

Lewannick, Polyphant & Trevadlock Newsletter



A circle of light around St Martin's Church?

St Martin's Church needs money for urgent repairs. Fundraising in 2003 got off to a great start, but there is still a huge amount of money to be raised and I don't think we can expect this all to come from within the parish.

My idea is to get people to buy for one pound each candles which we will light late one evening in the summer. Although, of course, everyone in the parish will be welcome to buy a candle, the aim is to try and sell these further afield through friends and relations and using Lewannick's web site. Everyone who buys a candle can have their name listed on a special page of the website or in a book to be kept in the church. We will need to sell at least 2,500 candles to make a complete circle around the perimeter of the churchyard. This should make a spectacular and magical display and hopefully will attract the media and lots of people. We may also be able to arrange some additional attractions, maybe a light show or illuminations, music etc.

This could take place on a Friday or Saturday evening in late July, maybe just before the school holidays or possibly in early September. Having attracted lots of people here will also create the ideal opportunity to sell food, raffle tickets etc. etc.!!!

Is it practical? As far as I know nothing like this has been attempted as a fundraising event before. 2,500 tea lights will cost £50 or less and they need to be put in jars as illustrated. I tried this one breezy evening recently and it worked perfectly. The candles burn for 4 hours and I estimate that if we had 20 people lighting candles at two a minute it would take just over an hour to light them all. We would also need lots of people to place the jars. So, we would probably need 50 volunteers, children and adults, for an hour or so, and hopefully for a short while the next day to help clear up. Apart from running stalls etc very little time is required. We will also need to collect and store at least 2,500 glass jars!

Any objections? My original thought was to light lots of candles IN the church, but I realised this could produce something a bit more spectacular than planned. As long as we don't allow young children to help I think the risks are minimal. Let me know what you think.

If you have any ideas, objections, or would like to help please contact me (details bottom of back

page). If I receive a positive reaction and some offers of help I will announce the official launch in the next newsletter.

Coads Green Exchange Broadband target reached!

According to the BT website, the target of 150 people registering their interest has been reached. "We are now in the process of performing a final technical check on the exchange in preparation for installing Broadband ADSL," the website says.

A Broadband connection can be 10 times faster than a dial-up internet connection, and is usually 'always on'. You pay a fixed monthly rate, whether you use the Internet for 10 minutes a day or 10 hours, and you can still use your telephone line for calls at the same time! With

the right equipment you can even share a single Broadband connection between several computers in your house or business.

ADSL is provided over normal BT telephone lines, although the service is sold through many suppliers including BT and internet service providers (ISPs) such as Freeserve and Demon. There is a full list on the BT website www.bt.com/broadband. BT's price is currently £29.95 per month including a free modem. Other suppliers may be cheaper.

If you are on the Piper's Pool exchange the target is 200, and currently 117 have registered. If you are interested and have not already registered, go to www.bt.com/broadband and enter your details (there is no obligation to take up the service). You'll need to enter your BT account number as shown on your telephone bill.

David

PARISH COUNCIL

Lewannick Parish Council met on Thursday 19 February at Lewannick Village Hall. The Chairman asked all Councillors to stand and a minute's silence followed in respectful remembrance of Neil Hobday. Neil had been, until recently, a fellow councillor and also an excellent past Chairman. The news had been received with great sadness and shock. He will be missed by us all and our thoughts and sympathies are extended to his wife Pat.

A planning application for discussion was No 2004/00161 Bowden Derra, Mr and Mrs D Cash, for the erection of sun lounge to care unit. The application had the full support of our Council. An appeal decision on land at Trelaske Barton for Mr J White and the siting of a mobile home had also been sent to us by NCDC.

The Local Maintenance Partnership for 2004/05 and our Public Path network was also reviewed. We have 17 public footpaths that are maintained by us and we work closely with The Countryside Service with this regard.

Council Tax and Second Homes - further correspondence has been received from NCDC. All Councils in Cornwall have formally agreed to

reduce discounts on second homes from 50% to 10% and to remove discounts altogether on long-term empty homes. The additional monies raised will be transferred back into building affordable housing in North Cornwall. It is considered this should raise an additional £1 million per annum.

Our AGM will this year be held on Thursday 13 May at 7.30. We would once again like to incorporate this meeting into a Parish Meeting. Therefore, we are requesting that all organisations within the parish send us a written report of their organisations activities during the previous year. Last year this meeting proved highly successful, informative and productive. It also enabled us to award grants were they were needed and importantly helps to foster a better understanding within the parish of the tremendous work and fun that goes on as a result of many hardworking volunteers and leaders. Reports can be sent in writing to The Clerk, Alisa, Medrow, Polyphant, PL15 7PS before the meeting. Naturally we very much hope that as many as you as possible will be able to attend in person too. Finally our next meeting will be held in Lewannick at 8pm on Thursday 18 March.

Village Hall News

Annual General Meeting

At the Village Hall AGM held on Feb 11th the following officers were re-elected: Chairman - John O'Sullivan, Treasurer - Ken White, Secretary - Margo Pridham, Caretaker - Betty White.

The rest of the committee are, Jenny Eno, Larry Rowse, Joy White, Patrick Sandercock, Bill Sands, Alan Bradley, Graham Wharton and Kevin Gregory.

It was proposed that the Secretary contact three nominated people to ask if they would come onto the committee to represent three new organisations. Dave Parnell has accepted and has been co-opted onto the Committee. Details of the other names, if they accept, will be published in next month's newsletter.

Alterations to the Village Hall

Planning permission has been granted and tenders have been invited from several local builders. Quotes are also being sought from heating engineers for a new oil-fired central heating system.

The Village Hall does not have sufficient funds to cover these plans so the next step will be to put together a funding bid to be submitted to any organisations willing to give grants to projects of this nature. North Cornwall District Council and the Lottery Commission are two who will be contacted.

Any correspondence from interested parties endorsing the improvements, or new hall users who would contemplate using the hall with these improvements in place, would be beneficial to the funding bid. Please write to the Secretary M. Pridham and please continue to use the Village Hall as much as possible so it can be promoted as an important part of village life and be successful in gaining much needed funds.

The next committee meeting will be held on Wednesday 10th March.

Jumble Sale

The Village Hall will be holding a Jumble Sale on the 27th March at 2:30 pm. Jumble can be left at Ken and Betty White's.

Whist Drives

Saturday 6th March

Saturday 27th March

7.30pm in Lewannick Village Hall.

All are welcome, and any donations of prizes will be very gratefully received. Profits will be jointly in aid of the Village Hall and the Church. Many thanks to all those who generously donated prizes last time, this was much appreciated. More info from Kevin on 782393.

Monthly Coach Trip

Next trip will be to Exeter on 25th March. Fare £5.50. Pick up points as usual. Enquiries and bookings, telephone June Smith on 782901.

The Archer Arms

In celebration of St Piran -
a Cornish Night
13th March

Listen to the Live Music of the
KELTYON BEW DUO

singing songs from Cornwall,
Scotland and Ireland.

CLOSING DATE FOR APRIL NEWSLETTER: SUNDAY 28th MARCH

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

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LEWANNICK CHURCH NEWS AND DIARY DATES FOR MARCH

Sunday Services at St Martin's Church

- Sun 7 Holy Communion 10.00am
Sun 14 Holy Communion taken by the Archdeacon of Bodmin Commissioning Service 10.00am - see special note*
Sun 21 Family Service - Mothering Sunday 10.00am
Sun 28 Holy Communion 10.00am
Sun 7 Bowden Derra

* Special note:

On Sunday 14th, the Archdeacon of Bodmin will commission the recently trained Local Worship leaders (Maurice Holden and Marion Holden) and Local Pastoral Ministers (Maurice Holden and Caroline Latham). Please come, we would love your support. Local Pastoral Ministers who are NOT counsellors, will visit anyone in need (ie experiencing illness, bereavement, trauma or loneliness) with friendly support and a listening ear. If you would like a visit please contact one of the Church Wardens.

Diary Dates

- Fri 5 Hunger Lunch, Village Hall 12.30pm
Women's World Day of Prayer, Polyphant 2.30pm
Tues 16 PCC Meeting
Thurs 18 Social evening of the congregations of the enlarged benefice - ALL welcome - Coombeshead Barn, 7.30pm

Whitmans Weather

My 'Trevadlock Weather Station' lacks a little in terms of modern technology relative to the new Lewannick Weather Station - comprehensive info from which is available to all with a computer at www.lewannick.com

I have just looked at same and am impressed! Nevertheless, determined not to be beaten, my plastic rain gauge and I will continue to offer our findings for those without a dratted computer!

Not forgetting my 'last week last month / three weeks this month' format, it is interesting to note that 98% of our rain fell in the first half of the period. And what a change since, to lovely bright dry - if chilly - weather with a hint of snow to add colour!

Anyway, back to the Jan/Feb figures: 128mm or 5 inches of rain and 11 dry days (compared to the same period last year with just over 3 inches of rain and 14 dry days). This year to date shows us having enjoyed 16 dry days and a mere 15 inches of rainfall in Trevadlock! So according to my reckoning, we still have plenty more dry Spring days to come - hopefully! *Steve Whitman*

Neighbourhood Watch notice

From 26th February for the following 2/3 weeks, a company called Product Development Corporation will be delivering a Business Pages Directory. If you see a copy on a neighbour's doorstep, please make sure they take it indoors, or keep it yourself until you see them again. Police Log: 734/19th February

Recycling collections:

MARCH: Lewannick, Polyphant and Trevadlock Hall Park, Tuesday 9th & 23rd. Trevadlock Village, Tuesday 2nd, 16th & 30th.

METHODIST CHURCH PREACHERS AND EVENTS FOR MARCH

Superintendent Minister

Rev. Roger Green - Tel: 01566 782240

Polyphant Morning Service 10.30 am

- Sun 7 Rev. Roger Greene
Sun 14 Chris Paxman
Sun 21 Sue Griffin
Sun 28 Philip Medland

Lewannick Morning Service 11.00 am in the Village Hall

- Sun 7 Peter Bloye
Sun 14 Rev. Roger Greene
Sun 21 Brian Lake
Sun 28 Henry Stanbury

March Events:

- Fri 5 Hunger Lunch at Lewannick 12 - 2pm
Wed 10 Coffee Morning at Polyphant 10.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.
Fri 12 Hunger Lunch at South Petherwin 12.00 noon - 2.00pm
Fri 19 Hunger Lunch at Altarnun 12 - 2pm
Fri 26 Hunger Lunch at Rilla Mill 12 - 2pm

April Events:

- Fri 2 Hunger Lunch at Polyphant 12.00 noon - 2.00pm

All proceeds from Lunches to Christian Aid.

Embroiderers Guild, Inny Vale Branch

Next meeting 18th March at Polyphant Chapel Hall 10.00-4.00 pm. Further information tel. Bettie on 86381.

Polyphant WI

Our March meeting will be on the 31st, when Rob Tremaine will speak on "The History of the Town Crier". Any further information, please telephone Ann on 880019.

The CIRCLE Computer Course

that was successfully held in Polyphant last year is now looking to make a return to the village.

The project aims to run a free 8-week beginner's course, and if numbers allow some short 'second-level' courses will also take place.

For further details and to reserve your place, please contact either:

Tania Goffart, ICT Development Tutor, CIRCLE Project. Tel: 07968 516 745 or Local Village Contact: Owen Withers, Tel: 01566 86337

Trelaske History

Telaske dates back to Doomsday. So far we have collected information from members of the Archer family as far away as Tasmania, refugees who stayed here as children during the war, estate dwellers and workers, museums, record offices, landscapes architects - to name but a few. Stories abound about the succession of title including a fight in lane in Elizabethan times ending in a death at North Hill. Any information however small would be welcome. Please send to Elizabeth or James Ashford at Trelaske House.

Cornish Evening St Piran's Day

To celebrate Cornwall's Patron Saint, North Hill Parish Church will hold a

Cornish evening concert
in church with

Jeanette Eathorne

(of BBC Radio Cornwall) and
'CON BRIO'

£3.50 including refreshments.
Proceeds to Church funds.