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with a pub, church and the
Millennium Green. Please
help to keep it clean and tidy

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Thank you

We would like to say a big THANK YOU to Hannah McMahon who is stepping down from her role with the newsletter. Hannah has co-ordinated the distribution of the newsletter to our wonderful team of volunteers. We thank her for all her hard work and support. We would like to welcome Mair Smith who is taking over from Hannah temporarily. Everyone involved in the Landkey Newsletter is a volunteer and we couldn't do this without their help. Thank you to all our volunteers.

Can you help?

We are looking for new volunteers. Are you able to help with organising the delivery of the newsletters? Are you able to help with the delivery of newsletters in Church Meadow? If you can help, please contact landkeynewsletter@gmail.com

The Landkey Larder

It will soon be harvest time and we really hope as the winter months fast approach we can build up a nice stock of warm winter foods including tins of soup, pies and meat to help keep the vulnerable well supplied during the upcoming colder months. We would like to ask for donations to be left at 8 Church Meadow (opposite the church) so that they can be filtered in daily. This will help to stop the small number of people who are taking large amounts of food in one go. Even just one tin from everyone in the village would make such a difference to those in need.



Update from Cllr Paul Henderson

Devon County Council and the N Devon Link Road upgrade contractors Alun Griffiths would like to thank the residents of Landkey for their unending patience in accommodating the regular night time closures that has seen all A361 traffic routed through your villages overnight for the past two years.

We are pleased to inform you that the major construction work is now almost completed so, as from the end of October, we envisage that any further re-routing of A361 traffic through Landkey will mostly cease. The Contractor will continue to publish any proposed traffic management that may be necessary. In regard to the condition of the main road running through Landkey, your Parish Council has ceaselessly canvassed to have this road repaired to remove all the imperfections and we're pleased to say that funding has been earmarked for this work which will be carried out once the link road primary works have been completed, either towards the end of this year or in the spring of 2025 (dependent upon weather conditions).

Pilates Class Beginner/Intermediate – Spaces available for Tuesday mornings 10.15-11am

Come and join our friendly Pilates group in the village. There are a couple of spaces on a Tuesday morning in Landkey Old School hall (10.15-11am). If you would like to improve strength, flexibility, coordination and core strength then come along and give Pilates a go! Classes are paid monthly and each week is varied to work different areas of the body. All you need is a thick exercise mat and suitable clothing to start! If you would like to make this a part of your weekly fitness routine and book your space then please contact Rebecca at rebecca@healthybalance.org.uk or 07706042746.

Christmas Wreath Workshops

Join us for festive and creative fun, raising funds for a charity school trip to Kira Farm in Uganda. Craft your own Christmas wreath, under the expert guidance of Ian Smith - Garden Designer and Horticultural Advisor for the RHS.

£35 includes all materials and refreshments

Friday 29th November 7-9pm (FULLY BOOKED)

Saturday 30th November 3-5pm

Saturday 30th November 7-9pm

Landkey Village Hall



To book email info@iansmithgardendesign.co.uk or call 07789323829.

Landkey Parish Council

We have a vacancy on Landkey Parish Council and wish to co-opt a suitable candidate to join us as soon as possible. This opportunity is open to anyone over the age of 18. Anyone wishing to be considered should contact the Clerk to the PC at landkeyparishcouncil@gmail.com with a brief outline of their interest and experience

Thank you

We wish to thank Mr Bill Parker for his many years of service in maintaining the Landkey War Memorial. As Bill has now stood down from this duty, the Parish Council will ensure this historic monument is kept as it should be.

Parish Council View on A361 road closures

Landkey Parish Council together with Swimbridge and Filleigh have on many occasions registered our frustration and anger over the extent and frequency of night closures and the effect they have on village residents. Night closures of the A361 are apparently the only way to provide a safe working environment for the contractors to complete essential works, but the delays in this whole project have extended this pain for all of us. The alternative (in some instances) would be to have traffic light controlled lane closures on the A361 which would almost certainly lead to drivers rerouting through our villages to avoid such delays anyway. The night closures are sanctioned by Devon County Highways and they are well aware of the strength of feeling these works have invoked, Devon CC have agreed to interim repairs of Blakes Hill Rd surface this year and then a full re-surfacing in Spring 2025. Please feel free to make your comments (and those of other Parishioners) to Devon CC via their website but we fear there is little scope for change now.

Birch Road development

Allison Homes have plans to develop 150 houses on land off Birch Road. Whether you are opposed or supportive of this extension to our village, it is important that residents respond to the formal planning application once submitted (in the coming months). Giving your views directly to the planners at NDCC is the best way to ensure they can be considered in this process. Watch out for news of when and how to do this once an application is submitted.

New Community Building

Following the well attended public consultation event in June the Parish Council are going ahead with a planning application for the new Mazzard Hall Community Building at the site bordering the top of the Millennium Green. More news on the progress of these plans and a likely timetable for the project will be provided in early 2025.

Landkey Hedgehog Group

As we go into Autumn, hedgehogs still need our help especially juveniles. Keep a shallow bowl of water out, feed if you can and if you have yet to create a hedgehog highway (opening) it is not too late. A hole of 13cm x 13cm is all you need for hedgehogs to come into your garden and hopefully off the roads! You may have seen the Millennium Green now has two hedgehog information discs - on the bridge by the playing field and on the old bike post. If possible, any hedgehogs seen in the day time that look poorly, young, or not moving need to be rescued. Place in high sided box on a towel with hot water bottle and call Barny Hogs 07398 495 124 And please remember to check bonfires before lighting them!

If you have anything you would like included in the next newsletter, please email Laura and Mair at

landkeynewsletter@gmail.com

The deadline for the Dec/Jan edition of the newsletter will be 19th November

Support Landkey Primary School and be in the chance of winning cash prizes by playing Your School Lottery. Visit www.yourschoollottery.co.uk and search for Landkey School

New Yoga Class

Beginners welcome. Great for your spine, releasing tensions/pain, and calming the mind. Weekly daytime classes begin on Thursday 26th October 2024 at Swimbridge Jubilee Hall.

Please contact Audrey Smith for more information.

www.transformyogataichi.com. 07791191090

audrey@transformmyback.com

Landkey Community Primary Academy

We are still looking for donations of bark chippings to develop our forest school area.



Is your child starting school or nursery in September 2025? Join us for our open morning or at a school tour.

Open morning – Saturday 9th Nov 10am – 11am

School tours – Weds 18th Sept 10am, Thurs 26th Sept 2pm, Fri 4th Oct 10am and Mon 7th Oct at 2pm

Landkey Repair Cafes 2024

Find us at Willows Tearoom on 2nd Oct, 6th Nov and 4th Dec.

We will revive and fix preloved items whilst you have a cuppa and a chat – any maybe learn some new skills.

We repair your items for free!

Plastic Free North Devon

Story Bears



Show your baby with love through nurturing touch!

IAIM 5 Week Massage Course

18th Oct- 15th Nov @ 11:30

Landkey Village Hall

Story sessions for children 4 and below are also available every Friday at 10 am.

Halloween Special Fri 1st Oct-older siblings welcome

To book any of the above activities, visit www.storybears.co.uk

St. Paul's Church

All are welcome to join us for Anglican Christian worship at our parish church. Services are normally held at 10:30am on Sundays and take the form of Holy Communion or Morning Prayer and are frequently led by our vicar, Revd Cathy Scofield. The style of our services is reverent with members of the clergy giving interesting sermons relevant to our everyday lives. All residents of the parish will be welcome to attend the Service of Remembrance on 10th November, which will begin with a service in the village hall at 10 am, followed by the Act of Remembrance at the war memorial at 10:45 am. Christmas services will be announced in the next newsletter and on our website. We are currently planning maintenance and improvement works to the church, with details available on our website. Find us in Manor Road at the western end of the village. www.landkeyparishchurch.org

Christmas Tree Festival

Vote for the best dressed tree from 12 – 15 December at the Church. There will be a raffle and refreshments.



Christmas Bazaar

In aid of Landkey Parish Church, join us at Landkey Village Hall from 2pm – 4pm on 7th December. There will be handmade crafts, food, a tombola, raffle and refreshments.

Landkey Sings News

Rehearsals for this year's Landkey Carols are now on a Thursday night starting on Thursday 14th November. We will be led by Wren Music at Landkey Village Hall 7-9pm (please note the change of venue).

We also have exciting news about a project we are part of with Winkleigh Singers. The Landkey Carols have been used by composer Alison Willis to create an entirely new work which will be sung by The Winkleigh Singers at a special concert.

The premiere will be at Torrington Parish Church on Saturday 14th December 7.30pm. The Landkey Carolers have been asked to sing four carols in the first half of the concert and then we will all be able to hear the new piece of music that we have inspired.

In addition to this if anyone from Landkey Sings would like to be a part of the choir performing the new piece there is an opportunity to do this by joining Winkleigh Singers for this term. You will have a short trial period within the choir and must attend all the rehearsals. If you are interested please follow this link www.winkleighsingers.org.uk/membership/ We are very excited about this opportunity and hope that some of you might be inspired to join with Winkleigh Singers to be a part of something very special and unique.

We will also be singing around Landkey this year in 2 locations so keep an eye on our Facebook page Landkey Sings for more information on this and all this years festivities.

SAVE THE DATE for the Landkey Wassail - Saturday 18th January 2025. We will be bringing our usual wassailing, cider and food fuelled fun to the Millennium Green again so keep the date free.

Landkey Horticultural Society

We are very pleased to announce that a Show & Fete will be back in 2025! Save the date: Saturday 26th July 2025. Further details to be announced in due course.

If anyone would like to sponsor the show then please get in contact.

Membership

Membership rounds have now been completed. If you would like to become a member or if we missed you when we visited then please get in contact

AGM

20th November 2024 at 7pm in the Village Hall. All are welcome.

Winter Programme

Our Winter Programme has now begun. 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

October 29th - A Talk on Plants with Mike Avis

November 26th - Christmas Arrangements with Janet & Pat

December 6th - Coffee Evening with Landkey Sings

January 28th - Interclub Quiz

February 25th - A talk on the Fire Service with Cameron Stamp

March 25th - A Talk & Slides on Mothers with Andrew Lansdell

April 29th - Easter Arrangements with Janet & Pat.

May 27th - Garden Visit - details to follow.

The evenings close with a Raffle, Tea & Biscuits. There is no entrance fee but we do request a nominal charge for Tea & Biscuits.



Yoga classes for ages 5 - 13

Fun and uncompetitive

Landkey Pre-School Hall

Tuesday 5.30

Thursday 5.30

Subject to members



Contact: Jon Lewis 07865416621

Rainbow Kids Yoga on Facebook



Landkey Brownies

The Brownies have enjoyed being back together after the summer break. This half term we are focusing on our 'Be Well' badges. Thanks to a grant from Landkey Parish Council we are focusing at the moment on our first aid training with Sarah from Mini First Aid coming to run a number of sessions for us. Thanks to funding from our North Devon Councillors we are also looking forward to a life saving session at South Molton pool in October. Grants and other gifts of time and money are vital to us being able to continue to support our local girls to have adventures and develop life skills. Thank you to everyone who supports us. If you would like to join our waiting list for a place, please visit girlguiding.org.uk to register.

The Castle At Landkey

Exciting Happenings at the Castle Inn! Greetings, dear community members! We are delighted to bring you the latest updates and events from the Castle Inn, where there is always something exciting happening for everyone. Here's a sneak peek into what we have in store for you:

New Over 60's Club We are thrilled to introduce our new Over 60's Club! Members will enjoy 20% off selected meals and a complimentary meal through our loyalty card scheme. It's our small way of giving back to the wonderful seniors in our community.

Going Retro with Our Basket Bar Menu Get ready for a delightful trip down memory lane as we launch our retro Basket Bar Menu. Relish the nostalgia of old-school classics and treat your taste buds to something special.

Quiz Nights Every Tuesday Engage in some friendly competition with our Quiz Nights, held every Tuesday from 8pm. It's a perfect way to challenge your mind and have fun with friends and family.

Sunday Lunch at the Castle Join us for a sumptuous Sunday lunch with two sittings at 12pm and 2pm. Booking is essential, so be sure to reserve your spot early to enjoy a delicious meal in great company.

Annual Halloween Party for Adults Dust off your costumes and prepare for a spooky celebration at our annual Halloween Party for adults on the 26th October. Enjoy live music from The Hoolies and a night filled with fun and frights.

Volunteers Needed for Children's Halloween Party We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help organise a children's Halloween party. If you can lend a hand, please contact us at 01271 830 438. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for more details about the kids' costume party.

Fry-up Fridays Kickstart your Fridays with a superb breakfast at the Castle Inn from 9-11am. If you can't make it on Fridays, don't worry—our hot drinks are available from Monday to Saturday starting at 9am. We are constantly working on new special offers and events to make your visits even more enjoyable. Stay tuned for more exciting updates, and we look forward to welcoming you at the Castle Inn!

Warm regards, The Castle Inn Team

Thank you, volunteers!

Millennium Green has had some great help over the summer. Volunteers have kept the Green looking neat and tidy by inspecting it every day, cutting the grass, emptying the litter bin and clearing the paths. They have helped repair the leaky roof of one of the containers, mowed the wildflower and pollination meadow and checked bramble growth in the beech hedge. We are proceeding with our plan for 'Greening the Green'. We'll be celebrating a quarter of a century next year. We'll be discussing our plans shortly, -let us have your ideas.