

It shouldn't really surprise any of us that rainfall for the month of August was a staggering 211.1mm (more than 8 inches!). Mr and Mrs Robert Ashford keep an official record for the Met Office at Trelaske House and they report that Bank Holiday Monday produced 42.5mm (nearly 2 inches) of the total! Not only extremely wet for August, but cold too.

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CONDOLENCES. Villagers were surprised and shocked by the sudden death of Mr L.L. Dolan MBE MSM as he was about to be taken to hospital on Friday evening, August 8. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Ida and her family in their sudden bereavement. Though he had been ill for some months he remained most cheerful throughout his troubles and will always be remembered for his smart soldiery appearance and for his immaculate garden. Many friends attended the funeral service on Thursday, August 14 at St. Martin's Church, which had been beautifully decorated with flowers taken from Danny's lovely garden. A fitting remembrance he would have appreciated.

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FLOWER SOCIETY sixteen members and friends accepted the kind invitation of Mr Baker, Manager of the Duchy Nurseries, for a visit on Thursday evening, August 7, and enjoyed a most interesting conducted tour. The grounds are being extended and members were told of the progress of these plans. For parishioners new to the district, the nurseries are signposted from the West Taphouse – Lostwithiel road A390, just beyond Bradock. There is also a woodland walk and picnic area and visitors are welcome just to browse or get advice on plants, which will grow, in Cornwall's climate.

There will be a coffee evening and exhibition at North Hill village hall on Thursday, September 4 at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome.

The next club meeting will be at Lewannick hall at 7.30pm Tuesday, September 23, when the demonstrator will be Mrs S. Waterfield, who has taken as her title 'Inspired by Colour'. The competition exhibit will be 'Shades Of One Colour'. Visitors are most welcome. Tea and biscuits are provided and a draw takes place at which some of the demonstrator's art is offered as prizes.

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PARISH COUNCIL. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 24 at 8pm in the village hall. Members of the public are encouraged to come along and speak on any topic, which they would like to bring to the attention of our councillors before the business meeting begins. Come along and have your say. Better that, than spend the rest of the month muttering about what "THEY" should have done.

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The grand total of £215.20 was raised on August 28 at Lewannick Post Office for the Launceston branch of the Gateway Club for the MENTALLY HANDICAPPED. Mrs Rachel Fuge is delighted with this result and wants to extend a big THANK YOU to all those who went along and helped raise this marvellous sum.

Mrs Fuge says the money will go into the bank for the winter, earn some interest, and then be used in the spring to finance some evening outings for the club. She says every penny will go into club funds. This meets each Monday at the Dingley Hall of the Central Methodist Church, Launceston.

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The VILLAGE HALL Committee and LEWANNICK CRICKET CLUB are holding an auction on Saturday, October 4. Goods will be sold on a 50/50 basis by Kittows in the village hall or on the play area. Valuable goods may be sold on a 10 per cent commission agreement and outright gifts will be gratefully received. Mr Ken White has kindly offered to store goods from now on if desired. The committee and club ask for entries from furniture and farm implements to knives and forks and mousetraps! Please no clothes except fur coats.

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Mrs Morris of Marralameda, Lewannick, would like to extend her thanks to all those who attended the first "As New" clothing sale at her home at the end of July and helped raise £45 in aid of COT DEATH RESEARCH. There will be another sale, this time with autumn and winter clothing, on Saturday, September 27, 10-4pm, again with Cot Death Research in mind. If there is anyone interested in taking part in a Christmas charity market please contact Mrs Morris on 82562.

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LEWANNICK TABLE TENNIS CLUB held their AGM on August 12 at the village hall. In attendance was Mrs M. Pitt, Mrs K. Baker, Mr P. Ingerson and Mr and Mrs C Baverstock. The club secretary Chris Baverstock outlined his ideas for the winter season. Several points were discussed and the teams selected.

Three teams in all will be entering the Launceston and District Table Tennis Association playing from Lewannick village hall this winter. Club nights for September are 6, 13, 20 and 27, 6.30-9pm.

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Lewannick CONSERVATIVES held a successful Entertainments evening on August 21. Secretary Mike Howard had looked out a lot of interesting competitions, which were enjoyed by all. Mike dashed back to Lewannick to be there for the latter part of the evening and hand out the prizes. He and Pam had become proud parents in the early hours of the 21<sup>st</sup> so he had an extremely busy day! Best wishes were sent to the parents and Lorna and more thanks to Pam for baking a cake, which was won in a competition by Mrs J Parnell. Nearly £40 was raised for branch funds. Their next "do" will be a whist drive in Lewannick village hall on November 14 at 7.30pm.

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FAREWELL to Richard and Dianne Allen and the girls who have left to join Richard in Suffolk. The Nesbitt's have left too, and we wish them all well in their new home. We welcome Mr and Mrs Simpkin and hope they will enjoy living amongst us in Hawks Tor.

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The Village hall annual FLOWER SHOW was the usual happy event in spite of entries being down. In view of recent weather this was hardly surprising. It was opened by Mr Guy White of Trelaske Barton, who was a founder member of the show and helped implement many improvements to the hall during his membership of the hall committee.

The committee were very grateful to Mr Edgar Brent of Coads Green and Mr Finnemore for agreeing to judge the vegetables at such short notice. Cup winners were: vegetables – Mrs H. Rice; flowers and craft – Mrs D. Eastlake; cookery – Mrs M. Parnell; flower arranging – Jenny Eno; children's classes – Bridge Kingdon and Jenna Eastlake. Mr H. Rice also won the Tommy Shovell cup for the best exhibit and Mr J. Horrell the Red Ribbon for his runner beans. The judges were entertained to lunch by the hall committee. The raffle was won by Miss M. Wilson.

**A further** boost to the profits come when some of a coach load of the Old Cornwall Society came and bought cups of tea. A plea from the organisers PLEASE all children enter next year. The children's classes are always enjoyed. Details of classes are always obtainable in advance and you will be told dates, etc. in your very own newsletter of course! If you did not enter this year bear in mind that the second Saturday in August is usually the date to remember. Details of next year's craft classes may be obtained from Mrs L. Eno at Pen-Inney Cottage for making during the winter.

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The GOLDEN CIRCLE had a day out in Truro on Wednesday, August 20, and was blessed with one of the sunniest days we've had recently. Some 35 people went along. Over 60's are always welcome in the village hall on the first and third Monday afternoons.

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LEWANNICK W.I. joined with St Cleer W.I. for an evening outing to Padstow on Wednesday, August 13. About 45 members and friends enjoyed the trip. There was no normal August meeting. The next meeting will be on September 19 at 7.30pm when Mr Horrell of Rilla Mill will talk about cheeses and cheese making. New members are always welcome.

In October Lewannick are host to all the Launceston District W.I's for the autumn group meeting. That's October 21 at the village hall.

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The CHURCH HARVEST SUPPER AND SERVICE will take place on Friday, September 26 at 7pm. The preacher will be the Rev. Duncan Ferguson. This will be followed by a supper in the village hall at 8pm. All welcome.

There will be a service at Pen Inney on Wednesday, September 17 at 11am when the minister will again be the Rev. Ferguson.

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Lewannick and District Playgroup will start again on Wednesday, September 10, 1.30-3.30pm. Sessions are 50p and it's all very friendly with most mums staying to help and chat. But before that on Friday, September 5 playgroup has got the learner pool at Launceston Leisure Centre from 9.30-10.30am.

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SCHOOL starts Thursday, September 4. Hooray! The AGM of the PTA will be on Monday, September 22 at 7pm. After the normal business Mr C. Bradshaw, County Inspector for North Cornwall, has agreed to speak and answer questions. Half term will be the week beginning October 20.

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Thanks everyone for telling us you dates and news. Please keep it up and send or phone all items for inclusion in the newsletter to Christine Chopak at 8, Hawks Tor Drive on 82672 or Wing Cdr. Bill Newby on 82260.