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

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If you have anything you would
like included in the next
newsletter, please email Laura
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The deadline for the April/May
edition of the newsletter will be
20 March

Jazz at The Castle

Joining our growing community of Jazz

lovers at the monthly Jazz Jam at

The Castle 7.30pm

Wednesday 12th Feb

Wednesday 12 March

If you fancy playing or singing with the
house band, you are very welcome.

The Castle At Landkey

CASTLE INN
PUBLIC HOUSE & RESTAURANT

Thank you for your support in 2024! We are incredibly grateful and your unwavering patronage has truly humbled us. Thank you to the wonderful people who have attended our quiz nights. We have raised an impressive £4,885 for Landkey Primary School which will be donated later this year. We will soon be looking for a new local good cause or charity to support so if you have any suggestions, we would love to hear from you. Don't forget our weekly quiz nights take place every Tuesday at 8pm. Please remember to book your table in advance to secure your spot. It's a fantastic way to test your knowledge and have fun with friends.

Exciting Bands Lined Up for 2025: We are in the process of booking bands so follow The Castle At Landkey on Facebook to stay updated with who will be playing and when! We promise you an exciting line up that you won't want to miss!

Pop Up Post Office: Don't forget the pop-up Post Office is here every Monday from 9am-11am.

Over 60's club success: This has been an outstanding success with over 200 members taking advantage of the 20% discount offer. It's clear that this initiative has been well received and we look forward to welcoming even more members this year.

Join our team: We are currently recruiting kitchen staff. Are you a chef or a cook with a passion for food? We are looking for the right individual to help grow our business. If you think you have what it takes, we would love to hear from you.

Social Groups and Activities: Would you like to make new friends? Why not pop along on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday morning and join in with the Knit and Natter, Games Day or Crochet groups? Everyone is welcome and the best part is, it's FREE!

Friday Breakfasts: Leave Fridays free for Breakfast at the Castle. It's definitely the best way to start your weekend, served from 9-11am.

Children's Menu: Our team has put a lot of effort into our menu, especially the kids menu and healthy sides from just £1. Drop in to see what we have on offer.

Event Catering: Do you have an event coming up? We cater for birthdays, funerals and special occasions. Give us a call on 01271 830438 to see how we can help make your event special.

Thank you once again for your continued support. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Landkey Sings

Thank you to everyone who came out on a chilly January night to join in the annual Landkey Wassail. We had a wonderful evening blessing the fruit trees in the Millennium Green Orchard. Thanks to the Millennium Green Trust for allowing the chaos to ensue on the Green once again and special thanks to Landkey Football Club for allowing us to take up car park space on a match day and for allowing us to use their changing rooms.

We were proud to be able to offer wonderful food provided by a number of local businesses, Thin Nick's Pizza, Lucho Bakes and Willow's Tea Room. Much cider was consumed from Green Man Cider and Borderline Morris entertained us all in a fabulous fashion. Thanks also to Micky Darling at Lee House Marquees, another Landkey business, who provided the marquee. A huge thank you must also go to Paul Wilson from Wren Music, who had to work on his own due to illness this year, but was the best MC for the whole event we could hope for. The whole organising committee also deserve much gratitude and appreciation and if you would like to join us to help organise next year's event we would be very pleased to welcome you onto the Wassail Committee. Email landkeysings@gmail.com if you are interested.

Our event was so successful we were also featured on the Jeremy Vine Radio 2 show on Monday 20th January! We hope to see you again next year and in the meantime keep an eye on the mazzard and apple harvest to see if the wassailing has worked!



Landkey Hedgehog Group

You may think that hedgehogs are tucked safely away sleeping throughout winter, however, hedgehogs will often wake up and go searching for food during the winter months.

If you can, leave out a shallow bowl of water and some dry food throughout the last of the winter months.

If you have an interest in hedgehogs come along to one of our meetings, dates are announced via our Facebook Page or on Landkey Village forum.

Karen 07791 561 480



Landkey Parish Council

Council Vacancy

The Parish Council has welcomed Mr Lynden Davies as a new co-opted Parish Councillor. Due to the recent resignation of a councillor, we are still seeking to co-opt another new Parish Council member. If you are interested in this role please contact the Clerk via landkeyparishcouncil@gmail.com

Landkey Mazzard Hall News:

Our Charitable Trust has received a significant donation towards this project from Mr Norman Tucker, which will fund a major part of the total build costs. We are very grateful to Norman and his family for this generous gift made to support our community in Landkey. The group will now focus on raising the rest of the required funds needed. More news on this in the coming months.

New Defibrillator

A new defibrillator device has been installed on the entry to St James Close to service the Newlands area of the village. This has been funded and installed by The Parish Council but we are very grateful to the resident that has agreed to have it sited on their property wall. It will be checked and maintained by another nearby resident.

Landkey & Swimbridge Community Speedwatch

This group was set with Devon and Cornwall Police after local residents complained to the parish councils about reckless driving through the villages. The emphasis is on educating rather than punishing drivers. Three volunteers have retired from the group because of ill health. If you would like to volunteer or know more about Speedwatch, please contact Cllr Mark Haworth-Booth - markhaworthbooth@gmail.com

Pilates Evening and Daytime Classes

Are you interested in trying Pilates to enhance your core strength, coordination, flexibility, and posture? I have a few openings available in the classes listed below:

Monday evening - mat work class 6.10-7 / 7.15-8

Wednesday morning - mat work class 9.10-10

Wednesday morning - seated Pilates* 10.20-11

*Seated Pilates is ideal for anyone who would like the comfort and support of a chair but still enjoys movement! It is suitable for people who may have balance or dizziness issues - please feel free to share to anyone you think may be interested. We also use props such as balls and bands in class to build strength
Email rebecca@healthybalance.org.uk to join a class

Landkey Horticultural Society

Upcoming events:

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.

Dates for Diary

4th May 2025 - Plant Show

26th July 2025 - Annual Show - we are very pleased that the Annual Show will be returning. This will take place on the Playing Fields. More Info will follow on the next newsletter.

Landkey and Goodleigh WI

We meet at Goodleigh village hall on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm. We have varied guests who speak to us on interesting subjects except for the summer months when we go out and about during the day – and one thing I can assure you is that our days out always involves food!

We have around 25 members and would welcome you if you would like to join us.

My contact details are 01271 850630 or 07867128737.

Alternatively, email nickyraycomer@gmail.com Looking forward to meeting you.

Landkey Community Primary Academy



We are looking for volunteers to help within our school. If you would like to volunteer to listen to the children read or support in our school garden we would love to hear from you. Please call the school office on 01271 830421 email admin@landkey.tarkatrust.org.uk to get more details or to request a volunteer pack.

Exciting Adventures at Brownies This Term!

This term, our Brownies are diving into activities for their *Innovate* and *Express Myself* badges. We kicked things off with a creative painting session using only dots! The girls created amazing pictures, including serene beaches, adorable ducks, and even a lively interpretation of chaos. It was a fantastic opportunity for them to express their unique creativity. Before half-term, we'll also be exploring storytelling, experimenting with innovative ideas, and trying our hand at programming. There's so much to look forward to, and the girls are loving the chance to develop new skills and have fun together!

Join Us!

If you know a girl aged 7–10 who would like to join Brownies (or go on the waiting list if she's younger), please visit girlguiding.org.uk to register.

We Need You!

We're looking for a new adult volunteer to join our unit. Whether you can help regularly or just occasionally, we'd love to hear from you! Being a volunteer is a rewarding way to make a difference, learn new skills, and have fun.

Story Bears

Story Sessions

Every Friday in Landkey Village Hall at 10 am.

We offer a story, songs and sensory play for ages four and under, and we will be running in the half term in which school-age siblings are welcome to join in too!

Baby Massage

We have two upcoming Saturday specials in the Landkey Old School Building.

8th Feb- My First Valentines

22nd Mar- My First Mother's Day

Both offer massage, songs and lap rhymes, keepsakes and optional professional photos by Dreamcatcher Studios!

To find out more and book any of the above, visit www.storybears.co.uk



Marcia Clayton – Landkey Author

My latest book, *A Woman Scorned*, has just been published:

An embittered woman is determined to wreak vengeance on her late husband's two illegitimate children, but just how far will Lady Grantley go? A gripping Victorian tale!

www.mybook.to/AWomanScorned

All my books are available on

Amazon www.viewauthor.at/MarciaClayton to order through any bookshop, or from Heather at the Post Office in The Castle on Monday morning



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 typically take the form of Holy Communion or Morning Prayer.

We will be observing Lent at our services from 5 March until mid-April, an important time in the calendar as we look ahead to Easter on 20 April. More details on the website.

Find us in Manor Road at the western end of the village.

www.landkeyparishchurch.org



Landkey Larder

Our Christmas Appeal was a great success with over 43 food parcels given out. Thank you to everyone who kindly donated. We would love to do the same for Easter and so if you can donate any foods that would be treats for Easter, such as tinned ham, Easter Eggs, biscuits and so on – no fresh food please such as hot cross buns until nearer the time, please. As we learnt from the Christmas appeal, it is never too early to start stocking up and it would be lovely to offer an Easter treat to those who can't afford luxuries.

We have many people on a daily basis asking for help from the larder and your donations make such a difference.

Please remember food can be dropped off at any time at 8 Church Meadow (opposite the church and larder). We then put food in every day to ensure everyone who needs some can access food.

Many thanks for your support, The Landkey Larder Team

Senior Citizens Outing

This year we are planning to have a shorter outing to Exmoor. This will be on the afternoon of Saturday 13 September. Please keep the afternoon free. Full details will be in the June/July Newsletter.

2025 Repair Cafés

We repair your items for free!
Come along with your repairs to:

Willow's Team Room from 10am – 1pm on
5 March, 7 May, 2 July, 3 Sept, 5 Nov

Church of St John the Baptist in Bishops
Tawton from 10am -1pm on 2 April, 4 June, 6
Aug, 3 Oct, 1 Dec.

For more information, please contact
www.plasticfreenorthdevon.org

Citizens Advice

Debt and energy are the two key problems people are bringing to us. If you are struggling and getting into debt please take action sooner rather than later. Our specially trained debt advisers can help you navigate what seems a minefield and remember, our advice is confidential, professional and totally non-judgemental. Our website has some useful links and information so check out www.citizensadvice.nmwd.org.uk We are also able to issue fuel vouchers up until March so do please get in touch to see if you are eligible. Our Advice Line is a free, local number: 0808 27 87 999.

Millennium Green

The Millennium Green is twenty five years old this year. We'll be marking the anniversary with a number of activities, celebrating the ways we are encouraging Nature on the Green.

In February we'll be planting bluebells and snowdrops, ('in the green', the best way to plant them). With the completion of thinning of our overcrowded top wood we'll be planting bird-friendly shrubs and small wood edge trees. We'll be checking birdboxes and erecting new ones for Nestbox Week (14-21 February). We'd welcome donations of boxes or help with putting them up, (10am Sunday 16 Feb, meet by Containers). Full details on the Millennium Green page on www.landkeyvillage.com or Landkey Forum.

In March there will be two sessions of the Millennium Green Working Party, 10am on Mon 3 and Wed 2.

We're experimenting with some weekday

dates as well as weekends during 2025 - not too late to make a

resolution and join us by the

containers. If you'd like to hear

more about what is happening on

the Green please come to our AGM: 7pm on Tuesday 8

April, Village Hall.



Family Support Drop In

My name is Lucy, I am from the Family Hub in Barnstaple, we were formally known as the Children Centre but are now going to be working directly for Devon County Council, I am going to be running a drop in for families in the Tea room at Landkey Wednesday 5th March 1.30-3. This will be a chance to provide some advice for families, answer any questions or provide them with any support they may need. Come along for more information – no appointment necessary.

Care for Kids Barnstaple 10K

Entries are now open for the Care for Kids Barnstaple 10K 2025, which takes place on Sunday 8 June.

The Barnstaple 10k will start and finish at Barnstaple Rugby Club. There will be a medal and t-shirt for all finishers and prizes for the fastest runners in each age category. Early bird entry is available until Friday 14 February

It's a largely flat route, which makes it the ideal race for beginners and experienced runners hoping to achieve a personal best. Sign up at

www.careforkidsnorthdevon.org.uk

Flourishing Culture Awards

Do you know of any individuals, groups or organisations who have made a significant impact on the cultural life of our communities?

You are invited to nominate individuals, groups, or organisations who have influenced you through their cultural contributions.

Shortlisted nominees will be invited to an awards event in Barnstaple in March, where the winners for each category will be announced and presented with their award.

Nominate now until Monday 3 February:

<https://orlo.uk/ixhla>