

Lewannick, Polyphant & Trevadlock Newsletter

Memories of Lewannick life by Evelyn Murphy

One of the patients to whom I paid regular visits was Frank White. Frank and Lizzie lived at Bovetown Farm, just near the church. I would usually call after the doctor's surgery, by which time I had been out of my house since 7.30 am. Although I would have been offered several drinks by this time, there was just too much to do to stop.

After I had attended to Frank, I was always invited to breakfast but whether I could stay or not depended on how many midwifery visits I had to do that day. I always tried to stay with them at least once a week as I didn't want to hurt their feelings. I was very slim when I came to this area but I soon put on a few pounds here and there! When I did stay for breakfast we did not lack in conversation, Frank saw to that. He was very interesting to talk to and of course Lizzie joined in too.

Breakfasts at all the houses wherever I went usually included clotted cream, and of course Lizzie made her own. I very soon learned from her how to make it. I had an Aga at home and always had some to give my friends and relations although it never tasted quite as good as Lizzie's.

Lizzie and Frank had farmed at Bovetown since they were young and had taken over from Frank's parents. They knew

just about everybody around the area and I no longer needed to ask at the post office where people lived in the back of beyond. I was soon able to connect up children and grandchildren, parents and grandparents.

Frank had enjoyed his life as a farmer, but as he said life was changing. There were (even at this time) too many rules and regulations. He loved his animals and his horses. Farming with horses, he said, was a lot better for the ground than using big clumsy machinery. Frank and Lizzie used to sell milk from their farm, fresh from cow to churn. People bought it as they needed it. There were no fridges to keep it fresh although many people had walk-in larders which were nice and cool. For those who could not collect their milk, the horse and cart was sent out to deliver to the doorstep.

Time marched on and Frank needed more nursing care and support. Lizzie was a wonderful carer for her husband. They moved to the cottage next door to the farm house when Ken and Betty took over. When Frank died some years later, Lizzie became very much involved in general village life and gave her help anywhere she could. She was well known and loved by all.

Lizzie died in Pen Inney nursing home aged over ninety, well after I had retired from nursing. She is greatly missed in the



One of many home deliveries in and around Lewannick

village. I felt privileged to be the Whites family midwife and all their children's, not forgetting Margo's children as very much part of the extended family.

LEWANNICK PARISH COUNCIL

This month we met at Polyphant Village hall on Thursday 17 February at 8pm. The Chairman welcomed four members of the public. They spoke of their concern about the continuing traffic works on the A30. We informed them that we had already spoken to Cllr K Scoble (Highways) who had informed us that the proposed works taking place are for the positioning of a speed camera and movement of the central island reservation. Residents present were also worried about "the extreme works" that have been carried out with respect to Polyphant Green. All maintenance that is undertaken in this area is in conjunction with reports approved by the County Forester and NCDC Planning. We have also received complaints that a minority had been very keen on collecting the wood during the felling of branches on the green. However, they did not consider that other residents too would possibly like to have had the opportunity of taking away some of the wood. As a result of this action in future a charge for wood will be made. Any monies collected will be put back into our funds and help pay for the works that from time to time need to be carried out in this area. We have also instructed the filling in of an old septic tank, located behind Coombe Farmhouse, for safety reasons. If anyone has any objection to us doing this please kindly let us know immediately. We have an on-going maintenance programme for this conservation area.

We will be holding a meeting with Cornwall Rural Community Council prior to our next meeting on Thursday 17 March to discuss a possible parish plan. We will be reporting further on this next month.

C C C have informed us that there will be a road closure/traffic restriction for Telecom works on or near the Plusha to Congdon's Shop B3257 for a maximum period of 5 days from 7 March 2005.

Our balance as at 1 February stood at £4,671.31. Payments were made as follows: - SouthWest Lumberjacks £1,958.33 (work on trees as per planning), BJV (on going maintenance of bus shelter, Lewannick) £22, Audit Commission £141 (annual inspection by external auditor of our accounts), Lewannick Hall Committee £24 (hire of committee room) and David Eno £30 (newsletter). We have also ordered a dog bin at £124.73 for Lewannick.

We have spoken to Highways with regard to the deterioration of the Give Way signs and direction signs at Trelaske. We have asked if the posts/signs can please be replaced.

Planning approval Mr and Mrs R W Dinnis erection of extension at Laurel Cottage, B A Endacott formation of gateway land adjacent to Cricket Ground, Lewannick. We have received an acknowledgement from NCDC with regard to investigation of works at North Lodge, Polyphant.

Finally we are concerned to hear that there has been a series of attacks on persons and their dogs by identified dogs within Polyphant. This has been reported to our local Beat Officer. We would strongly urge anyone who is affected by this to contact our Beat Officer immediately on 01566 771419 or 07779038330 PC 340 Trevor Lancaster. Our Chairman Iris Curley is also our first point of contact if anyone has any concerns that they may wish to raise with us. Her number is 01566 86793.

Our next meeting is at Lewannick and

the ordinary meeting will start at 8pm on 17 March following a meeting regarding a possible parish plan survey. We also remind you that our AG M will be held on 19 May at Lewannick. We have historically used this opportunity to embrace every organisation/group within our parish to attend or give us a copy of their report. It has been proven to be a positive method of developing a better understanding of the number of groups that meet within our parish. Grants too are awarded by the P C at this meeting to a number of local organisations.

Lewannick Pre-School Charity Auction

Charity auction night will be on

Saturday March 26th
at Lewannick Village Hall

£3 entrance, tickets available from Lewannick School or at the door on the night.

Doors open 7.30pm, auction will start at 8.15pm prompt. There will be a bar, and with some great items to bid on – it promises to be a really fun evening! See extra sheet with this newsletter for auction lot numbers and sealed bid forms, in case you can't make it on the night. We will donate our raffle proceeds to the Sunami Disaster Fund. All other funds raised will go towards a much needed covered area providing an all-weather outdoor play environment for Pre-school. **Please come and have some auction fun!!!**

Village Hall News

AGM

At the Lewannick Village Hall AGM on the 9th February the following officers were elected: Chairman - John O'Sullivan, Treasurer - Ken White, Secretary - Margo Pridham.

As members of the public will have noticed, work on the extension for the disabled toilets is now in progress. We hope this will not prove to much of an inconvenience and would like to inform everyone that the hall is still in use whilst the work is being carried out. The only change being that users of the hall will have to gain entry via the kitchen door.

New hall hire rates

People who have used the hall since Christmas will have noticed that the central heating is now installed and there is no longer any need to feed the meter for extra heating. With this in mind it has been decided by the committee to increase the cost to hire the hall slightly.

The new costs are: Main hall £4-00 per hour, Small committee room £2-00 per hour.

Anyone wishing to book the hall for a whole day or days, please contact Margo to arrange a fee.

Jumble Sale

The next Village Hall event will be a Jumble Sale on 9th April at 2.00pm. Anyone wishing to donate jumble can leave it at Joy White's - Bovetown Farm or Ken and Betty White's - Gleblands.

May Day

There will be a meeting in the Archer Arms on March 17th at 8.00pm for anyone wishing to partake in the Mayday Celebrations be it dancing, helping run a stall etc.

For further information on Village Hall events or to book the Hall call Margo on 782 767.

Lewannick Amateur Dramatic Society, Annual General Meeting

7th March, 8pm at the Village Hall. Open to all members.

Gardening Club

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 6 April, 7.30pm
Lewannick Village Hall

There will be a talk on
Bats and the gardener
Open to all - entrance £1.00

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CLOSING DATE FOR APRIL NEWSLETTER: SUNDAY 27 MARCH

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 MARCH

Sunday Services at St Martin's Church

- Sun 6 Holy Communion – Mothering Sunday 9.30am
Sun 6 Bowden Derra 8pm
Sun 13 Morning Prayer 10am
Sun 20 Holy Communion – Palm Sunday 9.30am
Thur 24 Maunday Thursday AGAPE Meal & Service at Coombeshead Barn 8pm
Fri 25 Good Friday – Way of the Cross 10am
Sun 27 Holy Communion – Easter Day 10am

Diary Dates

7 April AGM

Notes:

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

Polyphant WI

Our March meeting will be at 2.15pm in Polyphant Methodist Church Hall when our speaker will be Mrs Barbara Sleep who will tell us about her appearance on "Ready Steady Cook". Visitors are always welcome. For further information please telephone Ann on 880019.

Monthly Coach Trip

The next trip will be to Taunton on the 10th March, cost £7.00. For bookings and further details contact June Smith on 782901.

Lewannick Post Office & Stores

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Thanks...

For all our new friends, a very big thank you, for the warm welcome you have given us on our arrival at No. 9 Meadowside. We are still emptying the dreaded boxes and bags etc. but look forward to getting to know you once we are settled in.

John and Doreen

METHODIST CHURCH PREACHERS AND EVENTS FOR MARCH

Superintendent Minister

Rev. Roger Green – Tel: 01566 782240

Polyphant Morning Service 10.30 am

- Sun 6 Ivan Metherell
Sun 13 Rev. Roger Greene
Sun 20 David Lewis
Sun 27 Mary Hills

Lewannick Morning Service

11.00 am in the Village Hall

- Sun 6 James Spragg
Sun 13 Michael Horrell
Sun 20 Rev. Roger Greene
Sun 27 At Polyphant

March Events:

- Fri 4 Frugal/Hunger Lunch for Christian Aid 12 – 2. p.m.
Wed 9 Coffee Morning at Polyphant 10.30 – 11.30 a.m.
Fri 18 Frugal/Hunger Lunch for Christian Aid Lewannick 12 – 2 p.m.
24 – 27 For Holy Week and Easter Services see Circuit Plan

Embroiderers Guild, Inny Vale Branch

Next meeting 17th March at Polyphant Chapel Hall from 2.00-4.30pm. Further information tel. Bettie on 86381.

Whitmans weather

You must all think I'm mad! A suggestion of changing the title of my monthly report to 'Whitman's Wonky Weather' has been received!

As I totalled up the figures on 22nd last month we had seen only 3 dry days in January and I was moaning about how wet it was. By the time you received your copy of our Newsletter, we were well into a lovely dry spell and you must have been thinking 'what is he talking about'. Indeed during the two weeks which followed copy deadline we saw 13 dry days and only 0.5mm of anything which resembled rain. Many, including myself, were able to trim our lawns -- not a current option?

Thanks to that long dry spell into early Feb, this weather month's totals show only 52mm or 2 inches of rainfall coupled with no less than 16 dry days. Let's hope this is the pattern of weather to come eh?

In this connection and for those who might be interested, March last year gave us 4 inches of rain but a wonderful 20 dry days. Guess we would settle for same again?

Steve Whitman

Recycling collections:

MARCH: Lewannick, Polyphant and Treadlock Hall Park, Tuesday 8th & 22nd. Treadlock Village, Tuesday 1st & 15th & 29th.

Parnell's Garage

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