

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

# Landkey Newsletter

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The deadline for the  
February/March edition of the  
newsletter will be 20 January



Merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year from  
all the volunteers at  
Landkey Newsletter

### The Castle At Landkey

How to Have Fun at The Castle Inn (A Step-by-Step Tutorial)

#### Step 1: Say thank you

We want to begin by expressing our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has supported us this past year. The warmth, laughter, and community spirit have been overwhelming, and we are truly touched.

#### Step 2: Play bingo

Because our first bingo night was such a roaring success, we'll now be hosting it once a month. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for dates, and don't forget to bring your lucky charms.

#### Step 3: Book early for quiz night

Every Tuesday at 8 pm, the Castle Inn transforms into a hive of trivia. It's busy, it's brilliant, and it's best enjoyed with a team of friends. Booking is highly advisable!

#### Step 4: Spin some vinyl

Monday nights at 8 pm are now dedicated to vinyl. Bring your records, pop them on the DJ decks, and share your music with the community. It's a fantastic way to connect and discover new sounds.

#### Step 5: Mark your calendar

• **19th December** – The Male Voice Choir will fill the Castle Inn with harmony.

• **New Year's Eve** – We welcome the fantastic Bicycle Repair Man, expect more strings than a bicycle wheel and more sparkle than a Christmas tree, this will be a night to remember!

• **New Year's Day** – The Castle Inn staff are taking a well-earned break, so the Inn will be closed for one day only. We'll reopen on 2nd January, refreshed and ready for another year of fun.

#### Step 6: Don't forget the everyday joys

• Pop-up Post Office: Every Monday, 9–11 am.

• Teas, coffees, and indulgent slices of cake: Mondays to Saturdays from 9 am.

The Castle Inn thrives because of you, our community. Whether you're here for bingo, quizzes, vinyl nights, choirs, or cake, you make this place special. Thank you for being part of our story, and here's to another year of laughter, music, and connection. May your December be merry, your New Year sparkling, and your resolutions achievable (at least until February).



**Thank You** to everyone who supports the *Landkey Newsletter* with regular contributions, your input helps to keep our community connected. A very special thank you to our wonderful army of volunteers who deliver the newsletter to doorsteps across the village throughout the year.

### Landkey Brownies

Landkey Brownies has spaces! There's something for every girl aged 7-10 at Brownies. Whether it is baking, craft or archery our Brownies have lots of fun trying new activities and making new friends. We meet on Monday evenings in Landkey Village Hall.

Email [firstlandkeybrownies@yahoo.com](mailto:firstlandkeybrownies@yahoo.com) to find out more.

### Landkey Sings

Have you heard about the Landkey Carols, our very own carols some of which are unique to this village? Come and hear us:

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December 5pm Village Hall – Landkey Sings concert

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December 7pm St Paul's Church carol concert

#### LANDKEY WASSAIL

**Saturday 17 January 2026 at 5.30pm**

Our ever popular Wassail is back!

Arrive at the Millennium Green from 5.30pm, procession to the apple and mazzard trees around 6pm. Make lots of noise, hang toast on trees then join in the general merriment and mayhem afterwards.

There will also be the Green Man Cider bar, hot food, best wassail hat competition and a fantastic raffle. All money donated will go to Landkey Sings so we can continue to run the Wassail and our unique Landkey Carols.



### Landkey Guides

Landkey Guides has spaces! Are you a girl aged 10-14? Come and try Guides for FREE!

We are offering free drop in taster sessions this term. Come and join our friendly group every Thursday at The Village Hall from 6.30pm-8pm.

For more information email [landkeyguides@gmail.com](mailto:landkeyguides@gmail.com)



### Pilates and massage

★ **Seated Pilates – Tuesday Mornings (3 Spaces Left!)**

Looking to boost your **strength, coordination, and posture** while enjoying gentle, full-body stretches? Come join our friendly **Seated Pilates** class!

🕒 **When:** Tuesdays, 10:20–11:00am

📍 **Where:** Old School Hall

🚗 **Parking:** Free parking available right outside Whether you're new to Pilates or returning to movement, this class offers a supportive and relaxed environment to help you feel your best. This class is suitable for all abilities.

#### Swedish Body Massage

Rebecca is also delighted to offer **relaxing Swedish body massages** from her cosy studio space in her home in **Newport, Barnstaple**. These massages are designed to help you unwind, ease tension and leave you feeling calm and restored (please note: they are **not sports or deep tissue** treatments).

If you'd like to **book seated pilates or a gentle massage** or have any questions, then please get in touch with Rebecca 07706042746



### St Paul's Church

All are especially welcome to join us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ this Christmas at our Anglican parish church. These are the special services and events which we have organised:

**Christmas Tree Festival** 11-14 December from 10am-4pm daily

**Carols by Candlelight** including Landkey Sings on 18 December at 7pm

**Nativity** 21 December at 10:30am

**Christingle** 24 December at 3pm

**Christmas Mass** 24 December at 10pm

Normal services will continue to be held at 10:30am on other Sundays during December and January.

[www.landkeyparishchurch.org](http://www.landkeyparishchurch.org)



### Book Signing at The Castle Inn

I'm delighted that Creighton and Sharon have kindly invited me to launch my latest novel in a book signing event at The Castle Inn on the morning of Saturday, 6 December, from 9.30 am. "Annie's Secret" is the seventh book in The Hartford Manor Series, which is set in Victorian times in North Devon. The village of "Hartford" is imaginary, but my characters visit many local places you will recognise. So, if you would like to purchase one of my books, bring one you already have for me to sign, or just call in for a chat, I would love to see you. Marcia Clayton



### Landkey Hedgehog Group

Hedgehogs do not really fall asleep for the winter but instead go into a state of torpor when their body temperatures drops to match their surroundings.

On milder winter days hedgehogs may wake up and look for a quick bite to eat before returning to their nest or hibernaculum. They can also move between nests during the season. Continue to keep out a bowl of shallow water and on mild days leave out a bit of food overnight.

**The next Landkey Hedgehog meeting is on Saturday 13 December 10am at The Castle Inn. Everyone welcome.**



### Landkey Millennium Green

Since our last update we have sown new seeds in the wildflower meadow, planted native daffodils on the edge of the woodland area and fritillary by the stream. We have also had the hedges cut and I hope you agree this has much improved the look of the green.

There was an end of season thank you event held in the village hall for all our volunteers with wine, nibbles and wonderful cakes provided by our treasurer Lynden. We had a quiz organised by Michal Gee and a raffle for all attendees. Prizes were kindly donated by trustees with a special thank you to Lorri Stamp from Willow Tea Room for her generous donations and Michael Gee for the wine.

The first working party in 2026 will be on the Sunday 8th February, please come along and help us clean and renovate our bird boxes. Further dates will be published in the next newsletter.

### Shop Raw North Devon

Holistic Care for our Companion Animals.

Raw Food for Cats and Dogs; Natural Treats Chews and Supplements; Eco Toys, 3m Leads and Y-Shaped Harnesses. Find us at Venn Valley Winery, Unit 4. [www.shoprarnorthdevon.co.uk](http://www.shoprarnorthdevon.co.uk)

### Landkey Parish Council

\*At its November meeting the Parish Council discussed the disruption caused by the road closures in Birch and Tanners Road. There was particular concern that the closure signs did not make it clear which sections were still accessible and this caused a lot of confusion. The Parish Council has suggested that a joint meeting be held involving Devon County Highways, NDDC and the Developers to try and avoid any future misunderstandings. We hope to hear something soon.

\*Despite the rain a large number of Landkey Parishioners attended the annual Remembrance ceremony at the village War Memorial. Many thanks to all those who organised the event and ensured its smooth running.

\*We still have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. If anyone is interested or wants to know more, please contact the Parish Clerk for more information [landkeyparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:landkeyparishcouncil@gmail.com)



### Defibrillator at Landkey Newlands

The defibrillator in Landkey Newlands is located on the wall of the first house on the left as you enter Meadow Close, not at the entrance to St. James Close as stated in the last newsletter.

### Jazz at The Castle

Join us for Jazz at The Castle on:

3 December and 7 January – all welcome!



### Christmas Tree Festival

Come and join us for St Paul's Christmas Tree Festival from 11th-14th December 10am – 4pm daily.

Crafts, Christmas gifts, raffle and refreshments  
St Paul's Church, Manor Rd Landkey.



### Landkey Horticultural Society

Join us for our social evenings:

**Friday 12th December - 7.30 - Village Hall - Coffee evening with Barnstaple Ladies Choir**

**Wednesday 28th January - 7.30 - Village Hall - A talk on small containers and pots with Shannon Keary**

Come along and join us for an interesting evening. There is no entrance fee but we do request a nominal charge for tea and biscuits.



### Women's Institute

Our WI is having our Christmas meal on the 16th December so NO meeting. Anyone who wishes to join our WI would be welcome. Our January meeting will be held on 20<sup>th</sup> at Landkey village hall at 7.30 this is when our members arrange an evening, last year we played bingo who knows what we will be doing this year it's always a secret from the committee members! It's a way of saying thank you to us as a committee what I can say it's always fun.

For more information contact me Nicola Comer 07867 128737



### Landkey United Charities

We are looking for friendly, community-minded people to join us as trustees of Landkey United Charities. We are a small local charity run entirely by volunteers. We have a small village property portfolio and give grants to local organisations. We meet around 4 times a year. No special experience needed, willingness to help support our village and keep things ticking along. If you would like to get involved, we would love to hear from you! Please contact Trustee/Secretary Gemma [gemma@btinternet.com](mailto:gemma@btinternet.com) for more information.