

Lewannick, Polyphant & Trevadlock Newsletter

Snow, snow, thick, thick snow!

As winter begins to bite and the unusually heavy snow gets us in the mood for Christmas early, you'll find many seasonal events advertised here including three carol services, A Christmas Fair and Christmas Bazaar. Please support your local events.

Looking ahead, this year's Pantomime is shaping up well and looks to be one of the funniest ever. Book early to avoid disappointment.

Would you be interested in seeing films at the Village Hall? I am looking into setting up a film society. With modern digital technology we would be able to show films at high quality on a big screen with excellent sound. The idea would be to serve snacks and drinks (not at rip off prices!) and make it into a relaxed sociable evening. Films to be decided by popular choice. If there's any interest I'll try and arrange a test screening for early February. Let me know if this appeals to you.

Don't forget to spare a thought for any aged, lonely or housebound neighbours. A small act of kindness can make a world of difference. Have a peaceful and enjoyable time. Here's to you, one and all, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. *David*

**Lewannick School
Carol Concert**
Wed 14 December, 6.30 pm
in St Martin's Church
The Hoity Toity Angel
Adults and school age children
only please.

Buy an original and unusual gift
at Lewannick's
Christmas Bazaar
Saturday 3rd December, 2pm
at the Village hall
Crafts, Jewellery, Ceramics, Books
and Art, Collectables, Christmas
Gifts and Decorations and
Home Produce.
Father Christmas at 3pm
for the children.
DON'T MISS IT!!

**LEWANNICK AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY
PRESENTS**

Their 57h Annual Pantomime.

**Robin Hood
and Babes in
the Wood**

**January 11,12,13,14th
7.30 pm Lewannick Village Hall.**

Tickets bookable from
E.Randall 782445 or H.Kingdon 86526.
Proceeds to Local Charities and
Lewannick Village Hall.

**LIMITED SEATS AVAILABLE ON
THE DOOR: BOOK EARLY TO AVOID
DISAPPOINTMENT**

Walk for Breast Cancer

A big thank you to everyone who supported me so generously with donations in aid of breast cancer. I did the walk at Lanhydrock Estate on 30th October and was able to hand over the sum of £275.00. Over one thousand people registered to walk and a staggering £58,000 was raised on the day – all in aid of breast cancer research. Once again a very big THANK YOU for your support. *Rachel Fuge*

Website Photo Competition

Disappointingly there was only one entry for the photo competition, but congratulations to Carol Bunbury who identified 19 of the 30 photographs and wins £25 worth of DVDs from the Post Office, or 10 DVD rentals. Well done Carol! The photos will appear in the website photo gallery shortly, with their locations.

LEWANNICK PARISH COUNCIL

We met on Wednesday 16 November at Polyphant Village Hall. There was one member of the public present who raised his concerns about what we were doing with regard to Blackhill Quarry. As a Parish Council we have subsequently investigated the residents concerns and can report that we have as a result discussed the matter with Mr Daly, Head of Spatial Planning, C C C. Mr Daly has confirmed that we have done all that we can in order to put our representations forward at this stage. We had previously written to Mr Daly regarding the implications of the possible closing of the right hand turn. We are up to date with all that we can do at this juncture, our County Councillors, have also confirmed that we have made our representations as meaningful as we can.

requested payments for stationery, postage, telephone, fuel costs and payment in lieu of time off for meetings/training. All Councillors have kindly given their time freely.

We have heard from The North and East Cornwall NHS regarding the public consultation on the proposals to change the opening hours of Minor Injury units in our area. If the proposals were agreed x-ray services would be provided at weekends in Launceston and Liskeard Hospitals. They would not be provided at the other Minor Injury Units. This would provide more local services than present in each of the District Council areas. It is proposed to staff both x-ray services, one in the morning and one in the afternoon on both Saturday and Sunday.

There were two planning applications for discussion, both of which we have supported. (1) Mr N J Smith, Trenhorne Cottage, Trenhorne, Listed Building Consent for the installation of a satellite dish. (2) NCDC, 1 Cottage Gardens, Lewannick to carry out works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order namely routine maintenance works to two mature sycamore trees.

We wish to again let all parishioners know that if they have any concerns within their environment of which they feel we may be able to help they can contact our Chairman on 01566 86793. All concerns are treated in strictest confidence.

We have had correspondence from the Legal Services Commission. The Community Legal Service provides free information, help and advice on a range of common legal issues. If you are facing eviction, struggling to repay debts, unsure about your rights at work, have problems with your child's school or trouble with benefits or tax credits please contact them. Their number is 0845 345 4 345 or www.clsdirect.org.uk.

Finally our next meeting will be held on THURSDAY 15 DECEMBER AT LEWANNICK VILLAGE HALL COMMENCING AT 8.00pm. Members of the public are always welcome to attend or you can telephone or write to our Chairman if you have any concerns in which we may be able to assist.

We wish you all a very Happy Christmas.

We have for the third consecutive year kept our precept for the year 2006/07 at the same level, namely £10,000. Our major costs this year have been maintenance i.e., grass cutting £2,400, work on tree preservations £1,439.38, insurance £723.00, general maintenance (clock, seats, cleaning) £522.75, grants £700, Audit Commission £141, newsletter £360, various grants £700 and contribution to the purchase of a noticeboard £220. We still have to pay for the maintenance of our footpaths and any on-going costs for the period November to March 2006. No Councillor or the Clerk had

**Lewannick
Post Office & Stores**

*Shirley & Alan wish all their
customers a very Merry
Christmas and a Happy New Year*

**LOADS OF SEASONAL
SPECIAL OFFERS –
PICK UP A LEAFLET**

Taking Christmas orders now for Fresh
fruit and veg. Cream, Drinks etc.

**Bigger than ever range of foods,
drinks, cards, decorations etc. etc.**

Keep warm - solid fuels, gas, logs

Last posting dates for Christmas:
Second Class 17 December
First Class 20 December

**Mon – Sat, 8 am – 7 pm
Sun, 9 am – 12 noon**

**Support your local P.O. and Shop
www.lewannick.com/postoffice**

Village Hall News

Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 3rd December 2pm

Loads of things to buy: from stocking fillers for the children to just the thing for Dad or Auntie. Father Christmas will pop in to visit the younger members at 3 o'clock. Come and browse and have a cup of tea and a mince pie. Anyone wishing to book a stall (£5 a table) please contact Margo on 01566 782767

Christmas Wine & Wisdom

Saturday 10th December 8pm

Mince pies, Mayhem and Malarky in the thin guise of a quiz. Fantastic fun and a great chance to show the village how smart your team is. Teams of four 12 pounds per team. Teams to Jenny on 782 070 or Dorothy on 782317. A festive evening guaranteed!

For further information about all Village Hall events or to book the Hall for your own event call Margo on 782 767.

See also the new Village Hall page on our website: www.lewannick.info

Lewannick School Christmas Fair

Friday 9 December, 2 pm
in the School Hall
EVERYONE WELCOME!

Gardening Club

Wednesday 7th December

Our popular hands-on session where you can make your own wreaths and Christmas decorations.

Lewannick Village Hall 7.30pm

ALL WELCOME – £1 on the door

Enquiries phone Tim Ellis on 01566 86641

COADS GREEN SOCIAL CENTRE AND
COADS GREEN CHAPEL COMMITTEES
PRESENT

A DICKENSIAN EVENING

on

SATURDAY 10th DECEMBER
from 4.00 – 8.00pm

The evening will include various stalls, street entertainment, live seasonal music, hot beef rolls, hot dogs, baked potatoes, pies, hot chestnuts, games and a sleigh ride to see Santa in his grotto. Concluding with a lantern-lit procession through the village to the social centre, and carol singing on the patio
EVERYONE WELCOME
Proceeds to Social Centre and Chapel

CLOSING DATE FOR JANUARY NEWSLETTER: SATURDAY 24 DECEMBER

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 DECEMBER

Sunday Services at St Martin's Church

Sun 4 Holy Communion 9.30am
Sun 11 Morning Worship at 10am
Sun 18 Holy Communion 9.30am
Sun 25 CHRISTMAS DAY
Holy Communion 9.30am

January

Sun 1 Holy Communion 9.30am
Sun 8 Group Eucharist Service at Lezant with Bishop Roy

Events

Sun 11 Carol Service in St Martin's with the St Gennys Band at 6.30pm
Wed 14 School Christmas service at 6.30pm
Wed 14 Prayer Group meet at Pam & Barry's at 8pm
Mon 19 Carol Service at Pen-Inney at 6.30pm
Tue 20 Bowden Derra Carol Service in Church at 6.30pm

Everyone at St Martins would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and very Happy New Year.

Could everyone please ensure they bring "your copper coins" to the Carol Service on 11th December, all proceeds are for the Children's Hospice and Macmillan Nurses charities.

Monthly Coach Trip

The next trip will be to Truro, Thursday 19 January, cost £6.00. For bookings or more details contact June Smith on 782901.

Whitmans weather

The little black weather book has been in my hands now since March 2002 (and I'm still looking for someone to give me a break – any offers?) during which period only one 'month' has given us greater rainfall than this November and that was in November of 2002. Monsoon conditions must have prevailed then – depositing a massive 11 inches of the wet stuff!!

Whilst the corresponding period this time around has seen only 8.5 inches of water fall from the skies, there are few months in the book which even come near. The main difference however between 2002 and 2005 is that this year our rain for the month fell entirely in the first half of the period followed by 12 dry days.

12 consecutive dry days in the last – well 12 days! (up to 26/11). Sounds positively summer-like? Doesn't reflect 5 inches of snow in as many hours however! And what chaos that brought! One near neighbour got caught up in the 'fall-out' and took five hours to make it from Goss Moor to Bodmin – and a further four hours to get home!! Could have walked quicker? At least the frozen goods in the shopping bag didn't thaw out. And to think that when we first moved down here, we were very reliably informed that Cornwall never sees snow!!

As far as the year to date stats are concerned relative to last year; we're still low on rainfall by some 8 inches and have enjoyed 8 more dry days – but (as I've said before) the year isn't over yet!!

Steve Whitman

METHODIST CHURCH PREACHERS AND EVENTS FOR DECEMBER

Superintendent Minister

Rev. Roger Green – Tel: 01566 782240

Polyphant Morning Service 10.30 am

Sun 4 Peter Bloye
Sun 11 Philip Parsons
Sun 18 Carol Service, John Bailey 3 p.m.
Sun 25 Service at Lewannick

Lewannick Morning Service 11.00 am in the Village Hall

Sun 4 George Bickle
Sun 11 John Ware
Sun 18 James Spragg
Sun 25 Rev. Roger Greene

December Events:

Sat 10 Church open 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. for private prayer, Meditation, thoughts and reflection.
Wed 14 Coffee Morning 10.30 – 11.30 a.m. In the Church Hall Circuit Meeting, Coads Green, 7.30 p.m.
Sun 18 Community Carol Service 3 p.m. Collection in aid of Children's Hospice Southwest.

Year of Prayer

The Methodist Church in Cornwall is using the 2nd – 16 December as their period to mark the year of prayer agreed by the 2004 Methodist Conference. Polyphant Church will remain open from 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. on Saturday 10 December for any member of the public to use for prayer, quiet meditation, or thought and reflection, and to come and go as they please.



*An invitation is extended
to all in Polyphant, especially
families to join our annual*

**Christmas Carol Service
on Sunday 18 December
starting at 3 p.m.**

Tea/coffee and mince pies after.
Younger residents would be especially welcome. If any groups or individuals would like to contribute in some way as in the past please let Owen Withers know so that the item can be fitted in.

Call at The Warren, Polyphant or
Tel: 01566 86337. Collection will be for
The Children's Hospice Southwest.

Thanks to all who gave to the House to House appeal in Lewannick during October, for the National Childrens Home. The amount collected was £112.00.

Embroiderers Guild, Inny Vale Branch

Next meeting 8th December at Polyphant Chapel Hall from 2.00-4.30pm. Further information tel. Bettie on 86381.

Polyphant WI

There will be no meeting in December. The next meeting will be at 2.15 pm on Wednesday, 25 January. Any further information please telephone Ann on 880019.

Recycling collections:

DECEMBER: Lewannick, Polyphant and Trevadlock Hall Park, Tuesday 13th.
Trevadlock Village, Tuesday 6th & 20th