

Lewannick, Polyphant & Trevadlock Newsletter

Electricity rip-off?

Are you paying too much for your electricity? I was annoyed to receive a letter from SWEB announcing an increase in their charges, as I had heard that costs for producing electricity had dropped. Having checked a number of independent internet sites which give advice on charges for utilities I found I could save £200 per year by switching to another supplier. How much you can save depends on your current supplier and tariff, and on how much electricity you use per year. You need to be clear about these before considering a change. I will add links to the website shopping page to some sites which let you compare prices and switch supplier. You can also phone Uswitch on 0845 601 2856 or UK Power on 0800 093 2447.

Buy your tickets now for this year's Barn Dance. It's going to be a bumper event! And don't forget the Primary School Summer Fair on 10 July and the Church Fete on 12 July! Who said it's quiet round here? *David*

PARISH COUNCIL

Lewannick Parish Council met at Polyphant Village Hall on Thursday 19 June at Polyphant. The meeting, as always, began with time for members of the parish to participate. One resident from Lewannick voiced his concern about the volume of heavy lorries that cut through the heart of Lewannick. Richard Allen, Chairman, outlined the history to date and agreed that further letters would be forwarded to Highways and C.Clr Ken Scoble. It was agreed that we would continue to lobby hard on this matter. We had recently, as noted in our previous newsletter, attended a site meeting with David King, Area Transport Officer, North, CCC and the coach driver for Darley Ford. During the process of the meeting it was agreed that the school bus route would need to be diverted in order to collect children - 17 at present - on the only safe site available to us. However, the proposed new route would not serve Hicks Mill. It would continue to the A30, pass the quarry and emerge at Two Bridges, rather than Holyway Cross, as at present. As a result of this site meeting the parents of the children at Hicks Mill received correspondence from CCC and in turn we invited them to attend our ordinary meeting. Naturally, the parents are concerned at this proposal and we have agreed that we will not support this diversion as the needs of all the children was considered paramount by all Councillors. We have also been in correspondence with Highways and the Police about the concerns of speeding. It was agreed that further letters would be sent. The condition of the road surface from Two Bridges to Polyphant has also been continually brought to the attention of Highways. Planning matters for decisions included Mr and Mrs M Day: Alterations to roof to form dormer window to rear of property, The Villa, Polyphant and addition to bedroom and covered way 9 Medrow, Polyphant for Mrs D Weaver: both applications were supported. It was also agreed that we would write to NCDC asking for an explanation on their rescission of S106 Planning Obligation which prevents connection to the public sewer re Erection of Dwelling on land adjacent to Dingleys for Mr and Mrs Ponting.

Cheques were drawn for payment for Mr P J Badge (maintenance of grass) £616.00, NCDC Election Expenses £107.57, David Jones (Parish Clock - Service) £90.00, Bruce Deighton (trees, Polyphant) £1,192.00 and Copytech £30.00.

We also reviewed the playing areas and now invite anyone within our Parish who wishes to tender for the new fence at Lewannick Playing Area. Please contact Cllr Dave Parnell, Lewannick Garage. Among the correspondence received Carsharecornwall.com tel 08700 11 11 99 is a free service that links drivers and passengers. Our next meeting takes place at Lewannick at 8pm on Thursday 17 July. **(Full Parish Council minutes on website - www.lewannick.info)**

Save Lewannick Church

As promised some months ago, we now have a more detailed report of the problems with St Martin's Church and the action which needs to be taken, together with an update on the current state of affairs.

The main problem seems to be that the roof has been leaking water at the east end of the Church and this is causing the east wall to deteriorate and subside. It is therefore not just a case of repairing this wall, but of re-roofing that part of the Church. Some of the re-building following the fire of 1890 was done with limited funds and this may well be partly to blame for the current problem. Before work can begin there needs to be a detailed investigation and an assessment of what needs to be done to effect a complete cure. This preliminary work is referred to as Phase 1 and the total cost is estimated at £12,500. English Heritage have offered a grant of £9,500 leaving £3,000 to be found. The grant has been approved and Phase 1 is being undertaken currently. The Church will provide all or part of the £3,000 from its existing funds to ensure there is no delay with the work.

Phase 2 covers the urgent structural repairs to the roof, East wall and various essential repairs and is costed at around £105,00. A grant from English Heritage will cover approximately 60% of this, leaving £42,249 which is the first fund raising target. It is not clear when this will be required, but probably we should be aiming for about £10,000 per year for the next 4 years.

Not all of repairs to be completed at various target timescales over the next 5 years are eligible for English Heritage grant aid, nor do they appear to have been comprehensively costed, but an estimate of £56,600 has been made. This covers such things as repairs to porch and tower, below ground drainage, windows, doors and ventilation and other external works.

Should we wish to complete these it is suggested that this becomes part of the overall fundraising project. This would mean increasing our fundraising target to about £20,000 per year for the next 5 years.

It is also vital to understand that many of the problems we are now facing are due to underinvestment over the past 100 years. We should try and ensure that in the future cost effective repairs are carried out as soon as practicable. This may require continuing funding from the parish and other external bodies for the foreseeable future.

A fund raising committee has been set up, chaired by Ian Jolley, consisting of some church goers and a healthy number of other supporters who feel it is important to preserve the church. One of the questions asked at the first committee meeting was "Why can't the Church pay for it's

own repairs?" The PCC has a small income and some small savings, used mostly for day to day running costs. The Church in Cornwall apparently has no money at all, so it is down to the efforts of the community to try to meet the repair costs.

As you know there have already been a number of events, including the Village Hall Whist Drives, Wine and Wisdom and the May Day celebrations which have donated their profits to the fund. In the past few months about £1,500 has been raised and more events are planned.

The large sums of money involved are a heavy burden for a small community so the committee will continue to look at other sources of grant aid and donations. It is also currently registering as a charity. This is a requirement for certain grants and will enable it to run lottery type events. A logo has been adopted, as shown and the committee hopes to produce some publicity materials to generally spread the word.

The second committee meeting was held recently - a report follows.



Church Restoration Committee

At a recent committee meeting of the Save Lewannick Church Fund a progress report of events and funds raised was given by Chairman Ian Jolly.

Forthcoming events include: the Church Fête on 12th July when a raffle for the fund will be held. Ken and Betty White are holding an open day on the 11th July for their 50th Anniversary when donations will be accepted for the fund. A Wine and Wisdom evening is planned for early September and St Martin's Festival, a celebration loosely based around the life of St Martin is planned for November.

With other ongoing fundraisers such as donations from every pint of Restoration Ale as sold in the Archer Arms, it was thought that fundraising had got off to a good start. (By the way, the 10p per pint is being donated by Mike and The Archer Arms, not the brewery. Ed.)

Lewannick Primary School

SUMMER FAIR

Thursday 10th July 3pm

Bouncy Castle, Barbecue, Teas, Loads of Stalls, Balloon Race, Raffle with fabulous prizes incl. DVD player, Eden Proj. Family ticket, £20 Trago voucher, 2 family tickets to Killarney Springs Adventure Park, AND MUCH MORE!!

St Martin's Church

SUMMER FETE

Saturday 12th July

PEN-INNEY HOUSE

Opening at 2pm by Mrs Rosemary Latham
Bouncy Castle, Tombola, Skittles, Plant stall, Bric-a-brac, Teas and Refreshments.
In aid of Church funds

BARN DANCE

on Sat 19th July

at Trenault Farm

(by kind permission of S & L Penhale)

Dancing to

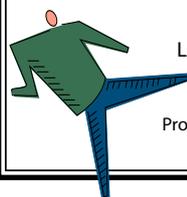
Fox Among the Chickens

Bar, Burger Van & Refreshments

Raffle

Tickets £5 from
Lewannick Post Office,
The Archer Arms
or Jenny 86628

Proceeds to Dramatic Society
for new stage curtains



LEWANNICK VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Village Hall Committee Meeting

Plans for the new extension have been put in motion with architect's drawings soon ready to put forward for planning permission. It seems likely that grants are available for this project and will be applied for when the exact costs are known.

Interior redecoration is planned to take place during August and September. See Newsletter for confirmed details.

Flower Show

Please support this year's Flower Show which contains several new classes to tempt all ages. Schedules will be available from the Post Office from early July. The show is on 16th August - enough time to pamper your flowers and veg to perfection!

Coffee Morning

CHANGE OF DATE

For this month only the coffee morning at Bovetown will be on the second Wednesday of the month - 9th July at 10.30. All welcome.

LETTERS

To All Parents of Children living in Lewannick

As you know the school and the Parish Council have for many years had an agreement allowing the school grounds to be used after school and at weekends for community use. A new supplemental agreement has been drawn up and agreed with Parish Council. This states that there is limited access to the grounds as follows:

1st April to 30th September - Weekdays 3.30pm to 9.30pm

School holidays/weekends 9am to 9.30pm

1st October to 31st March - Weekdays 3.30pm to 5.30pm

School holidays/weekends 9am to 5.30pm

These times will be displayed in prominent positions around the school for reference.

If your children use the school grounds please could you make sure that they understand they are allowed on the field and playground only and must access these areas from the stile NOT the front entrance gateway as this area is out of bounds.

We are currently developing a new garden area and a new classroom. It is especially important that anyone who uses the school grounds abide by the rules of the agreement, including the times of use and areas they can access.

Other Rules include

- No skateboarding or bikes • No litter
- No alcohol is to be brought onto the premises

We hope that the children of the village respect and appreciate this amenity and we look forward to many more years of joint partnership with the Parish Council.

Yours sincerely, Morag Dyer, Chair of Governors

Ken & Betty White

will celebrate their
Golden Wedding Anniversary
on Friday 11th July

There will be OPEN HOUSE

all day and everyone is invited to drop in for a drink with us or a cup of coffee.

No presents please, but any donations to the Church Restoration fund gratefully received.
Glebelands, Lewannick. (Tel 782 228)

CLOSING DATE FOR AUGUST NEWSLETTER: SUNDAY 27 JULY

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 JULY

St. Martin's Church

Sun 6 Morning Prayer 9.15am
Sun 13 Holy Communion 10.30am
Sun 20 Family Service 9.15am
Sun 27 Holy Communion 10.30am

Sun 6 Bowden Derra 8pm

Diary Dates

Sun 7 PCC meeting
Wed 9 People of God Evening, Lewannick Village Hall. Open meeting to which all Church members are cordially invited. 7.30pm
Sat 12 Church Fete at Pen-Inney House, Lewannick, 2pm.
Sun 13 Open air service with Coads Green Methodists at Coads Green Village Hall. 6.30pm

General News

Many thanks to everyone who came to the Strawberry Tea, or helped. £100 was raised towards the Church funds.

LEWANNICK POST OFFICE & STORES

SHOP

- **Special Offers on Wines, Lagers etc**
- **Good range of greeting cards**
- **Compost, chipped bark etc.** (can deliver)
- **Parkers Bakery delivery daily, orders taken**
- **Local cream, honey and butter**

POST OFFICE

- **Commission free foreign currency** (except Stirling traveller's cheques)
- **Flowers by post**
- **Queen's Coronation £5 coins**
- **Prince William stamps**
- **Money transactions can now be paid by debit card.**

ALSO:

When you receive information regarding the changes to Pension and Benefits payments, there are three options, which I can explain to you over the counter. *Thank you, Karen*

PS Don't forget that you can make deposits and withdrawals with Alliance & Leicester, Barclays and Lloyds TSB at the Post Office.

We would like to thank our customers for their continued support.

Open 8-5.30 Mon - Fri. 8 - 1.00 Sat

Monthly Coach Trip

Next trip will be on 10th July to Exeter, Seats £5, pick up points as usual. Enquiries and bookings, telephone June Smith on 782901.

Whitmans Weather

In June there were 15 dry days and 47mm (1⁷/₈" of rain, compared with June last year when there were 13 dry days and 183 mm (7¹/₄" of rain. This year, to date, there have been 91 dry days, and 484mm (19") of rain compared to last year when at this time there had been 66 dry days and 949mm (37¹/₄") of rain. That makes it 50% drier than last year with 40% more dry days

Steve Whitman

METHODIST CHURCH PREACHERS AND EVENTS FOR JULY

Superintendent Minister

Rev. Roger Green - Tel: 01566 782240

Polyphant Morning Service 10.30 am

Sun 6 Rev. George Webber
Sun 13 Neville Helm
Sun 20 Rev. Roger Greene
Sun 27 Pauline Metherell

Lewannick* Morning Service 11.00 am

Sun 6 John Ware
Sun 13 Rev. Roger Greene
Sun 20 Peter Goodman
Sun 27 Own Arrangement

*NB Lewannick services in the Village Hall

July Events:

Sun 6 Riding Lights Theatre Company present "Saving Grace" at Launceston Central 6.30pm
Wed 9 At Polyphant Coffee Morning 10.30 - 11.30am.
Sun 13 Open Air Service at Coads Green Sports Park with Youthful Spirit and Launceston Town Band. 6.30pm
Tues 29 Coffee Morning at Central. 10am - 12 Noon

Polyphant WI

There is no formal meeting in July, but there will be an evening ramble around Lewannick on Wednesday 30th. All welcome. Any further information, please telephone Ann on 880019.

Inny Vale Embroiderers Guild

Next meeting 17th July. Polyphant Community Centre 2.00-4.00 pm. Further information tel. Bettie on 86381.

Leading Lights Pantomime Group

The A.G.M. held on Friday June 6th was well attended. New officers were elected: Chairman Fred Taylor, Treasurer Mike Willison and Secretary Phyllis Harrison.

We have voted to change our performance dates to nearer to the traditional pantomime season - namely the second and third weeks of January 2004. Auditions this year will take place on Friday 25th at the hall from 6.30pm. Anyone Interested in taking part is welcome. Please help to keep your village pantomime alive.

Phyllis Harrison

Clifftop Art Group

The Clubs' exhibition held over the three days of the May Bank Holiday was a resounding success. A profit of £115 was made for club funds.

The destination of the coach trip arranged for July 4th has had to be rearranged. The trip will now be to PRESINGOLL BARNES (Candlemaking, Pottery, Ceramic Painting etc.) and then to PERRANPORTH. The price has been reduced to £5 per seat. *Phyllis Harrison*

Recycling collections

JULY: **Lewannick & Polyphant** Tuesday 1st, 15th & 29th. **Trevadlock** - Tuesday 8th & 22nd.

North Hill Parish Church GRAND SUMMER FETE

Saturday 19th July 2003

NORTH HILL VILLAGE HALL

To be opened at 2.30pm by
E.V. Thompson (best selling author)
Usual stalls, Barbecue etc., and Table-top sale.
(To book a table contact
Brian Davis, 01566 782936)
In aid of Church funds