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For Lewannick, Polyphant and Trevadlock

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On Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. Mr Robin Catford, Ecclesiastical Secretary to the Lord Chancellor, Lord Hailsham, visited St. Martin's Church. He was invited by the Parochial Church Council to discuss their long-standing objections to the Bishops of Truro's proposal to include Lewannick in a much larger Team Ministry. A fuller report is included in the Church's newsheet and has appeared in the local Press.

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Congratulations to Mike and Joy White on the occasion of their marriage at St. Blazey Methodist Church on Saturday, May 10. We hope they will be very happy amongst us at Glebelands, Lewannick.

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The BAPTISM took place on Sunday, May 18, at St. Martin's, of Nicholas Terence the infant son of Terry and Susan Jasper of Belstone, Polyphant.

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Discussions are still going on in the district about the possibility of running a COMMUNITY BUS. Oliver Baines, from Cornwall Rural Community Council came to a meeting at Lezant, on Monday, May 19, where he met representatives of surrounding Parish Councils and outlined the scheme whereby they can sponsor a bus on permanent loan from CRCC for a down payment of £500. Parishes and clubs in the area would then undertake to maintain, drive, insure and repair the vehicle, putting aside about £1000 a year to pay for a replacement in 5 years time. North Hill and Lewannick have both discussed the proposals but each has decided they cannot 'go it alone' because there are not enough clubs to justify the use and give the necessary support. It is felt that there would be no shortage of volunteer drivers but in Lewannick's case we have access to reasonable bus services most days and in all directions. For club use, a community bus would probably be too small since it cannot be larger than a 14 seater to avoid the PSV licence regulations. Most local clubs would need more than 14 seats to make an outing pay. We may hear more of this scheme and we may be approached by Lezant to use it on a 'fill-up' basis, or even to borrow it if time were to be available.

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On Wednesday, May 14, the Flower Society arranged a visit to Burncoose Nurseries, Lanner, and the National Trust Garden at GLENDURGAN. Members had coffee at the Fox & Hounds, Lanner, before visiting the nurseries and, after lunch in Falmouth, they had tea provided by the W.I. at Mawnan Smith before returning home. Mr & Mrs J. Balls held a coffee morning at Westerleigh, Trevadlock, on Thursday, May 22, in aid of the Society. About 20 members, and their friends, attended and had a most enjoyable time. Proceeds, amounting to £28.60 will be used to fund the exhibit the society will enter in the Royal Cornwall Show on Thursday, June 5. A number of coffee mornings have been held to support this venture so that the cost of flowers would not be borne by society funds. The staging this year will be done by Marylin Prosser and Ann Dyke, ably abetted by members. This month's speaker at the meeting on May 27 was Mrs D. Spring, from Torquay. She took as her subject "pictures, Plaques and Collages", in which she gave an excellent demonstration on how to make beautiful pictures with the most everyday things such as seeds, grasses and all manner of dried material.

On Thursday, Jun 19, at 7.30pm Mrs Ann Dyke is holding a Coffee Evening at Petherwin Water in aid of society funds. All are welcome. The next monthly meeting will be in the village hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday, June 24, when the speaker will be Mrs Y. Rogers, who will take as her topic "Designs with Driftwood".

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In aid of CHURCH FUNDS, Maureen Shovell held 'Open House' on Thursday, May 22, at her home ANNETH LOWEN at which a selection of KERNBWEK pottery was on display. Visitors could order items and a percentage on the total orders was to be returned to the organiser to donate to church funds. A sum amounting to nearly £30 was raised for the church for which the Church Wardens are truly grateful.

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PLAYGROUP has settled down with some 20 regular babies and toddlers at Wednesday afternoon meetings. Members would like to thank Bill and Mary Nesbitt for the rocking horse, Ron and Cath Merrilees for the doll's house and electric organ and Kevin Jasper who made a realistic toy oven and donated the materials.

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A CAR BOOT SALE will be held on Saturday, June 28, from 10 to 12 noon at the side of the cricket field in Lewannick. Cost for each car entered is £3, with the proceeds divided between the Playgroup and Lewannick School Parent Teacher Assoc. To enter a car, please ring Sue Ingerson on 82740.

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ADVANCE NOTICE OF AN AUCTION SALE in the autumn. The village hall committee and the cricket club are holding a 50/50 auction on Saturday, October 4. Valuable goods also accepted on reserve AND outright gifts welcome. Entries taken in September or before if necessary. Contact Ken White.

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TABLE TENNIS club nights, 6.30-9.30pm are June 7, 14, 21, & 28, in the village hall. The handicap knockout event was well-attended – full report next month.

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LEWANNICK W.I. heard a talk about the R.N.L.I. AT THEIR MONTHLY MEETING ON Friday, May 15, and on May 23, 10 members went on a County Outing to St. Michael's Mount. Next meeting on June 20 has demonstration on broomstick crochet.

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The GOLDEN CIRCLE went on a trip to Dartmouth on June 5. Next meeting Jun 16.

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Quite the largest number of people ever to attend a PARISH COUNCIL meeting were present on Thursday, May 29, to ask questions of the Council about the nuisance created by children cycling on the footpath from Hawks Tor Drive to the village hall. It appears some parishioners were upset by our comment that the 'elderly do not appreciate that it is safer for the children to be away from the dangerous corner by the church'. We are sorry if we gave the wrong impression by that statement. The truth is that CYCLING IS NOT PERMITTED ON ANY PART OF THE TWO FOOTPATHS so it would be appreciated if you would tell your child, and grandchildren, before a serious accident takes place. We all know that there are only a few boys concerned and their parents have been advised but it is up to all parishioners to insist that NO children ride cycles on either of these paths. Originally, when the footpath was planned, the County Highways promised to produce notices forbidding cycling on pain of prosecution. Difficulties have arisen with this plan so now the Parish Council is making every effort to have its own notices displayed.

Another item, which was raised by the public before the meeting, was the possible provision of street lighting in the village, particularly on the footpath leading to Hawks Tor. It was explained that the provision of street lighting for existing property is the responsibility of the Parish Council and would be a direct cost on the Parish Rate. For new properties, such as those at Cottage Garden, if the lighting is included in the plans at the planning stage, the cost is borne by the builder and maintained/paid for by Highways. Although not everyone is in favour of full street lighting in the village, there may be ways of dealing with the footpath lighting and this will be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting, which is due to take place on Wednesday, June 25, at 8pm.

Amongst other items dealt with by the Parish Council were three planning applications; one group on behalf of the executors of the late Mrs E.P. Doney in Polyphant, only one of which was recommended; an application for two detached bungalows between the quay and 'Sunnyside', Polyphant, which was not recommended and a detached bungalow next to New Claim, Callington Lane, for which outline planning approval had already been granted by the District Council some years ago.

The Council went on to discuss the revision of the CORNALL COUNTY STRUCTURE PLAN, with particular reference to Waste Disposal, Transport, Shopping and Mineral Extraction. A letter will be sent to County expressing Lewannicks' views.

Parishioners are most welcome to come along to Parish Council meetings, which usually take place on the last Wednesday every month at 8pm. The first 10 minutes, or so, are available for open discussion on any point which has a bearing on the agenda for that evening. The agenda is always published on the notice which is displayed advertising the time and date of the forthcoming meeting. You Councillors are pleased to see you – please make the effort to come along. You do not have to stay to the bitter end you can leave anytime.

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Mrs Fuge (Post Office) was delighted by your response to her appeal for small presents to give as prizes at her weekly evenings with the mentally handicapped. A big 'Thank you' from her for the many items but a plea, also, not to forget the men. Keep them coming, please!

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LEWANNICK C.P. SCHOOL has taken part in two 'cluster' events with other local schools giving juniors the chance to socialise and compete in sports. Work should soon start on a jumping/sand-pit for use by children and playgroup. Dads are to do the digging.

**NB. Community Police Surgery at village hall on June 28 between 11-12 noon.**

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This occasional additional news sheet is being funded by members of the Parochial Church Council, not because they are in any way dissatisfied with the excellent Village News and Diary but because the PCC feel there is so much church information they would like to pass on at the moment that they think it would be unfair to swamp the village sheet. However, they have taken advantage of the kind offer of your organisers to use their distribution to pass on this copy. We do not propose to make it a monthly event and we will use the Newsletter and Diary regularly but there is usually so much news for the sheet that we felt we could relieve the pressure somewhat on occasions.

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Visit of the Lord Chancellor's Secretary. The first item, which it was thought, you might like to know something about was the visit of the Ecclesiastical Secretary to the Lord Chancellor, Lord Hailsham, which took place on 8<sup>th</sup> May and which you may have seen reported in the local Press. Mr Robin Catford was invited by the PCC to discuss with the church members the long standing proposals to include Lewannick in an even larger Team Ministry than at present and to seek out their objections so that he could relay them to Lord Hailsham, who is Patron of St. Martin's, and without whose agreement the proposed expansion cannot go ahead. The PCC has steadfastly objected, since these proposals were put forward two years ago, because of their experience in the past with the mounting costs of funding the travelling, telephone, secretarial and other expenses of having a Team Rector running a large Team of parishes spread over such a thinly populated rural area. The original Bolventor Team Ministry consisted of the United Benefice of ALTARNUN (with Bolventor), LEWANNICK & NORTH HILL. Under Re. Hugh Fryer at North Hill, as Rector, with sundry Vicars at Altarnun, this scheme worked very well. Unfortunately, with the sudden removal of Re. John Grigg from St. Clether, the Diocese thought fit to persuade Fr. Hugh and hence us, to accept the 3 parishes of St. Clether, Laneast & Tresmeer within our care.

We did this, not without heart-searching, because it was put to us that unless we agreed those parishes would be without a priest and pastoral care for the foreseeable future. Fr. Hugh reckoned he could cope and, although we saw some diminution of pastoral care in this parish, at least the 3 new parishes had a service each Sunday. Regrettably, the limited success of this scheme led the Diocese to believe they could foist upon us a grandiose scheme which is to include North Tamerton, Boyton, Tremaine, Egloskerry, North Petherwin, etc., making an area some 23 miles from North to South and roughly 10 miles across – 200 square miles, to be looked after by 4 priests, one of whom would be the Rector, originally to be based in Egloskerry. The Diocese has had difficulty in advertising and filling this post because of our continued objections and the Bishop has now written to all parishes, (copy to us), amending the scheme to utilise existing priests.

The Bishop has persuaded Rev. N. Tewkesbury, Vicar of Altarnun, to accept the post of Team Rector. In turn, Fr. Noel has asked the Bishop to agree to move the Teams centre to Altarnun, so that he may be spared yet one more upset in his family life. The new Vicarage, which is to be built at Altarnun, will now be built as a Rectory to accommodate the additional requirements. All that now remains is to persuade Lewannick church members to agree to the scheme so that the Lord Chancellor can give his blessing and the proposals can be put before the Privy Council for the Sovereign's agreement, hence the visit of Mr Catford.

It was a pity that the arrangements for the visit, which were in the hands of the Archdeacon of Bodmin, Ven. G. Temple, were made in such a way that, although Mr Catford was invited by the PCC they were excluded from any planning of the visit and were only told the previous day that he would be calling on them on his way back to Plymouth to catch his aircraft to Heathrow.

Some 20 parishioners turned up but few of them had the opportunity to put their points of view since the meeting was dominated by explanations of the changes recently proposed by the Bishop and about which we had not been informed. Those who did get a chance to speak re-iterated the objection previously made and reminded the Secretary that they were eager to continue to be part of a Team – but not a large impersonal conglomeration spread over such a large area. Strong support was forthcoming for a smaller Team, based on the 6 surrounding Altarnun, with a suggestion that the Egloskerry complex could go its own way. Mr Catford expected to be talking to the Bishop of Truro shortly and promised to put this point of view to him, and to Lord Hailsham, when he next reports. Hopefully, by the time you read this there will have been some developments, which we can put in "STOP PRESS". WATCH THIS SPACE:

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Church re-organisational/re-decoration. Some years ago a plan was conceived to reorganise the Church and to repair those parts where time and damp had begun to take their toll. The first stage was to decorate and a grand boy of chaps (and chapesses) turned out to do a fine job, in readiness for a Flower Festival. Sadly, the time has come to repeat the performance – but more about that anon!

Stage 2 involved repositioning the organ because the damp had entered the floor joists and the organ, which is rather special and almost unique, was about to fall into a hole. This was completed in 1983 and the organ, which was dismantled, was refurbished at the same time. Stage 3, drawn up by the Church Architects, hinged on making more space available around the Altar for the Clergy Servers to move about.

The Initial thoughts suggested bringing the altar forward but this was not universally accepted and a compromise has been reached largely because we found that damp was having its evil way with the platform on which the choir stalls were resting. The damaged wood has been removed, concrete has been laid, the surface has been sealed and a platform has been built in the Chancel so that the Altar rail can be moved forward and the Altar itself can be repositioned to allow easier access. The whole making a better balance of space available and meeting the wishes of all parties. Hopefully, we may soon be able to afford a carpet to give the important part of the church a more attractive appearance.

This whole effort took place without any disruption to weekly services and credit for this is due to Mike Wilson, Dave Wadge, Maurice Holden & John McIver, and others who did as they were told. Not to be outdone the ladies, Maureen McIver, Margaret Wilson, Marion Holden, Pam Jarrett got to work cleaning the signs of damp from the stalls etc., and now we are ready for the redecoration team to begin before the carpet is laid.

There is one further suggestion, Stage 4 maybe: - the removal of the 'Archer' pews from their present position to the rear of the church in order that a small 'Lady Chapel' might be sited below the beautiful Archer Memorial window. We would hope that all this could be completed before the arrival of the promised Team Vicar.

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#### DATES FOR YOU DIARY.

Sunday service at St. Martin's, Lewannick, usually takes the form of Eucharist, which is celebrated at 9.30am. We are lucky to have some excellent visiting priests, amongst whom we are pleased to receive Canon Bernard Hughes, Fr. Duncan Ferguson, Fr. John Littlewood from Callington, the Rural Dean, Fr. Terry Fuller from Stoke Climsland, Fr. Bernard Mather who retired to Tregeare, and we have a steady congregation each week of more than 20, not including the children who meet at the same time in Margaret Wilson's Priory Cottage with Maureen McIver & Marion Holden, before they all join us in church for the Eucharist. If you would like your child to join us please bring him/her along. We will look after them and they will be amongst friends. The service usually ends about 10.45am. Children from both Lewannick & Coads Green schools attend so they will not be among strangers.

1. A 'Strawberry Tea' is planned but may well be a 'moveable feast' to accommodate the ripening of those glorious berries. We do hope to hold this event in July. We will probably have a week's notice and it will be well advertised so please look out for our posters.
2. We have already laid plans for a HARVEST SERVICE & SUPPER. The service will take place in church at 7pm to be followed by Harvest Supper in the Village Hall. This will take place on FRIDAY, 26<sup>th</sup> September. The PCC would be grateful for donations in the shape of sausage rolls, quiches, sandwiches, cakes, buns, tarts, biscuits, etc., to make the evening a memorable one. More details nearer the date.
3. There have been suggestions that a JUMBLE SALE and a Local History Evening might be held but plans for these events have not yet been completed. They will be well advertised when details are known.

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Finally, on Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> May, some church members went along to an evening service at the Collegiate Church of St. Endellion to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the entry into Holy Orders of Fr. Hugh Fryer. They took along with them a Record Gift Token subscribed to by church members and Fr. Hugh has asked that we pass on his deep appreciation and best wishes to all parishioners.