

Lewannick, Polyphant & Trevadlock Newsletter

Love your neighbour?

Having survived Glastonbury, it's good to be clean, warm and dry again! Glastonbury isn't just about music, its a huge meeting of minds, a gathering of kindred spirits, and to join this multi-cultural, multi-aged, multi-everything community puts a smile on your face as soon as you walk through the gates, regardless of the weather. Returning to hear news of flooding and devastation, car bombs, death, destruction, racial injustice and starvation around the world reminds me of just how lucky we are in our little corner of our little country. We are unlikely to be flooded, bombed or attacked, to lose our property or loved ones through aggressive action. We live in relative luxury with a stable economy, plenty of food on the table, crime is relatively low, the state looks after us when we're ill or can't cope. We have little to complain about, or so you would think.

However, occasionally conflict arises and sometimes its hard to love your neighbour. People don't always treat you as well as you treat them, but you have to allow a little give and take - is it really that important in the scale of things? If this doesn't work communication can often settle minor misunderstandings, especially if conducted in a friendly and forthright manner.

While most neighbours are a pleasure, unpleasant and unreasonable neighbours can make life a misery and cause ill health through stress and pollution. In this case it is far better to use the correct methods than to take matters into your own hands.

We all have a right to enjoy quiet use of our properties and if a neighbour persistently makes a noise nuisance then the incidents should be recorded in a log and a complaint made to the environmental health officer.

Regarding bonfires: If only dry garden waste is burnt the occasional bonfire should not cause a major problem. However, where a neighbour is causing a problem by burning rubbish, the law is on your side. Under the Environmental Protection Act (EPA) 1990, a statutory nuisance includes "smoke, fumes or gases emitted from premises so as to be prejudicial to health or a nuisance". www.nsc.org.uk/pages/environment_facts/bonfire_laws.cfm
Useful contacts: Our Police Community support officer is Sharon Chinn - 01566 771419.

Environmental health for the area is under Paul Williams at NCDC on 01208 893521 and the Environment Agency incident hotline to report all environmental incidents i.e. burning plastic and black smoke from fires, water course and other pollution incidents is 0800 80 70 60.

Oh yes, and the music was wonderful, by the way!
David

MOOR LIVE MUSIC

Saturday 4th August

at North Bowda Farm 8 til late

The Belfast Busker

plus **Tush**

(featuring Paul Corner on drums)

Admission £5

PLUS Barbeque, Bonfire, Free Camping, Lashings of Fun! All welcome.

Phone 01566 782352 for directions.

Bring your own drinks.

DON'T MISS IT!

LEWANNICK PARISH COUNCIL

Lewannick Parish Council held their Ordinary Meeting on Wednesday 27 June at Lewannick Village Hall. The meeting had been scheduled initially for the 20 June but due to insufficient Councillors being present the meeting had to be reconvened.

Planning applications which were supported: 2007/01071 Prior Notification for the erection of an agricultural building for storage of hay and machinery/implement store. Freestone Bowden. Mr S T Philp. 2007/00973 Prior Notification for the erection of a general purpose agricultural building. Strayer Park, Lewannick. F P Wadge.

Openreach have contacted us in order to put cables underground adjacent to The Row, Polyphant. We have requested NCDC for their input prior to agreeing to this request.

We have invited Mr S Ford the Parish and Town Councils Liaison Officer, CCC, as a speaker to explain the basics of their proposals in response to the Chisholm Report CCC ONE CORNWALL. It is noted that there is talk of the clustering of parish councils, of community network areas and of increased duties of parish clerks.

We are trying to obtain grant funding from the Aggregates Levy and it is hoped that if our request for funding is approved the grant would be used to increase the safety to the war memorial in Lewannick by erecting railings from the village hall to the entrance. It is also hoped to improve the play area at Lewannick if funding permits.

We have received a letter from the Cornwall Association of Local Councils recommending that we immediately increase the clerk's salary to the minimum wage. The scales are worked on a points system according to the work load and it is possible that our clerk should receive

between £9.50 and £10.86 per hour. However, as we have not allowed for this increase in our precept, it has been agreed to pay £6 per hour this year e.g. £2,880.

We have received a cheque from Western Power Distribution of £9.70 re wayleaves. It was also agreed to join the Cornwall Association of Local Councils £170.00.

We have written to Accord regarding the surface noise on the A30. We are also in correspondence with S Ewing, Highways, regarding Kellys House/Cottage road traffic hazards and it is understood that Mr Ewing will visit the site this week.

We are liaising with Perfect Pastures regarding the maintenance of Polyphant Green requesting that the area is tidied up.

There will be a training session in which all Councillors/Clerk are expected to attend regarding The Code of Conduct - Guide for Members.

Standard Board Bulletin No 33. NCDC results of poll - letter from Chairman giving results of poll on a unitary authority - 13% support the proposal, 82% are against it. It also states hardly any residents received the CCC leaflet outlining their proposals. Even if the unitary authority bid does not succeed, it seems that the pattern of local government will be under something called the Pathfinder Model, favoured by NCDC.

Finally, the Agenda for our meetings are placed within the Noticeboard at Polyphant and Lewannick Post Office three days prior to our meetings. Copies of our Minutes are placed at both access points within six weeks of a meeting. The Minutes are available on: www.lewannick.info under Parish Council.

Our next meeting will be held in Polyphant on Wednesday 18 July 2007 commencing 8pm.

Hedge Trimming

If you are a landowner with hedges bordering the public highway you could be liable for damages if your untrimmed hedge is in any way responsible for an accident.

The following is provided by CCC:

The County Council has a duty to ensure free passage along the highway and where overgrown hedges restrict this will, where appropriate, serve notice on the owner or occupier requiring trimming to be completed within a specified period. Failure to comply with the conditions of the notice may result in the Highway Authority carrying out the works and invoicing the landowner to recover the costs involved.

Hedges, and trees within them, adjacent to the highway are generally the responsibility of the adjacent landowner or occupier. The County Council often receives reports of growth hitting vehicles or pedestrians or restricting visibility, and the local County Council Area Supervisor has to visit the site, locate the owner and request that appropriate trimming takes place to overcome the problem. Locating a landowner or occupier can be very time consuming and it would be a great help if all landowners would trim their hedges where necessary on their own initiative, as many others already do.

The Cornwall Highways leaflet 'Cornish Roadside Hedge Management' offers advice to landowners on how and when

to cut hedges to ensure road safety is not compromised and to encourage biodiversity. Copies of the hedges leaflet can be obtained by telephoning the Cornwall Information Centre on 01872 222000. More information about hedge management is available on the County Council website www.cornwall.gov.uk/meetings/hedge/default.htm

Recycling collections:

JULY: Lewannick, Polyphant and Trevadlock Hall Park, Tuesday 10th & 24th. Trevadlock Village, Tuesday 3rd. 17th & 31st.

Lewannick Film Society

Friday 20 July

5pm **Finding Nemo** (U)

8pm **The Prestige** (12a)

Free draw for DVDs and other prizes

Everyone welcome.

For more info visit our website:

www.lewannick.info/films

or call David Eno 01566 782 352 or Carole Newbery 01566 782 621

Village Hall News

Jumble Sale

Saturday 28th July at 2.00pm.

Jumble is still needed and can be left at Joy White's Bovetown Farm or Ken & Betty White's Glebelands.

Flower Show

Saturday 18th August

Schedules for this years flower show will be available from mid July. They can be collected from Lewannick Post Office, cost 20p, or downloaded free from our website: www.lewannick.info/flowershow
You will also be able to enter online by filling in a form, or in the normal way using the form inside the schedule.

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

Amateur Dramatic Society

Thanks to all who took part in this year's popular car treasure hunt which raised £135 for LADS funds. The prize of chocolates, champagne, strawberries and cream was won by Debbie Vine and family plus Sue Davey. Well done!!

Churchyard

As many will know, Margo has for a number of years slaved over cutting and strimming the churchyard grass and keeping it in good order – all unpaid. Due to illness she has recently been unable to undertake this, so we are trying to put together a rota of people to take the burden off her shoulders. If we get enough volunteers no one will have to do it very often. We need teams of two once a fortnight. If you could spare a few hours every two or three months please call David Eno on 782 352.

Octoberfest

The Octoberfest will be happening again this year on Saturday 20th October. If you would like a stall or wish to participate in any way please contact David on 782 352. There will be an organisational meeting in August - date to be announced in the next newsletter.

Too old for a computer?

You're never too old!! You could be shopping, banking, auction buying and selling, emailing friends and family worldwide, exploring new things by surfing the web etc. etc. **I am offering completely FREE to any OAP a PC computer and screen.** Currently being used and in full working order, but being replaced by something a little more powerful. This will let you do all the things mentioned above. I can't offer any training or help, other than putting it together and plugging it in for you. David Eno 782352.

The weather

The rainfall at Trelaske for the period 24/05/07 to 23/06/07 was 115.7 mm (4.56in). This is the wettest June since 1999.

Robert Ashford

LEWANNICK CHURCHES TOGETHER DATES FOR JULY

**Lewannick Morning Services
all at St Martin's Church (times variable)**

Sun 1 Rev. Chris Probert (9.30am)
Sun 8 Rev. Margaret Oxenham (10.00am)
Sun 15 Rev. Chris Probert (9.30 am)
Sun 22 Chris Paxman (10.00 am)
Sun 29 Group Eucharist (10.30 am)

Events

July 14 Fete at Pen-Inney House.

2pm. Cakes, bric-a-brac, plants, treasure trove, Pimms, Children's Corner.
Children's painting/drawing competition for all children under the age of 14.
Picture /drawing of your favourite place in Lewannick, entries will be split into three age groups and completed entries, with name and age on the back, must be handed in to Lewannick P.O. by Sat 7th July.

Launceston & Lewannick

Scrapaholic Club

21 July 2007

at Lewannick Village Hall
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and the experienced.*

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More info & booking contact Marina
email: simplyfairycrafts@hotmail.co.uk
or phone: 01566 786 996

Polyphant Ladies' Club

The July meeting will be on Wednesday 11 July (please note the new date, to avoid school holidays) when our speaker will be Ron Camplin from the Charles Causley Trust who will be giving us an update on Cypress Well. The meeting will be at 7.00 pm in Polyphant Methodist Church Hall. For information please phone Ann on 880019

Coads Green Festival & Coads Green In Bloom

We've been sent a report of this successful event run in Coads Green last month. Unfortunately we don't have the space to include this, but you can read all about it on our website: www.lewannick.info under the 'news' section.

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METHODIST CHURCH PREACHERS AND EVENTS FOR JULY

Superintendent Minister

Rev. Margaret Oxenham – Tel: 01566 782240

**Polyphant Morning Service 10.30 am
(unless otherwise stated)**

Sun 1 Eric Rowland
Sun 8 Own Arrangement
Sun 15 Philip Parsons
Sun 22 Sarah Perry
Sun 29 Neil Burden

Events

Wed 11 Coffee Morning 10.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. in Polyphant Church Hall.
Tues 24 Coffee Morning at Launceston Central Methodist Church 10.00 am – 12.00 for church funds.
Bring and buy and Produce Stall.

CAR BOOT SALE

POLYPHANT CHAPEL CAR PARK

Saturday 11 August 2007, 2 Pm

(CARS - £4. 00 @ 1 pm)

Refreshments

Cream Teas

(Contact Di - 86340)

Gardening Club

**JULY 21st visit to Mount Edgcombe
Meet at 10am Mt Edgcombe Car Park
Phone Tim for directions if needed**

AUGUST 1st

Social Evening at Ellis Nurseries 7pm

ALL WELCOME

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CLOSING DATE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER: SUNDAY 22 JULY

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