

# Lewannick, Polyphant & Trevadlock Newsletter

## Looking back over Bodmin Moor

### Memories of retired local community nurse and midwife Evelyn Murphy (continued).

When I was appointed to Bodmin Moor it was thought to be necessary to live on my area. Could we find a house? No, there was nothing on the market at the time. So Bill and I decided to build our own. I had met a few farmers with fields by this time and finally Mr. Edwards sold us a plot of land in Polyphant. After 5 years the house was completed and we could finally spread ourselves. The view was fantastic - we could look all the way

bringing new ideas with them, although over time they mostly settled down peacefully with every one. There many children and young people growing up together in this larger area. Lewannick has a beautiful Church and whilst I was nursing it was well attended. There was also the small Methodist Church. The village hall was well used for various functions, especially the Pantomime after Christmas.

There are many local characters worthy of mention. When I first came to know Dorothy she lived with her Mother, Bessie, in the same old cottage that she lives in today. Bessie eventually died at the great age of 91, still very with it, and smoking her clay pipe which she loved so much. Monica and her husband came to live with Dorothy and I became Monica's midwife twice over.

Mrs Crowells lived in a cottage almost opposite to the Post Office. All the floors down stairs were made of stone. There was a cosy, warm sitting room with a huge fire always burning. With her husband they ran a shop in the front room of the house. It was well stocked with repair kits to mend bicycle punctures and in his time Mr Crowells

would always

do the mending for people. They re-charged accumulators to run people's wireless sets. There were always batteries and candles, and paraffin to keep lamps and fires burning. When her husband died, Mrs Crowells carried on the shop. I often used to meet her when she was collecting her pension, as I was doing the same. She was indeed a well known figure in Lewannick. Mrs Crowells died only recently in Pen Inney Nursing home.

Maurice and Rachel Fuge ran the Post Office and grocery store. I first came to know them at the beginning of my time on the moors. No matter who entered the shop, they were always given the same warm welcome. We all sympathized with them a few years ago when they were accosted by two young women with guns attempting to rob the Post Office. The police were quickly on the scene and there were no injuries. Although Rachel and Maurice were quite badly shaken they still opened up as usual the next day. When they

### PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council met at Lewannick Village Hall on Thursday 21st October at 8.00pm. There were three planning applications for discussion. They were all supported. These were R B Ashford, Trelaske House, Lewannick. Replacement of flat roof with pitched roof to provide habitable room and new reception room study created from existing carport. T Ellis, Medrow Bungalow, Polyphant. Retention of greenhouses, sheds and paths, previously erected and formed without consent and finally Bridget Endacott, land adjacent to Cricket Ground, Lewannick - formation of gateway.

Applications which have been approved were received on Mr F Werring for the erection of new detached dwelling land adjacent to Southwest House, land south of Medrow, Polyphant, Mrs S Bateson - application has been withdrawn and Mr A J Cayzer, 1 The Row, Polyphant. Listed Building Consent for the erection of single room/single storey rear extension - approved.

We have been invited to attend the annual conference on Planning for Parish Councils by NDC, the Clerk and Cllr Iris Curley have volunteered to attend. The subjects that will be discussed are affordable housing and the planning system and planning application case studies.

Due to the Chairman's resignation there is a vacancy on the Parish Council. As ten members of the parish have requested an election, and if there is more than one candidate, this will take place on 2 December 2004 at a cost to the parish of approximately £350.00. Nomination papers may be obtained during normal office hours from,

The Returning Officer  
North Cornwall District Council  
Council Offices  
Higher Trenant Road  
WADEBRIDGE  
Cornwall PL27 6TW

**Nomination papers must be delivered to the Returning Officer by NOON on 5th November.**

Payments were made to David Eno £30 for the newsletter, Lewannick Community Primary School £150.00 grant for football goalposts, Lewannick Playgroup £75, BJV (cleaning bus shelter) £22.00 and David Jones maintenance of parish clock £105.75.

Our next meeting will be held at Polyphant on Thursday 18 November commencing at 8.00pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend. Any issues that may concern you can be openly discussed at the beginning of the meeting.

retired from the Post Office their daughter Karen and her husband took over but the welcome and the helpfulness remained the same. Maurice took over from Dorothy caring for the Doctors Surgery.

Frank and Lizzie White were two more great characters. Frank was a farmer and butcher. He was well known in and around Lewannick as was his wife Lizzie.

Early in my time here in Lewannick unexploded bombs were found by the church. The police were called and a squad of bomb disposal experts was summoned from Hampshire to detonate them. Local houses were evacuated and it made a good story in the local press.

One morning in April 1980 at 7am I was up, but not yet ready to go on duty when a tremendous knocking came at my door. It was

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Rachel and Maurice - always a warm welcome at the Post Office and Stores across to Lewannick.

Lewannick houses the surgery of the Bodmin Doctors who over the years have become some of my closest friends. Dorothy was a well known figure in Lewannick and was the surgery caretaker. She came to open the surgery each morning, minutes before the Doctors arrival and was responsible for cleaning. Dorothy lived two minutes walk from the surgery so it was a handy job for her and she was always bright and cheerful to every one. I always visited the surgery by 9.30am There was a slot made especially for me for at least 15 minutes, depending what the Doctors needed to talk to me about or who needed to visit with me present after the surgery. Midwifery care came high on the agenda. My post as a District Nurse/Midwife was an education in itself and I learnt more than I can ever say.

Lewannick was a larger area than Altarnun. It consisted of the older moorland folk and the relatively new people from far and wide, all

# Village Hall News

## Village Hall improvements

The TSB has awarded a grant of £1000 towards improvements to the Village Hall. We are awaiting the result of several other grant applications. Work on the central heating is to commence soon and we are hoping this will be complete in time for the cold winter weather.

## Skittles Evening

**Saturday 20th November**

In the Village Hall. Teams of four. To enter a team phone Ken White 782 228.

## Christmas Bazaar

**Saturday 4th December**

Were hoping for an even bigger and better Christmas Bazaar this year with new stalls and high quality goods for sale. If you want to book a stall (£5 a table) please contact Margo on 01566 782767

## Christmas Wine & Wisdom

**Saturday 11th December**

In aid of Lewannick Amateur Dramatic Society. Festive fun for all. Entries to Dorothy 782517.

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enough to awaken the dead! I had two German Shepherds at the time and as you may imagine they joined in the dawn chorus! I opened my front door and words failed me as a horses head poked itself right in on me. It was Lesley Smith on his horse, "Come on nurse, Father has fallen off his horse, he needs you". Of course I went immediately. Father was on the ground all right and his great big horse was in my way. Lesley tied his to a tree and sorted out Fathers horse so I could look at Father. He had fallen and hurt his knee quite badly. I bandaged it up and advised him to get an ambulance, leaving that part to both of them, for although Father was in a lot of pain it was very necessary to stable his horse first. I advised the hospital that they would arrive shortly and that an x-ray would be needed. Both Lesley and his Father were to remember me for ever, as indeed was I to gratefully remember Lesley before the end of the year was up.

Of course by this time I had got used to Sunday dinner being disturbed because Sam had fallen out of a tree in Polyphant collecting chestnuts. Holidays would commence two or three days late so that Jean could have her baby delivered at home by her own midwife.

Fortunately I had a very understanding husband and I was told he was good on the phone with plenty of reassurance to go along with it. Old habits die hard.

(to be continued)

## Dance your socks off!

**DJ for hire - reasonable rates - powerful sound system - lights - music guaranteed to get you moving! Make your party go with a swing! Tel: 782 352**

### CLOSING DATE FOR OCTOBER NEWSLETTER: SUNDAY 21 NOVEMBER

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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## LEWANNICK CHURCH NEWS AND DIARY DATES FOR NOVEMBER

### Sunday Services at St Martin's Church

- Mon 1 All Saints Day Eucharist at North Hill 7pm  
Tue 2 All Souls Day Requiem Eucharist at Lezant 10am  
Sun 7 Holy Communion 9.30am  
Sun 7 Bowden Derra 8.00 pm  
Sun 14 Morning Prayer 10.00 am  
Sun 14 Remembrance Service 3pm  
Sun 21 Holy Communion 9.30 am  
Sun 28 Family Service 10 am

### Diary Dates - forward planning

- Tue 2 Prayer meeting at Maurice & Marian's 8.00 pm  
Tue 30 PCC Meeting at Middle Tremollett 7.30pm

### Notes:

The Pastoral Team is now in operation; please phone 782 820 for further details.

## Embroiderers Guild, Inny Vale Branch

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

## Breast Cancer Research

Thank you for all your support with donations raised from the sponsored walk held recently at Lanhydrock Estate, in aid of breast cancer research. With monies passed to Karen at the Post Office, my niece at Pensilva and a donation from the friends at St Martin's Church, we were able to hand over the marvellous amount of £715.50. Karen also had a box of cancer bow brooches at the Post Office, and this brought a further £60.00 My sincere thanks. Rachel Fuge

## Monthly Coach Trip

Next trip will be to Barnstaple on 11th November at a cost of £6. Usual pick-up points. Further details from June Smith on 782901. Would anyone be interested in a trip to Taunton in 2005? If so please contact June Smith.

**Gardening Club**  
**Wednesday 3rd November,**  
**7.30pm**  
**Lewannick Village Hall**  
Talk on Pruning

## Recycling collections:

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

## Parnell's Garage

LEWANNICK  
Servicing - Repairs - Brakes  
Clutches - Exhausts - Welding  
MOT Repairs

Cars - Light Commercial - 4 x 4  
**Tel: 01566 782 644**  
**07714 944 102**

## METHODIST CHURCH PREACHERS AND EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

**Superintendent Minister**  
**Rev. Roger Green - Tel: 01566 782240**

### Polyphant Morning Service 10.30 am

- Sun 7 Sandra Smale  
Sun 14 Brian Lake  
Sun 21 Clifford Nosworthy  
Sun 28 At Lewannick

### Lewannick Morning Service 11.00 am in the Village Hall

- Sun 7 Own Arrangement  
Sun 14 Philip Parsons  
Sun 21 Neil Burden  
Sun 28 Chris Paxman

### November Events:

- Wed 10 Coffee Morning at Polyphant 10.30 - 11.30 a.m.  
Sun 21 Circuit Rally at Launceston Central 6.30 p.m. (Community Hymn Singing from 6.00 p.m.)  
Sat 27 Annual Christmas Bazaar in the main hall at Polyphant starting at 2 p.m.

## POLYPHANT ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

In the  
**Church and Community Centre Polyphant**  
**2 p.m. Sat. November 27**  
**Teas - Raffle - Children's Lucky Dip**  
For tables ring Diane Greenfield 01566 86340

## Lewannick Methodist Church

We held our Harvest Thanksgiving Services in the Village Hall, on October 3rd, a week earlier than usual this year. Mr Neville Helme led worship in the morning and evening, and spoke on the importance of "Sowing the seeds of God's Love". The evening offering was given to The Methodist Relief & Development Fund and amounted to £53.90. The Harvest gifts were given to people in the area.

We were pleased to have friends from Polyphant and St Martins Church, with us and two of our Sunday School children, who came to both services, also visitors from Ipplepen and Canada,

## Polyphant WI

Our November meeting on 24th will be for members only. Hope to see you at the Polyphant Christmas Bazaar on 27th November. For further information, please contact Ann on 880019.

## Whitmans Weather

Can anyone help please? I'm looking for a graduated transparent plastic bucket. My rain gauge just isn't large enough. It's capacity is only 50mm and if the weather gets any worse it won't hold a single day's rainfall!!

Anyway, back to the plot. The expiring weather month has deposited 196mm of the wet stuff which is very nearly 8 inches! For the same period last year I recorded only 3 inches. Some difference?

Was it me who earlier in the year wondered whether we might be heading for one of the drier years on recent record? How ridiculous! At the end of last month we had already matched the total rainfall of 2003 and therefore now have an excess of 8 inches over that figure. Perhaps the total for 2004 will show it to be one of the wetter years on recent record after all!!

I know one thing. If it doesn't soon give over I'll need taller wellies! And I certainly now know why our ex-neighbours emigrated to Australia.

Steve Whitman