

# LANDULPH NEWSLETTER



**Your guide to what's happening in the area**  
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Photo by Clive Percival

## Landulph Cross Bus Shelter

King Charles III was crowned on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023. Towns and parishes throughout the country had been looking for ways to celebrate. Landulph Parish Council had come up with an excellent permanent commemoration of the event – here we had a recently-resurrected bus-shelter, a sturdy little building with five white walls, five canvases saying ‘Paint Me!’ The Councillors decided that decorated, it would make a good place for parishioners to sit and chat and watch the world go by.

So when artists living locally were invited to submit relevant ideas, I measured the walls, wonky bits and all, and the sketches I made, based on local landscapes and activities, were accepted. I had experience of large-scale compositions, but it was theatre scenery, years ago, and painted indoors on a smooth surface. The principles are the same, but the weather and the rough surface would present challenges.

I began researching the hardest twenty-year paints and before-and-after treatments. Then over winter came the enjoyable task of refining the content of the sketches to achieve my aim: a happy and relaxing place. At last the weather improved and I started work. Scrub all walls, apply two coats of stabiliser and meet the residents: spiders rappelling down from the rafters to glare accusingly into my eyes, and bugs bent on immortalisation by stabiliser. I also became closely acquainted with the hundreds of thousands of craters and pin-sharp peaks that form the surface of the walls. I now know that big-budget murals require smooth rendering before work starts. For a small village, another way had to be found. Tiny details, straight lines and graded colours at first seemed impossible, but



Photo by Gwen Morris



dogged persistence and swearing eventually prevailed. Even so, the content of the paintings had to be changed, and they continually evolved.

Now there's a dual theme. There are the local scenes; some liberties have been taken to liberate views that would normally be obscured by trees and houses, on the wall with the Saltash bridges, you look straight through them, not at Ernesettle but out to sea. Then there are the seasons of the year, seen across the landscapes. Standing in front of the shelter, starting from the left outside wall, you're gradually taken from Winter through Spring, to Summer across the biggest wall, leading to late Summer and Autumn on the right (see adjacent photo).

The shelter was finished off with many (to fill the craters) coats of Euroshield: water-, mildew- and graffiti-proof, and UV resistant.

Now that the project is finished, I find I'm missing the huge unexpected bonus that came with it: meeting a lot of people. Usual working days comprise glancing out at the river but seeing nobody. Their comments kept me going when it was too hot – and later on cold and wet. I looked forward to chatting to the regulars, to people who came out specially to assess progress, to the Hopper Bus who made a sight-seeing detour, to the bin-men, from whom I got not banter but compliments, to the lady who brought hot chocolate on a chilly morning and especially the children, whose excitement at finding new things every day spurred me on to make sure there was a tractor, a hidden bird or a new dog. A stock of memories that I'll carry with me forever.

Gill Mannings Cox

*Gill has received much acclaim for her amazing work including a news report from BBC Spotlight (see front cover). Adjacent you can see some canines of our parish proudly modelling in this amazing setting. Please be aware we have the permission of their owners to show their pictures.*

Allen Pack



Photo by Katie Brailsford

## **Parish Council, October**

Perhaps the October meeting should be part of the Arts Festival. Maybe charging for tickets would bring a bigger audience?

Chris Cook, the new Parish Clerk was present in his formal capacity for the first time.

**Parish Accounts** There was a protracted discussion about what needs to be declared as spent under 'Delegated Decisions'. This related to the anti-graffiti paint for the bus shelter and new defibrillator pads - and seemed to get nowhere.

The accounts spreadsheet was displayed. Items categorised as 'largely grant funded' were shown in green, and there followed discussion on whether this was a good colour to use for colour blind parishioners.

**Governance and Finance Working Group** General Reserves now stand at 55% - still within the recommended limits. The accounts are on the council's website and questions about unreadable green boxes can be referred to the Chair.

New 'Equalities and Opportunities' and 'Sustainability' policies were approved. These are riveting reading but are now essential for grant applications.

The BT Broadband contract for the Memorial Hall is in a muddle. The PC was supposed to pay the bill with a contribution from Hall funds (which allows the PC to claim a VAT refund). Complications around multiple accounts and wrong postcodes meant Hall had actually paid the full bill. Councillor Braund (G) will sort it.

**DotGov WG** Councillor Tagg had worked hard and had completed the ZoHo setup. (ZoHo is a cloud-based business management set of tools). A training session will be needed for councillors and the clerk.

**Landulph Orchard Group** The new stone entrance at Duchess Green is complete and various other groundworks tackled. The first tranche of grant claims will shortly be submitted. There was a limited number of visitors during the Church Fair – teas and raffles obviously appealed more than welly wanging! The trial at Duke Orchard allowing access by dogs on leads is under way, and the subject will be reviewed in June next year.

The FIPL team visited the site in November and were reported to be impressed.

**Searle Family Cricket Field** Saltash Cricket Club discussed using the field at its AGM in October but a formal application has yet to be made. Councillor Gawith is trying to close the electricity account, and to sort out the water bill.

**Speeding Sign** We could put up our own speed-activated sign at a cost of around £5k. The PC will consider it, but there had been no significant public reaction. This was raised again in the Public Forum. Parishioners stressed that a high proportion of vehicles coming past the nursery and down Fore Street from the Memorial Hall were well above 20mph. The area around the school should be a high priority for a sign. The Chair will investigate further.

**Highdown Passing Place** The new passing place seems to attract parking vehicles, which rather negates its intended function! The PC could put a sign up, but it would not be enforceable and it was not our wall anyway. The PC would monitor things.

**Bus Shelter** The mural has been finished and a Grand Opening can be planned. Artist, Gill Mannings Cox, has been interviewed by BBC Spotlight. The adjacent hedges will be trimmed soon.

**Slipway Information Panel** There is an initiative by Plymouth City Council (under some European thingy) to put information panels at key locations up the Tamar. These would show local information, places of interest, ecology, local contacts etc. The panel at Calstock was shown as an example.

**AOB** The Memorial Hall defibrillator was recently accessed, though not actually used. This highlighted that no replacement/spare pads were available. The PC agreed to budget for replacement pads.

## **Landulph's exciting New Website: Coming soon!**

This summer, the Parish was gifted a website to use as a permanent record of everything LANDULPH. We, the Webmaster and Admin group, have been working ever since towards its imminent launch.

We see it as a huge Book of the Parish; a forever home that all Landulph parishioners will be able to consult and contribute to. In fact, I compare it to the massive leather-bound bible, four feet across when open, that my family had till my gran somehow lost it. All sorts of information permanently recorded in archaic writing in the fly-leaves. Our website has the same function, except that being a website, it will be bottomless and with elastic sides. In other words, it will store limitless information. For instance, every edition of the Newsletter from day one will be in there. It is not the Newsletter in digital form; it doesn't compete with our beloved Newsletter nor with our other esteemed vehicle: Landulph Innit. Unlike Innit, where it's difficult if not impossible to locate a post after a while, everything is available on tap.

Past articles in the Newsletters (and some of those old articles make good reading!) will be grouped together. Andrew Barrett's history articles are a case in point: they will simply be found in the chapter headed 'History'. From the earliest recorded times – how did the Parish begin? What happened along the way? Who was here? All in one chapter.

Following the theme of a large book, 'Chapters' is the word we'll be using, and 'Editor'. There will be chapters on 'Groups' (garden, short-mat bowls, etc), and on 'People', 'Wildlife', 'Landscape' (including farming, important to this parish), and the other major aspects of Landulph Life.

The 'Events' section will be significant when you want to check date, time and venue of something you're looking forward to, as it will be constantly updated. We think a popular section will be the Gallery, a panoply of all the latest photos. These are just a small taster of what the website will hold and what it will come to mean to Landulph.

And this is where you come in . . . When you read an article and it triggers an idea of a paragraph or two that adds something, just send it to the Editor (email address soon) When you see something that'd be of interest to others in Landulph, send it. If you have a fab photo of an event, or maybe of wildlife, share it with the Parish: send it to the Editor!

This website is a fabulous and exciting opportunity, a unique resource, not only for you to delve into, but to contribute to it. And it's coming soon! Very soon ! FOR THE PARISH; BY THE PARISH

*Gill Mannings Cox*

## **Christmas Cheese and Wine at Landulph Village Hall**

Short Mat Bowls are celebrating Christmas with an open invitation to all.

Come and join us in a practice game accompanied by cheese and wine on

Wednesday 10th December at 2 pm to 4 pm

Thursday 11th December at 7pm to 9pm

We would love to see you – just turn up

Please bring soft shoes – we provide the rest

For more information phone 0759 1004828

**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 a neighbour's door but making a much-valued donation to the above charity.

Thank you to all those donating an amazing £575. The funds collected will enable deprived children to go to a Christmas pantomime.

The table below lists those members who donated.

- *Sylvia Bedbrook, Laxtons. 01752 844519*

Allen & Con Ingrid & Steve Bailey Sylvia Bedbrook Christene Bowman Gaye & Martin Braund Mary & Phillip Braund David Bullivant & Terry West Nigel Colley	Rose & Neil Craddick Nan Doughty Andrea Edwards Carol & Chris Hammond Glenn & Margaret Honey Angela Hume James & Phillida Jermain	Gwenda & Nick Keane Mike & Shirley Kitney Morton Macleod Annemarie Nathan Penny Singleton Valerie & David Ward Hilary & Roger Wratten Cindy Zimmer
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# **PARISH WALKS**

**Saturday 27 December**

Starting from the Cargreen Yacht Club  
at the following times :

**Long Walk - 9.30 am**  
**Middle Walk - 10.30 am**  
**Short Walk - 11.15 am**

Finishing at the Yacht Club  
around 12.30 pm

**Pasties and home made soup and refreshments will be available**  
**Stout footwear is recommended**

**Cargreen Village Choir** gets rapturous reception at Addison Park  
On 23 October, the Cargreen Village Choir gave a momentous performance at Addison Park Care Home. The residents – used to peace and quiet on a wet Thursday in October – were bombarded with three Abba songs, some perennial favourites such as *Sloop John B* and *Chattanooga Choo Choo* plus some sing-alongs like *She'll be coming round the mountain* (in pink pyjamas if you must know).

No standing ovation was given, mostly as it was lunch time. To be serious, many of the residents are not able to react as one would like, but the staff assured us that they had noticed many positive responses. They asked if we could come along every week – unfortunately not possible - but maybe a return visit next year will be on the cards.

The Village Choir meets most Thursday evenings in the Yacht Club, and always welcomes new members. No particular ability is required! There are two ways of joining: by taking the endurance test (two hours), the theory test (two hours) and practical (three hours), or... by just telling Chris Bowman you are coming anyway.

*Peter Plume*

**CVC's next performances will be Pentillie Carols 6.00 pm Tuesday 9 December and Carols on the Quay Thursday 6.30 pm 18 December December. Come along—there will be mulled wine and mince pies!**



Carols on the Quay 2024

## **Landulph School**

Class 1 was so lucky to have the most beautiful calm and sunshiny weather for their autumn walk around the village. The children were excellent at using the maps they created to identify different features and locations around Landulph and Cargreen. They were exceptional and a credit to the school managing the whole walk with determination. The biscuit treats and play in the park definitely went down well too.

Class 2 had a great time joining in with an online author event by Liz Pichon, author of the Tom Gates books. The children particularly enjoyed the draw-along and their doodles were awesome!

The highlight of October for Class 3 was an exciting visit to Haye Farm, St Dominick, where the children learned all about organic farming and even got hands-on with some leek harvesting! It was a fantastic opportunity to see sustainable farming in action and understand where our food comes from. On Friday 10th October, the Landulph cross-country team travelled to Trethew for the first race of the season. The weather, unusually for cross country, was clear and mild — a welcome change from the traditional drizzle and mud-fest we've come to expect. That said, Trethew's course provided plenty of challenge: a hilly, winding route that disappeared behind distant fields before looping back towards the cheering crowds.

The half term ended with our wonderful Harvest Festival service at the church, joined by family and friends. The children sang, performed readings and displayed their autumnal artwork before heading home for the half term holiday.

We are already looking forward to the festive season – it's coming up fast! Our Community Christmas Performance is on the afternoon of 12<sup>th</sup> December, and tickets will be available soon.

## **Landulph Parish Newsletter AGM**

The Landulph Newsletter AGM was held on Monday 10 November 2025 at Penyoke Farmhouse. It was pleasing to see six villagers join the committee for the meeting.

Liz Aubrey-Fletcher was reappointed as Chair of the committee, Gwenda Keene was re-elected as Secretary and Clive Percival as Treasurer. The Treasurer reported that on a successful year financially which has left the newsletter viable for the coming months. The Parish Council, Festival Committee and advertisers were thanked for their support.

Liz Aubrey-Fletcher thanked the committee for their work over the last year as well as all those who contributed articles to the newsletter each month. The number and variety of articles were an indication of the vast range of activities that take place in the village during the year.

Thanks were also given to Sylvia and the newsletter distributors whose assistance every two months is much appreciated.

The meeting finished with refreshments kindly provided by Allen and Con.

Liz Aubrey-Fletcher

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## Friday Cafe

Thank you to all who support the weekly cafe at Landulph Memorial Hall. It's great to see so many chatting and catching up with news of friends and neighbours as they enjoy coffee and cake. A weekly average of £73 is paid to Landulph Memorial Hall to support its running and maintenance. All our cakes are donated so the only expenses are coffee, tea and milk.

The cafe will be closed on Friday 26 December (Boxing Day). It will reopen on Friday 2 January

A helpers' rota is drawn up each month. If anyone would like to help with setting up/ putting away, making cakes or serving please let a member of the team know.

A Happy Christmas from the Barista Team  
*Jo Butcher*

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## Intertidal weir at Penyoke

A new study into fish weirs that have existed on the Tamar going right back to the 12<sup>th</sup> century has been started by Dr Sharon Gedye. She has uncovered the history of an intertidal weir at Penyoke. We can look forward reading about these revelations in detail on the new Landulph.org website as the history unfolds and also in future editions of the Newsletter.

## *Once upon a time in Landulph...*

In 1951/52 Landulph parishioners put on a grand and ambitious pageant to a script written by the then rector. It spanned the history of Landulph from prehistoric times (hunter-gatherer dad staggers home empty-handed having been attacked by a bear) then rolling through periods when Vikings, evangelists, Canute, Normans, pilgrims and more made their impact. A few dog-eared A5 scripts have survived, and it is hoped that the new Landulph Community Website will host a fresh A4 version for your enchantment.

*Morton Macleod*





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# Parish Diary December 2025 & January 2026

## 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](mailto:Landulphhall@gmail.com)

<b>Film Club, LMH</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in winter 7 for 7.30pm Phillida Jermain <a href="mailto:phillidajermain@gmail.com">phillidajermain@gmail.com</a>	01752 841598
<b>Gardening Club, LMH</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 2.30pm Jen Hambly <a href="mailto:hambly.wayton@gmail.com">hambly.wayton@gmail.com</a>	01752 846504
<b>Good Companions</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 2.30pm, LMH Wilma Oakes	01752 843784
<b>Hopper Shopper</b> from Cargreen to Tamar View / Waitrose / B&M / Lidl and return	Landulph Wednesday Shopper Hopper runs from Cargreen to Saltash via Carkeel shops (11am at junction of Coombe Lane/Fore Street), return from Waitrose at 13:00 to your door - £3 for return trip	
<b>Landulph Stay &amp; Play, MHA</b>	Weekly in term time, 10—11.30am, MHA. Jess Dyer	07718 830149
<b>Memorial Hall Café, LMH</b>	Every Friday 10.15am—12. Coffee, tea, soft drinks, home made cakes on sale. Come for the chat!	
<b>Mah Jongg The Cottage</b>	Every Wednesday 2.00—4.30pm Annemarie Nathan <a href="mailto:annemarienathan@hotmail.com">annemarienathan@hotmail.com</a>	01752 842187
<b>Mobile Library Coombe Lane</b>	Every 4 <sup>th</sup> Friday 12.25—12.45 See Mobile Library - Cornwall Council	
<b>Parish Church</b>	For information see <a href="http://tamar7.org/tamar-valley-benefice/churches/landulph">tamar7.org/tamar-valley-benefice/churches/landulph</a> and/or The Kernow Gateway Benefice	
<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>Refuse Collections</b>	Next fortnightly rubbish collection on WEDNESDAY 3 December alternating with recycling collections. Food waste collected every WEDNESDAY. Next fortnightly garden rubbish TUESDAY 9 December	03001 234141

<b>Short Mat Bowls, LMH,</b>	Wednesdays 2pm, Thursdays 7pm	Shirley Kitney tregwheal@yahoo.co.uk	01752 846808
<b>Taiji, LMH</b>	Wednesdays 10.00 – 11.00am	Helen Manning helenmanning50@hotmail.com	01822 258208
<b>Under 5s, MHA</b>	Monday - Friday morning and afternoon term time sessions.	Claire Fry. committee@landulphunderfives.co.uk	07718 830149
<b>Village Choir, CYC</b>	Thursdays 7.30pm	Chris Bowman christenebowman@hotmail.co.uk	01752 841573

## DECEMBER

Mon 1	9am	Under 5s Monday—Friday during term time	MHA
Wed 3	10am 11am 2pm 2pm	Taiji meets weekly Weekly Hopper Shopper (see page 11) Mah Jongg meets weekly at Annemarie's house. (tel 01752 842187). New players warmly welcomed Short Mat Bowls weekly	LMH
Thur 4	10am-11.30 7pm 7.30pm	Landulph Stay & Play, weekly in term time Short Mat Bowls weekly Cargreen Village Choir meets weekly	MHA LMH CYC
Fri 5	10.15am—12	Friday Café every week with tea, coffee, soft drinks, hot chocolate and of course home made cake!	LMH
Sun 7	10am 3pm	Holy Communion, Landulph Church Cornish Evening Prayer, Halton Quay	PC
Tues 9	9.30am 6pm	Midweek Communion, Landulph Church Gardening Club Festive Lunch at St Mellion Club Carols at Pentillie Castle with Cargreen Village Choir. Warming refreshments available to buy, parking £5 in aid of Cornwall Community Kitchen	PC
Wed 10	2pm 7pm	Short Mat Bowls Christmas Cheese & wine. Open to all Carol Service, Pillaton Church	LMH
Thu 11	7pm	Short Mat Bowls Christmas Cheese & wine. Open to all	
Sun 14	3pm	Saltash Christmas Charity Tractor Run raising funds for Cash for Kids Mission Christmas and Saltash Food Bank. See Landulph Innit Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, Landulph Church	PC
Mon 15	6.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	LMH

Tues 16	7.30pm	Good Companions' Christmas Lunch at Notter Bridge Film Club. Doors open at 7, for a free drink and a chat (see page 14)	
Wed 17	2pm	Last Short Mat Bowls of the year	LMH
Thur 18	6.30pm	Carols on the Quay, Cargreen. Mulled Wine, mince pies, Cargreen choir and musicians.	LMH
Sat 20	10.30am	Bus to Tavistock. Book with Clare Tagg, tel 07866 680971, clare.tagg@landulphparishcouncil.gov.uk	
Sun 21	10am 5pm	Landulph Morning Worship Carols around the tree, St Mellion Church	PC
Wed 24	5.30pm 6.30pm	Christingle, St Dominick Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, Botus Fleming Church	BFC
Thur 25	10am	Holy Communion for Christmas Day, Landulph Church	PC
Sat 27	9.30am, 10.30am, 11.15am	Village Walks, long, middle and short. Start and finish at the Yacht Club where refreshments and bar will be available afterwards. See page 7	CYC
Sun 28	10am 10am	Contemporary Celtic Worship, St Dominick Holy Communion, St Mellion	
		<b>JANUARY</b>	
Sun 4	10am 3pm	Holy Communion, Landulph Church Cornish Evening Prayer, Halton Quay	PC PC
Mon 5	9am	Under 5s Monday—Friday during term time	MHA
Wed 7	10am 11am 2pm 2pm	Taiji meets weekly Weekly Hopper Shopper (see page 11) Mah Jongg meets weekly at Annemarie's house (tel 01752 842187). New players warmly welcomed Short Mat Bowls weekly	LMH LMH LMH
Thur 8	10am-11.30 7pm 7.30pm	Landulph Stay & Play, weekly in term time Short Mat Bowls weekly Cargreen Village Choir meets weekly	MHA LMH CYC
Fri 9	10.15am—12	Friday Café every week with tea, coffee, soft drinks, hot chocolate and of course home made cake! Mobile Library 12.25—12.45pm Coombe Lane	LMH

Tues 13	9.30am	Midweek Service, Landulph Church	PC
Sun 18	10am 2pm	Morning Prayer, Landulph Church Wassail! Join us as we celebrate Duke Orchard and Duchess Green (see page 21)	PC Duke Orchard
Mon 19	6.30pm	Parish Council meeting	LMH
Tues 20	2.30pm 7.30pm	Good Companions: Penny Prisk talks on Life as a Registrar Film Club: Doors open at 7pm for a free drink and a chat (see below )	LMH

### **See the Landulph Tree at the Saltash Christmas Tree Festival**

The Christmas Tree Festival at Saints Nicholas & Faith Church is a great spectacle with the whole church filled with glistening trees of all shapes and sizes representing many of the organisations in the local area. Look out for the Landulph and Botus Fleming Churches' Tree.

The festival will run from 29 November until the 12 December.

### **Film Club**

Tuesday 16 December sees *Downton Abbey, the Finale*, Come for a bit of pre-Christmas nostalgia. And be challenged on Tuesday 20 January by *Freud's last session* – a drama depicting a fictional meeting between psychiatrist Sigmund Freud and author C.S. Lewis. Tickets £35 for the season, £7.50 for a single showing to include a free drink. Doors open at 7pm, film starts at 7.30pm.

### **PARISH COUNCILLORS**

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Paul Cador 07549 536103 clr.paul.cador@cornwall.gov.uk			

### **100 CLUB WINNERS**

#### **OCTOBER**

1st	Nigel Cummings	£21
2nd	Andrew Butcher	£16
3rd	Olivia Teacher	£12

#### **NOVEMBER**

1st	Jane McRill	£21
2nd	Carol Hammond	£16
3rd	Brenda Cooke	£12

## Coombe to Wayton footpath – Chapter 5

We are really into autumn now. A change to wet weather means its time to house the cattle who seem happy to come indoors on to a bed of straw. We have been making improvements to the farmyard, particularly laying more concrete to improve the working environment and reconfiguring the feeding areas for our cattle. This will bring long term benefits both for our staff and for our livestock.

Some of the lambs have started grazing the forage rape on the lower footpath field. They also have access to the adjoining grass field to allow a more varied diet and have somewhere dry with more cover to lie on during any wet periods.

I recently came into possession of a map of Haye Farm dating back to 1841. It shows the original field names as recorded on the tithe maps of the time. The layout of the farm is much different to that seen today with about 60 different land parcels recorded compared to 25 today. The main hedge lines of today are easily discernible with several sub-divisions which disappeared many years ago.

It would be great if it was possible to travel back in time to study the farming practices of the day which I suspect would include much of the mixed farming activity we see today with the addition of some form of dairy production and market gardening. Equally, who knows what will be happening 180 years into the future.

Back to the here and now, A dry spell during the first three weeks of October helped us get of our autumn sown crops planted across our farms. At Haye we have only one autumn sown crop planted this year, a field of winter barley. This crop followed the potatoes which were lifted in late summer. The barley grain will be used for animal feed and the straw for bedding. In the spring, following our winter forage crops, we will plant more barley, this time unsurprisingly called spring barley. In essence it's the same crop but the lifecycle is completely different. Winter barley has a slow growing habit and needs to experience a period of cold weather (known as vernalisation) to set grain whereas spring barley has a much faster growth habit. Both types have advantages and disadvantages from a farmer's perspective but by using both types we can gain the advantage of having a rotation.

One of our biggest challenges is weed control within our crops. It is often said, quite correctly, that a weed is only a plant in the wrong place. We need to end up with the right plants in the right place at the right time in a sustainable way. The wrong ones can smother our crops and make the yields uneconomic. There are several ways of achieving this which may include chemicals known as herbicides, taking physical actions like harrowing or by rotating crops within a field. All these actions have a part to play, and we use a combination of all of them to achieve our aims. As with most things in life there is rarely a simple answer, and the best outcome is often achieved with the benefit of experience combined with a bit of luck.

*Jeremy Oatey, Agricola Growers Ltd*

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## Landulph Arts and Music Festival 2025

This year's Festival was a resounding success and hosted an eclectic mix of events celebrating music and the arts.

The Rodeos, the south west's acclaimed country band, kicked off the month-long extravaganza. Fronted by Angel Peacock, with her amazing vocal range, the Band had everyone captivated and before long the dancing began! A brilliant start to the Festival.

For the first time a Festival Quiz was held. Guiding ten teams expertly through the somewhat challenging questions was our own Paul Morris. A friendly but highly competitive evening with a close run finish. A fun time was had by all.

During the second weekend, "Uno Noche de Fiesta Y Flamenco" (or our Spanish flamenco evening) was another chance for everyone to get to their feet and dance the night away. We learned flamenco moves, under the watchful eyes of Mercedes Romero accompanied on the Spanish guitar by Mark Barnwell whilst enjoying a selection of tapas – another great evening!

The second weekend also hosted a very different genre of music "Billie Bottle's Temple of Shibboleh" – a group of excellent musicians challenging the norm and providing us with a hugely entertaining evening. We've always loved Shetland ponies and who needs a plug on their iron?

The following evening Charlie Hooper-Williams played classical piano with a twist – stunning lighting effects coupled with the beautiful music gave an inspirational and moving sensory experience – what a treat! The third weekend saw the return of two memorable and popular events. Wurlitza had everyone spellbound with their musical accompaniment to “Sunrise”, a black and white silent film – a grim tale of love, deceit and reconciliation. Music from Madness, Echo and the Bunnymen was expertly performed alongside Bach and Villa Lobus. Wurlitza really are a Landulph favourite.

The Foundry Theatre Group also returned with their hilarious portrayal of “Great Britons” – a whistlestop tour of some historical greats (Wellington, King Arthur etc). Comedically performed by just two actors, it was exhausting for them but great fun for us!

An evening with Tony Hawks was the Festival’s penultimate event. Sally Worth proved to be an excellent foil for Tony’s quick wit, as she questioned him and helped him reminisce about his life and career as a comedian, actor and author. His fridge, which accompanied him around Ireland, is still safely in his keeping. A sell out event and hugely enjoyable! On Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October the pre Oscar party was incredibly popular and had sold out weeks in advance. Glamorous 1950s socialites and tuxedo



clad gentlemen were entertained with a tale of blackmail, jealousy and greed in the Hollywood film world whilst enjoying a three-course dinner. A murder was committed and several sleuths from Landulph managed to solve the mystery and name the murderer. A highly entertaining finale to another successful Festival.

The art exhibition was sited in the bar area throughout the Festival, showcasing the amazing artistic talent within our community. It is such a joy to view such beautiful and creative works of art whilst enjoying a drink at “Jason’s Bar” before, during and after each event. What talented artists we have in our community – well done all!

The committee would like to thank all those who attended and supported the Festival events. Special thanks to our sponsors and those who provided raffle prizes. Without everyone’s support the Festival would cease to exist. Proceeds from the raffle were donated to Children in Need and Moldovan Child Aid (a charity close to Tony Hawks’ heart).

Thanks everyone! Looking forward to next year’s Festival already!!

## Landulph Parish Council Meeting 17 Nov 2025

Peter Plume is still abroad, swimming in lukewarm seas, so here's a brief summary of items of general interest. The meeting opened with a presentation from a Conrad project officer about their plans to install a "condenser" at Ellbridge electrical sub-station. She focussed on the site, size shape & colour of the building, and landscape restoration, all intended to soften LPC's recommendations when Conrad makes a planning application. If approved, the project would open in April 2029. The talk ended with mention that Conrad usually makes a £1K donation to a local charity. Chairman Martin Worth very gently explained that large industrial or commercial projects in the past have donated multiples of £10K to the parish council for community benefit. Apparently the "condenser" is a socking great flywheel which is kept rotating constantly at speed by electricity, so that in the event of a total grid breakdown it can release its kinetic energy as power to the grid for a few minutes, covering the area west of Exeter. What a relief!

A local speed survey has revealed that 85% of vehicles exceed the 20mph limit (on the approach to the school crossroads?). Council will take police advice on next steps. Re traffic again, Council decided to take no further action on a parishioner's recommendation that priorities for giving way should be reversed at the road junction where the lane from Paynters Cross meets the turning to Stockadon Farm.

Council discussed Councillor Tagg's paper about requests for affordable housing in Landulph, where demand is atypical for Cornwall, with a higher preference for ownership.(Perhaps this will influence our next Parish Plan?).

Finally, a reminder that LPC's next meeting is on 15<sup>th</sup> December when parishioners are invited to share festive cheer.

Slainte!

*Morton Macleod*

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## A haven for hedgehogs

The hedgehog is currently classified as 'endangered', on the ICUN Red list and 'vulnerable to extinction' in the UK. But in Cargreen and the parish of Landulph we are bucking the trend with a really healthy population.



As part of the Landulph Climate Group's drive for nature recovery we would ask anyone who believes they have this valuable species in their garden to record sightings. The results of our sightings could be of importance in understanding why this area, in particular, is so rich in this species whereas the rest of Cornwall is seeing a decline.

Hedgehogs have evolved to live quite closely with us but increased urbanisation, the use of slug pellets and fences instead of hedges have all stacked up against this important species. It may be that we have the perfect environment for the creatures, no large housing developments, no heavy traffic and an environment where hedgehogs can move safely to feed and to find a mate.

We are definitely a hedgehog hotspot but climate change is also impacting heavily on this species with much warmer autumns making it difficult for young hogs to build up enough reserves to hibernate safely. Hibernation is being delayed and young hogs are using valuable energy foraging when they should be asleep. We can help by supplementing their diet with a high protein cat biscuit (never fish) or special hedgehog food in a shallow bowl. Invertebrates and beetles make up the main diet of a hog and I think that's why they like cat biscuits/special hedgehog food - it's the crunch element. Drinking water, I have discovered from my camera traps, is very important to hedgehogs; please provide fresh water when feeding. They seem to spend as much time drinking as they do eating.

If you find a hedgehog out during the day it's usually in trouble - the exception being mothers foraging for food for youngsters. I have had several young hogs brought over to me in distress and I thought it might be useful to offer advice on first aid.

Keep the hog warm in a box.

Offer wet cat food (meat only) and water and

Contact a hedgehog rescue centre as soon as possible. Prickles and Paws is our nearest and if you take the hog to your vet it will often pick them up.

Please report any sightings, together with your location, to either myself or the LCG to enable us to build a clear picture of our population and how climate change is impacting the hibernation cycle of this important species.

*Amanda Marks*

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## **Christmas message from Landulph Church**

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, may this holy season bring blessings of peace, joy, and hope to every home in our parish. Christmas reminds us of God's love made visible in the Christ-child—a light that shines in the darkness and cannot be overcome.

In this season of gathering and reflection, we give thanks for the strength of our community and the grace that flows through everyday kindness. Whether in quiet moments or joyful celebration, may we each find space to receive the peace Christ offers and to share it with others.

The members of Landulph Church wish you all a blessed and joyful Christmas. Whether you are a regular worshipper, part of our wider community or a visitor from afar, you are always welcome. We look forward to greeting you at any of our services.

In Landulph there will be a service of nine lessons and carols on Sunday 14 December at 3pm and on Christmas Day Holy Communion will be celebrated at 10am. For details of services in surrounding parishes please refer to the Parish Diary on the yellow pages.

We are here for you all—with open doors and open hearts!

*Andrew Barrett, Secretary, Landulph Church Council*

## **Wassail!**

An Anglo-Saxon celebration and blessing of orchards to ensure a good harvest for the year to come, involving music, clattering of pots and pans, traditional songs, and of course cake and mulled cider! Bring your portable musical instruments and pots and pans as we move from Duke Orchard to Duchess Green to bless our trees, 2pm Sunday 18 January

## **Clare Tagg - Valley Champion**

Clare Tagg, the driving force behind the Duke Orchard and Duchess Green projects has received a Tamar Valley Champions Nomination Award. The awards are made annually by the Tamar Valley National Landscapes (TVNL), formerly the Tamar Area of Outstanding Beauty. Recipients of the award have gone above and beyond in contributing to the conservation, enhancement and well-being of the Tamar Valley through community projects, environmental initiatives or collaborative efforts. Clare's commitment to the Duke Orchard and Duchess Green projects made her a worthy nominee. She was presented with her medal at the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary meeting of the organisation witnessed by a large group of parishioners. Congratulations, Clare!

## **STOP PRESS**

Five years after the first successful trials in Kehelland, Cornwall, using HVO as an alternative to heating oil, the Government has agreed to a consultation (closing on 10 February) to explore alternative clean heating solutions including renewable liquid fuels. This is a major step forward enabling people with oil boilers to switch to a 20% blend of HVO and reduce their carbon emissions by about 18% and cut down on harmful pollutants with no modification to their boiler. For more information contact [LCG@landulphparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:LCG@landulphparishcouncil.gov.uk).

## **Martin Worth – ‘my vision for Landulph’**

Although a Cabinet Member of the previous Cornwall Council, during which time I did my utmost to serve the communities I represented, I decided not to stand again in May last year, as I now wish to focus my time and energy on my family and the parish of Landulph.

I was delighted to be then re-elected to the role of Chairman of Landulph Parish Council and subsequently to chair the committee of Landulph Memorial Hall. I've also now been elected to Vice-Chair our SE Cornwall Community Area Partnership which represents the 29 parishes and 12 Cornwall Councillors from Lostwithiel, Liskeard, Looe, Torgau and Saltash. I'm also Co-Chair of the Economic and Transport group which is now particularly relevant with the £4.4 billion 10-year investment in Devonport Dockard and travel to work area for work both sides of the Tamar.

Landulph is a wonderful place to live and I feel very fortunate to be part of such a friendly and vibrant community. It's a place Sally and I have chosen to retire to, having both grown up in the Tamar Valley. As the independent chairman of the council, it is always my intention to listen to your needs, address your concerns and take the initiative for change to ‘Make Things Better’ for all who live and work here now and for our future generations. Key to this is ensuring the sustainability of our school and Under 5 provision.

In moving forward it is important to consider all the challenges facing rural communities; supporting local businesses, protecting our farming communities through sustainable and environmentally friendly development, improving transport links and providing more affordable housing and creating opportunities for young people.

Various recent initiatives in Landulph all aim to improve the quality of life of our residents, whatever their age profile and interests. Community Transport for our parish was a key focus for me. We have established a regular service with Saltash Red Bus and I drive our regular Shopper Hopper on a Wednesday to Saltash. I am and will continue to work tirelessly to promote the future use and growth of Landulph Memorial Hall as a social and community asset. With the funding support of the Tamar Valley National Landscape, Farming in Protected Landscapes and Cornwall Council grants, the LOG (Landulph Orchard Green) group has delivered the Community Spaces of Duke Orchard & Duchess Green for all to enjoy.

Living in Landulph, there is so much to appreciate and look forward to. I feel privileged to be at the forefront of your Parish Council but we still need your support and help in making informed decisions for our community and the future. Come to our meetings and also talk to us any-time!

*Cllr Martin Worth, Chairman Landulph Parish Council*

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