

Lewannick, Polyphant & Trevadlock Newsletter

It'll be alright on the night?

For the 55th year Lewannick Amateur Dramatic Society will be mounting its annual panto. Thrills, spills, comedy, tragedy, slapstick, special effects, Lewannick's Pantomime has become the envy of many a Cornish Village. And, of course, it always plays without a hitch to a full house – or does it? I hear a voice from behind the curtain calling "Oh no it doesn't!"

Well, there have been a few notable exceptions. One year the Wicked Witch passing down the aisle through the audience gave them more than they bargained for when her broomstick smashed one of the fluorescent light tubes and showered them with glass and sparks!

The cast may also be watching the weather forecast anxiously. One year there was a heavy snowfall shortly before the first performance and the panto played to an audience of fifteen!

Then there was the year when Sleeping Beauty's fairy had a rude awakening. She

stood on a pyrotechnic detonator and set off a thunderflash up her skirt. Fortunately she must have been wearing thermal underwear as she wasn't burnt, but she had to continue the performance with a melted skirt!

In the days when there were footlights, Man Friday carelessly kicked one of them causing a black-out, and getting an electric shock for his trouble.

Although it's easy to forget, a huge amount of work goes on behind the scenes in make-up, costumes and props. A few gallant people spend countless hours of their spare

time stitching, trimming, cutting, sawing, nailing, painting, and working wonders with expanding foam. And yet, it only takes one to spoil it all! In a recent panto Simple Simon got a little carried away and broke every one of the culinary props in the kitchen scene, and all of them had to be remade for the next night's performance. Not content with that he/she? also managed to send real sausage meat flying in all directions. Some of this lodged on the beams in the hall was only discovered later, bit by bit, as the smell wafted down.

Despite all of this, the show has always gone on and long may it continue to do so. As they say in the business, "break a leg!"

Performances start on Wednesday the 14th December. Due to more stringent fire regulations there will be fewer seats this year so to make sure you get one please book early (see advert for details) and be prepared to go to the Wednesday or Thursday night's shows.

Lewannick Amateur Dramatic Society.
Present their 55th Annual Pantomime

SNOW WHITE
and the
SEVEN DWARFS

January 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th
7.30pm, Lewannick Village Hall.

Admission £3 Adults, £1.50 Children.

Tickets bookable from E.Randall 782445,
and H. Kingdon 86 526.

Proceeds to Cornish Blind Charities and
Lewannick Village Hall.

PARISH COUNCIL

Lewannick Parish Council met at Lewannick Village Hall on Thursday 18 December 2003 at 8.00pm. There were three planning applications for discussion, namely: (1) 2003/02591, Outline Planning for land south of Medrow, Polyphant for Mr T Harris. (2) 2003/02491 Erection of extension to North Lodge, Polyphant for Mr and Mrs D Cash and 2003/02469 Lewannick Village Hall, Lewannick for Lewannick Village Hall Committee. All three applications were supported.

Applications which have been approved by NDCDC are Mr K Mead, The Hollies, Polyphant for the erection of detached garage. Mr R F Werring, outline development for the erection of single dwelling at land adjacent to Southwest House, Lewannick. Valley Developments Valley Developments, conversion of commercial building to three self-contained apartments and finally Trebartha Estates Ltd, Trevadlock Farm, listed building consent for the replacement of windows on front elevation of farmhouse.

Cheques for payment were made to BJV Cleaning Services - cleaning of bus shelter £22, Perfect Pastures £616.00 for the maintenance of the grass at Lewannick and Polyphant, £110 B Stringer - Public Rights of Way maintenance within the parish and finally £30 Copytech for the December Newsletter.

The Chairman and Cllr I Curley attended a Public Liaison Meeting with representatives from Blackhill Quarry and C C C at Polyphant Village Hall on Tuesday 16 December. The Chairman reported how productive the meeting had been and it had resulted in Blackhill examining the movement of lorries from the quarry through the village of Lewannick. If any residents have a query with regard to the day-to-day working of the quarry they are requested to contact our Chairman Richard Allen.

We would also like to thank our newsletter editor Mr David Eno for the splendid job he has been doing. David also updates the Website and we understand that there has been some problems with updating information. We would ask you all to understand that David carries out this job on a voluntary basis.

Our next meeting will be at Polyphant on Thursday 15 January commencing at 8.00pm. We wish everyone a Happy New Year.

Newsletter

Every month I need at least 17 large A4 size envelopes as the Newsletter is delivered to 17 distributors who then deliver locally. If you can collect any A4 size envelopes for me to recycle this would save the cost and waste of using new ones. If you are passing through Lewannick and can post them through my letterbox (see address at bottom of page - opposite doctor's surgery) I would be very grateful.

Don't forget to let me know about any events happening in the parish and if you feel you'd like to voice your opinion about something, why not write us a letter.?

Do you have any old photographs taken in the Parish? I would like to make a collection for the website and for occasional publication in the Newsletter. I can make a copy and return immediately, or if you have any old negatives I can also copy and print these.

Website help wanted

Apologies for the delay in updating the website. I was very busy working on a large contract for several months. I'd be more than grateful for any help with updating. In particular I need someone to keep the events up to date. It's very easy and you can do it from your home computer -- any volunteers?

I hope you all have a happy, healthy and successful New Year.

David

Whitmans Weather

In DECEMBER there were 13 dry days and 118mm (4¾") of rain. Figures for December last year were similar with 7 dry days and 134mm (5½") of rain. In total, this year turned out to be a third drier than last year. In 2003 there were 185 dry days and 1029mm (40½") compared to 2002 when there were 152 dry days with a total rainfall of 1690mm (66½").

Competition

Would anyone like to try and predict what will happen in 2004? Will the trend continue downwards, or will we make up for this year's missing rain? Please send your prediction for 2004 in inches or millimetres to the newsletter together with your name and address and we'll award a bottle of bubbly to the winner (if of suitable age) this time next year. Meanwhile, to all readers of Whitmans Weather, I wish you a Happy New Year.

Steve Whitman

Embroiderers Guild Inny Vale Branch

Next meeting 15th January Polyphant Chapel Hall 2.00-4.30 pm. Further information tel. Bettie on 86381.

Polyphant WI

Our January meeting is on Wednesday 28 January at 7.15 pm in Polyphant Methodist Church Hall. The Speaker will be Andy Lyle who will tell us of his work for the charity CHICKS - Country Holidays for Inner City Kids. Any further information please telephone Ann 880019.

Recycling collections

JANUARY: **Lewannick, Polyphant & Trevadlock Hall Park** Tuesday 6th & 20th. **Trevadlock Village** - Tuesday 14th & 28th.

Sewing Services

Need a helping hand?

Dress, costume, curtain,
Pattern making & alterations.
Contact Tracey on 01566 86360
Diploma in fashion & textiles

LEWANNICK CHURCH NEWS AND DIARY DATES FOR JANUARY

Sunday Services at St Martin's Church

Sun 4 Holy Communion 10.00am
Sun 11 Families Service 10.00am
Sun 18 Holy Communion 10.00am
Sun 26 Morning Prayer 10.00am

No Bowden Derra service in January - next 1st Feb

DIARY DATES

Sun 11 **Christingle Family Service** at 10.00am
Anyone interested in joining us for this service please ring Janey on 782709 by 6th January.

A Happy New Year to you all.

Monthly Coach Trip

Next trip will be to Truro on 15th January. Fare £5. Pick up points as usual. Enquiries and bookings, telephone June Smith on 782901.

Yoga at Polyphant

Improve your health and wellbeing, reduce stress through the practice of Hatha Yoga.

10 Weekly sessions
from 10:00-11.30am

Beginning Sat. 10th January
Polyphant Village Hall.

(No class on 14th and 21st February.)

Further details
contact Penny on 01566 775180

January in your garden

The winter so far has been kind and temperatures have rarely dipped much below zero. In the days ahead it's likely to become colder so make sure the birds have food and water, particularly when its freezing. In ponds keep a small area ice free so fish can get oxygen. by melting with a kettle full of hot water. Protect any outside plants in pots or containers from excessive cold.

Now is a good time to get garden machinery in order. Have mowers and powered equipment serviced. Clean up hand tools and give metal a spray of WD40 or a wipe over with an oily rag, and rub some linseed oil into wooden handles.

Don't forget to order seeds and summer-flowering bulbs.

Check supports and ties of trees and bushes which may have been loosened in the recent winds.

Keep paths free of leaves and if they are becoming slippery with algae sprinkle with sand, or better still pressure wash them.



Another good use for the pressure washer is to give your greenhouse a good clean inside and out. Choose a mild day when you can empty the contents completely. This cuts down on pests and improves light penetration.

Vigorous shrubs and climbers can be pruned. Vines should be tackled immediately as they will soon start into growth.

Hardwood cuttings of shrubs and trees can be taken now. Make sure to use plenty of grit mixed in with the compost.

Fruit trees and bushes can be planted and pruned and now is the time to begin forcing rhubarb.

Sow early vegetable crops under cloches and sweet peas in a frost free greenhouse.

Remove winter germinating and perennial weeds while the ground is soft. Sort out and clean pots and trays ready for spring sowing.

METHODIST CHURCH PREACHERS AND EVENTS FOR JANUARY

Superintendent Minister

Rev. Roger Green - Tel: 01566 782240

Polyphant Morning Service 10.30 am

Sun 4 Rev. George Webber
11 Rev. Roger Green
18 Neville Helme
25 Albert Thorne

Lewannick* Morning Service 11.00 am

Sun 4 Neville Helme
Sun 11 At Polyphant
Sun 18 Neil Burden
Sun 25 James Spragg

*NB Lewannick services in the Village Hall

January Events:

Sun 11 Covenant Service at
Polyphant 10.30am
Wed. 14 At Polyphant Coffee Morning
10.30 - 11.30am.

Carol Service Report

Polyphant Residents held their Annual Community Carol Service, led by David Lewis, in the church at Polyphant on 21 December. The youth Club were well represented in both the readings and carol singing when Lucy, Patsy, Ruby, Sammy, Janine, Emily, Charmaine and April all took part.

Maureen for the Church, Lyne for W. I. and Barbara from the village took care of the remaining readings. Mince pies, Tea/coffee and biscuits were available but not to dent the congregation's appetite for mums cooking later!

It was a well-attended and enjoyable service raising £92.30 in the collection for The Children's Hospice Southwest.

British Legion Poppy Appeal Polyphant

George Watt, poppy seller, would like to thank all Polyphant residents who gave so generously to this year's door to door collection. The total raised

CLOSING DATE FOR FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER: SUNDAY 25th 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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