

Lewannick, Polyphant & Trevadlock Newsletter



Glad tidings you bring!

Thank you for all the kind and encouraging comments about the last newsletter, which make the effort worthwhile. Once again it's been a struggle to cram everything in – but please keep your contributions coming.

Although this is a busy month for all, why not absorb a little Christmas spirit by taking time to relax and enjoy some of the many festive events taking place around the parish.

Have a good time! Here's to you, one and all, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
David

LEWANNICK AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY
PRESENTS

Their 54th Annual Pantomime

**Simple
Simon**

8, 9, 10 & 11 January
at 7.30pm

Lewannick Village Hall

Tickets £3 Adult £1.50 Child

Bookable from E. Randal 762445 or H. Kingdon 85526

Proceeds to Muscular Dystrophy & The Cornish Blind

Polyphant Youth Club

The youth club runs each Friday evening, school term time only, from 7pm to 8.30pm for children aged seven and over, living in the community of Polyphant, Lewannick and Trevadlock. A small charge is applied, at 75p per evening per child, (to cover the overheads), and takes place in the Polyphant Chapel Hall. Various games, sports and activities are run each week, including volley ball, cricket, bingo, craft projects, baking – outings have been arranged in the past to Trethorne, a summer beach trip, nature walks, Xmas Carol Singing – we've had visits to the youth club from places like the Owl Sanctuary, and a fun evening of circus tricks and performing – to name but a few. In return, we ask parents to assist, on a rota system, getting involved with the weekly activities. New children and new ideas are always welcome. Come along and enjoy an evening with us.

POLYPHANT YOUTH CLUB FIREWORKS

We extend a very big thank you to all that came along to support our Bonfire Night and Fireworks Display on Saturday 2nd November. Even though the weather conditions could not be described as perfect, the evening was mild, and the rain stayed away up until the last few minutes of fire works. We hope you all had an enjoyable evening.

I got it at Harrods, you know!

If you don't relish the prospect of overcrowded streets and shops, queues, traffic jams and rising blood pressure, why not shop from home?

These days, even if you live in Lewannick, you can shop at some of the best places, for unusual and exciting gifts. The following is a selection of some of the better mail order and internet shops, so, put your feet up, and get stuck into the Christmas Shopping!

www.amazon.co.uk Top web site – simple to use – massive choice – fast delivery – brilliant! Any book, CD, DVD or video that you can think of, plus PC and video games, electronics, software, toys and games. Good prices and free delivery over £39 until Dec 12th. Internet only

Hawkin's Bazaar Crazy, curious, wonderful, fascinating, ingenious, Victorian, mind boggling, space age, gifts and stocking fillers for children and adults. Great catalogue, tel 01986 782536 or internet www.hawkin.com

Oxfam/Fairtrade Sumptuous teas, coffees, wines, foods. Lovely household goods, jewellery and fashion accessories, children's gifts. Internet only. www.fairtradeonline.com

www.johnlewis.com A department store on your computer screen. Excellent website.

www.e-garden.co.uk Send flowers – buy garden related gifts, and more. Excellent website.

David Austin Roses Huge range of classic old and modern rose plants, many rare and unusual. Excellent web site – bare root plants sent in special packing. Mail order catalogue Tel.: (01902) 376376 Internet: www.davidaustinroses.net/english

RSPB Shop Brilliant range of quality goods sold in aid of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds. Cards, calendars, wrap, clothing & acces-

sories, leisure and recreational, books. Internet www.rspbshop.co.uk or Mail order tel 0870 606 6333 for catalogue.

Save the Children Good range of original quality cards and gifts for all the family. Internet: www.savethechildrenshop.com or Mail order 020 7703 5400 and ask for the Trading Section

Science Museum Amazing selection of inspirational and educational gifts, many unique to this store. Internet www.sciencemuseumstore.com or Mail order tel 0870 241 5596 for catalogue

Harrods A hamper from Harrods? Prices start at £12.50 for a small basket ... the sky's the limit! Full range of absolutely everything else. Internet www.harrods.com

Hints and tips

No internet? Ask your friends or your children!

Security worries? All larger internet stores, like the ones listed here, go to great lengths to ensure security, so it is safe to use your credit card.

Expensive? Both mail order and Internet shopping is extremely competitive these days so the prices and level of service are usually excellent.

Will it come in time? Order as soon as possible. Check availability of the goods you are ordering. Most internet sites let you do this, and some, like Amazon, let you track the progress of your order and e-mail you when goods are despatched.

All fingers and thumbs? Just log in to the updated shopping page on www.lewannick.info and click on the links to be taken for a Christmas Shopping Extravaganza!!!

PARISH COUNCIL

LEWANNICK PARISH COUNCIL held a special meeting on Thursday 7 November at 7.30pm in Polyphant Community Centre in order to have a public debate on the proposed location for a shelter. The Chairman began the meeting by explaining the history. The first request for a shelter was received in 1985, which was recorded in the Newsletter. Sites were explored at length, within Serpells Meadow, the Chapel - where the children currently wait for a bus - and finally on the Green. The site immediately opposite the Chapel was seriously considered, however, after negotiations by our sub-committee it was regrettably, our opinion that the conditions stipulated by the Chapel were too onerous for us to contemplate.

In order to build a shelter it is necessary for us to have the full backing of Highways without which our insurers would also not cover us. We have also had discussions with NDCD, Planning and the Conservation Officer who had approved the proposed location. Funding for the shelter would be by way of grants 50% and precept 50%. The maintenance and insurance of the bus shelter at Lewannick is the responsibility of the PC as would be a shelter in Polyphant.

We have a duty to encourage the use of public transport; there is an ageing population and a growth in the number of children who use the public transport on a daily basis.

The Chairman discussed the artists'

impression on display, and circulated copies to all those present for examination. He then threw the meeting open to the public for general discussion. On conclusion a vote was taken and everyone present was in favour, in principle, of a shelter for the village, if a location could be agreed upon. The Chairman has written to the Deputy Prime Minister for a definitive answer to the proposal of building a shelter on common land. Following his reply a further public meeting will be called.

The Ordinary meeting of the LPC was held on Thursday 21 November. Amongst business discussed was the precept which has been drastically reduced to £25 per household which residents will be pleased to hear. Our next meeting will be held at Lewannick on Thursday 19 December commencing 8pm. As always members of the public are welcome to attend.

Lewannick Amateur Dramatic Society

CHRISTMAS WINE & WISDOM

Saturday 7 December, 8pm
Lewannick Village Hall

Teams of four, £10 to include festive nibbles and a bottle of wine. Teams to Jenny 86628, or Dorothy 782317.

LEWANNICK VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 7th December at 2.30pm

Lots of effort has gone into this year's bazaar. New stalls with many hand made and unusual gifts and decorations – the ideal place to finish off (or start!) your Christmas shopping. **Father Christmas will arrive at 3pm!**

Whist Drive

Saturday 14th December

This month's Christmas special Whist Drive is in aid of Lewannick Village Hall. Lots of bumper prizes.

Dog fouling on the Green

It has been noted that some dog owners are parking in the Village Hall car park and letting their dogs out to foul the grass. This is especially undesirable as this area is used by children, and completely unnecessary as we are surrounded by countless miles of countryside. Any one observed doing this will be prosecuted and fined.

BREAST CANCER APPEAL

Thank you to Karen at the Post Office and Janice at the Archer Arms for displaying the collection boxes in aid of the fund raising for breast cancer last month. The sum of £56.75 was collected. Grateful thanks to you all.

I would also like to say a big "thank you" to everyone for your support of us over what has been a very difficult last twelve months. Your cards, gifts, prayers and words of encouragement have been a tremendous comfort to us. I am pleased to say that things are going well and I am starting to feel "normal" – if that is possible for me!!!! Once again a very sincere "thank you." *Rachel Fuge*

Monthly Coach Trip

No coach trip this month, resume in January.

Whitmans Weather

In November there were only 2 dry days and 284mm (11¼") of rain fell, compared with November last year when there were 17 dry days and only 2¾" of rain.

This year, to date, there have been 145 dry days with a total rainfall of 1556mm (61¼").

Steve Whitman

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S HOME COLLECTION

Christine Balsdon would like to thank all those who gave to the recent National Children's Home door-to-door collection. A total of £81.45 was raised.

Leading Lights Pantomime Group

CASTING is complete, the scenery is coming together, the music is great, the props are gathering apace and the costumes are piling up. Performances will be at 7.30pm on Fri 21, Sat 22, Fri 28 Feb. & Sat 1 March 2003. Tickets £4 Adults (over 60s £3). Children under 15, £2. Phone Jane & John Holden 01566 782749 or myself on 01579 363635. Happy Christmas to you all from the Group, hope to SEE you at the end of February.

Thankyou from Phyllis Harrison.

CLOSING DATE FOR JANUARY NEWSLETTER: SATURDAY 28 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 1 Advent Sunday Short Communion 9.15am
Sun 8 Morning Prayer 10.30am
Sun 15 Family Service 9.15am
Sun 22 Holy Communion 10.30am
Carol Service 6.30pm

Midnight Mass by Candlelight

Tue 24 St Martin's 11.30pm

Sun 29 Joint Benefice Service at Lewannick

DIARY DATES

Sun 1 Carols at Bowden Derra 8pm
Thu 12 Mince Pie & Sherry Evening at Ken and Betty's – Glebelands from 6.30pm
Mon 6 Carols at Pen-Inney 6.30pm

Wishing you all a very happy and blessed Christmas

Cricket Club

Following the recent Lewannick Cricket Club AGM it was reluctantly decided to wind up the Club due to lack of support and interest. A Trust fund committee has been set up to oversee the remaining finances of the Club and removal of the Clubhouse etc. The old Committee would like to thank all old club members and people from the village who have helped and supported the Club over the years.

Inny Vale Embroiderers Guild

Next meeting 12th Dec. Polyphant Community Centre 2.00-4.00 pm. Queries tel. Bettie on 86381.

Polyphant WI

No meeting this month, activities resume in January. Info tel. Ann on 01566 880019.

Clifftop Art Group

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the Art Club. And thank you to all who supported our coach trips – more next year! *Phyllis Harrison*

Add some Ho ho ho to your party!

Father Christmas suit for hire – only £3!
Contact Margo on 782 767.

FOR SALE: Sofa bed, brown Draylon, metal action. £35. Tel: 01566 782 504

LEWANNICK POST OFFICE & STORES

Last posting dates are as follows:

First Class 21 Dec.
Second Class 18 Dec.
Special Delivery 23 Dec
Western Europe 14 Dec
Eastern Europe 10 Dec
Outside Europe 6 Dec

We will be taking Christmas orders as usual, from the beginning of December, and will deliver if required.

- Coal, logs, kindling and firelighters.
- Large range of special offers incl. Bells & Teachers Whisky, wines, beers & lagers

Keith and Karen would like to thank all their customers for their continued support and wish you all a very happy Christmas.

METHODIST CHURCH PREACHERS AND EVENTS FOR DECEMBER

Superintendent Minister

Rev. Roger Green – Tel: 01566 782240

Polyphant Morning Service 10.30 am

Sun 1 Chris Paxman
Sun 8 Melvin Symons
Sun 15 David Roberts
Sun 22 Rev. Roger Greene
Sun 29 At Lewannick*

Events:

Wed 11 Coffee Morning 10.30 – 11.30am.
Sun 15 Village Carol Service 10.30am

Lewannick* Morning Service 11 am

Sun 1 David Roberts
Sun 8 Rev. Roger Greene
Sun 15 Mr S Cousley
Sun 22 Michael Horrell
Sun 29 David Venning

*NB Lewannick services in the Village Hall

METHODIST CHURCH NEWS ITEMS

Circuit Meeting at Lifton 7.30pm

Hall Bookings

As from the first of this month those wishing to book either of the halls at Polyphant should contact Iris Talbot, 20 Serpells Meadow, Polyphant. PL15 7PR Tel: 01566 86196.

The congregation at Polyphant are very grateful for the work Beryl Green has done in looking after the bookings during the last few years and we all wish both herself and Bill every happiness when they settle in their new home.

The Annual Village Carol Service

when residents and organisations who use the building join with the congregation in a service of Readings and Carols, will be taking place on the **Sunday morning of 15 December 10.30am.** This is very much a village occasion with both representatives of the organisations and residents taking an active part. Coffee and mince pies will be served after the service. David Roberts who was with us last year will again take the service. All are invited in an effort to not only repeat the success of last year but to make it even better.

News from the Archer Arms

We will be handing over the business to the 'Webbling Family' on 10 Dec. and wish them every success.

We would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all our customers and friends of the past five years. Please support the new owners of your pub – as a pub can only be as good as it's customers! Happy Christmas and New Year. Au revoir!

Janice & Gordon

So long, and thank you, Janice and Gordon

Thanks for all your hard work and good humour over the years. We're sad you're going, you will be missed, but here is your chance at last for a well earned rest! Come back and see us sometime, you'll always be welcome.