## LANDULPH NEWSLETTER



Your guide to what's happening in the area Issue no. 92 April/May 2021

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#### Parish Council 15 February

There must have been some expectation of excitement for this meeting, as there were no less than 30 attendees (including Michelle from Openreach and Heidi Clemo from the Office of National Statistics (ONS)). We started with an introduction to Sam Tamlin who, as a member of Cornwall Council for Saltash West, is the Lib Dem prospective candidate for the new electoral area which will include Landulph. The Chair, himself the prospective Conservative candidate for the new area, issued an open invitation to other candidates to attend a Landulph PC meeting. The election will be held on 6 May. If you want to vote, the cut-off date for amending any change of name, nationality, sex, etc. is 19 April. The Chair noted that 200 years ago, only men who were landowners could vote. Progress!

Heidi Clemo, the Census Engagement Officer covering the Eastern side of Cornwall explained the 2021 census.

**Planning** The Council approved the slate hanging of Wooder Cottage providing the slate was in keeping with local materials. The Council was asked whether it wished to add anything to the Saltash Neighbourhood Development Plan. The Chair suggested a comment about water transport (that is *by* water, not *of* water), but beyond this the plan was supported. Discussion of the appeal following the rejection of plans to develop Rosehill Nurseries was deferred to an extra-ordinary meeting on 22 February.

An interesting angle was later raised, concerning the effect of climate change guidance on new developments. These are to be discouraged in car-dependent communities and encouraged where public transport is available. That should rule Cargreen out! Traffic The Chairman reported that there was a proposal to reduce the speed limit between the Saltash tunnel and the Carkeel roundabout from 70 to 50. The Botus Climate Change Group is championing a cycleway between the Hatt and Carkeel roundabouts, which has received a lot of support. Finally the PC has been offered the use of a speed sensor for a couple of weeks a year. This would not record number plates but would be there to remind drivers of the 20mph limit. Crab traps An Inshore Fisheries survey had found 4,817 traps up the Tamar, 298 of them from Cargreen to Neal Point. Whilst these appear to be licenced, there were no byelaws governing their operation. The PC was concerned that they were now made of plastic guttering (rather than the original slate) and were not being disposed of properly. The Council is to make a fact-finding phone call to Natural England, and the PC agreed to advise the Parish Climate Action Group of the issue.

**Footpaths** were next on the agenda. Flooding was reported at the top of Paradise Lane. Whilst this had been reported to the County Council, they were up to their ears in cliff falls and unlikely to respond in the near future. The PC also thanked Martin Holmes for clearing a tree which had fallen on to the Penyoke footpath.

Peter Plume

#### Parish Council 15 March

After the two extraordinary council meetings since the last full meeting, this was pleasantly short!

It was disappointing to hear that the big evergreen oak outside Wayton House had been assessed as dangerous after the wall collapsed, and it would now be felled. This was probably the least of the occupants' concerns after the fire, but will mean that the road will be temporarily closed on two occasions in the near future – one for the tree and the other for delivery of a temporary mobile home.

The local footpath booklet is now over 25 years old. As it would be expensive to republish, it was agreed to digitise it and put it on the Council website. Incidentally there are still stocks of the original booklet – now collectors' items!

The provision of charging points for electric vehicles was raised in the light of the availability of small grants. Charging bays in the Memorial Hall car park could be desirable, but the hall's electricity supply is already at its limits. The Climate Action Group it to take the matter forward.

The Department for Media, Culture and Sport had sent out confirmation emails to those who have signed up for fibre broadband but these look remarkably like scam messages. The Chair has circulated reassurance that they are legitimate. Progress will now go behind the scenes, and we will probably not hear anything more directly for a year or so.

There was informal information about the horsebox on Empress Quay which would soon be replaced by a gate.

The Chair had been in touch with South West Water following comments that the water pressure at North Wayton had been too low for the fire engines tackling he blaze at Wayton House. SWW are taking pressure readings around the village, but it was noted that pressure is much better than 40 years ago when milking the cows near the crossroads would leave the village with a mere trickle.

Peter Plume



#### Parish Council extra-ordinary meetings, 22 February, 1 March

The Parish Council has lodged further objections in response to the appeal by the owners of Rosehill Nursery against the Cornwall Council's refusal of planning permission for 29 houses and a shop on the site.

The Council believed the appeal had inaccuracies and was in direct conflict with the Neighbourhood Development Plan, so the Council wanted to add a further submission to their original objection to address these points.

The Nurseries were outside Cargreen's settlement boundary. An aerial view showed the site was not part of the village, and there were no houses to the West (both contrary to the appeal).

Some of the gardens were very small and did not meet Cornwall Council guidelines.

The appellants argued there were 14 additional people requiring affordable housing in the Parish. This research was carried out on Facebook, whereas the Parish Council had made specific efforts to identify applicants and add them to the Affordable Housing Register. Credible evidence from the Council showed the affordable housing needs of the Parish to be very low, therefore there was no over-riding need for development inside the AONB.

The development would increase the size of parish by about 12% and was inside the AONB, so the Council considered it would be a major development and thus unacceptable.

The new Council working group - the Landulph Parish Climate Action Group (LPCAG) had submitted points to be included in the council's submission. No public transport was available in the village, so there would be an increase in car usage. Building standards were not mentioned, in particular method of heating, energy generation and insulation. There were no plans for water conservation (use of grey or black systems) nor of minimising light pollution. Finally, there were no plans to meet the 10% target for biodiversity.

Councillors liked a village shop – St Dominic's new community shop seems to be doing well. The ageing population and increased working from home might help a shop, but the proposal lacked parking and loading space.

By a majority, the council felt the appeal was not justified, and the Parish Clerk was tasked to submit the agreed statement.



On other matters, the Chair said he was ecstatic about the response to the fibre broadband proposals Against a target of £272,000, about 140 homes and 20 businesses, the sign-up response was 142 houses and 29 businesses. This represented £314,000 worth of vouchers – well above the target. The Chair specifically thanked the independent parishioners who had offered financial support, if required, and added that there were also Community Infrastructure Funds at both County and Parish level which might be accessible if the need arose. The Chair also thanked the Newsletter team for their help in spreading the word.

Peter Plume

#### Heart-felt thanks

In the aftermath of Charles and Kirstie Evans' devastating house fire they would like to express their heart-felt thanks for all the offers of help and support from the people of Landulph. They were overwhelmed by the avalanche of kindness and are extremely grateful.

Enclosed in this edition is a leaflet from Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service to remind us what we can all do to improve safety in our homes.

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#### Landulph School

We were so excited to welcome our families back when schools reopened fully to all children in March. We have seen our children reconnecting, settling back into the routines and expectations of school whilst also allowing them lots of opportunities to talk and share their lockdown experiences. It has been fantastic to welcome some new families to Landulph and it is great having the school full of smiley, happy children once again.

I cannot believe that it has been a year since this roller coaster of disruptions in schools, with jobs and varying degrees of lockdowns which have impacted on our lives greatly all began. With the roll out of the vaccine programme, I truly hope there is light at the end of the tunnel, and we will see a return to some sense of normality by the summer. We recently had a mufti day with a splash of red to support Comic Relief's Red Nose Day. We raised an amazing £80!

Karen Ball Headteacher





#### Landulph Under Fives

We welcomed all the children back to preschool on 8 March as part of the national roadmap out of lockdown. We stayed open throughout the most recent lockdown but some children did not attend and we have loved welcoming them back.

Our topic for this half term is Dinosaurs. The children have had a fun-filled few weeks learning about these amazing creatures. They have enjoyed creating various dinosaurs using

split pins, shapes, patterns, coloured in pictures, and read Dinosaur books. They even designed their own dinosaur! They continue to enjoy the new play kitchen which has enhanced our role play area. We have recently started offering wraparound care again. Our opening hours are Monday-Thursday 8.30am-4pm and Friday 9am-3pm. Spaces are available. If you'd like to know more or to arrange a viewing of the setting please contact us via email

(landulphunderfives@yahoo.co.uk), Facebook, or call us on 07718830149. Government funded places available. We look forward to hearing from you!

Our search for a new team member has been successful and we are looking forward to welcoming Kelly Welsh to Landulph Under Fives on 29 March. We are also looking forward to welcoming three new children to our setting very soon.

We would like to say a huge thank you to Landulph Memorial Hall committee for their swift action in replacing the roof after a leak was identified. We will be much warmer with the added insulation and, hopefully, we will need to use the heating less in the Winter.

We are desperate for new committee members. We currently only

have two members who are actively involved in the management of the preschool and we would really appreciate any support anyone can offer. If you think this is something you would like to get involved with please email us on landulphunderfives@hotmail.co.uk. Grandparents, parents, members of the community are all welcome!

We are planning an American Breakfast event on Sunday 4 July to coincide with our AGM. We hope the government roadmap will stay on track so we can welcome you all for a community get together over breakfast.

Cat Packer



#### Is This The Lithium Age?

Cornwall is shaping up as potentially the UK's best site for commercial extraction of Lithium from the salty underground springs that run through the granite which lies in a belt stretching from the Isles of Scilly to Dartmoor. Why the excitement? Cornish Lithium Ltd believe they can extract enough Lithium to meet the surge in demand for lithium car batteries which will be required as the UK phases out the sale of all new petrol and diesel cars by 2030.

Among other uses, Li salts have for many years been effective remedies for manic-depressive psychosis/bipolar disorder. Perhaps it should be no surprise that in regions where natural groundwater is rich in Li, suicide and homicide rates are lower than average. Perhaps people there are generally happier too.

Is Landulph's tapwater Li-rich? If you drank more water could you give up yoga, mindfulness and yoghurt? Welcome to the Lithium Age.

Morton Macleod

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#### After lockdown, how about some fun in the sun?

Remember being invited for suggestions for a fun day this summer when the whole parish can meet and have fun? At the Hall or in a field? How about games, food and drink, music, dancing, fancy dress competition?



More suggestions please to <u>landulphfestival@gmail.com</u>. (They're not running it but look forward to an avalanche of good ideas).



Cargreen Cancer Research UK fundraising group will be popping up around Cargreen in June.

Our plan is to put up a couple of outdoor stalls on days when the sun shines to sell a range of goods.

Perhaps you are the sort of person who enjoys making things, and during lockdown has painted pictures, knitted hats, sewn bags or made bird boxes?

We would love it if you could donate a couple of your home-made items for sale on the stalls.

Details of where the stalls will be sited will be announced nearer the time and the dates will depend on the weather forecast.

Gaye Braund 01752 847774 gayelbraund@live.co.uk

#### **Gardening Club**

Today the sun is out and at last things are looking brighter for the club to come out of hibernation. I'm hoping we can have some talks in the Autumn and maybe meet up in the Summer. I've heard that there are a few new people in Landulph who are interested in gardening. If you would like to be on my email list, I could let you know about the club and any open local gardens and events. Contact is: jen@wayton.eclipse.co.uk or tel. 01752 846504.

One thing that looks very likely is the Cornwall Garden Society Summer Show planned for Friday 16, Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 July. It will be held at the Show Ground in Wadebridge.

Jen Hambly

#### Landulph Church to reopen

Holy Week services and acts of worship will restart in all the parishes in the Tamar Seven group. Sadly some Covid restrictions will still apply. We will still be in masks, two meters apart, using hand gel and so on, but we can at least see real people.

Our services for Holy Week will still be online at 10am (using Zoom), or you can simply download the meeting to watch later. All service times are on the parishes' website (www.tamar7.org).

On Palm Sunday in the past, we have walked through St Dominic, led by two donkeys, and stopped at places to have a dramatic reading of the Easter story. This year we will tell the story as drama!

Maundy Thursday remembers the Jewish Passover, the Last Supper and the Watch of the Passion.

On Holy Saturday (before Easter Day) we will have a dramatic service of 'Easter Fire'.

On Easter Sunday, at 6.45am, the first light of Easter Day, we will gather in St Dominic churchyard for worship and to remember the Resurrection.

At St Odulph we will hold our first service this year on Easter Day to celebrate the Resurrection. There is a triple symbolism here: we celebrate the new life that Jesus brings, a new start in our church life, and in the life of the nation as it moves, albeit frustratingly slowly, out of lockdown.

Above all, we are a people of hope, and we seek to service our community by being a beacon of light and new life for all.

See you somewhere, for a Happy Easter!

Rev. Chris Painter (Rector)

The last year has been tough for everyone, Some more than others. It's been bitter sweet for us, we are missing our family so much but we have been very lucky that we have been able to work throughout, bringing people treats to cheer them up, delivering gifts to loved ones to let them know that although you can't visit them, you are still thinking about them and miss them terribly. We have provided for 'zoom' afternoon teas, online corporate meetings, even 'zoom' funerals, which is sad but the only way everyone could be involved when they weren't able to attend.

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## Parish Diary April / May 2021

As regular readers know, the parish diary lists activities within the village for the relevant two months. Whilst parish events are suspended at the time of publication due to Covid 19 restrictions, should contact become less restricted during this time the following are contact dotails of the organisers of parish events

following are contact details of the organisers of parish events which would normally be expected to run.

Please keep safe and well, and we still hope to be able to publicise more positive information in the next issue

Baby & Toddler	Thursdays 9.45 – 11.30am Preschool	07718
	Leader	830149
Film Club	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in winter 8.00pm John Hall	841598
Gardening Club MHA	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday 7.30pm Jen Hambly	01752
Good	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 2.30pm Mavis Edmonds	01579
Companions		350385
Hatha Yoga	Fridays 9.30 – 10.45am Hannah Guy	07805
LMH	<u>www.tamaryoga.com/</u> guy_hannah@icloud.com	264987
Lively Ladies MHA	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday 7.30pm Cindy Zimmer cinders696@hotmail.com	842187
Mobile Library	4 <sup>th</sup> Friday 1.45 – 2.05pm, Coombe Lane, subject to change/cancellation in line with government guidance: see <u>https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/ me-</u>	
Parish Church	See our online worship for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter and be- yond on <u>https://sites.google.com/site/</u> <u>thetamar7</u> (click on the clock) as well as streamed, online and recordings of church worship	
Parish Council	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month, 19 April & 17	01752
Venue/virtual TBA	May, details on PC website & village notice board	240541

Pilates	Thursdays 7.00 - 8.00pm Liz Court	07526		
МНА	www.lizcourtpilates.co.uk	899781		
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Recycling Col-	Tuesdays fortnightly, next collection on	03001		
lection	13 April; alternating with Tuesday gar- den waste collection	234141		
Short Mat Bowls	Wednesdays 2 – 4.00pm Shirley Kitney	01752		
LMH	Thursdays 7.00 – 9.00pm	846808		
Таіјі	Wednesdays 10.00– 11.00am	01822		
LMH	Helen Manning	258208		
Under 5s Group	Monday - Friday 8.30am-4.00pm	07718		
MHA	Friday 9.00am –3.00pm	830149		
Village Choir CYC	Thursdays 7.30 – 9pm Chris Bowman	841573		
Contact Numbers for booking: Landulph Memorial Hall 845280				
Venues: LMH = Landulph Memorial Hall. MHA = Memorial Hall Annexe.				

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3rd	Lynn Horn	£12	3rd	Roy Williams	£12		

#### Love your Bees

As we walk around the parish it's good to see everything bursting into life and people sprucing up their gardens ready for spring and summer. With this in mind, spare a thought for our bees.

In the UK we have 250 species of bee: 25 species of bumble bee, 224 solitary bee and one species of honey bee. Over the last 50 years there has been a huge decline in insect numbers in the UK (any of us over 40 years old surely remember the car windscreens being dotted with insects at every summer outing?). This fall in numbers has been attributed to climate change, loss of habitat, pesticide use and disease.

70 of the 100 crop species that produce 90% of food worldwide are pollinated by bees. Fruit and seeds will not be produced if plants are not pollinated.

Honey bees do not hibernate so they must produce honey to survive over winter. Bees collect 20mg of pollen per trip. They need to fly 110,000 miles to make 1kg of honey (that's four trips around the world). The 30-40,000 bees in a hive can produce up to 27kg honey in a season, of which 11kg can be surplus and so consumed by the likes of us.

To be profitable, most crops need to be grown as a 'monoculture' without weeds. If this single plant species is then attacked by insects the entire crop can be decimated, bringing a need for pesticides. The British Bee Keepers Association have campaigned against the use of one particular group of pesticide, the neonicatinoids, as it has been linked with a fall in bee numbers. This year, this chemical has been banned for use in sugar beet where it is used to kill aphids but the BBKA continues to campaign against the licence granted by Defra for its use in 2022 and 2023. The status of the UK's pollinating insects is monitored by Defra and it shows there has been a long term decline since 1980, this in turn is followed by a reduction in diversity of other plants and animals. If we can a plant a range of crops or preserve a strip of hedgerow flowers around a field we could really help our wildlife.



Recently there have been lots of rumblings in the press about pet flea treatments and their effect on wildlife. The Veterinary Medicines Directorate has commissioned research into the potential consequences of ectoparasiticide use in pets. It is widely accepted that if anti flea and tick treatments have recently been applied to your dog, or your dog wears an insecticidal collar, if your dog then swims in a river or the sea it has the potential to damage the ecosystem. The insecticides fipronil and imidacloprid

(Frontline and Advantage trade names) were originally created to treat crops but have been banned for use in agriculture in most of Europe. We need to strike a balance between using a chemical to protect our pets and safeguard our families (fleas and ticks can have a devastating effect on the health and welfare of your pet as well as potentially transmitting diseases to us including tapeworm and lymes disease) and the potential environmental impact of their use. There is an argument that a flea and tick tablet given to our pet may have significantly less environmental impact than something applied to their skin; to date, there is no published evidence to support this but it seems logical. As concerns about pesticides used in pets chiefly involve their impact on waterways, we don't know what impact they have on the bee population but I would certainly recommend that dogs are not allowed to swim in the river or sea for at least a week after application of any flea product (both from the point of view of harming the ecosystem and the product being ineffective on the dog as it has washed off).



#### **PLANT MORE FLOWERS**

Bees see light at the blue to ultraviolet end of the spectrum so blue and purple flowers appear more bright to them. Bees cannot see red colours so planting a mix of blues, whites and yellows will attract more bees. The BBKA top ten recommended flowers that you can plant to attract bees are:

Hellebore, Salvia, Echinacea, Rudbekia, Lavender, Snowdrops, Crocus, Cosmos, Sedums, Verbena.

And who needs a perfect lawn? I'd much rather see those humble bumbles rolling in the clover!

#### **REDUCE PESTS**

Bees can be affected by different parasites and non-native aggressive species of insect. These include Varroa mites which destroy a bee colony within two years and the Asian hornet which is a serious threat as they feed on honey bees (they can also sting us). Their numbers are



highest in September. If you think you have seen one you should report it via the Animal Plant and Health Agency website.

Sue Hassan



#### Reduce your carbon footprint by using LED light bulbs

Switching to LED light bulbs in your house is a no brainer: it reduces your carbon footprint and saves you money. Typically LED light bulbs use a lot less electricity than ordinary light bulbs (saving  $\pounds 2 - \pounds 7$  per bulb per year) and last a lot longer (at least 5 times longer).

Switching to LED lights in your house could reduce your carbon footprint per year by 63kg and if we all swapped, we would save 1.7 million tonnes annually. LEDs are more efficient because they don't use heat to produce light – this uses less energy and also makes them safer. The Windsor Castle fire (which cost £36.5 million to repair) was caused by a painter who left a 1000-watt halogen bulb on near a set of heavy curtains, causing them to catch fire.

Practically all bulbs are now available as LEDs including fancy ones with mock filaments. This neat little table (from The Lightbulb Company) shows you how to buy the right brightness using lumens:



LED light bulbs also come in different shades of white – choose warm white to match standard bulbs and natural white for work rooms.



LED bulbs are easily available and no longer much more expensive than ordinary bulbs so what are you waiting for?

#### **Climate Snippets**

- •Cornwall Council has looked in our black rubbish bags and found that 22% can be recycled.
- •Mai Adventures will be leading a 'Paddle & Pick' every month on paddle boards to collect and bag rubbish found in the river contact Mel for more information.
- •One tonne of Carbon Dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) is equivalent to one passenger on a return flight from Paris to New York or driving 6000km in a diesel car.
- •To limit global warning to 2°C the average CO<sub>2</sub> emission per person on the planet must not exceed 2.1 tonnes by 2050.
- •Grants are available to householders, businesses and charities to install electric vehicle charging points.
- •Use the cardboard tube from toilet rolls to plant your sweet pea seeds

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#### Help the environment? I haven't got time... it's all too difficult

Having written in a previous newsletter about ways in which to save on plastic in our everyday life, here is an update on progress.

We were already using a Sodastream instead of buying fizzy water, having twice weekly deliveries of milk from a local dairy, using recycled loo and kitchen paper delivered to the door (don't forget Who Gives a Crap gives half its profits to build loos in areas where there is no sanitation and is a partner of Water Aid) and trying loose tea leaves because tea bags contain plastic. Since then:

To reduce plastic use, we have gone back to old fashioned bars of soap instead of dispensers for liquid soap, shampoo or conditioner. I also have a bar of soap to use instead of washing up liquid, but haven't finished the plastic bottle of Eco liquid yet. A good tip: if you take the bars of soap out of their paper wrapper as soon as you get them, the soap gets harder and you avoid a soggy mess on your soap dish or basin when you use them.

Similarly, I now use solid shampoo and conditioner bars. Rush Organics, selling soaps, shampoos and bathroom essentials, were started by someone who used to live in Saltash; there's another similar brand called Faith in Nature, and My Little Eco Shop is based, I believe, in Devon. The My Little Eco Shop shampoo produces much more lather



than some other solid shampoos, so is more enjoyable to use. If you can't quite bring yourself to part with the plastic dispensers, large Method surface cleaner refills reduce the number of plastic bottles you need to buy - and smells great! My Little Eco Shop also produces a wide range of cleaning products and items from carpet freshener to coconut scourers, scented candles to natural deodorants. dental floss to feminine hygiene products, all delivered in non-plastic, recyclable packaging to your door. Talking of scourers: I tried following the advice of cutting a loofah up into 3cm discs for scourers, but was not hugely impressed. I will definitely try the coconut ones next time! SMOL washing and dishwashing products come through the post;

your required amount arrives in cardboard packaging every month, and new products are being added to their lines. The latest are little capsules you dissolve in water for cleaning to allow you to refill not landfill. Genius! Another company, Tru Earth, offers a variety of laundry detergents in dissolvable eco strips, one per machine load, in envelopes of 32 strips. Holmes Farm Deliveries (see ad in this newsletter) brings delicious fresh, where possible locally sourced, fruit and veg (and other groceries too) to your door, usually within 24 hours of placing your order; they use brown paper bags for small items, and are grateful to have their cardboard boxes left out for reuse.



Something for the future: I was interested to read that our supplier offers reduced price overnight electricity for when you charge your electric car.

Phillida Jermain

#### **Ralph Deacon**

Very sadly, Landulph recently lost another of its senior citizens with the passing of Ralph Deacon who farmed at Grove.

<sup>'</sup>Rolfie' as many knew him, came to Landulph in 1939 when his father took over the tenancy of Grove. It was principally a dairy farm with the addition of a few sows and some market gardening. With the passing of time the cows were replaced with a beef herd. In recent years the business was expanded and the family now also operates a successful plant hire business.

Ralph's father died quite young in 1950, and his mother, Emmie, bravely took on the farm, helped by his grandfather Blatchford. Ralph took over in 1959 at only 23 years of age. No stranger to hard work, up to the age of 15 Ralph attended Landulph school then helped out on the farm, including milking the herd.

Some years ago, Ralph sadly lost his wife Pat whom he had married in

1959, and is survived by his three children, Glyn who now runs the business, daughter Andrea and son Clive.

On a personal note, I have had the pleasure of being Ralph's neighbour for some 50 years, at St Anns and subsequently at Grove Cottage. A quiet man, who would rarely admit to 'a bad day', Ralph just got on with the job. A really nice person, 'Rolfie' will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

David Hall

#### Liar liar, kilt's on fire

In a recent edition of this Newsletter (No 90) I mistakenly wrote that Penyoke playing field had been the proposed site for a new parish hall and on a separate occasion for a sewage treatment works. It wasn't the playing field: in the case of the hall, it was somewhere along a horticulture strip where the houses Laxtons, Pen Bre and Pendragon are now, and for sewage treatment, close to the south boundary of Penyoke Cottage and not far from Well Orchard's present tennis court. With apologies to all those who noticed the error.

Morton Macleod

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#### Volunteers

Recruitment drive for volunteers to act as security backup in June when Cornwall hosts the G7 meeting of world leaders. 75 nondescript people with no distinguishing features are required to bulk out the crowds, alert to possible acts of terrorism etc. Some successful applicants will be trained in mock protest against capitalism, crowd monitoring, and techniques of non-lethal immobilisation using only a Biro or baseball cap visor. Previous service with police or MOD preferred, and priority given to ex-offenders with records of violence.

For further information contact looFlirpA.com

#### How many trees in the wood?

In the last issue of the Landulph Newsletter it was said that up to 100 trees could be planted at the Searle Family Memorial Field (the cricket ground).

I'd like to clarify that although the club has agreed to work with us in relation to tree planting no firm decisions have been made as to where or how many trees may be planted at the field .

Amanda Pugh, Landulph Parish Tree Warden



In our previous issue we reported of the Calllington and Saltash cricket club merger and Landulph cricket ground. The above photo shows works are already underway at the Landulph pavilion.

#### Tree Disease Hits Pentillie

We have had a few residents get in touch concerned by the large quantity of timber removed from the Pentillie Estate and wanted to inform you correctly of the situation.

Unfortunately the larch and chestnut trees had Phythophora which is a spore born disease that kills them. The Forestry Commission spotted a dead larch from one of their helicopter patrols last year and came and felled the tree for analysis. Disease was confirmed. They served a plant health notice on me that required all larch and chestnuts in the infected area to be felled by 30th August 2021. Phythophora is now widespread throughout the country and you will have noticed all the larch woods in the Glyn Valley being felled over the last few years. No such compulsory felling is required for ash trees dying from Ash Dieback, however they become brittle and dangerous so it is best to have those in that area removed at the same time. Once the affected area is cleared it will be replanted. The chosen location where the timber is stacked is so we can get arctics or a truck with a drag to pick the timber up.

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#### 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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Gardens Open ~ Our gardens will be open on Easter Sunday 4th April and then twice weekly from the 18th April on Wednesdays and Sundays from 10am - 4pm. Entry £6 per person. Hot drinks and cake boxes available. Covid rules apply.

Outdoor Theatre ~ Tickets released soon! HMS Pinafore, performed by Illyria, Tuesday 13th July 2021 at 7pm Macbeth, performed by TLCM, Wednesday 21st July 2021 at 7pm

For more info please visit the 'What's On' page of our website or call 01579 350044.

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