

Lewannick, Polyphant & Trevadlock Newsletter

Looking forward to 2003

The build-up to Christmas seems to last for weeks, then, all of a sudden it's over, leaving a vacuum, at the coldest and darkest time of the year. This year the weather at least has been unseasonably mild and we've had several sunny days over the Christmas period, when it's been a pleasure to be outside.

Weather is on my mind at present, as I have been setting up a weather station in my garden in the centre of Lewannick. This will monitor rainfall, temperature, pressure, humidity, wind speed and direction, amongst other things. The readings will be constantly be updated on the website, www.lewannick.info, and you will not only be able to see the highs and lows for each day, but, as the months pass, how they compare with previous records. I hope to carry some of this information in the Newsletter and, of course, Steve Whitman will be continuing with his monthly commentary on the weather.

Don't forget to support Lewannick's 54th Annual Pantomime, starting on the 8th Jan. Fun, frolics, slapstick and innuendo as usual! Book soon, seats for Friday and Saturday are almost sold out.

Looking further ahead to other parish events, everyone enjoyed last year's Jubilee celebrations so much, that a big event is planned for this summer. The idea is to walk the bounds of the Parish, with refreshments being provided along the way. It's a distance of 17 miles, so the less able will be invited to dip in for just a short stretch! This will be followed by a big get-together and a barn dance. If you would like to donate your energy and ideas to this project, please contact me and I will pass on your details to the organising committee. There will be the usual Mayday celebrations, and we hope to organise a music event.

And now's the time to plan your prize-winning entries for this year's Flower Show. It looks like it's going to be another busy year! I hope it's a good one for all of you. *David*

PARISH COUNCIL

Lewannick Parish Council met at Lewannick on Thursday 19 December at 8.00pm when the following matters were discussed:-

No 2002/2514 The Hollies, 6 Serpells Meadow, Polyphant, Launceston. Erection of a conservatory. Mr and Mrs N C Wade.

No 2002/2451/2 Alterations to and erection of link extension to existing dwelling, replacement garage and new glasshouse together with restoration of existing glasshouse and formation of subterranean fruit/vegetable store. Mr D Eno.

No 2002/2540. Listed building consent for demolition of lounge at upper ground floor level. Excavate and form lounge at lower ground floor with bedroom over. Rose Cottage, Polyphant. Mr I McCutcheon.

We were pleased to learn that Beverley Maynard of Lewannick Primary School has won first prize in the Pirate FM Christmas

The Archers, an everyday story?

Not really. Mike and Shirley Webling have been around a bit, and have made some bold decisions in their lives. The boldest, was probably to give up their relaxed lifestyle in an idyllic, sub tropical area of Australia, and return to the UK to become the owners of a small country pub, in rainy, windswept Lewannick!

In 1995, Mike retired after 20 years in the London Metropolitan Police Force and he and Shirley decided to sell up and take the family to seek the good life in Australia. They settled in Ballina, New South Wales and soon slipped into an easy life style, punctuated by the occasional round of golf!

"The area is quite similar to Cornwall, with red soil and rolling hills, although it's quite a lot drier!", said Mike. "We had a spacious house in a large plot of land right next to the sea. We'd often see Dolphins and Pelicans from the bottom of our garden".

Eventually they found that life was a little too easy and felt they needed more of a challenge. Mike had worked in pubs before and fancied the sociable life, as a Landlord. But Australia has very few pubs as we know them, and they decided that trying to start an English style pub over there, might be an uphill struggle. They also felt a return to the UK might bring better opportunities for their children.

Cara (25) is still studying, and is hoping to get a place at teacher training college. Anthony (22) and Caroline (19) are to be seen working behind the bar. Anthony is a keen rugby player and has joined the Launceston team. Caroline is studying to be a hairdresser. Simeon (18) will be taking up a place at University in the coming year.

"We wanted a pub that was at the centre of a community", says Mike, "The Archers seemed ideal, it was the first pub we looked at, and, even though we later saw many others, all along we felt it was right for us.

"We don't intend to make any big

changes, and we will continue to support the regular village events such as the May Day celebrations. Once we settle in we'll look at extending the opening hours, and we'd love to have a beer garden, so we may see if we can use a bit of the car park to extend the outside seating. We've also imported a big Australian barbecue."

Before joining the Police, Mike worked as a leather craftsman for Aspreys in Bond Street, making high class items such as watch straps and briefcases, and has even made goods for the Royal family. He has also been a telecoms engineer. Shirley has had some experience of catering on a large scale, and has worked with children. She is interested in making ceramics. (She has come to the right place!)

Mike and Shirley are soon to celebrate their 30th Anniversary. Let us know when it is, and we'll bring round a bottle. On second thoughts, we'll drink one of yours!

Meanwhile we wish them the very best of luck and hope that the Archer Arms will go from strength to strength under their guidance.

New Year's Eve at the Archer Arms

Don't miss out on our New Year's Eve Fancy Dress Party - the theme is 60s & 70s. Music by 'One Night Only' Karaoke.

Thank you from Janice

Janice would like to thank you all for the cards, gifts and good wishes she received.

(Pictures taken at the farewell party will be on the website shortly.)

Murder Most Foul: UPDATE

The TV series, which we featured in the November Newsletter, starts this Friday, 3rd January at 10.30 pm on ITV West Country after the 10 pm news.

The Poisoned Sandwich, which features Lewannick, is the first in the series, with five others following on.

My contact at Carlton tv says "Everyone in London who has seen the series is thrilled with it, so it will be interesting to see what the local people say!! Do let me know."

DON'T MISS IT!!

Card Competition. The school will be receiving a new piano worth £1,100 and Beverly won an electronic keyboard for herself. Well done Beverly!

We are in correspondence with DEFRA with respect to the proposed bus shelter at Polyphant. As soon as we have more information to report we will, of course, call a further public meeting.

If you wish to contact us on any matters that may concern you please either speak to one of the Councillors or preferably write to us c/o The Clerk, Alisa, Medrow, Polyphant, PL15 7PS. Please do not contact the Clerk at her place of work.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 16 January at Polyphant commencing 8.00pm.

We wish you all a healthy and happy New Year.

LEWANNICK VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Christmas Bazaar

This year's Bazaar was well attended and raised over £130 for Village Hall funds. Individual stallholders also made a profit, making it a success all round.

Whist Drive

The pre-Christmas whist drive was well supported with 14½ tables, and much enjoyed by all. Sherry and mince pies added to the festive atmosphere, and a total of £80 was raised, and split equally between the Village Hall and Church funds. Thanks to those who generously donated prizes, and to everyone who helped on the night. More whist Drives are planned for 2003. Watch the Newsletter and Noticeboard for details.

Fly tipping pests

It came to my attention recently that I had been thought of kindly once more, in the woods at Combeshead Lane End, by somebody who provided an armchair for me to rest in if I became tired whilst out walking!

Seriously though – why are people too lazy to take their rubbish to the tip? It spoils the countryside for them and for us, who enjoy the beauty around Lewannick. Thankfully the NDCD came very quickly and collected the armchair and various other bits that had been left over the months.

Please, if you are thinking of getting rid of old chairs and other rubbish - DO IT CORRECTLY!!

A Lewannick Dog Walker

[The Bangors Household Recycling Centre on the South Petherwin road from the Pennygillam roundabout is open from 10am to 4.30pm every day, including Sundays, and will freely accept all garden and household waste, including furniture, mattresses, electrical appliances etc. - Ed]

Monthly Coach Trip

Thursday 9 January to Plymouth. Seats £4, pick up points as usual. Enquiries and bookings, telephone June Smith on 782901.

Leading Lights Pantomime Group

May I remind you that bookings are now being taken. Please phone Jane and John Holden on 01566 782749 or me, on 01579 363635. *Phyllis Harrison.*

Clifftop Art Group

The next club meeting will be on Tuesday 7th January 2003. There are one or two vacancies should anyone wish to join us. We meet on alternate Tuesday afternoons in North Hill Village Hall from 2pm till 5pm. May we wish you ALL a Happy New Year.

Phyllis Harrison

LEWANNICK CHURCH NEWS AND DIARY DATES FOR JANUARY

Sunday Services at St Martin's Church

Sun 5 Short Communion 9.15am
Sun 12 Morning Prayer 10.30am
Sun 19 Family Service 9.15am
Sun 26 Holy Communion 10.30am

No Bowden Derra service in January

DIARY DATES

Mon 20 PCC Meeting in the Village Hall 7.30pm

NOTES

Thanks to the St. Gennis Brass Band for providing music for the Carol Service. In excess of £100 was raised for St Petroc's Society.

We had a very special Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:

But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness – Galatians Ch.5 v.22-23.

Happy New Year to you all.

Inny Vale Embroiderers Guild

Next meeting 16th January. Variety bag – samplers. Polyphant Community Centre 2.00-4.00 pm. Further information tel. Bettie on 86381.

Polyphant WI

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 29 January at 7.15 pm in the Methodist Church Hall. Our speaker this month will be a member of the Probation Service who will talk on all aspects of their work. Members and their guests are always welcome. Please telephone Ann on 880019 for any further information.

LEWANNICK AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY
PRESENTS
Their 54th Annual Pantomime

Simple Simon

8, 9, 10 & 11 January
at 7.30pm
Lewannick Village Hall

Tickets £3 Adult £1.50 Child
Bookable from E. Randal 782645 or H. Kingdon 85526
Proceeds to Muscular Dystrophy & The Cornish Blind

For latest news, events & photos visit:
www.lewannick.info

METHODIST CHURCH PREACHERS AND EVENTS FOR JANUARY

Superintendent Minister

Rev. Roger Green – Tel: 01566 782240

Polyphant Morning Service 10.30 am

Sun 5 Ann Foster
Sun 12 Own Arrangement
Sun 19 George Bickle
Sun 26 Rev. Roger Greene

Events:

Wed 8 Coffee Morning 10.30 – 11.30am.

Lewannick* Morning Service 11 am

Sun 5 Rev. George Webber
Sun 12 Mary Hills
Sun 19 Peter Bloye
Sun 26 At Polyphant

*NB Lewannick services in the Village Hall

METHODIST CHURCH NEWS ITEMS

Congratulations and thanks are due to all those who attended and also those who took part in the Annual Village Christmas Service of Readings and Carols held on Sunday 15 December. It was a very encouraging response, especially from April, Charmaine, Emily, Janine, Lucy, Patsy, Ruby and Samantha on behalf of the Youth Club. There were few seats left. Our thanks are also due to the ladies who provided the tea/coffee and mince pies after the Service. The collection raised £82.50 for The National Children's Homes.

Goodbye from Polyphant Bazaar Organiser

My thanks to everyone who attended the Bazaar again this year and to all those who continue to work hard to make it a success. Without this help and co-operation it would not be possible. I do hope the bazaar will continue to be well supported in the future and continue to provide an opportunity for charities to improve their funds at Christmas. Many thanks for my lovely parting gift!

Beryl Green

Mrs Goodman, Craft Lady for CHSW (Children's Hospice South West) thanks you for your support at the Polyphant Christmas Bazaar. £86.50 was raised.

British Legion Poppy Appeal

Many thanks to all Polyphant residents who generously donated to this year's Poppy Appeal. The village total raised was £76. *George Watt*

Whitmans Weather

In December there were 7 dry days and 134mm (5½") of rain, compared with December last year when there were 17 dry days and 131mm (51/8") of rain. This year (2002), to date, there have been 152 dry days with a total rainfall of 1690mm (66½"), compared to 2001, when there were 199 dry days and 1386mm (54½") of rain fell. *Steve Whitman*

CLOSING DATE FOR FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER: SATURDAY 25 JANUARY:

Please send your contributions to David Eno, Pen-Inney Cottage, Lewannick, Launceston, PL15 7QD. • E-mail: david@lewannick.info • Phone: 01566 782 352
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