

# LANDULPH NEWSLETTER



**Your guide to what's happening in the area  
Issue no. 74 April/May 2018**

## **Landulph Parish Council, February 2018**

This was a well-attended meeting with a visiting speaker. Nine members of the public came along, including County Councillor Jesse Foot.

The visitor, Mr Nicholson spoke on the Affordable Housing Delivery Initiative between Cornwall Council and LPC. He opened by saying that Cornwall Council has a waiting list for affordable housing in Landulph of 14 named applicants and was planning on the assumption that there were about nine others. How the latter data was obtained was not clear, but there was obvious surprise and dismay in our own council at the unexpected volume of assumed demand. Long story short – the need for better information sharing between CC and LPC on these matters was recognised and will be implemented. The outcome may test the relevance of our Parish Neighbourhood Plan.

Councillors Gaye Braund and Martin Holmes reported that they had successfully located the previously overgrown buried drain at the riverward edge of Penyoke playing field. Next step is to discover whether LPC or the Environment Agency has responsibility for its reinstatement. Who said déjà vue?

Council approved a grant from Solar Park Fund to the Under 5s for replacement of rotting timbers in the outdoor play area, subject to new quotations. Chairman Martin Worth encouraged other applicants to take advantage of the Fund.

No further action will be taken on the extension of Sammy Sands slipway. Finally amid much hilarity, the Chairman read out extracts from CC's circular to all councils that might be planning to celebrate the Royal Wedding. Among a host of questions the application form asked about numbers attending – from 100s to over 10,000, would there be helicopter operations, wrestling, lap-dancing, nudity? (well of course, this is Landulph, but not all in the same chopper).

*M Macleod*

## **Landulph Parish Council, March 2018**

Jane Espig addressed Council in Public Forum to highlight wayside littering and requested some advice and assistance in combating it. Lively discussion, including county councillor Foot's broader perspectives, resulted in agreement that a request for volunteers could result in organised repeated public efforts, supported with equipment, insurance and protective clothing from local government.

The Environment Agency has offered to re-establish a permanent drain under the middle part of Penyoke playing field bund, which will allow water to vent to the river at low tides but not prevent reverse flow at high water springs. Apparently the unconfirmed deal is that they'll do it at no cost to

the parish council provided that the latter will cut the grass on the embankment in perpetuity. Councillor Philip Braund's follow-up suggestion that the bank be seeded with wild flowers was well supported. Apart from gladdening the heart with new gaiety, the bank would need less frequent cuts.

Council has updated a previously scanty Asset Register and has more work in hand to distinguish replacement from residual values for scores of items. The bottom-line value of all their holdings is eagerly awaited by councillors, and now you too.

Then amid what's becoming the expected light relief bit, Martin Worth reported that County had revised its estimates of demand for Affordable Housing (AH) in Landulph, and had apologised for the muddle. There are now only two applications for AH, and County has NO plans for AH in Landulph. That doesn't mean that housing development will not happen, but more than ever it depends solely on independent developers and the constraints of our Neighbourhood Development Plan.

*Morton Macleod*

### **Parish Council approves funds for Under 5s**

At a brief special meeting on 31 January, the Landulph Parish Council approved a payment of £1,500 from its budget reserves (not the Solar Park Fund) to Landulph Under 5s in accordance with Section 137 of Grant Funding Policy.

The Under 5s had been experiencing cash flow issues due to falling attendance. The new manager, Tara Edwards, and the Group's committee have already taken steps to turn the situation round and numbers are increasing again. As reported last month, a new baby room and extra IT equipment, together with revised opening hours are part of the drive to attract more children. For more information see the Under 5s report overpage.

**Part-time Local Caretaker** urgently needed for general basic maintenance and occasional on-call duties at Landulph Memorial Hall. Flexible hours/days.

Please contact John Wright, Chairman on 01752847533 or [johnwright07@aol.com](mailto:johnwright07@aol.com) for more details.

## **Landulph Under Fives**

We are pleased to announce that we have introduced additional days we are open and longer opening hours to support more families in and around the local area. We are open Mondays - Fridays, 8.30am - 4.00pm and now offer a baby room welcoming children from the age of 0 to school age. We are also looking into the possibility of arranging holiday clubs in the future. If you would like any further information on our pre school or to arrange a visit, please contact our Pre School Leader Tara on 07718 830149.

Landulph Under Fives is extremely appreciative of the support and generosity we receive from you. We wish to say a huge thank you to all who have supported us recently, in particular we wish to thank Jo and Andrew Butcher, the Shirlaw Foundation, Landulph Parish Council, Gaye Braund and the Landulph Hall Committee, the Landulph Festival Committee, Lisa Jagger and the New Years Eve party team, and all who supported our recent band night helping us to raise over £2,000.

We also thank you for your support at our Easter event which took place on Sunday 25 March. This was an exciting change from our normal Easter egg hunt but the delicious tea and cakes served in the hall's annex were as good as ever. Thank you again for your ongoing support.





## Summer is a coming in

It looks like “summer is a comin’ in”, well Spring anyway! Daffodils and primroses here again, snowdrops even fading, and the catkins spreading yellow pollen on the wind, the buds on the fruit trees swelling, and if the hungry, but beautiful bullfinches leave



any, we'll have those wonderful dainty blossoms soon. The sparrow hawk has been a frequent visitor to our garden. I have a sneaky feeling I feed the song birds just to fatten that small but crafty bird of prey.

It's not been an easy winter with torrents of rain day after day, ice, snow and howling gales from the east or north east. But gone are the dark days of the “country sport” of pheasant shooting - until October at least.

Even on the coldest day there has been such beauty in our creek. Completely frozen over as the tide was pushed up by the ferocious easterly wind and low pressure, and the ice left as the tide retreated, was pulled into rolls of white translucent coldness, the whole creek gleaming and shimmering. On lucky days the sun would appear for a few hours and the creek would fill with at least 60 avocet, feeding as fast as they could; dunlin flying in waves, redshank, greenshank, and one green sandpiper. blacktailed godwit, curlew, shell duck and mallard, little white egret and even the heron on the frozen marsh, plus lapwing feeding in the soggy flooded icy fields.

This autumn we had the best ever displays of starling murmurations over our marsh. The marsh has been slowly filling with reeds for some years now - a grand place for all sorts of birds to nest, or just rest. The starlings used to gather on the pylons in past autumns when the reeds were sparse. Some beautiful evenings we had at least 2000, maybe many more flying in beautiful curving formations, so gracefully round and over, murmuring and rustling as they fly, and then spiralling down into the reeds, as if sucked into a hole deep inside the fading beds; first in their small groups, and then in their completeness – just Whoosh - and not another murmur!

Summer visitors will be arriving very soon, and I wait in hope of the spoon-bill popping in and using the creek as a stopover, or even staying a while. What a crazy looking bird: suffers a lot with neck ache I'd think!

Surely, we're bound to have good weather soon; the sky must have nearly run out of water by now, so many puddles everywhere. I can't wait to chuck my wellies to the back of the shed and just go off in proper comfy walking boots.

*Liz Dunn*



High tides and sea horses spotted on the river



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## LITTER

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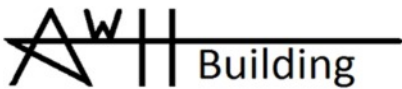
Maybe it's time to give them help and consider having regular litter picking sessions.

I approached the parish council and they were encouraging, seeing the need for a cleanup. Also I received help from our local councillor Jesse Foot telling me about the website CleanCornwall

which will provide equipment and most importantly bag collection.

I'm suggesting a meeting to make a plan of attack on Thursday April 19th 7.30 at Chenoweth 844811 everyone is welcome.

*Jane Espig*



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April programme Wednesday 11 April, 7.30pm; Julian Sutton, who runs an unusual nursery near Totnes, is giving a talk *The Botanical Gardener*.

The title is a bit mystifying but has nothing to do with gin! The evening is free to first-time visitors, instead of the usual £4.

Saturday 14 April, 2.00 to 4.00pm; we will be holding the colourful Spring Show at the Memorial Hall. There will be plenty of interest with flowers and shrubs, floral art, creative classes for children, inexpensive plant stall and home-made cakes to be enjoyed.

Jane Espig has all the details (Tel: 844811, email:

[espig.cornwall@googlemail.com](mailto:espig.cornwall@googlemail.com)) or Jen Hambly (Tel: 846504, email: [jen@wayton.eclipse.co.uk](mailto:jen@wayton.eclipse.co.uk)).

I'm hoping the weather will be much warmer by Wednesday 9 May when we plan an evening visit to local gardens followed by refreshments.

*Jen Hambly*



## **Full house for Cargreen SC cadet season**

Thirty cadets aged 10-16 have signed up for the 2018 season which starts on Friday 20 April at 1730. This is the maximum allowed by RYA rules and the sanity of the three RYA-qualified instructors. The Cadet section organisers anticipate running a short waiting list during the year.

The majority of the cadets are working towards the RYA Youth Sailing Scheme awards. These levels consist of practical and theoretical sailing skills, and safety. There is full safety cover on the water although all cadets are encouraged to progress at their own pace and are fully in charge of their own boat.

Activities include, racing, capsizing drills, cruises and, a favourite, Pico polo. Occasionally volunteers take the cadets out on different boats such as catamarans and keel boats. Each year we have a dinghy cruise day sail around the 'three rivers' (Tamar, Tavy and Lynher) which has been gaining in popularity.

The club has a fleet of Laser Picos, RS Visions and Fevas. As an RYA recognised training centre it is inspected by the RYA each year which includes the equipment, staff qualifications, teaching methods, procedures and risk assessments.

The cadet parents run a tuck shop selling hot pasties or pizza, sweets and drinks, to help fund the cadets. Parents have also qualified to drive the safety boats, and cadet Fridays almost always mean a good night of bar sales in the club.

The club has several adult helpers who assist with the organisation but would welcome more assistance from parents or other interested parishioners.

If you wish to join the CYC or its Cadet Section please go to <http://cargreenyc.org/> and follow the links to cadets and membership.

*David Wheatley*

In other news from the yacht club, look out for a different type of vessel coming to the river moorings soon. New member Tristram Montagu-Douglas-Fitzpatrick, who is due to move into the Parish on 1 April, has applied to the club for a mooring for his Icon A5 sport amphibious aircraft. He has apparently received permission from the Queen's Harbour Master to use the area of river between the pylons by the Tavy rail bridge to the North and the Tamar road bridge to the South for a take-off and landing facility. All users of that part of the river are asked to be especially vigilant and keep an eye out for flying boats.

## **Yeesh Hah! It's an LMH Barn Dance**

We are having a barn dance up at the Hall on Saturday 5 May and hope you will all support us. Swains Gold will be providing the music and calling the dances: there will be barbecue food or jacket potatoes to buy and veggie options too. And most importantly a bar! The evening kicks off at 6.30pm.

There will be prizes for the best dressed cowboy/girl, the best dancer (under 14) and a raffle with a cash prize.

We are kicking off the evening by reviving an age-old custom -

Landulph school

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## **History comes to life on Cargreen Quay**

The distant days of commerce on the Tamar returned to Cargreen for a couple of weeks at the end of March with the arrival of the 128ft ketch Irene, one of only two West Country trading ketches still in existence. It was the first time a working sailing ship has visited the Quay since the War and parishioners turned out in droves to welcome the vessel and her crew. Her reason for being in Cargreen is a little strange – Richard Hosking, whose family once owned the Quay, recently helped the owner with his garden and suggested the Quay would make a good winter work base. Her link to the Tamar is a little more obvious. She is believed to have traded up the river in her earlier years and may have sailed as far as Morwellham carrying building materials.

Manned by her skipper, Ieuan Finnie, relief mate, Martha Einav, two deck hands and a chef, Irene has been finishing her winter fit-out. She will be returning to her base on the Lynher River en route to Falmouth to begin a busy charter season cruising the Cornish and Devon coasts.

Of their visit to Cargreen and Landulph Martha said: 'I cannot believe how welcome we have been made. People have brought us milk and cake, dog walkers have visited us and the school children came as well. We have really enjoyed our visit.'

Irene has had a chequered history. Launched in 1907 at the Bridgewater yard in Somerset of F J Carver & Son, she belonged to Mr Colthurst and was named after his daughter. She carried brick and slate in her early years as well as general cargo and even live pigs. She was requisitioned by the navy in both World Wars. After the war she fell into decline and changed hands many times. By 1965 she was derelict and lying in the mud of the Hamble River.

Here she was found by her current owner, Dr Leslie Morrish who spent 15 years restoring her as a family sailing boat. She then became a movie star with fleeting parts in films such as Pirates of the Caribbean. She spent a lot of time in the Caribbean doing specialist charters. In this role she played host to the likes of Mick Jagger, David Bowie and Pierce Brosnan. One night, anchored in Marigot Bay, St Lucia, she caught fire, burned to the waterline and sank. Dr Morrish was not beaten, though. He raised Irene, had her towed under sail across the Atlantic with a ply deck to hold her together. She came to rest in the Lynher where Dr Morrish lavished four more years and every penny he could find on a second restoration. Now, with her original ketch rig and a deck layout almost identical to her original profile, including 19th century roller reefing gear and contemporary winches and windlasses, any turn-of-the-century crew would feel at home sailing her.





They might not, however, be quite so familiar with her accommodation where a gleaming stainless steel galley serves a saloon that can sit 15, four en suite double guest cabins and crew accommodation for four plus skipper.

If you would be interested in sailing on Irene, she will spend the summer doing day charters out of Falmouth and longer trips to the Isles of Scilly and Scotland. For details go to [www.Ireiness.com](http://www.Ireiness.com).

*James Jermain*

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## **The Beast from The East takes on the Cargreen Coomers**

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Cometh the day, cometh the man - the weather deteriorated over the weekend before the proposed Monday 6.00am crane lift. Putin's Beast from the East powered up with biting easterly winds and waves of snow blasted across the river. There were Amber Weather Alerts and most people bunkered down and snow cut off areas over the moors and tors including Gary's village.

Gary stood steadfast, and it was only after the crane company pulled out, was the lift delayed 8 hours. By 2.00pm the lift was well underway, Gary and his team, myself included, successfully lowered all twelve boats including two whose owners were stranded in the snow. The wind did its best to spoil the operation but we dealt with it bravely.

There was then a waiting game for the majority to get their boats back on to their allocated mooring before darkness and with the relatively low available spring tide. The task of moving out from the muddy creek with a very strong onshore easterly wind became perilous at times when boats were blown back onto other boats waiting to leave and some engines suddenly failing to start. Most boats made it and Tim's boat with the assistance of ex commando Micky Flanagan got out under cover of dark dealing with engine problems and a receding tide. Of course there were casualties – I survived a flying summersault trying to take photos of the event and fell down a hole in the marsh, and Richard Taylor's boat's propeller became entangled in a stray mooring rope out in the river in the dark, and needed assistance.

A week later, all the boats are on their moorings except mine, which I am leaving in the creek for viewing as I have put it up for sale (see ad in this issue). I have bought Gary's boat with an in-furling main sail which will make life easier for me.

Finally, Gary our leader must be thanked for his perseverance against all threats including mutiny, and I think I heard him under his breath say 'Never again'.

All being well this whole operation will be repeated next year and I propose that we shall sell tickets for spectators to view our 'goings on'.

*Allen Pack*

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### **Cargreen's Golden couple**

On Thursday 15 February Ken and Mary Eastment celebrated their Diamond wedding anniversary at home in Cargreen with their daughter Brenda and grandsons Liam and Gavin. A congratulatory card from the Queen was delivered to them by their grandson Liam who is a postman.



On Sunday 18th, further celebrations took place at Landulph Parish Church, where they were married 60 years ago. A service and renewal of their wedding vows was conducted by Reverend Chris Painter in front of family and friends. Mary's cousin Grace, who lives at Basingstoke played the Church organ for the hymns just as she did on their wedding day in 1958. Another of Mary's

cousins Margaret, who was their bridesmaid, joined them at the celebration. Richard Hosking, whose family have had a long connection with Landulph Church, read a lesson. Terry and the bell ringers rang before and after the service and Betty, Mary's best friend since childhood spoke about Ken and Mary. Ken's best man Gordon, who is 94, speaks to them both regularly and congratulated them by phone on the day. After the service everyone gathered together again at Pentillie Castle for an afternoon Cornish tea.





### **Don't let your dog succumb to the Easter Bunny**

Regular chocolate is toxic to dogs as cocoa contains a stimulant called theobromine.

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*Sue Hassan*

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

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**Land Rover Defender Day 2018** - Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April - 11am-4pm

A celebratory day of all things off-road & 4x4 - Adv £20 / Gate £30 per vehicle.

**Ladies Lunch** - Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April - £25.00pp\*

2 course lunch & talk by guest speaker BBC Radio Cornwall's Daphne Skinnard.

**BBQ & Wine Tasting on the Quay** - Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April - £25pp\*

The Lynher barge will be visiting the Pentillie Quay with a BBQ & a selection of wines.

**Gardens Open** - Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April / Sun 13<sup>th</sup> May 12-4pm - £6pp

Gardens open in aid of local charities Battling On / CHSW. Refreshments & plant sale.

**Eat the Seasons Dinner** - Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May - £42.50pp\*

Join us for a fine dining dinner using the most seasonal & local produce.

**Afternoon Teas available every Monday, Thursday & Sunday, subject to availability**

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