

LANDULPH NEWSLETTER



Your guide to what's happening in the area
Issue no.121 February/March 2026

Please read this

The article below has been taken from Landulphinit Facebook on 12 January and was written by Katie Billing. If you have a log burner or know someone who has one we urgently advise you to take note:

'In the early hours of this morning, my husband and I were woken by our carbon monoxide and smoke alarms sounding. At first everything seemed fine, both of us then said we woke with a headache but thought it was because we woke suddenly because of alarms, which is now a frightening warning sign. A few minutes later the alarm went off again, and we knew something wasn't right. Using our digital carbon monoxide monitor, it read 0 in the kitchen, but as we moved through the dining room into the lounge it immediately alarmed and showed 280ppm near the log burner — a level that is extremely dangerous and can be fatal if exposed for too long. We straight away got the boys out the house and opened all windows and doors.

Today is our son's 10th birthday, and we are painfully aware that without those alarms waking us, we may never have woken up at all!! Please check your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms regularly — they don't just warn you. THEY LITERALLY SAVED OUR 4 LIVES TODAY!

Without them I wouldn't be here writing this !!

Feel free to share to raise awareness as to how dangerous this can be !

- I had professional advice and the cause was air vent not fully open before we went to bed, something we have done for many years and had no issues (serious lesson learned here).
- So if anyone is like us and will dull log burner down before bed so it burns slower over night !! DONT !!
- Keep air vent flow fully open! !!

Parish Council - December

Public Forum: A parishioner asked whether the Searle Family Field might be used temporarily for junior rugby training.

Cornwall County Councillor Paul Cadour gave a short briefing about his first five months in office. This included plans for 300+ houses at Latchbrook Farm. He also mentioned Treledan where 350 houses had been built so far with 650 to go but that no primary school was planned for now. However, there would be two new sporting pitches (1 rugby, 1 football) plus a clubhouse and maybe a shop. He said Aldi were planning a store in Saltash; Saltash Community School is old and contains asbestos so maybe it should be knocked down.

Minutes: A new road name sign for Church Lane is now funded in next year's Highways budget.

SW Water have sited an emergency generator (for the sewage pumping

and the Council would like to install a stone trough beside it... The PC will
Landulph Parish Council January
SW Water's emergency generator on Sammy Sands slipway is still of concern. However, the consensus was that after the latest storms this was not the time to tackle them.

Planning.

Lowena, Coombe Lane: Extension and internal rearrangement were supported. The PC thanked the applicants for such a thorough proposal.

Methodist Church. The revised layout was a pre-app, therefore for information only.

Synchronous condenser at Elbridge (North of substation). A revision of the earlier application which proposed containerised batteries for voltage stability. Whilst this major infrastructure project will not be derailed by the likes of Landulph, the PC unanimously refused to support this application. Four key concerns;

- 1. Visual impact;** The building is now 12m high and sticks up like a sore thumb. Mind you, so do the pylons running beside it, but it is still an eyesore.
- 2. Access;** These are huge, heavy machines requiring multiple tractor units and multi-axle bogies - search for 'transport synchronous condenser' on your browser to see some. Apart from using the lane at Elbridge, the access track has three 90 degree bends in it.

What's On At St. Mellion



BRAND NEW GYM - NOW OPEN!

Have you considered becoming a member of St. Mellion Health Club?
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Did you know if you come & play either course and decide you would like to become a Golf Club Member, we will refund your Green fee in full!*
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Sunday Carvery Lunch

Everyone's favourite family tradition, the Sunday Roast at St. Mellion...Carvery style!
1 Course £18.50pp, 2 Courses £23.50pp, 3 Courses £28.50pp, 3yrs ~ 11yrs £11.50pp, Under 3yrs - FREE

Elton John Tribute Night!

Can you feel the love tonight...(it is Valentine's Day after all)! Friday 14th February, from 7pm
Enjoy a 2 course dinner followed by an evening listening to the very best Elton John classics.
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Members 10% discount applies



Call 01579 351 351 to enquire or scan the QR CODE!

3. Noise; The application is dismissive about noise, which could be a low-frequency rumble. Similar machines are already installed in the UK, so why is real data not provided? Even worse :cooling fans, not noted for their quietness!

4. Natural England pointed out that the application did not provide a Habitats Regulations Assessment – a legal requirement. They would not support the application without this, and the PC adopted the same position. The PC rejected the application, but Councillor Ansell advised that it should be regarded as speculative at this stage. There were big hoops to jump through - Conrad needed planning approval to get National Infrastructure' approval, then still needed permission to connect. However, we should make efforts to engage Conrad in discussion.

Precept

Councillor Tagg explained the precept setting process. The outcome is a recommendation for a 2.99% increase on the PC's element – about £0.30 per month for a band D property. The Chair noted that County rates were expected to increase by 4.99%.

Coombe Lane Flood

Highways have made 2 attempts to clear the drain, but have been defeated by tree roots. It is important, as Coombe Lane is an emergency route for Cargreen. The problem has been reported, but an informal approach to check on progress would be made.

Powerline Vulnerability

The PC will write to National Grid Electricity Distribution to thank them for the expeditious repair after Storm Goretti. Anyone who is vulnerable, including pensioners, should register to get priority support in case of problems. Councillor Ansell will publicise this in the Newsletter. Thanks were also given to Tim Bell for loaning a generator to the hall.

The Network Operator is responsible for trimming trees around power lines, and in the Public Forum Mr D Richards stated that he had signed up to have the trees trimmed 2 years ago, with no action taken (until Goretti took a hand!)

Emergency Plan

Councillor Morris wants to review the Memorial Hall infrastructure in the light of the plan. Councillor Tagg will publish a list of things to stock in case of power loss – including water.

Governance & Finance Working Group

Report on website. The split of broadband payments between PC and Memorial Hall is agreed. Grass cutting tenders are now due out.

The PC intends to adopt a finance management package called SCRIBE. This is widely used by councils, and will be set up in February/March.

The donation from the film company (£500) had been moved to Earmarked Reserves – Community Events, and a decision will be needed on where to spend it.

Landulph Climate Group Will be hosting a visit by Tamar Valley National

Landscape (the Nature Recovery Plan bit). Watch out for more info.

Landulph Orchard Group Report gives updates on grants and activities.

Playing Field Working Group

The fence needs replacing, and the budget is in place. The tractor needs attention, and the PC are hoping some kind parishioner will volunteer.

Searle Family Memorial Field

Octopus Energy are being awkward. They are trying to apply the standing charge because the meter is still fitted. They insist it is a 3-phase meter, which it might be... but it is a single-phase supply. Photos supplied to prove the point.

There are currently 3 threads to potential future use. Richard Barnes is developing ideas for youth cricket, and will present these next month. Saltash Cricket Club have not yet responded, and Sammie Coryton is waiting for Saltash Rugby Club's input. Councillor Morris is developing ideas for mixed use – a secure dog walking area round the perimeter, cricket pitch with second artificial turf strip, restoration of the pavilion with a gym equipment behind it. His 'finger-in-the-air' budget estimate is £70-90K, and he was given approval to submit an outline proposal for CIL funding.

AOB Councillor Ansell is dismayed by the lack of updates from CIL about the new school facilities for Under-5s, and suggested the PC invite the CEO down to explain. Watch this space again.

Finally, the Footpaths Officer gave a very brief update on footpath maintenance and asked for some rubble. Councillor Gawith has bags of it.

Peter Plume

The Fish Weir of Penyoke

The parishioners of Landulph have benefited from the abundant fish-stocks of the River Tamar for hundreds of years and to this day, fish caught from the quay features on many discerning dinner-tables (bass goujons for instance).

Reliable records exist from the seventeenth century, although a dismissive description by a scion of Antony House of 'Cargreen, a fisher-town', which can 'hardly muster a mean plight of dwellings or dwellers' is probably jaundiced. The full story is told in 'Fishing on Landulph Reach', on our local website Landulph.org.uk. Common sense tells us that Cargreen was not just a fisher-town but had a strong agricultural industry. It must have been involved in water transport too: the reason for establishing a settlement here at all, had to have been influenced by its position on a pinch-point of the river.

Even if fishing was not the prime activity, the source of valuable food on Cargreen's (and thereby Landulph's) doorstep was fully exploited in fishing from boats and the banks, in seeding the oyster- and cockle-beds around Neal Point, and in the use of a fish-weir, a simple device dating back to the earliest times and in use world-wide - still to this day in

primitive communities. This fish weir was built from stakes driven into the river-bed in two rows, getting closer together until the narrowest point, a keep-net or a hollow dug into the mud. The fish swam up with the tide, couldn't get out and as the tide ebbed, they were trapped. The advantage of a weir like this is that you could be working elsewhere, come home at low water and there are your fish – they caught themselves! Our fish weir (or was it weirs? - some records show it as plural) was in Penyoke Lake. The exact position isn't known. Nor is it clear whether the rent was paid by one person or by a consortium. Did they sell off excess fish? At some times of the year, there must have been too much for one family, even with a lot of children.

The records are thin. In 1640, George Nigles gave up the lease of the Old Weare, in ye Manor of Landolphe, called Pinnocke Weir'. River Tamar fishing between just below Gunnislake and downstream of Landulph was legally regulated as one entity, so occasionally the Penyoke weir is mentioned, almost as an afterthought. Then nothing until 1801, when 'a Fishery, Penniock Wear Pool . . . situate on the River Tamar', was to be let by auction. And finally, in 1893, it's noted in a lease between Devon Great Consols. and the Prince of Wales, that the fishing agreement 'also extends the rights along the river into the Manor of Landulph known as Penniock Weir.'

Acknowledgements to Dr. S. Gedye and to Mr. R. Snell for the details above. The full story of all the fishing on the Landulph reach of the Tamar can be found on Landulph's own website: www.landulph.org.uk.

The Landulph Under Fives

The topic for this half term is 'Space' and the 'Aliens Love Underpants' story book. We will be learning about the planets in our solar system and showing a little blue alien how to wash its hands. We will also be setting up climbing equipment in the Annexe area to demonstrate Astronaut training. We have already been making spaceships, playing a syllable game counting and clapping how many syllables are in the names of planets, exploring a small world space station and singing number songs including 'Five Little People in a Flying Saucer'. Thank you to everyone who supported the Landulph Under Fives at our Halloween disco, we raised a vital £294 for the preschool.



The Pre-school Committee are in the process of organising a couple of fundraising events in March.

Claire Fry

Bless this space

The children of class 3 at Landulph School performing to their parents sitting on the Cornish amphitheatre in Duchess Green on 28 November 2025. They performed, as magical spirits, the final speech by Titania and Oberon from Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*: *"Hand in hand, with fairy grace, will we sing and bless this place"*.

This was the culmination of a workshop led in Duchess Green by Holly Kibble, the Artistic Director of The Inn Theatre Company from Dartmouth Shakespeare Week. She introduced the children to physical and vocal performance skills through games and exercises. My favourite was where she got the children in small groups to pretend to be a washing machine and then she went round the groups turning the machines on. At the end of the workshop each child created their own magical spirit or creature. The parents arrived and the children entered in character across the boardwalk bridge to perform Titania and Oberon's speech.

Despite a rather muddy, drizzly day, the children all concentrated, worked hard and clearly enjoyed the workshop. It was supported by Landulph Orchard Green volunteers and part funded by the UK Government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.



Landulph School

Happy 2026! What an eventful start to the Spring term we have had!
Our topics this term are:

Class 1 – What's special about red, white and blue?

Class 2 – Are we good digital citizens?

Class 3 – What are we?

It has been wonderful to welcome all the children back and they have delved into their new topics and learning with great enthusiasm.

Class 1 have started their first Wild Tribe of this year, and despite the weather they managed to get out in the fresh air and make brilliant bird feeders



We are looking forward to lots more activities and events across the term alongside our fantastic learning, such as National Storytelling Week, Number Day, St Piran's Day, World Book Day, Grandparent's Lunch and

more!

We loved showing off our school to potential new families at our Open Days last term. If you missed them and would like to come and have a look around, please give the office a call and we will be delighted to make an appointment for you to visit us.

We hope you all continue to keep safe and well through the wintery months and we look forward to the coming months as the evenings get lighter and (hopefully) warmer!

Karen Ball Headteacher

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR OF LANDULPH.ORG.UK

Not everybody snoozed by the fire over Christmas! The production crew at Landulph's own website were busy sourcing exciting and entertaining new articles and some beautiful photos.

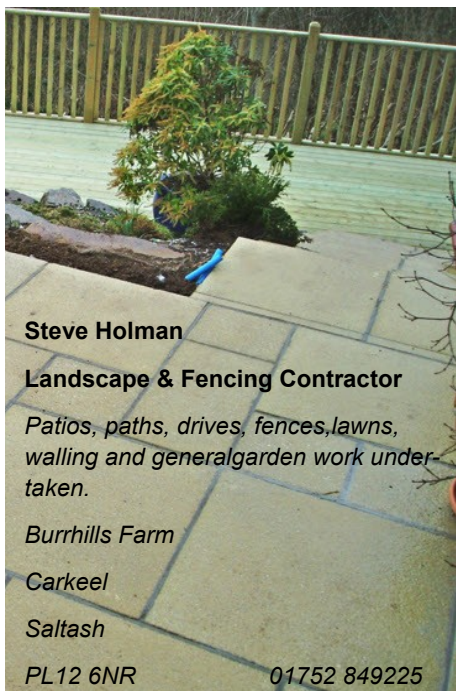
And look out for announcements of events happening soon, such as Wassailing in Duke Orchard and Duchess Green, both of which survived last week's storm and where the new trees and bulbs are already flourishing (probably thanks to last year's Wassail).

Landulph.org.uk doesn't have a handing-in date, because (here's one of the ways it's different from a magazine) it runs continuously. So if you have an interesting photo that you think would spark discussion and controversy, send it in. If you have a story that is even more compelling than the ones you've read on the website, just send it in. As soon as you like - it's welcome!

There's a major event about the Tamar Valley at the end of February, hosted at our Memorial Hall and affecting all Landulphians. Check it out on the website events page.

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Parish Diary February & March 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

Film Club, LMH	3 rd Tuesday in +winter 7 for 7.30pm Phillida Jermain phillidajermain@gmail.com	01752 841598
Gardening Club, LMH	2 nd Tuesday 2.30pm Jen Hambly hambly.wayton@gmail.com	01752 846504
Good Companions	3 rd Tuesday 2.30pm, LMH Wilma Oakes	01752 843784
Hopper Shopper 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 - £4 for return trip	
Landulph Stay & Play, MHA	Weekly in term time, 10—11.30am, MHA. Jess Dyer	07718 830149
Memorial Hall Café, LMH	Every Friday 10.15am—12. Coffee, tea, soft drinks, home made cakes on sale. Come for the chat!	
Mah Jongg The Cottage	Every Wednesday 2.00—4.30pm Annemarie Nathan annemarienathan@hotmail.com	01752 842187
Mobile Library Coombe Lane	Every 4 th Friday 12.25—12.45 See Mobile Library - Cornwall Council	
Parish Church	For information see tamar7.org/tamar-valley-benefice/churches/landulph and/or The Kernow Gateway Benefice	
Parish Council	3 rd Monday of the month except August, LMH, 6.30pm Details on PC website & village notice board	01752 240541
Refuse Collections	Next fortnightly rubbish collection on WEDNESDAY 11 alternating with recycling collections. Food waste collected every WEDNESDAY. Next fortnightly garden rubbish TUESDAY 3 February	03001 234141

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

FEBRUARY

Sun 1	10am 3pm	Holy Communion, Landulph Church Cornish Evening Prayer, Halton Quay	PC
Mon 2	9am	Under 5s Monday—Friday during term time	MHA
Wed 4	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
Thur 5	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 6	10.15am—12 12.25—12.45	Friday Café every week with tea, coffee, soft drinks, hot chocolate and of course home made cake! Mobile Library, Coombe Lane	LMH
Tues 10	9.30am 2.30pm	Midweek Communion, Landulph Church Gardening Club: <i>Can a Plantaholic Downsize?</i> Illustrated talk by Tricia Howard on establishing a new small garden after moving from 3 acres RHS Partner Garden Hidden Valley near Fowey.	PC LMH
Sat 14	10.30am	Hopper Bus trip to Exeter £10. Please reserve your place –078 666 80971	
Sun 15	10am	Morning Praise, Landulph Church	PC
Mon 16	6.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	LMH
Tues 17	2.30pm	Good Companions: Penny Prisk talks about <i>The life of a Registrar</i> (note changed speaker)	LMH

Tues 17	7 for 7.30	Film Club: <i>Hot Fuzz</i> British buddy cop action comedy with a star studded cast including Jim Broadbent, Olivia Coleman, Timothy Dalton, Edward Woodward and many others. Doors open at 7pm for a free glass of wine/hot or cold drink and chat, film starts at 7.30pm. Tickets £7.50 to include your drink (payment by card please)	LMH
Sat 21	6.30pm	The Landulph Orchard Green Working Group would like to thank everyone who contributed in any way to making Duke Orchard and Duchess into the lovely green spaces they are and to invite you to come to celebrate with us. Complimentary glass of wine on arrival, thereafter a pay bar (card only please). Light refreshments will be provided	CYC
Sun 22	2— 4pm	Fruit Freedom Day Come and help us free the fruit trees in Duke Orchard from their cages, do a little weeding and replace the cages with rabbit proofing. As always, cake will be provided, but please bring your own drinks and tools	Duke Orchard
	Sat 28 9.30—3.30pm	Tamar Valley Community Action for Nature Forum offers practical sessions on empowering local communities to take climate and sustainability action. Tickets free, book through Eventbrite.	LMH
MARCH			
Sun 1	10am 3pm	Holy Communion, Landulph Church Cornish Evening Prayer, Halton Quay	PC PC
Mon 2	9am 6.30pm	Under 5s Monday—Friday during term time Landulph Memorial Hall AGM. Come to hear how your village asset is doing, and, more importantly, give us your ideas on how the Hall would best be used in the future	MHA LMH
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Tues 17	2.30pm 7 for 7.30pm	Good Companions: Adrian Wilton on <i>Secret Spies in Cornwall</i> Film Club: <i>The Grand Budapest Hotel</i> : comedy drama about a quest for fortune and a priceless Renaissance painting. Doors open at 7pm for a free glass of wine/hot or cold drink and chat, film starts at 7.30pm. Tickets £7.50 to include your drink (payment by card please)	LMH LMH
TBA		Look out for the first Daffodil Day in Landulph Orchard Green. Date to be announced when the daffodils are approaching their peak	

PARISH COUNCILLORS

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100 CLUB WINNERS

DECEMBER

1st	Jo Pearson	£24
2nd	Helen Manning	£17
3rd	Margaret Laishley	£14
4th	Gary Pickard	£10

JANUARY

1st	Sheila Hosking	£21
2nd	Amanda Marks	£16
3rd	Nicola Small	£12



Monthly Rainfall in Cargreen

In former times, when Ken Eastman was alive, we enjoyed his record of monthly rainfall in the Landulph Newsletter. Recently we discovered that Liz Dunn, who lives just outside the village, has kept detailed records of rainfall for many years. She has kindly agreed to supply us with this information issue by issue, together with comparisons from previous years. Her introductory statistics are eye watering and thank you to Liz for her beautiful artwork seen above.

Rain total for 2025	1631mm / 63.6 inches
Rain total for 2015	1259.7mm / 49 inches
Rain total for 2005	1102mm / 42 inches
Rain total for 1995	1128.5mm / 44 inches

Recent monthly rainfall:

November 2025 rain total 246.5 mm / 9.6 inches

3 days with over 25mm / 1 inch

November 2015 182.7mm

November 2005 125.6mm

November 1995 133.9mm

December 2025 rain total 331.2 mm / 13 inches.

6 days with over 25mm / 1 inch (44mm / 1.7 inches on the 8th).

This total was recorded up to 22nd Dec, 3 weeks of heavy rain, then we dried out until we started to freeze about the 31st Dec 2025 - 4 degrees C.

December 2015 173.6mm

December 2005 125.7mm

December 1995 122.0mm

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Coombe to Wayton footpath – Chapter 6

I am often asked about the relationship between the farmer and the landowner and how our business operates. Of course, in many cases it is one and the same thing where the land is owned, managed and farmed by the same person. Our situation at Hays Farm is different as we are tenants of the Coryton family. Around one third of the land in England is tenanted and while only 14% of farms are wholly tenanted around 45% of farm businesses have some tenanted land as part of their farmed area. Our business Agricola Growers Ltd operates in a different way to most. While we are tenants on around a quarter of the land we farm, such as at Hays, we 'contract farm' the remainder. In simple terms a contract farming arrangement is a joint arrangement between a landowner and a contractor. We operate as the contractor providing the labour, machinery and day to day management expertise with the landowner providing the land and buildings. The risks and rewards from the farming activity are shared between the landowner and the contractor along agreed

lines. Whilst the landowner is technically the farmer, the day to day farming activity is carried out by our business.

This type of arrangement enables us to farm a larger area than would otherwise be the case by bringing a number of farms together under one umbrella. It enables economies of scale to be achieved and allows more specialised management. The landowner still has control over what happens on their farm, but it allows them to step back from the day to day activity.

Contract farming is a relatively new and upcoming style of farm management although it has been practiced for about 40 years. There are other variations along the same theme such as share farming, an idea brought over from New Zealand in the 1970's. Wherever two parties are involved in the management of land, whatever the type of agreement, it is ultimately a partnership. Not so much in a financial or legal sense but in terms of a shared vision. It is important to us to take a long term view in many different ways, for example, our business security depends on it, we want to practice a sustainable rotation that enables us to do the right thing for the next crop and those that follow and we want to leave all aspects in a better way than we found them. There is an old but true adage 'live as if you are going to die tomorrow but farm as if you are going to farm forever'. Both the landowner and the farmer need to share that view otherwise it won't work properly.

More specifically it comes down to what the farm is best suited to. At Hays it's general topography next to the Tamar, make it best suited to being a predominantly grass based livestock system within a wider rotation enabling occasional cash crops such as potatoes and cereals as well as forage crops for the cattle and sheep. Every farm is different and the management needs to be tailored to optimise its strengths and recognise its weaknesses. Ultimately, we must make money to be able to pay the rent, get a return on our capital and to be able to reinvest in the farm. However, we must always have a holistic view.

Jeremy Oatey, Agricola Growers Ltd

Jeremy is co-founder and co-director of AG, and recommends its website (www.agricolagrowers.co.uk) for further impressive information.

Landulph Memorial Hall 100 Club

Thank you for your support over the last 12 months. We had 106 members in total. We hope you will continue to support us this year and fees of £12 are now due.

Please either drop it in to Sue Wright at 1 Coombe Lane, Cargreen, or phone me on 01752 847533 and I will arrange to collect it from you. If you prefer you can pay by BACS by contacting the Hall Treasurer Gaye Braund on 01752 847774

Thank you in advance for your support.

Sue Wright

Blessing the Trees

On 18 January, and as tradition goes, on 'Old Twelvey', the nearest Sunday to the 17th January, forty villagers including musicians, children and friends gathered at Duke Orchard to celebrate the pagan festival of 'Blessing the Trees' and to ensure a bountiful harvest.

The weather was kind to us as we proceeded to walk a complete circuit of the orchard led by our Wassail King, Martin Worth.

We stopped to bless two apple trees and a plum tree with the singing of a traditional Wassail song and then we treated the tree trunk and roots with a dousing of apple cider. We then all indulged in making a lot of noise rattling of pots, pans and drums to scare away any nasty malevolent spirits that may have been lurking. We took the opportunity to bless, maybe slightly out of tradition, the newly planted willow dome. See photo opposite.

The final tree to be blessed was a native Cornish Gilly Flower apple tree, planted in December in memory of the late John Hall and his late wife Leslie who lived a short distance from the orchard. There is located nearby a bench which was provided by John for the new Orchard. See the article in this edition titled John Hall - Memories, page 21, by Clare Tate.



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We then all proceeded to the Duchess Green singing and making a lot of noise where we blessed the trees of the small Miyawaki forest, and the dousing was conducted by one of the pupils of the Landulph school who had actually planted one. We ended up at the lower shelter where James and Phillida Jermain served warm mulled wine and fine home cooked cakes.

I think everybody, including the trees, enjoyed themselves.

Thank you LOG for organising this event.

Allen Pack

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Sadly, we have recently lost two stalwarts of our parish.

Both Tony Channings and John Hall were respected residents of our village and had contributed to our community in many ways. As you may know, our newsletter does not normally include obituaries, but we have included memories in this edition from Jo Butcher and Phillida Jermain below:

Tony Channings Tony was our near neighbour for 40 years. We built our house at Three Corner Meadow in 1983 and he built Cymaron in 1993. He moved from Church Lane with his mother to a plot of land where he built his house.

For the first few years we were neighbours, we didn't see very much of each other as we were working and Tony was working for the water board and still playing cricket.

As we got to know him, we learnt that on his plot of land he grew broad beans, runner beans, beetroot(he gave me a recipe for beetroot cake), gooseberries, raspberries, and daffodils.

He was very generous and shared his produce with us and for many years he sold his daffodils outside of his house. It is some of those daffodil bulbs that he gave to Landulph Orchard Green and these were planted a couple of years ago.

Railways were a great interest of Tony's and he was very proud to show us his original paintings by Terence Cuneo of steam trains.

At one time when Tony had broken his shoulder, I went over to offer help with cooking, but he very proudly showed me he had a freezer full of food that he had cooked himself.

During Covid, Tony wrote a history of Landulph which he gave to us and we have passed this on to Gill Manning's Cox for its place in the history of Landulph on landulph.org.uk

We will miss the blackcurrant king, every year he would come over with many punnets of blackcurrants, porridge without Tony's blackcurrants isn't the same. *Jo Butcher*

John Hall When John and his wife Leslie moved to Cargreen they were enthusiastic supporters of the Landulph Festival, particularly in the area of music and theatre. He introduced us to Carn to Cove who supplied subsidised performances for villages, notably Wurlitzer who went on to become frequent and popular performers. After he lost his beloved Leslie, John sponsored an event in the following Festival. He had a fascinating past in the world of film and interactive media, particularly his work at the Central Office of Information from 1960 to 1989 and his website www.coifilms.co.uk. It was clearly an exciting and changing time, and no doubt challenging as he had been profoundly deaf from birth.

John went on to start the Landulph Film Club, and was always a source of enthusiasm and information.

In December 2025 it was agreed to plant a Cornish Gillyflower apple tree in Duke Orchard in memory of both John and Leslie. John was an enthusiastic supporter of the Landulph Orchard Green project from the start, and was quick to donate the benches in Duke Orchard and Duchess Green.

Parish Christmas Walks

This year we were blessed with a lovely sunny winter's day for our annual Parish Walk on Sunday 27 December.

As usual we had three walks, each well attended with an overall attendance of 70 adults and children. This year the middle walk included a circuit of Duchess Green. *See the front cover photo in this newsletter of walkers on the boardwalk over the pond.*

The event ended at the Cargreen Yacht Club with soup, pasties and drinks at the bar.

Thank you to all the helpers who made this event possible.

Important for those of us that have oil fired boilers.

The Government has finally launched a consultation on how oil heated homes should be heated in the future. One alternative to air source pumps is to use HVO. This is a low carbon alternative to traditional heating oil which can be used in an existing oil fired boiler; but this fuel is not currently commercially available. This is why it is really important for those with oil fired boilers, to complete the consultation so that you have a choice in the future. A website, Future Ready Fuel (<https://futurereadyfuel.info/consultation-response/>), explains all of the arguments around HVO and also provides a very easy way for oil-fired boiler householders to have their say on the Government's survey (closing date 10 February)

Clare Tagg

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Thank you to all who support us and thank you to everyone who bakes cakes, moves tables and serves coffee.

Jo Butcher

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

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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**

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Spring Garden Open Days

Wander our gardens this spring while supporting 4 wonderful charities:

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