

Lewannick, Polyphant & Trevadlock Newsletter



Triumph for LADS

Robin Hood and the Babes in the Wood

Shakespeare had nothing on this. There are women playing men and men playing women, and then there are men playing women dressed up as men pretending to be women - no homophobia here just pure homolunaticia! To the story ... the Sheriff of Nottingham (Paul Corner) is snug. Persuaded to double glaze every hectare of the castle windows, he must now PAY, which is a more painful process than any torture the ferocious debt collector, Miss Whiplash (Cara Webling), might inflict, or even her two bloodthirsty side kicks Thelma (Margo Pridham) and Louise (Ali Corner), a marvellous nightclub double act. Perhaps he would have been better off with the 'other' firm (represented by Larry Rowse).

The Sheriff's adoring housekeeper, Dame Coddle (Peter Retallack), is sympathetic unlike her assistant Holly (Louise Cherry) and the Sheriff's Page (Richard Jasper), who take a starkly realistic view of all the proceedings, or her daughter Maid Marion (Bridget Thomas). Marion is nanny to the Sheriff's wards Britney (Sarah Downing) and Charlotte (Lauren Jones) and aspires to an appearance on tele as Super Nanny but, after she and the children flee to the woods, she is more likely to appear in court for neglect. Little does Dame Coddle realise that the Sheriff is planning to murder his sweet, simple, gum chewing wards, claim the castle for himself, and solve all his money worries.

Meanwhile, somewhere deep in the forest, Robin Hood (Emma White) and his sole supporter Friar Tuck (Sarah Pridham) discuss the need for a Band of Merry Men, and Tuck is dispatched as recruiting

sergeant to the local village. Fortunately (perhaps?) the plot is explained throughout by a castle messenger (Cara Webling) whose lisping Spoonerisms, thought beautifully enunciated, were incomprehensible to anyone less able than Ronny Barker.

The desperate housewives of the village (Andrew Jones, Will Kingdon, Alan Leslie, Tim Ellis, Alan Endacott, and Philip Pridham - big ladies!) stand around and moan in excruciating falsetto voices. When Friar Tuck asks where he might find some likely lads to join the Merry Band the 'ladies' do a tittering, or should that be tottering, striptease to effect the necessary transformation from falsetto to bass, and a mighty relief it is to all concerned including the audience.

No pantomime is complete without fairies, and the forest is full of them. The good Fairy Nuff (Catherine Jasper), not driving on stage but she has just passed her test, fights the good fight of awful verse with the Devil (Kathryn White), red in tooth and claw and face and hand and presumably everything else though that is not revealed. Assistants are essential, and a band of young devils (Maggie Leslie, Emma Coles, Ruby Griffiths, Sam Thomas, Megan Ellis, Luke Jones, Chloe West, and Zoe Miller) happily and nimbly perform as butterflies, hairdressers and whatever else is required at the wave of a wand or a devil's trident.

There was plenty of good knock about, plenty of good singing especially with all those splendid bass voices, plenty of audience participation and community singing, and lots of fun, and of course a 'happy ending', but if you want to know more, you will have to come and join in next year. Book early, as once again it was

Following sell-out performances on every night of Lewannick Amateur Dramatic Society's Pantomime, a donation of £1,100 has been made to Cornwall Macmillan Nurses and £1,100 to Cornish Blind activity groups.

a complete sell out. Oh! And there was a Gas Man (Jenny Eno), a Russian perhaps, looking for the Lewannick gas main? There was some marvellous new talent but some old hands were missed: Dorothy O'Sullivan on stage and Barbara Bloomfield in the costume wardrobe.

Congratulations to everyone on stage and to the many behind the scenes especially Jenny Eno for her production, and for adapting the script by Tony Bowditch, William Balfour and Vanda Tambllyn.

Carol Bunbury

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Village Hall News

Village Hall AGM

February 8th at 7.00 pm

Jumble Sale

11th March 2pm

Anyone wishing to donate jumble can leave it at Joy White's - Bovetown Farm or Ken and Betty White's - Glebelands. Thank you.

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

Monthly Coach Trip

The next trip will be to Plymouth, Thursday 23 February, cost £5.00. For bookings or more details contact June Smith on 782901.

Gardening Club

Wednesday 1st March

Talk by Mark Walsh

Bulbs throughout the year.

Lewannick Village Hall 7.30pm

ALL WELCOME - £1 on the door

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FEBRUARY: Lewannick, Polyphant and Trevadlock Hall Park, Tuesday 7th & 21st. Trevadlock Village, Tuesday 14th & 28th.

Film Society

Plans are progressing for a film society in Lewannick. I hope to be able to announce the date of the first film in next month's newsletter. David

LEWANNICK CHURCH NEWS AND DIARY DATES FOR FEBRUARY

Sunday Services at St Martin's Church

Sun 5 Holy Communion 9.30am
Sun 5 Bowden Derra 8pm
Sun 12 Morning Worship 10am
Sun 19 Holy Communion 9.30am
Sun 26 Family Worship 10am

Events

Tue 7 PCC meeting in Church 7.30pm

Future Events

14 or 21 May Bluebell walk at Trebartha
22 July Church Fete
17 Sept Jazz Concert at Middle Tremollet

Ian Bond is running the Plymouth Half Marathon this year in May in order to raise funds for the Church. If you wish to sponsor him, please see Ian/Sarah at The Old School House, or forms will shortly be placed at the back of the Church.

LEWANNICK PARISH COUNCIL

We met at Polyphant on Wednesday 18 January 2006. An update with regard to the Two Bridges Junction was given. Parsons Brinckerhoff have now summarised the results of their recent consultation exercise. The results of the questionnaire have also been sent to Mr Dan Rogerson MP, Mr R Fish Cornwall County Council and Mr Neil Burden County Councillor. In the light of the results Parsons Brinckerhoff have been requested by the Highways Agency to review the safety improvement proposals and to make recommendations as appropriate. It has been confirmed that the Highways Agency intends to continue dialogue with the local communities, in conjunction with the County Council, in order to achieve a solution to improve the safety on the A30 at Two Bridges. We will keep you updated with progress.

The planning application for North Lodge, Bowden Derra has been withdrawn. The listed building consent for the erection of a replacement shed at Rose Cottage has also been withdrawn. Planning application was supported for Mr and Mrs S Langdon, Steers Farm, Polyphant. Erection of Single storey rear extension to living accommodation and formation of vehicular access and parking area.

Our next meeting will be held at Lewannick on Wednesday 15 February commencing 8pm. Members of the public are always welcome to attend.

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METHODIST CHURCH PREACHERS AND EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

Superintendent Minister

Rev. Roger Green - Tel: 01566 782240

Polyphant Morning Service 10.30 am (unless otherwise stated)

Sun 5 Own Arrangement
Sun 12 Neville Helme
Sun 19 Rev. Roger Greene (9.30 a.m.)
Sun 26 David Lewis

Lewannick Morning Service 11.00 am in the Village Hall

Sun 5 Ann Foster
Sun 12 Own Arrangement
Sun 19 Rev. Roger Greene
Sun 26 Brian Lake

February Events:

Mon 6 Open Door 7.30 - 9.00 pm with Rev. Cathy Arcscott & John Bailey
Wed 8 Coffee Morning 10.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. In the Church Hall.
Mon 13 Open Door 7.30 - 9.00pm.
Mon 20 Open Door 7.30 - 9.00pm
Mon 27 Open Door 7.30 - 9.00pm.

OBITUARY

Mrs "Pat" Sands

Passed away 28th December

The funeral took place at Bodmin Crematorium on Monday January 9th I would like to thank all those friends and neighbours who passed on their condolences to me on my recent bereavement.

If I should have missed any person out with my personal thanks, I apologise.

"Bill" Sands

Embroiderers Guild, Inny Vale Branch

Next meeting 16th February at Polyphant Chapel Hall from 2-4.30pm. Further information tel. Bettie on 86381.

Polyphant WI

The next meeting for Polyphant WI will be our Annual Meeting on Wednesday 22nd February at 2.15 pm which is only open to members. Any further information please telephone Ann on 880019.

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