

Lewannick, Polyphant & Trevadlock Newsletter

Circle of Light raises almost £4,000



Photo: Alan Lethbridge

"Something very special happened this evening" was one of the comments I heard on Saturday, and I have to agree. Donations poured in at the last moment to exceed our target, jam jars were collected and delivered, a band of volunteers turned up to spend the day tidying the churchyard, more turned up to distribute jars and candles, the weather turned out well, and just when it seemed the lighting was going to be a problem people appeared from everywhere to help, and the job was done in less than an hour.

A perfect demonstration that while it may seem that one person alone can achieve little, many people together can achieve great things. Thank you, thank you to everyone who donated money, collected jars, and gave their time and effort to make this a wonderful event. I think all who helped, myself included, had a really enjoyable day. Certainly everyone who attended in the

evening seemed full of praise for the magical spectacle of the candles winding their way around the church, the great community feeling and the amazing amount of money raised.

The total so far is £3915, and there are still a few donations coming in, plus some donated items to sell, maybe we can now reach £4000!

My calculations on the number of jars needed were slightly out, but fortunately we had more than enough donations, and managed to collect an extra 300 or so jars. The final number of candles lit was just over 2,800!

Everyone who agreed to their names being listed can see the list on the website: www.lewannick.info Apologies if I have made any mistakes, but some slips were hard to read. I will correct any mistakes or omissions if you contact me. The final list will be presented for display at the Church. *David*

PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council met at Lewannick Village Hall on Thursday 16 September at 8pm.

Firstly a letter from our Chairman Richard Allen was read out by the Clerk in which he informed us that he was resigning with immediate effect as chairman and fellow councillor. Richard has been a member of the council for a number of years and more recently our chairman. Thanks and appreciation were expressed for all that he has done for us. There is now a vacancy caused by Richard's resignation. A bye-election to fill this vacancy will be held if within 14 working days from 20 September, ten electors for the Parish give notice in writing claiming such an election to the Returning Officer. David Brown, N C D C, Council Offices, Higher Trenant Road, Wadebridge, PL27 6TW. If no such notice is given we will fill this vacancy by co-option and members of the parish are welcome to write to the clerk if they would like to join us.

Planning applications were received from Mr and Mrs A White, Lifting of Condition No 7 on Decision Notice (agricultural occupancy), St Martins, Trellaske,

Mr and Mrs I Davies, Kents Cottage, Lewannick for removal of existing hardboard partition wall to enlarge bathroom, move existing bedroom door, removal of existing bathroom dorr and replace with stud wall, Mr F Werring, erection of new detached dwelling, Mr M and Mrs J D White, erection of an agricultural workers dwelling, Mr A J Cayzer: all of which were supported. We have also heard from South West Water regarding Polyphant and Lewannick Sewerage system. S W W are currently considering applications for connection from single dwellings but there are still restrictions within the existing systems and therefore all new applications will be considered on a site by site basis. Significant works have yet to be undertaken to the sewerage infrastructure in our area but there are no definite proposals yet established in their Capital Plan.

Cheques for payments were for B J Veale (cleaning bus shelter) £44.00 and £60 David Eno (newsletter).

The Barn Owl Trust in liaison with the Cornwall Birdwatching and Preservation Society is conducting a 10-year census of Barn Owls in Cornwall in 2004 to find out the bird's status in the county. This will help guide conservation efforts in the future. Barn owls are one of the county's most beautiful and charismatic birds and they have suffered a dramatic decline over the last 70 years due to loss of foraging habitat and nesting sites. The Barn Owl Trust is asking for anyone who knows of a Barn Owl roost or nest site to get in touch. They are also asking for sightings of Barn Owls during 2004. If you have information about Barn Owls, please call the Barn Owl Trust on 01364 653026.

NCDC will be holding a community event on 4 November which will provide an opportunity for local voluntary and community groups to learn about new skills and obtain practical advice to help them to support local communities in their area. If you are interested please telephone 01288 5703 and ask for David Chadwick.

Our next meeting will be held at Lewannick on Thursday 21 October commencing 8pm. Members of the public are always welcome to attend.

LETTERS

Dear Editor,

I would like to add my half-penn'th to the comments published recently with regard to advertising and war memorials. Mr Editor, you wondered about the age of WWI combatants at enlistment. Generally it was 18 years, although some at 16/17 lied about their age.

Jenny, Margo, Betty, and you, together with the few regulars do a wonderful job and I want to add my thankyou, and ask those who criticise community work to just do a bit more for the community themselves, and I'll add that I don't do much myself. I have the passive job of Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, and if Parishioners of Lewannick see or hear of something nasty, apart from phoning our constable, ring me at 782 493.

Lastly, now the village has 30 mph limit signs, inevitably some think that police speed cameras ought to be employed along the road from Example Cross to the village centre. Personally, I do not subscribe to this, and as a long distance walker stepping through muck left on the road, I suggest that the parish has pavements along this road, similar to the system at Coads Green, which would provide paths and possibly street lights, AND reduce the speed of vehicles.

As a grumpy old man, I strongly object to paying the same council tax as those who live in the same tax band in towns and who enjoy pavements and street lighting, compared with me who lives in a remote village with no pavements and street lighting. If I am not to enjoy the same privileges, then do not charge me the same tax.

Derek Bidwell

Dear Editor,

The Saga of a Simple Seat

2 July 2002 - A committee was formed from all sections of the Parish to organise an event and a final meeting was called to decide how to dispose of a £1,480 balance of income over expenditure from the event. Nearly 20 people were present at this meeting and it was decided that £1,000 was to be donated to the War Memorial and the remainder split between good causes in Polyphant, including £245 for the complete installation of a seat on Polyphant Village Green. It was further decided that the money would be channelled via the Parish Council as they could reclaim any VAT (about £200).

14 July 2002 - A letter was sent to the Chairman of the Parish Council enclosing minutes of this meeting, other relevant details and quotations and asking for the Council's agreement in order that the money could be released.

27 January 2003 - In spite of the odd telephone enquiry over the previous six months, no reply was received, nor had the matter been discussed at any Council meeting. A letter was sent to the Chairman of the Council suggesting that the only way forward was for the Committee to be re-called to consider the problem of the funds it had in the bank.

31 January 2003 - A letter was received from the Council Chairman agreeing that the Council would implement the recommendation and apologising for the Clerk's failure to write earlier.

4 February 2003 - Two cheques despatched. One for £1,000 for the War Memorial and the balance to the Clerk of the Council for the Polyphant requirements.

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Village Hall News

Jumble Sale

Saturday 30th October at 2:00pm

In the Village Hall. Any jumble can be left at Bovetown Farm or Ken and Betty Whites .

Skittles Evening

Saturday 20th November

In the Village Hall. Teams of four.

Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 4th December

Anyone wishing to book a stall (£5 a table) please contact Margo on 01566 782767

Lewannick Amateur Dramatic Society Pantomime - First Practice Monday 25th October 7.30 prompt!

Gardening Club

Wednesday 6th October, 7.30pm

Lewannick Village Hall

Talk on Slugs and Aphids
£1 on the door

Coombeshead Autumn/Christmas Fair

Preview Wednesday 20th October
5-8 pm

Entrance at door £5.00 (inc. light refreshments)

Thursday 21st 10am - 5pm

Entrance at door £3.00.

**NB Half price entry for Lewannick Parish
Residents both days.**

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children's clothing, toys, jewellery, accessories
for the home, gifts for every occasion
and many more

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LEWANNICK CHURCH NEWS AND DIARY DATES FOR OCTOBER

Sunday Services at St Martin's Church

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| Sun | 3 | Holy Communion 9.30 am |
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| Sun | 10 | Family Service 10.00 am |
| Sun | 17 | Holy Communion 9.30 am |
| Sun | 24 | Morning Prayer 10.00 am |
| Sun | 31 | Parishes Service at St Martin's Lewannick 10.30 am |

Diary Dates - forward planning

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| Fri | 1 | Harvest Service & Supper 7pm |
| Tue | 5 | Prayer meeting at Maurice & Marian's 8.00 pm |
| 10 | Nov | Martinmass Service followed by supper at Combeshead Barn |

• Many, many thanks to David Eno and his
band of workers for the 'Circle of Light'. A truly
magnificent event, enjoyed by everyone and
raised in excess of £3,900. Next candle event
at Christmas, maybe????!!

• The pastoral team is now in operation, please
phone 782820 for further details.

Embroiderers Guild, Inny Vale Branch

Next meeting 21st October at Polyphant Chapel
Hall from 2.00-4.30pm. Further information tel.
Bettie on 86381.

Monthly Coach Trip

Next trip will be to Truro on 14th October at a cost
of £5. Usual pick-up points. Further details from
June Smith on 782901.

LETTERS - CONT'D

14 July 2003 - A letter is sent to the Clerk of
the Council regarding progress on the Seat for
Polyphant.

17 July 2003 - The Council are to request tenders
for the seat at Polyphant.

September 2003 - The Council minutes report that
although no tenders have been received all are in
favour of the purchase and erection of a seat on
Polyphant Village Green.

October 2003 - The Council minutes report that
the new seat at Polyphant would be installed in the
Spring, thus protecting it from winter weather.

February 2004 - The Council reports only
£170.64p in hand

16 March 2004 - A letter despatched to the
Council asking what has happened to the £245
donation for the seat.

17 March 2004 - The Council goes into Secret
Sessions to discuss the letter - hence no specific
mention in the minutes and, no reply to the letter.
Council minutes do state that the seat needs to be
in-situ soon.

13 April 2004 - Letter sent to the Council
suggesting that they might like to contact
residents likely to use the seat to make sure it is
sited in a suitable position for the library van, bus
stop, etc. No response.

June 2004 - Council minutes state that a working
party will organise a suitable date to "erect" the seat.

September 2004 - No seat and not a single reply
to any letter on the subject from the Council. We
are nearly round to October again when it could be
put off until the Spring, as in October 2003.
I am quite sure that the Parish Council carries out
its duties entirely to its own satisfaction, but what
about the rest of us?

Ken Hocking

METHODIST CHURCH PREACHERS AND EVENTS FOR OCTOBER

Superintendent Minister

Rev. Roger Green - Tel: 01566 782240

Polyphant Morning Service 10.30 am

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| Sun | 3 | At Lewannick |
| Sun | 10 | James Spragg |
| Sun | 17 | Andrew Baker |
| Sun | 24 | Rev. Roger Greene (9.30 a.m.) |
| Sun | 31 | Own Arrangement |

Lewannick Morning Service

11.00 am in the Village Hall

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| Sun | 3 | Neville Helme (Harvest Festival) |
| Sun | 10 | Melvin Symons |
| Sun | 17 | Mr & Mrs Stephen Williams |
| Sun | 24 | Ann Rowe |
| Sun | 31 | Rev. Roger Greene |

October Events:

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| Wed | 13 | Coffee Morning at Polyphant 10.30 - 11.30 a.m. |
| Mon | 18 | Church Council Meeting 2.30 p.m. |
| Wed | 20 | Wesley Cottage Trustees Meeting at Trewint |

Note: The sale of produce after the Harvest
Supper at Polyphant on the 15 September raised
£80 for the Boscastle Appeal. Our thanks to all
those who bid generously during the auction.

Polyphant WI

Our October meeting will be at 7.15 pm in
Polyphant Methodist Church Hall. The Speaker will
be Val Bugden-Cawsey and her subject is "Foods
that Heal and Foods that Harm". Visitors are always
welcome. For further information, please contact
Ann on 880019.

Whitmans Weather

This last 'weather month' has been interesting to
say the least .

Five out of the last seven days of August saw
us deluged with 63 mm of rain - although we
were spared when it came to the Bank Holiday
week-end. What a pleasant change !! But what
was even better was that same was followed
by a further ten days of lovely weather (much
appreciated by farmers and holiday-makers alike
no doubt).

Then the rot set in again for a while - finishing
with what can only be described as a 'mixed
bag' leading up to The Circle of Light Event in
Lewannick on the 18th.

What a relief that the skies took pity on the
large band of willing Organisers and Helpers
soon after lunch that day allowing them time to
eat all that jam before being able to set out the
empty jars around the entire perimeter of the
Churchyard - and beyond !

And what a magical sight it was. In excess
(I understand) of 2500 candles in jars. A
magnificent effort indeed. Hearty congratulations
to all who took part. *Steve Whitman*

Recycling collections:

OCTOBER: Lewannick, Polyphant and Trevadlock
Hall Park, Tuesday 5th & 19th. Trevadlock Village,
Tuesday 12th & 26th.

Parnell's Garage

LEWANNICK

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CLOSING DATE FOR NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER: SUNDAY 24 OCTOBER

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