

## Thank you Sally, and hello!

A big thank you to Sally Ross for all the time and effort she has put in to keep the newsletter regularly rolling off the press over the last two and a bit years. I hope I can live up to her example.

As Sally said, the parish benefits greatly from the newsletter. Having myself lived in a city for over 25 years it is a breath of fresh air to return to Lewannick, in every sense. We may not have access to as many facilities here, but we have a far stronger sense of community and as the many successful events in the parish over the last year prove, we're good at doing things for ourselves. We're good at pulling together, and we're good at having fun together! I'm convinced that the newsletter has a vital role to play in this and will do all I can to make it work for the good of everyone in the parish.

The newsletter was first published in April 1986 and by my calculations that makes this number 200. Please help to keep it going by sending me all your news. The closing date for the next newsletter is Nov 25th, but *please don't wait until the last moment*. It's a big help to me to be able to work on the newsletter in odd moments during the month.

The newsletter will now be more closely linked to the parish website, [www.lewannick.info](http://www.lewannick.info). Both are run democratically – so input, ideas and help are always welcome from anyone and everyone.

The next big thing? Bonfire night! Please come along to support, and enjoy, the bonfire and fireworks, organised by Polyphant Youth Club. See you there!

*David Eno*

## Bus shelter controversy at Polyphant

**Polyphant is divided over a proposed bus shelter to be situated in the village.**

Oponents fear that the shelter will be a blot on Polyphant's beautiful green, and thirty have signed a petition against it, which has been delivered to the Parish Council.

On the other side of the coin, as the weather deteriorates, College students have to wait in the rain for the bus. A shelter, would also serve adults waiting for buses and the library van.

At the Parish Council meeting on the 16th October it emerged that there had been requests for a shelter in the past and that the proposed location on the green was the only site considered safe by the County Council. The proposal is that it will be sympathetically built in stone with a slate roof.

It was decided to call a public meeting on the 9th November where everyone's views can be aired. The County Council's Conservation Officer will be invited, and drawings and plans of the proposed shelter will be on view.

# Murder most foul!

**The Lewannick murder of 1930 is to be featured in one of a series of programmes produced by Zenith Entertainment Ltd for Carlton West Country TV. Part of the filming took place in Lewannick recently, with help from local people.**

The series of six programmes presented by Jack Shepherd, re-examines, in the light of modern forensic science and psychological techniques, unsolved or puzzling murders which took place in the West Country.

The Lewannick murder will be the subject of the first programme, to be screened in early January. The film crew were shooting in Lewannick for a day and then for a further day in Bude. In the evocation of the story the part of Annie Hearn was re-enacted by Linda Couper, Alice Thomas by Pauline Blight and that of William Thomas by Pete Gardner from Gunnislake, whose superb 1920's Austin 12 was also used. Michael White can also be seen in the role of grave digger! Jack Shepherd was filmed on location in the

churchyard and at Trenhorne Farm.

Zenith Entertainment were very grateful for all the help and cooperation they received from the village, in particular Ken White, everyone at Trenhorne Farm including local postman Andrew Fuge and his wife, Sarah. Lizzie White was interviewed, as she could recall seeing the exhumation taking place in the churchyard in the 1930's. The film crew had a good supply of sandwiches from the Archer Arms - thank you Janice!

The series, entitled 'Murder most foul', produced and directed by Chris Godfrey, Exec. Producer Alan Ravenscroft, also covers murders which took place in St Austell, Sparkwell near Plymouth, on the Lizard, Dartmoor and Exmoor.

## PARISH COUNCIL

**Lewannick Parish Council met at Lewannick Village Hall on Thursday 17 October at 8pm.**

The Chairman was pleased to introduce David Eno who will be the new editor of our monthly newsletter. He takes over from Sally Ross who has been providing a terrific service for us for over two years. Our thanks are extended to Sally for all that she has done.

Two members of the public also attended to discuss the proposed amenity shelter for Polyphant. A discussion took place and it was considered that a misunderstanding was circulating within the village. A public meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Thursday 7 November at Polyphant Community Centre. Leaflets will also be distributed asking residents to attend this meeting.

### Planning applications

There were two planning applications, both were both supported, namely: Erection of extension to lounge, 8 Medrow, Polyphant, Mr and Mrs N. Abbott. Conversion of commercial building to three self-contained apartments. Land near, the Village Hall, Lewannick.

### And for information

Mr J Bayfield and Mrs A Lawrence, Land adjacent to Rivendell, Tinney Hall, Lewannick - erection of dwelling and garage. NCDC have refused permission because of inadequate sewage treatment system to cater for further development within Lewannick.

Payments were made to: £30 Copytech, £22 B JV and £110 B Stringer Footpath Maintenance.

We have three seats needing repairs within the parish. If any resident would like to tender for the work can they please contact the Clerk or any Councillor in writing before our next meeting.

### Youth Club Volunteers?

We feel that it would be good if the young people in Lewannick had somewhere to go locally. The young people have been approached and would like to attend a youth club if one could be set-up. Are there any volunteers out there who would be able to assist us? We have kindly been offered the loan of equipment from Ken Scoble and, of course, we have the facilities within the hall. All we need is some volunteers. Again please contact the Clerk or any of the Councillors if you feel that you would like to assist the community in this way.

Our **next meeting** will be held at Polyphant on **Thursday 21 November, 8pm.**

### POLYPHANT YOUTH CLUB

invite you all to

## BONFIRE NIGHT

**Saturday 2nd November 2002**

6.30pm bonfire, 7.00pm fireworks

In the field behind Polyphant Chapel  
Admission: adults £1.50, children £1.00  
Everyone welcome

### 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.

**For latest news, events & photos visit:**  
**[www.lewannick.info](http://www.lewannick.info)**

## LEWANNICK VILLAGE HALL NEWS

### Skittles

Saturday 9th November at 7.00pm Teams of four. Team entries to K. White 782 228

### Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 7th December

To book your stall contact Margo 782 767

### Whist Drives

Saturday 2nd & Saturday 16th November

This month's Whist Drives are in aid of Lewannick Pantomime.

### New Village Hall

Lewannick Village Hall Committee are looking at the option of building a new village hall. The current hall is well used, and its use is increasing. We would benefit from a larger building, but are unable to extend in the present location. The flat roof is once more in need of expensive repairs, and the main roof has no insulation, making the hall cold and expensive to heat, and there are damp problems. We will also need to comply with new regulations for disabled facilities within the next two years.

The proposal is to build a new hall on the other side of the car park, which will solve all of these problems, be cheaper to run, and provide a better catering area, improved sports facilities and generally be more useable for functions and clubs. This can all be achieved with grant aid, at very little cost to the Parish. But we have to present a good case and show that there is a need. Every household within the parish should soon receive a questionnaire asking for your views. We ask everyone to **PLEASE fill this in promptly.**

### Paper Bank

Recycled newspapers and magazines made over £500 last year for Village Hall funds. Please use the paper bank in the Village Hall car park.

## Monthly Coach Trip

**Thursday 28 November** to Exeter, seats £5.00, pick up points as usual. Enquiries and bookings, telephone June Smith on 782901.

## Lewannick Cricket Club

is holding its AGM at the Archer Arms on Thursday 14th November at 8.00pm. The meeting is mainly to discuss the possible closing down of the Club and all are welcome to attend.

### News from the Archer Arms

Contrary to reports, Janice is not retiring in style to a paradise island! Rather, she will be pleased to take your booking for Christmas dinners and your money for Christmas draw tickets.

The darts team has got off to a flying start with a good win, and hopefully the Euchre teams will do likewise.

*G'day, Sport!!*

## LEWANNICK CHURCH NEWS AND DIARY DATES FOR NOVEMBER

### Sunday Services at St Martin's Church

Sun 3 Short Eucharist 9.15am  
(Service at Bowden Derra 8.00pm)  
Sun 10 Morning Prayer  
with Baptism 10.30am  
Sun 17 Family Service 9.15am  
Sun 24 Holy Eucharist 10.30am

### Remembrance Sunday 10th November

St Martin's 2.30pm (Note change).  
Congdons Shop 3.15pm.

### Martinmas Service Friday 8th November

7.00pm in the Church followed by supper at Coombeshead 8.00pm.

### Organ Playing Marathon Sunday 17th

by Mrs. Vivien Trewin in the Church 10.00am – 6.00pm. Please come and support this event. To be followed by a 'Songs of Praise' evening at 6.30pm with **Launceston Male Voice Choir.**

Residents were saddened to hear of the death of Gladys Farr. 'Glad' as she was known, was a prominent figure in many aspects of village life, serving on many committees and always willing to organise and join in social events. Our sympathies are extended to Maurice.

## Inny Vale Embroiderers Guild

Next meeting 14th November at Polyphant Community Centre 2.00-4.00 pm. Tel. Betty on 86381 if you have any queries.

## Polyphant WI

Meet as usual at 7.15 pm in the Chapel Hall on 27 November. Our speaker will be Mrs. Alison Gribble, who will show us how to make some angels for the festive season. New members and friends always welcome. Please note, Ann Bishop will be taking over from Lyn Boyle. For information or enquiries contact Ann on 01566 880019.

## Clifftop Art Group

The **AGM** will be held on the 26th November, 2pm at North Hill.

**Christmas Lunch** will be on Tuesday 17th December.

### ABOUT FACE YOUTH

present

### DRAGON BONES

First production by About Face Youth – an improvisation piece using music and physical theatre to bring alive two creation myths.

North Hill Village Hall - Thurs 13 Nov 7.30pm  
ALSO

Rilla Mill Village Hall Sat 16 Nov 7.30pm  
Upton Cross Village Hall - Mon 18 Nov 7.00pm

All tickets £2.00

(includes tea/squash and dragon biscuits)

## METHODIST CHURCH PREACHERS AND EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

### Superintendent Minister

**Rev. Roger Green – Tel: 01566 782240**

### Polyphant Morning Service 10.30 am

Sun 3 David Lewis  
Sun 10 Rev. Dr. Christopher Blake  
Sun 17 Sue Griffin  
Sun 24 Rev. Roger Greene

### Events:

Wed 13 Coffee Morning 10.30–11.30am  
Sat 30 Christmas Bazaar 2pm

### Lewannick Morning Service 11 am

Sun 3 Rev. Roger Greene  
Sun 10 James Spragg  
Sun 17 Neil Burden  
Sun 24 Chris Paxman

## METHODIST CHURCH NEWS ITEMS

**A concert will be given by the Stowford Meadow Singers** on Sunday 3rd November in the Church at Polyphant beginning at 8pm. The Chairman will be John Bernalick from St. Wenn and light refreshments will be served after the concert. No admission charge but a collection will be taken during the concert for Church Funds.

**Polyphant Christmas Bazaar** this year will be held on Saturday November 30th in the Methodist Church at Polyphant from 2pm. Those wishing to book tables please contact Beryl Green on 01566 86483

**Rev. Dr. Christopher Blake** Chairman of the Cornwall District will be taking a normal Sunday morning service at Polyphant on the 10th November.

## Whitmans Weather

In September there were 23 dry days and 18mm ( $\frac{3}{4}$ " ) of rain fell.

In October there were 12 dry days and 165mm ( $6\frac{1}{2}$ " ) of rain fell.

This year, to date, there have been 143 dry days with a total rainfall of 1270mm (50"), compared with last year when there were 165 dry days but a similar rainfall of 1170mm (46"). *Steve Whitman*

## News from Lewannick Post Office & Stores

**Home contents insurance.** The Post Office is now able to provide competitive contents cover which can be paid in cash instalments at the counter.

**Foreign Exchange.** Having a winter break? Foreign exchange and holiday insurance available from the Post Office.

**Queen Mother coins.** £5 coins now available.

**Christmas stamps** will be on sale from 5th November.

**Stocking up for Christmas?** Large range of special offers on beers, lagers and spirits.

**Credit card and cash back facilities.** The shop is now able to accept credit card payments and to offer cashback if required.

**Mobile phone top up** for all major mobile phone companies.

## FOR SALE

**Bedroom suite**, including bed.  
Polyphant. Tel: 01566 86196.

## CLOSING DATE FOR DECEMBER NEWSLETTER: WEDNESDAY 25th NOVEMBER:

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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