

Lewannick, Polyphant & Trevadlock Newsletter

Threats to community life

This month there is news of threats to two important parts of our community. In both cases there is something we can do, if we are prepared to make a little effort.

As you will see from the article alongside, the church is in dire need of our support in raising what seems like a huge amount of money. This isn't quite as bad as it seems, as the money doesn't all have to be raised before works can start, and fund-raising may continue for several years. However, it is a serious challenge which we have to face. Even though the majority of the parish do not use the Church on a regular basis, I'm sure that most of us are grateful for its presence in time of need, for festive services and for its churchyard. It is also a landmark, an historic piece of architecture and a focus for the village and parish. Even those who never use the Church for religious purposes should feel that a part of it belongs to them. It is part of everyone's heritage, and should be preserved. A few phone conversations I've had seem to indicate there is much enthusiasm already for this project.

The other threat is to the Post Office, as you will see below. The Government's new arrangements for paying benefits could have serious consequences for Post Offices such as ours, and are yet another blow to small businesses struggling to survive in difficult conditions. We must do everything possible to preserve this valuable amenity. It would be a very sad day if we ever lost the shop and Post Office so please lend your support in every way you can, and use your Post Office.

In these situations it's always easy to think "what difference can I make;" but, if we **all** pull together, we **can** make a difference.

On a lighter note (?), did you see 'The Poisoned Sandwich'? Alan Ravenscroft, the executive producer at Carlton, is keen to hear your comments. Apparently the series has gone down well, and has doubled the best previous ratings for that slot on Carlton West Country tv. Let me know what you thought and I'll pass your comments on to him.

David

LEWANNICK POST OFFICE & STORES

IMPORTANT CHANGES

As you may well be aware, the future of rural Post Offices is under threat following the Government's intention to pay all child benefits and pensions direct into bank accounts.

Although not widely reported you will still be able to collect these benefits in cash at the Post Office.

In due course you will receive a letter asking for your bank details. Please feel free to bring these letters to the Post Office for advice. *Thankyou, Karen*

St Martin's Church to be demolished?

You could be excused for thinking this is so when you see the shoring up of the wall at the East end of the building.



Fear not, help is on the way. English Heritage have been persuaded to give a grant of £80,000 towards the urgent repairs, on condition that work is started this year.

For our part we must raise in excess of £40,000.

This is a one-off opportunity and too good to miss. In order to share ideas and

plan how to raise our share of the money, a group of people will be gathered together, with a meeting being held sometime in February in the Village Hall.

Will ANYONE who wishes to help please call Maurice Holden on 782820. We are sure you would not like to see the Church disappear.

PARISH COUNCIL

Lewannick Parish Council met at Polyphant on Thursday 16 January.

The footpaths for the parish were discussed and it was agreed that we would invite Brian Stringer to carry out the maintenance works as in previous years. We have also agreed to opt for Option A whereby the paths are maintained by us to the highest level. If anyone who uses the footpaths experiences problems can they please let us know.

The bus shelter for Polyphant is still under discussion. We have requested a further site meeting with Rob Constance from CCC Highways. We are concerned that any public transport that would be encouraged to go through the village, as a direct result of the proposed shelter, would not impinge onto the green in anyway. We will inform you of the outcome of this meeting.

Grass Tenders If anyone wishes to quote for the maintenance of Polyphant Green and Lewannick can they please write to the

We are sad to announce the death of Lizzie White, long standing resident of Lewannick, supporter of the Church and local organisations, and a pillar of village life.

Born in Newlyn, she came to Lewannick when her father became village policeman. They lived in the house which is now Vera Werring's. Lizzie was a great supporter of the village pantomime and was still selling draw tickets well into her 80s.

We extend our sympathy to Ken, and the White family and join in celebrating a rich and fulfilled life.

A memorial service will be held in St Martin's Church on Saturday 1st February at 2pm.

clerk, Alisa, Medrow, Polyphant, PL15 7PS for a tender pack. Applications for tender need to be received by Monday 17 February.

Our next meeting will be held at Lewannick Village Hall on Thursday 20 February at 8.00pm.

LEWANNICK VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Record profits for Panto

Lewannick Amateur Dramatic Society wish to thank everyone who supported the Pantomime, both those who devoted their time and effort in participating and helping, and those who came and enjoyed the entertainment. A record profit of £1,700 was raised for charity. £850 has been donated to activity groups for the blind in Cornwall, and £850 to SCOPE, the charity for cerebral palsy, to help sufferers in Cornwall.

Whist Drives

Saturday 8th February

Saturday 22nd February

A new season of whist drives starts on the 8th February at 7.30pm in Lewannick Village Hall. All are welcome, and any donations of prizes will be very gratefully received. Profits will be in aid of the Church. Further dates are booked for March and April. More info from Kevin on 782393.

Monthly Coach Trip

Thursday 27th February to Truro. Seats £4, pick up points as usual. Enquiries and bookings, telephone June Smith on 782901.

Recycling collections

This month's collections will be on Tuesday 11th and Tuesday 25th. But, please use the paper bin in the Village Hall car park for all magazines and newspapers as this directly benefits the Village Hall.

Leading Lights Pantomime Group

Why not come along and enjoy an evening with us at North Hill Village Hall, and bring your families and friends. It will be well worth it. For tickets please phone Jane and John Holden on 01566 782749 or me, on 01579 363635.

Phyllis Harrison.

JACK and the THREE MUSKETEERS

NORTH HILL VILLAGE HALL

4 NIGHTS ONLY

February 21st 22nd 28th also March 1st
starting at 7-30 p.m.

Raffle and Refreshments

Tickets £4 adults, £3 over 60's
£2 children under 15 yrs

Bookings 01566-782749 ansaphone
01579-363635 ansaphone



CLOSING DATE FOR MARCH NEWSLETTER: SUNDAY 23 FEBRUARY:

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 JANUARY

Sunday Services at St Martin's Church

Sun 2 Short Communion 9.15am

Sun 9 Morning Prayer 10.30am

Sun 16 Family Service 9.15am

Sun 23 Holy Communion 10.30am

Sun 2 Bowden Derra 8pm

Sun 16 Methodist Joint Service, Village Hall 6.30pm

DIARY DATES

Wed 12 Fellowship Group Meeting at Janie Fishers 8pm

Sun 23 Sunday Lunch at the Holden's. Ring 782820

Mon 24 PCC meeting, Village Hall 7.30pm

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:

Let brotherly love continue.

Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. – Hebrews 13 v1-2

The Web site

Lewannick Parish has had a web site for a year now. www.lewannick.info has been visited 2,400 times by over 500 different people. We are now top of the listings on google.com for Lewannick, and hopefully the problem which caused us to regularly drop off has now been fixed.

During the year we have regularly been reporting news and events in the parish, and there are now over 250 photos available taken at various events.

We have a weather station linked to the web site which uploads the current weather conditions every 30 minutes, 24 hours a day. Coverage will be extended shortly to several more pages which will give forecasts, explanations and information about the weather in Lewannick, present and past.

This Newsletter is now available on the web site plus some past editions, now including the very first number. We will add more past editions soon.

We have an internet and mail order shopping page.

So, it's been a successful year. But we can do much more! Our next target is to promote local business. If you run any sort of business in the parish and want to promote it, please get in touch. We will provide you with a **FREE** web page, plus links to your own web site, if you have one.

This all takes time and effort, and extra help is **desperately** needed! The web site is set up so that anyone with a computer and an Internet connection can help with adding information. Any volunteers, PLEASE?

Ideas, information or offers of help, please contact David Eno, 782352, david@lewannick.info.

METHODIST CHURCH PREACHERS AND EVENTS FOR JANUARY

Superintendent Minister

Rev. Roger Green – Tel: 01566 782240

Polyphant Morning Service 10.30 am

Sun 2 Peter Bloye

Sun 9 Andrew Baker

Sun 16 Albert Thorn

Sun 23 Rev. Roger Greene (9.30am)

Events:

Wed 12 Coffee Morning 10.30 – 11.30am.

Lewannick* Morning Service 11 am

Sun 2 Neville Helme

Sun 9 Rev. Roger Greene

Sun 16 Own Arrangement

Sun 23 Henry Stanbury

*NB Lewannick services in the Village Hall

METHODIST CHURCH NEWS ITEMS

Readers who would like to know a little more about the Methodist Church in the Parish should contact either Christine Balsdon, Trewanta Hall, Lewannick, Tel. 01566 782294 or Owen Withers, The Warren, Polyphant, Tel. 01566 86337.

For more details about Methodists and its organisational structure you can also contact The Launceston Area Circuit Administrator, Ken Pooley, at the Circuit Office 01566 772797 Mon. – Fri. 9.15 – 11.15am.

For contacts and an historical review of the church at Polyphant you can now use the Circuit Website: www.lamc.org.uk select contacts – Polyphant.

Inny Vale Embroiderers Guild

Next meeting 20th February. Polyphant Community Centre 2.00-4.00 pm. Further information tel. Bettie on 86381.

Polyphant WI

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 26 February at 7.15 pm in the Methodist Church Hall and will be our Annual General Meeting. Please telephone Ann on 880019 for any further information.

Clifftop Art Group

A few members have braved the elements so far this year and as usual enjoyed the convivial company at the art club. Various activities are being attempted by members. Two are painting pantomime scenery, and it is rumoured that Bessie (the pantomime cow) is to put in an appearance for a 'new paint-job on her face !!!!!'. Dates for coach trips and other club activities will be available for the next Newsletter.

Phyllis Harrison

Whitmans Weather

In January there were 13 dry days and 93mm (3⁵/₈") of rain, compared with January last year when there were 7 dry days and 196mm (7³/₄") of rain.

Steve Whitman

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