

Lewannick, Polyphant & Trevadlock Newsletter

Better surfing for Lewannick?

Although the Internet is only of interest to possibly a minority of readers, Internet usage is increasing rapidly everywhere.

Some may be resistant to getting involved with computers, but email is a great way of keeping in touch with friends and relatives who are far away, or just up the road! Plus information can be found on the web about absolutely any subject you care to think of, the weather, radio and tv programmes, news, gardening, farming, family history, shopping, etc. The list is endless and age is no barrier. I know of an 80 year old who is getting actively involved! If there is enough interest locally we may be able to arrange a session or two to get people started. Let me know if this is something you want.

For those who are already users of the internet the burning question is Broadband, and will we ever get it in the parish?

What is Broadband?

Most home users of the Internet connect via a modem to their telephone line, a so called 'dial-up' connection. Downloading images or sound files can be painfully slow, plus your telephone can't be used for calls at the same time. A Broadband connection can be 10 times faster, and is usually 'always on'. You pay a fixed monthly rate, whether you use the Internet for 10 minutes a day or 10 hours, and you can still use your telephone line for calls at the same time! With the right equipment you can even share a single Broadband connection between several computers in your house or business.

There are various systems, but the cheapest and most widely available is ADSL. This is provided by BT over normal telephone lines and is now available in Launceston and other parts of Cornwall. Unfortunately this requires expensive equipment to be installed in local telephone exchanges and BT have been slow to invest in this, claiming it is uneconomic where the demand is low. ADSL may never be available in our area unless we can get together and prove there IS a demand.

What can we do?

Log on to www.lewannick.info and complete our Broadband Survey. We may be able to persuade BT, or it may be worth finding another solution -- do your bit NOW!

Save our Church

The meeting about repairs to St Martin's Church takes place on Friday 28th Feb, in Lewannick Village Hall. There will be a full report in April's Newsletter. Some great fund-raising ideas have already been suggested. *David*

Lewannick War Memorial

I was pleased to see the War Memorial is beginning to take shape again and would like to suggest that instead of putting grass on the area behind, some well chosen ground cover plants and low growing shrubs could be planted. This would save grass cutting and could be under planted with bulbs to make an attractive all-year-round feature. Having mentioned this to a few people it seems it would be a popular idea and there would be no shortage of people to tend it or donate plants. *A parishioner*

The life a Lewannick Postwoman

The start of an occasional series in which Maureen Lindsay retells stories from the life of her Mother-in-Law in the 1950's and 60's.

Lewannick Parish, 1959. The farmhouse was damp and draughty and complete with the resident ghost of a previous lady-tenant. The overdraft was a mile long, and the accountant was worried about how his last bill was going to be paid.

The long hard slog of being a farmer's wife in the fifties was made bearable for my late Mother-in-law by the gift of two pigs, Bertha and Sarah, a birthday present from her husband.

His idea was that any profit from the pigs could be hers. For several years this birthday present ate the leftovers and drank the milk that could not go to the dairy, and the profits made life a little more bearable. In 1959 both pigs died, within weeks of

each other. With their demise there was no longer money to buy new clothes or any of the small luxuries that the two pigs had previously funded.

Until one morning, shopping in the Village for groceries Mother-in-law spotted a notice 'WANTED. PART-TIME POSTMAN OR WOMAN, MUST BE ABLE TO CYCLE. HOURS 7.30 AM - 11.30 AM. APPLY TO HEAD POSTMATER.'

This notice, heralded the start of a job which lasted for nearly a decade, and not only provided much needed funds, but a store of memories that gave inspiration for many letters and articles. It also gave a little bit of freedom to the 'townie' wife of a Cornish farmer.

To be continued...

PARISH COUNCIL

Lewannick Parish Council met at Lewannick Village Hall on Thursday 20 February at 8.00pm under the Chairmanship of Cllr Richard Allen. The tenders for grass maintenance were discussed for the forthcoming year following the placement of advertisements in the Cornish & Devon Post and this newsletter last month. The tenders were opened and it was decided to appoint Perfect Pastures of Lewdown who will commence the maintenance work soon. The areas maintained by us are Polyphant Green, Hawks Tor and Lewannick Green. This year we have also embraced the verge at Trelaske, general maintenance of the War Memorial and the hedge behind the bus shelter.

Planning applications supported included Mr and Mrs S A Everitt, The Cottage, Polyphant erection of extension to cottage to provide additional bedroom and ancillary accommodation and erection of garage. Mr and Mrs P J Ingerson, formation of level layby and level patio area at front of dwelling at Trelowarth, Lewannick and Mr and Mrs D Cash, North Lodge, Bowden Derra, alterations and erection of extensions. We also received an application for works to be carried out covered by tree preservation order, namely general maintenance of a variety of trees to include pruning, thinning, removal of broken branches, crown reduction and other works on Polyphant Green. We have written to NCDC for a dispensation on voting on this application as we are the applicant. We also wrote to NCDC with a Five Days Notice for the felling of three trees, which we have been reliably informed, are in a hazardous condition and this Five Days Notice has exceeded. Works can begin on these as soon as possible.

With regard to the proposed bus shelter for Polyphant we have received conflicting statements from Highways which we are in the process of investigating and have asked our County Councillor Ken Scoble for his assistance.

Financially we are pleased to report that the Jubilee Committees funds have been

received and cheques to Polyphant Youth Club and Play Area sent out. A part payment to David Gynn, stone mason for the War Memorial of £2,000 was also made of which £1,000 had been funded by the Jubilee Committee. Once again the Parish Council wish to thank the Committee for all their hard work in raising much needed funds. The Committee has now been formally wound-up. Other cheques for payment were Cornish & Devon £42.59 - advert for grass tender, £14.00 - Lewannick Village Hall, hire thereof and BJV £22.00 maintenance of Lewannick bus shelter.

Correspondence from C C C regarding the Transport Access Patients group are looking for volunteer drivers to transport people to receive health treatment anywhere in Cornwall. They are keen to recruit more drivers to add to their 'pool' of available volunteers. Volunteers are paid expenses per mile and can choose how much time they give to the scheme. If you feel that you could help please contact Lesley Barlow, on 01872 322000.

Our next meeting will be held at Lewannick on Thursday 22 March commencing 8.00pm. The first ten minutes of every meeting is open to members of the parish to discuss any concerns they may have.

Happy 40th Birthday to

Chris Beckley

Have a good one!

Lots of love Sue, Jamie and Daniel

Golden Circle Club

If you are 55+ we need you. We are looking for new members. We are a friendly, happy-go-lucky club, meeting in Lewannick Village Hall on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month, 2.30pm to 4pm. The subscription is 50 pence per session, which includes a cup of tea and biscuits. First meeting free. Come along and see if its for you. Transport need not be a problem. We look forward to seeing you soon. For further details phone Pam, 01566 86525.

LEWANNICK VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Skittles Evening

Saturday 15th March at 8.30pm

In aid of the Village Hall. Teams of four – entries to Ken White. Tel: 782 228.

Jumble Collection

For Jumble Sale on Saturday 19th April

In aid of the Village Hall. Jumble can be left with Ken and Betty White, Glebelands, Lewannick, or Margo, 20 Cottage Gardens. Collection available, phone Betty 782 228 or Margo 782 767.

Whist Drives

Saturday 8th March

Saturday 22nd March

Saturday 29th March

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. Many thanks to all those who generously donated prizes last time. More info from Kevin on 782393.

Lewannick Amateur

Dramatic Society

AGM Monday 3rd March 8.00pm

Lewannick Village Hall

Chill-out Evening!

Member's families and friends are invited to Trethorne for a meal and bowling on Friday 28th March to celebrate this year's great achievement. Cost per head £8. More details at AGM, or contact Jenny 86628.

Do you want another Barn Dance?

Last year's event was enjoyed by all, if a little chilly(!), and £100 was raised for the Jubilee Fund. Jenny is prepared to organise another Barn Dance later in the year, possibly on Midsummer's Eve. This involves some financial risk, so feedback would be appreciated. Costs are approximately £400, so at least 100 tickets need to be sold.

Are YOU the weakest link?

Quiz night to be held on Sat 12 April at 8pm in the Archer Arms. More details next month.

Monthly Coach Trip

Next trip will be in April

See next Newsletter or the Post Office notice board. Enquiries June Smith 782901.

Recycling collections

MARCH: Lewannick & Polyphant - Tuesday 11th & Tuesday 25th.

Trevadlock - Tuesday 4th & Tuesday 18th

Inny Vale Embroiderers Guild

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

LEWANNICK CHURCH NEWS AND DIARY DATES FOR MARCH

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 (The Archdeacon will be present) 10.30am
Sun 30 Mothering Sunday Short Communion 9.15am
Sun 2 Bowden Derra 8pm

DIARY DATES

- Fri 7 Women's World Day of Prayer Services: North Hill Parish Church 2.30pm Trebulet Chapel 7.30pm
Wed 12 March Fellowship Meeting at Janice Fisher's 8pm

Yoga at Polyphant

Celebrate your body and reduce stress. Get in tune with your senses through the practice of Hatha Yoga.

WEA course beginning
Saturday 29th March
from 10-11.30am. Numbers limited.
Further details from Penny Steventon
01566 775180

Polyphant WI

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 26 March and will be a private evening visit to Lawrence House Museum, which is celebrating the 250th anniversary of the building of Lawrence House. Any further information please telephone Ann on 880019.

North Hill Good Companions
19th March

Trip to Charlestown

Lunch at the Ashley Arms then on to Truro

Leaving North Hill at 10.45am and Lewannick at 11am from Hawks Tor Drive corner.

Enquiries: Olive 01566 782763

Sid Kipper the Rustic Raconteur
will be presenting some
Fishy Tales and Odd Ditties

North Hill Village Hall
Friday 28th March, 7.30pm
Tickets £4
(in aid of village hall funds)

Help us to help you: Complete our Broadband Survey at www.lewannick.info

METHODIST CHURCH PREACHERS AND EVENTS FOR MARCH

Superintendent Minister
Rev. Roger Green – Tel: 01566 782240

Polyphant Morning Service 10.30 am

- Sun 2 Mary Hills
Sun 9 At Lewannick*
Sun 16 Philip Parsons
Sun 23 Rev. Roger Greene
Sun 30 Own Arrangement

Events:

- Wed 12 Coffee Morning 10.30 – 11.30am.
Fri 14 Hunger Lunch to raise funds for Christian Aid.

Lewannick* Morning Service 11 am

- Sun 2 Rev. George Webber
Sun 9 Rev. Roger Greene
Sun 16 Eric Rowland
Sun 23 David Roberts
Sun 30 Philip Medland

***NB Lewannick services in the Village Hall**

NOTE

The service at Polyphant on 23 March will include the baptism of Wendy and Paul Wickett's daughter Leahann.

Clifftop Art Group

I am afraid that there is very little to report this time. Numbers have been few this month due to poor weather and illness. No decision has yet been made on dates of trips etc so these will be reported on next time.

Phyllis Harrison

Leading Lights Pantomime Group

By the time that most of you read this, our pantomime will be over for another year. Our first performance is to be in front of an invited audience of Brownies and helpers as well as a few families from the Liskeard area. More than a dozen letters were posted to the residential care homes in the Liskeard, Launceston and Callington area, inviting parties to the first night's performance, free of charge of course, but have not had one single reply which seems an awful shame. May I take this opportunity of thanking everyone who gave me material for the pantomime costumes. Thank you all.

Phyllis Harrison

NORTH HILL PARISH CHURCH Wild Life of the Outer Hebrides

Talk and Slide Show
by Michael Anderson

North Hill Village Hall

Friday 21 March 2003, 7.30pm
with Buffet Supper

£2.50 (in aid of Church Heating Fund)

Whitmans Weather

In February there were 14 dry days and 78mm (3¹/₈") of rain, compared with February last year when there were 5 dry days and 265mm (10¹/₄") of rain. This year, to date, there have been 27 dry days, and 171mm (6³/₄") of rain.

Steve Whitman

CLOSING DATE FOR APRIL NEWSLETTER: SUNDAY 30 MARCH

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