Botus Fleming Church	PC BFC
Mon 4	9am	Under 5s Monday—Friday during term time	MHA
Tues 5	10.42am 5.45pm 7.30pm	Weekly 452 bus to Saltash (see above) Purrfect Pilates LMH, Tuesdays with Chris Juckes Lively Ladies	LMH LMH
Wed 6	10am 11am 2pm	Taiji meets weekly Weekly Hopper Shopper (see page 11) Mah Jongg meets weekly at Annemarie Nathan's No Short Mat Bowls in December	LMH LMH
Thurs 7	9.05am 9.45am 7pm	Weekly 454 bus to Saltash (see above) Landulph Stay & Play, weekly in term time Cargreen Village Choir meets weekly No Short Mat Bowls in December	MHA CYC LMH
Sun 10	10am 10am	Holy Communion, St Dominick Morning Praise, St Mellion	

Mon 11	6pm	Carols in Pentillie Courtyard with Cargreen Village Choir to support the Saltash Food Bank	
Tues 12	12.00	Gardening Club Christmas Lunch at St Mellion	
Thurs 14	6pm	Carols on the Quay, Cargreen. RNLI collection.	
Fri 15		Mobile Library <b>12.25—12.45</b> Coombe Lane	
Sat 16	3 - 5pm	Messy Church in Landulph Church: Christmas crafts and activities for children with a messy tea	PC
Sun 17	3pm	Santa comes to Landulph, organised by the Under 5s. Details and book at : <a href="https://landulphunderfives.sumupstore.com/product/santa-at-landulph">https://landulphunderfives.sumupstore.com/product/santa-at-landulph</a> Combined Landulph and Botus Fleming Service of 9 lessons and carols at Landulph Church + mince pies	LMH PC
Tues 19	6.30pm 7 for 7.30pm	Meet at Botus Fleming Church for Carol Singing around Botus Fleming/Hatt Film Club: The Green Book (2018). All welcome. Bar open and soft drinks available from 7pm	LMH BFC LMH
Wed 20	6.30pm	Good Companions Christmas Lunch at Honeycombe Meet at Botus Fleming Church for Carol Singing around Botus Fleming/Hatt	BFC
Sun 24	10am 6.30pm	Christmas Eve Holy Communion, Landulph Church Carol Service, Botus Fleming Church	PC BFC
Mon 25	11.15am	CHRISTMAS DAY Holy Communion, Botus Fleming Church	BFC
Wed 27	9.30am, 10.30am 11.30am	Village Walks, long, middle and short. Start and finish at the Yacht Club where refreshments and bar will be available afterwards	CYC
Thurs 28		Christmas Tractor Run. Route and charity tba	
Sun 31	10am	Tamar Valley Benefice Service of Holy Communion, St Dominick Church	
<b>JANUARY 2024</b>			
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Wed 3	10am 2.30pm 2.30pm	Weekly Hopper Shopper (see page 11) Taiji meets weekly Mah Jongg meets weekly at Annemarie Nathan's Short Mat Bowls resumes weekly	LMH LMH LMH
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Sun 7	10am 6.30pm	Holy Communion, Landulph Church. Evensong, Botus Fleming Church	PC BFC
Mon 8	9am	Under 5s Monday—Friday during term time	MHA
Fri 12		Mobile Library <b>12.25—12.45</b> Coombe Lane	
Sun 14	10am 10am	Holy Communion, St Dominick Morning Praise, St Mellion	
Tues 16	2.30pm 7 for 7.30pm	Good Companions with Gideon Barrett. All welcome! Film Club: Barbie (2023). All welcome. Bar open and soft drinks available from 7pm	LMH LMH
Sun 21	10am	Morning Praise, Landulph Church	PC
Thurs 25	9.30am 7pm 7pm	Landulph Stay & Play, Thursdays weekly in term time Short Mat Bowls, weekly Village Choir meets weekly	MHA LMH CYC
Sun 28	10am	Holy Communion, St Mellion	

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## 100 CLUB WINNERS

October:	1st Andrew Brown	2nd Sally Worth	3rd Mandy Booty
November:	1st R & D Allan	2nd Peter Hambly	3rd Sue Hassan

## Under Fives

With the Autumn term well under way we have enjoyed lots of crafts and activities relating to this season. The children have made Halloween cookies, created hand print bonfires while talking about staying safe, decorated our window with Remembrance Day Poppy sun catchers, made salt dough Diwali lanterns and raised money for Children in Need. We have also been developing our phonological awareness by learning about rhyming words; this has included learning a simple rhyming song called 'Silly Soup'. We will be enjoying lots of Christmas activities including a Christmas lunch and an outing to Zero Gravity.

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## Is it a bus – no, it's a research tool

*From Gill Mannings Cox*

A project I've been looking forward to with excitement, yet putting off because it's so big, is a chart of Plymouth Sound. There's so much to go in it and not everything will fit or sit well together. The answer is more than one chart. That decision means more material per chart and more exciting research. Having spent ages in Royal Naval records, some merchant marine records, and even with the help of the Maritime Museums Greenwich and Falmouth, still it seemed that every avenue of enquiry led to The Box.

I went by bus, all the way - free (bus pass now). The scenery from the bus to Saltash that you never see when driving is quite beautiful: deep little valleys and at intervals a panorama of moorland and river. The journey from Saltash on the top deck was an adventure too, as the bus goes along the cantilevered carriageway and all you can see below is the water. A bit of imagination and you could be aloft on the yard arm of the mainmast of a wind jammer, for five minutes.

The Box is spectacular; no other word will do. You feel you would never get to the bottom of the possibilities for exciting exploration.

There are friendly and passionately enthusiastic staff to direct you to what you're looking for. The presentation is inspirational and the coffee and cake is pretty good too.

Lots of research achieved, and that's only the beginning. Lots more to dive into and digest with enormous pleasure. Is this a song of praise for The Box? Yes! And I hope it sparks interest in the reader.

The single-decker back to Saltash was like the childhood village bus: everyone chatting, couple of dogs; three-week old baby for people to admire.

Trundling back over the Bridge, I looked as always upriver. And there was a rainbow curving over Cargreen.



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## Landulph Newsletter AGM

The AGM of the Landulph Parish Newsletter Working Group was held on Tuesday 14 November 2023 at Penyoke Farmhouse. Three members of the parish joined the committee for the meeting. All the committee members were re-elected and the following officers were re-appointed: **Chair** – Liz Aubrey-Fletcher **Secretary** – Gwenda Keene **Treasurer** – Jane Moore **Committee members** – Allen Pack, Susan Hassan, James and Phillida Jermain

The Treasurer's Report underlined the loss of £260 over the year. This highlights the importance of donations to the newsletter to keep it solvent and I am pleased to report that the recent appeal has yielded £345 in donations. The committee would like to thank all those who have contributed so far to the appeal and any further donations should be given to Jane Moore.

Whilst the newsletter tries to supplement its income through advertisements, this is becoming more difficult. We are very grateful to our regular advertisers for their support. Attracting new businesses to advertise in the newsletter is becoming more and more challenging as businesses prefer to promote themselves via social media which can be free and has a greater reach.

I would like to thank the committee for all their support this year and particularly Allen for his sterling work in putting each newsletter together, Sylvia Bedbrook and the volunteers who distribute the newsletters every other month and Peter Plume our roving reporter.

*Liz Aubrey-Fletcher*



The Newsletter committee wish all our readers  
a Very Happy Christmas and New Year



## What's On At St. Mellion



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SUNDAY

### St. Mellion Sunday Carvery

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DEC

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26TH  
DEC

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## All Aflutter over Butterflies and Beavers?

Butterflies, beavers, food security and climate change.... so much debate, we can't think straight!

*'The truth is: the natural world is*

*changing. And we are totally dependent on that world. It provides our food, water and air. It is the most precious thing we have and we need to defend it.'* Sir David Attenborough.

With a population of eight billion, the world actually produces enough food for over 10 billion. The challenge we face is not whether we have enough food, but how we protect the environment in which it is grown for the future, how we distribute it, and how we use it. Currently, a third of global edible food is wasted.

Food production depends on a healthy environment. But the UK is one of the most nature depleted countries in the world – in 75 years we have lost over 75,000 miles of hedgerows and 97% of wildflower meadows. Forty million birds have gone since the mid-1960s. Our flying insect population has declined by 60% in just 20 years. But we need them; they sustain our agricultural systems through pollination. If these little miracle



workers disappear from our landscape, could we end up pollinating our crops by hand? Unthinkable maybe, but a reality in some places already. Where rewilding takes place, we see how quickly nature can recover. By providing space in our gardens and marginal land for nature, we can improve our soil, water, and air quality. More widely, by bringing in natural engineers such as the beaver, we can do much to mitigate flooding and improve habitats.

The Landulph Climate Group is working hard to protect our local environment because it's where we live and it's how we feed ourselves. If we look after nature, nature will look after us.

*Amy Hurn, Landulph Climate Group*

## Landulph Parish Christmas Walk

Wednesday 27 December 2023

Walks will start and finish at the Cargreen Yacht Club

Long walk start 9.30am over 6miles

Medium walk starts at 10.30am about 4 miles

Short walk starts at 1100am about 2 miles

Walks should finish around 12.30 pm where warm soup and pasties will be available and refreshments from the bar .

You are welcome to join the walks with your family and friends, but you must take full responsibility for your own health and safety, and you are advised to wear adequate footwear. Dogs must be kept on leads and follow the country code .

### Please support our advertisers

If you need logs for the winter, your carpet cleaning ready for Christmas, help with your computer, Will writing or many other useful people or services, do take a look at the Newsletter for assistance. And if you do use one of our valued advertisers, please tell them where you found their details so they may feel inclined to continue advertising and supporting the Newsletter.

### Mobile Library

Before Covid the monthly mobile library visits were threatened with closure due to low usage. There has been a recent increase in users; 5 to 7 during the 20 minute visit being enough to keep the service alive for the time being. The library parks in Coombe Lane every 4th Friday from 12.25pm to 12.45pm and welcomes visitors, so please support it and ensure its future. Full details of future dates are in the Newsletter diary.



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The groundworks for the Landulph community orchard, Duke Orchard, should have been completed by the time you read this, with holes dug ready for planting our fruit trees. If you would like to be involved in planting, or with LOG in other ways, please get in touch with Phillida Jermain, phillidajermain@hotmail.com, or call 01752 847546. If you just want to pop in and have a look at progress, Duke Orchard is the field on the left just before Landulph church car park.

### **A night to remember**

#### **Courtesy of the Landulph Festival, Elon Musk and Martin Worth**

It was 22 October when I made my way up Fore Street to the Memorial Hall to attend a Festival talk by the famous Derek Gow featuring the beaver and the environment.

I was running (literally) late and stopped halfway up the hill get my breath back. Looking up to the night sky, my eye was caught by emerging lights coming from the west. This did not look like anything I had ever seen before – there was what appeared to be a string of pearls in the sky, a straight line of about fifteen either small stars or ‘could it be’ UFOs proceeding in line across the sky going east and disappearing out of view. Deciding to ignore the possibility of an alien invasion I continued on my

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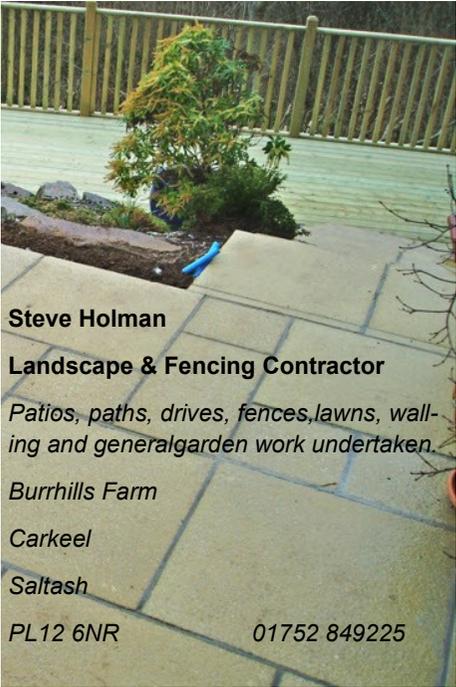
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way to the hall and arrived just on time for 8.00pm. Looking around there were about 70 people waiting expectantly for the talk to begin. After about 10 minutes the news began to trickle out that Derek, our speaker was not going to be present. Apparently he had forgotten the date and he was too far away to travel then. What went through my mind was that a better excuse would have been that he had been abducted by aliens. Minutes elapsed and the audience were just beginning to be concerned, when out of the light stepped our saviour Martin Worth. He stepped forward to propose that there might be a way to get over what had appeared to be an impossible situation... After about fifteen minutes, Martin miraculously managed to set up a zoom type link with Derek, and the full talk with pictures proceeded as if he was in the room. It was well worth waiting for what was a highly informative and enlightening talk about this country's diminishing wildlife and starring the beaver.

I subsequently learnt that the lights in the sky had been provided by Elon Musk from his Starlink project intended to increase internet accessibility and were clusters of satellites launched from a Falcon 9 rocket. As sunlight hits the satellites' solar panels, they become visible from the ground shortly after sunset, creating a stunning light show that has been mistaken for UFOs in several instances worldwide and in this case Landulph.

It was for me, certainly a night to remember, with particular thanks to Martin.  
*Allen Pack*



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## Christmas Carols and Services

**Monday 11 December, 6pm** Carols in Pentillie Courtyard, with the Cargeen Choir, in support of Saltash Food Bank

**Thursday 14 December, 6pm** Carols on the Quay, Cargreen

**Sunday 17 December, 10am** Landulph Church. Combined Landulph and Botus Fleming Morning Praise and Carol Service with mince pies

**Tuesday 19 and Wednesday 20 December, 6.30pm** meet at Botus Fleming Church for Carol Singing around Botus Fleming and Hatt

**Sunday 24 December, 10am** Landulph Church, Christmas Eve Holy Communion Service

**Sunday 24 December, 7pm** Botus Fleming Church Carol Service

**Monday 25 December, 11.15am** Botus Fleming Church, Holy Communion.

### Christmas music at Cotehele

Throughout the festive period Cotehele is hosting various choirs and performers. Grab a hot drink and head towards the house. Smaller groups will perform within Hall Court and larger groups just outside it. With all performances being held

outside, it is recommended you wrap up warm. These performances are weather dependent, and may be cancelled at the last moment

#### Who's performing

*South West Chamber Choir* - Sunday 3 December, 11.30am-12noon and 1-1.30pm

*Callington Town Band* - Saturday 9 December, 1.30-2pm and 2.30-3pm

*St Austell Town Band* - Saturday 16 December, 11.30am-12noon

*Barrett's Privateers* - Sunday 17 December, 11.30am-12noon.

**Local Christmas Cards** – Since Christmas 2006, Cargreen has been donating to Salvation Army Children in Need (sponsored by the Salvation Army). Instead of popping a card through your neighbour's door, why not make a donation to charity. Thank you so much to all those who contributed to raising funds for last year when we raised an amazing £630. Cargreen has been so generous, particularly in these difficult times. The table below lists those members who decided to donate instead of sending a Christmas card. *Gift aid forms available.* If you would like to have your name *added* or *removed*, please contact me, Sylvia Bedbrook, Laxtons. 01752 844519.

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Sylvia Bedbrook	Glenn & Margaret Honey	Mike & Shirley Kitney
Christene Bowman	Angela Hume	Allen Pack & Cornelius O'Connor
Gaye & Martin Braund	Gwenda & Nick Keen	Valerie Taplin & David Ward
David Bullivant & Terry West	Morton Macleod	Cindy Zimmer
Andrew & Jo Butcher	Gwen & Paul Morris	

### **Life Saving Automatic Defibrillators**

There are two defibrillators located within our parish, both for public use in an emergency.

1. Landulph Memorial Hall in Fore Street
2. Cargreen Yacht Club, Coombe Lane

#### **Landulph Memorial Hall defibrillator:**

Located adjacent to front doors

To use you are required to input the code 1111 to unlock, and press the green 'tick' button to open for access.

#### **Cargreen Yacht Club defibrillator:**

Located on the front wall of the building before you reach the front doors.

This unit is left unlocked, and so no unlock code is required.

Please remember in the event that you may need to use one of the above units, that in a cardiac arrest situation **continuous CPR is essential while someone else goes to obtain the defibrillator.**

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Letters to the editor or articles can be given to any committee member.

Adverts to Jane Moore.

The newsletter can be viewed at [www.landulph.org.uk](http://www.landulph.org.uk).

If you are a new resident to the parish and would like to write a small article introducing yourself, we would be delighted to hear from you.

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**Upcoming Events**

**Wedding Open Viewing**  
 Sunday 3rd December 2023, 2pm - 4pm  
 An opportunity to explore the Castle and grounds to envision the day of your dreams at Pentillie

**Carols in the Courtyard**  
 Monday 11th December 2023, 6pm  
 Join the Cargreen Choir for a festive evening of carols and winter refreshments in support of the local food bank. Food donations are welcome. (Free to attend)

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