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with a pub, church and the
Millennium Green. Please
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like included in the next
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The deadline for the April/May
edition of the newsletter will be 19
March

Repair Café

Bring along your broken bits and get
them fixed at Church of St John the
Baptist, Bishop's Tawton: First Weds
of each month (4th Feb, 4th March)
10am - 1pm

www.earthactionnorthdevon.org

The Castle At Landkey

As we step into a brand-new year, we want to begin with a heartfelt 'Thank You' to everyone who joined us through the festive season for meals, drinks, events, laughter and those little moments that make this pub what it is. We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and a joyful New Year. Your support means more than you know and we're excited to welcome you back through our doors throughout 2026. The Castle Inn isn't just a pub, it's the heart of Landkey. A place where neighbours meet, friendships grow and the village comes alive. None of it would be possible without you. So here's what's coming up:

Upcoming Events & Weekly Happenings:

🍷 **Six Nations** – From 5 February, we'll be showing every match live on the big screen. Expect atmosphere, proper pints and all the passion of the tournament.

❤️ **Valentine's Weekend** – 13 & 14 February - Couples who book for Friday or Saturday will enjoy a free dessert to share, plus the option to pre-order a Châteaubriand for Two.

🥞 **Shrove Tuesday** – 17 February - A one-day-only pancake dessert range to bring out the child in all of us.

🥧 **British Pie Week** – 2 – 8 March - We're celebrating British Pie Week with a full range of sweet and savoury pies on our specials board including comforting classics, creative twists and indulgent treats. But the real excitement comes from our Castle Inn Pie Baking Competition. We're inviting all home bakers — seasoned pros or first-timers — to bring in their best homemade pie and enter one of two categories: • Savoury Pie • Sweet Pie - All entries will be judged here at the pub and we'll crown two winners — one for each category. To sweeten the deal, there's a £20 Castle Inn gift voucher up for grabs for each winning pie. A perfect reward for your pastry prowess. It's all about fun, flavour, and a bit of friendly village rivalry. If you've ever fancied showing off your baking skills, this is your moment.

🏇 **Cheltenham Festival** – 10–13 March - All races shown live on the big screen, bringing the festival buzz straight to Landkey. And on Wednesday 11th March, we're hosting a sparkling Ladies Night. 🍷 £10 pre-order ticket includes a buffet and we're keeping one part of the night under wraps, let's just say it'll be memorable, so keep any eye on our Facebook page for more details!

🌸 **Mother's Day** – Sunday 15th March Serving the best plated roast in North Devon, plus a free dessert for Mum when you book before 10 March.

🎵 Regular Weekly & Monthly Gatherings

🎶 **Monday Vinyl & Cheese Night** Our much-loved vinyl night now comes with a delicious twist, cheese boards, great music and a relaxed start to the week.

📮 **Monday Pop-Up Post Office** Supporting the village with essential services right here at The Castle.

🥞 **Breakfast Bagels** Monday to Saturday - Fresh, tasty and perfect for a morning boost and on Fridays, we go all out with our full breakfast menu available too.

❓ **Tuesday Quiz Night** A weekly favourite full of laughs, friendly rivalry and the chance to win a round of drinks for your team.

🎷 **Monthly Jazz Night** Smooth, soulful evenings with live jazz, a real treat for music lovers.

🎮 **Monthly Bingo** Fun, lively, and always popular. Eyes down for a brilliant night out.

💛 **A Final Word** - The Castle Inn thrives because of the people who walk through its doors. Your support keeps the lights on, the kitchen busy, the events flowing and the village connected. We're proud to be part of your lives, and we hope you'll continue to join us, celebrate with us and help us keep this wonderful community hub alive. We're also excited to share that The Castle Inn now has a brand-new website. You can find it at castleinn.online, it's the perfect place to stay up-to-date with everything happening here. You can always keep in touch by following us on Facebook, or by simply popping in to say hello. We'd love to see you. Here's to a fantastic 2026, let it be full of good food, good company and good times.

Move It or Lose It with Claire

Seated and/or Standing Exercise class for over 65s on Tuesdays 12.30pm - 1.30pm at Landkey Village Hall. Why not come along and give it a try! Easy to follow lower impact exercises for older adults in a fun and relaxed environment. No getting down on the floor. Friendly instructor. Cardio, strength, balance, flexibility and games to music from the 60's, 70's and 80's. For more information contact Claire on 07966 166953 or email claire.parsons@moveitorloseit.co.uk

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 to find out more.

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. Easter will be celebrated early this year, on 5 April. This means that we will be marking Ash Wednesday on 18 February after which our Sunday services will be Lent-themed until the end of March.

This is an important time in the calendar as we look ahead to Palm Sunday on 29 March, followed by our Easter service on 5 April. More details on the website. Find us in Manor Road at the western end of the village.



www.landkeyparishchurch.org

Landkey Garden Society (formerly Landkey Horticultural Society) Save these dates in your diary:

Plant Sale 🌸🌺
3 May 10-11.30 at the Village Hall

Our Village Fete 🥕🌻🎪
25 July, Tanners Road Playing Field

Landkey Newsletter

The Landkey Newsletter is a community initiative sponsored by Landkey Parish Council. It is a FREE publication that goes to all homes in Landkey bi-monthly. We need more contributors and so if you have anything you would like to share in the newsletter, please send your articles/information to landkeynewsletter@gmail.com

Landkey Sings

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Landkey Wassail on Saturday 17 January. It was our biggest, most ambitious event yet and we hope you all had as much fun as we did! As you can imagine it takes a lot of organisation and work to pull off an event like this so if you would like to come and join our friendly committee and have a hand in planning our next one we will be very happy to welcome you. Just e-mail landkeysings@gmail.com

Thanks to our co-organisers Green Man Cider whose bar Landkey almost drank dry (!), Wren Music with their band who led the procession and singing perfectly and the Millennium Green Trust for allowing us the use of the Green. Lee House Marquees supplied the fantastic marquee again and Landkey Football Club were extremely generous in letting us use their facilities.

You can see who all our local sponsors were by checking back on all the Facebook posts - we are incredibly grateful to all the local businesses big and small who offered their support, without whom we would not be able to run this event. What a fantastic community we are building here in Landkey and our surrounding area.



Landkey Hedgehog Group

Since Landkey Hedgehog group was started in 2022 we have been asking people in Landkey to register sightings of hedgehogs with Hedgehog Street. Hedgehogstreet.org are part of a national data base to monitor the population of hedgehogs. By going to their site, you can see how many sightings have been registered in Landkey and North Devon.



Please register any dead hedgehogs that you may see especially as we go into early Spring. Landkey Hedgehog group next meeting is on Saturday 21 February at 10am at The Castle.

Pilates with Rebecca

Morning Mat Pilates
I am starting a *new class* on a Wednesday early morning 7.10-8am. Please get in touch if you would like to attend - pay monthly or PAYG options available.

Sunday 22 February - 9.30-12pm 'Pilates & Brunch' at Landkey Village Hall £30pp includes Pilates class (suitable for all levels), delicious brunch and meditation session to finish. Spaces are limited!

Tuesday 10 February - 6.45-8.15pm
Galentine's Pilates at St Anne's, Barnstaple, £15pp. Bring yourself or a loved one and come along to my heart-filled Pilates evening. Together we will enjoy movement, meditation and some treats to finish!
If you would like to book any of the above or for more information, please contact Rebecca at rebecca@healthybalance.org.uk or 07706042746

Landkey Parish Council

The PC have been given this update regarding the current roundabout works on the A361:

Landkey Roundabout (Westacott) – Update on Works

Works at the Landkey Roundabout site (Westacott) are being carried out by Lovell Homes through their contractor, Champion. Traffic management has been put in place, reducing the roundabout to one lane, but a full road closure is not expected as the road is wide enough to keep traffic flowing.

The roundabout was originally designed with government funding to allow for an additional (fourth) arm, so no changes to the existing roundabout layout are required. The current programme involves around four weeks of work to create a temporary site access on the South Molton side of the roundabout. Barriers are in place to prevent right turns to and from the site for safety reasons.

Following this, construction of the fourth arm will begin from within the site, including installation of a large box culvert. This phase is expected to take approximately 24 weeks, during which the traffic management will remain in place.

Once the culvert and internal road are completed, the new roundabout arm will be used for site access and the temporary access will be closed.

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Women's Institute

Our meeting on the 17 February at 7.30pm is a talk from Dr Marston. Dr Marston will be opening his gardens this summer, where we will be serving cream teas and cakes. This year's dates are March 29, April 19, May 17, June 21, July 19 and September 13. So why not come and meet us over a cuppa and a piece of cake and look around his beautiful gardens The address is Upper Gorwell House, Goodleigh Road. The garden is open on those days from 2pm to 6pm. For more information contact nickyraycomer@gmail.com

Our meeting on the 17 March at 7.30 is a talk from Roger Bartlett on the work of the freedom centre. We will be giving donations of items to Roger for use for example toiletries. Etc as they always come in useful for the people who use their facilities. We meet at Goodleigh Village Hall and would love to welcome new members so why not come along and meet us.