

Lewannick, Polyphant & Trevadlock Newsletter

Circle of light gets thumbs up!

The St. Martin's Church circle of light fundraising idea has received an enthusiastic response so will go ahead. Thanks to everyone for all the positive feedback and offers of help.

The plan is to sell at least 2,500 candles (tea lights) over the coming months at one pound each. These will be lit and placed in glass jars to make a complete circle around the church grounds. We will aim to get all the lighting done by 9pm so the candles should last until midnight.

One month down the line and July already seems too soon, so I'm going to suggest a provisional date of Saturday 11th September. Please let me know if this is a bad date for any reason. We hope to have food stalls and other entertainments, which will be confirmed later.

The money will be collected on behalf of the Church Restoration Fund, which is a registered charity. One hundred percent will go to the Church for repairs and any expenses will be paid for out of money raised in other ways.

Everyone who buys a candle will have their name recorded and all the names will be put into a book which will be given to the Church. I will also set up a special section of the website to promote the Circle of Light and names will be displayed there also. We will not be recording addresses, but will add place names. The idea is to collect money from outside the parish as

well as inside. It will be interesting to see how far afield we can cast our net! You can opt to go 'ex-directory' and not have your name published.

What you can do now

I will start collecting money immediately (same contact details as newsletter). This will be paid into the Fund's bank account. Flyers will be available from 1 May which will advertise and explain the event, and you can use these to send to your friends and relations.

We will also need at least 2,500 glass jars. Several people have told me they are already collecting! Please help!! *David*

Please save your glass jars!

One pound jam jar size (450gm) are ideal, but a bit bigger or smaller would be fine. Minimum 2½ inches wide by 4 inches tall – maximum 3½ in. wide by 5½ in. tall. (Lids will keep them clean inside until the day, but are not essential).

Please hold onto them until next month when details of collection point(s) will be published.

Date announced for Coads Green exchange Broadband

Internet ADSL Broadband will be available to subscribers on the Coads Green telephone exchange from 28th July 2004. This was confirmed by Jason Mann of the British Telecom Press Office today (30 March). The service, which will give much faster Internet access, works without the need for any additional telephone wiring, and will be available via BT and a number of Internet Service providers and communications companies, some of which offer deals for as little as £15.99 per month.

ADSL for Pipers Pool exchange too?

Given the success in getting the Coads Green exchange up to its registration target, we would like to encourage readers to sign up for the Pipers Pool exchange too. This covers the Polyphant, Trewen, Pipers Pool, Altarnun, Fivelanes, Laneast and StClether areas, indeed anywhere where your code is 01566 86xxx.

Getting broadband in rural areas is crucial for local businesses and individuals alike, as it enables levels of communication, commerce, and entertainment totally unavailable by any other means. To help galvanise support a web site has been set up at <http://www.pipers-pool.wewantbroadband.co.uk>. Any questions you may have, can be answered via this site.

May Day Celebrations



This year's May day celebrations are set to take place on Bank Holiday Monday, May 3rd. Planning was started at a recent committee meeting and it is hoped that this year's event will be bigger and better than ever, with the aim of creating an enjoyable day's entertainment for all and raising £1000 for the Village Hall repairs/refurbishment.

Commencing at 2pm there will be two sessions of Maypole dancing plus stalls, amusements and refreshments open throughout the afternoon. This will be followed by an evening 'do' in the Archer Arms.

We would be grateful for any donations of cakes for the Cake Stall, Tombola Prizes, and unwanted books or bric-a-brac. Karen has kindly offered to collect cakes or books at the Post Office.

We also have space for anyone who would like to run their own stall, cost £5. Please contact Margo on 782 767.

The traditional Mayday would have been around a week later than now, when there was a slightly better chance of fine weather, but due to the calendar change in 1752 the 1st May now falls 11 days earlier. We'll keep our fingers crossed!

PARISH COUNCIL

We began with a site meeting on Thursday 18 March. We had received an application for a two-bedroom bungalow with parking area at Rose Cottage, Lewannick. It was agreed that the application would not be supported because it is our opinion that the property is too narrow and would be detrimental to neighbouring properties. Two residents from Lewannick also attended our meeting in order to put forward their views on this proposed application.

Other planning issues consisted of granting the formation of new 70 metres foundation stage unit for Lewannick Primary School and the approval from NCDC for the erection of sun lounge to care unit at Bowden Derra. We have 17 footpaths maintained by us and we have accepted a quote from ANY Grounds Maintenance for the sum of £630.00. We have also been in communication with CCC with regard to making the path by Sunnybank into a Public Right of Way. Currently it is not an official Right of Way. However, we are looking for names and addresses of residents who have or are currently using this pathway. If we can identify persons that use this path it is feasible that it can be made into a Public Right of Way. Cllr Iris Curley Tel 86 793 is in charge of collecting names from any interested parishioners. With regard to the play area at Lewannick we have instructed Taylor Made to carry out the repairs to the equipment at a costing of £325. We had advertised for tenders for the play equipment and fencing. However, because of insurance problems a number of applicants have been unable to carry out the work. Our Councillors have very kindly volunteered to do all the groundwork and will be erecting the fencing for the play area. Our Councillors have also volunteered to carry out the groundwork for the seat at Polyphant Green, of which a contribution from the Jubilee Committee was made. The seat will be in situ soon.

We have also received correspondence from NCDC regarding a Community Chest Fund. They

will offer grants from £100 to £2,000 to groups or organisations that are constituted or working to a set of rules and grants will be released as one-off payments. If you require any further information please contact David Chadwick or Emma Rowse on 01208 265703/265624. NCDC are also starting a garden waste collection scheme initially on a 12 month trial basis and have selected our parish to take part. Householders will need to buy special garden waste sacks which will cost 50p each (half the cost of the garden waste sacks). They can be purchased from NCDC and a collection service will commence in April. If you have any queries please contact David Jenkins on 01208 262818. CCC have also advised us that there will be a road closure/traffic restriction from Trevadlock to Trebartha, North Hill which will come into force from 5 April for a maximum period of 5 days. The reason is for patching work. **Finally may we remind you that our A G M will be held on Thursday 13 May commencing 19.30hrs. This meeting will take the form of a parish meeting and we would like organisers/leaders of all the groups within our parish to kindly forward us a report please.**

Our next ordinary meeting will be held at Polyphant commencing 8pm on Thursday 15 April.

Lewannick Amateur Dramatic Society

DISCO PARTY

at the Archer Arms

Saturday 9 April

8'til midnight

You've seen the Panto – now dance the night away with the stars!!!

All LADS members and their friends invited.

Village Hall News

Annual General Meeting

At the AGM on 10 March all the existing Committee members were re-elected. In addition three new members were co-opted onto the committee: Tim Ellis (Polyphant rep.), Jackie Dinnis (School rep.) and David Eno (LADS rep.).

The Village Hall will be undergoing repairs and refurbishment this year, which will cost several thousand pounds. Included will be repairs to the flat roof, provision for disabled use of toilets, and a central heating system.

As the Village Hall does not have enough money in its funds it will rely on fundraising events, and grants, which will be investigated shortly, once the full costings have been worked out. It was decided that the Mayday proceeds would this year go towards Village Hall funds.

The Jumble Sale held on the 27th March was well attended and made £170 for Village Hall funds. Many thanks to all who donated jumble, those who attended and the helpers.

Whist Drives

Saturday 3rd April

Saturday 24th April

7.30pm in Lewannick Village Hall.

All are welcome, and any donations of prizes will be very gratefully received. Profits will be jointly in aid of the Village Hall and the Church. Many thanks to all those who generously donated prizes last time, this was much appreciated. More info from Kevin on 782393.

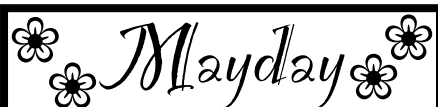
Church APCM

followed by

Church Restoration Fund Meeting

Thurs 15th April 7.30pm Village Hall

All welcome



Lewannick's traditional celebrations

Bank Holiday Monday, 3rd May, 2pm

MAYPOLE DANCING

Tombola • Apple bobbing • Cake Stall • Plants Raffle • Skittles • BBQ • Refreshments • Crafts Coconut Shy • Bouncy Castle • Face Painting and much more

PLUS EVENING ENTERTAINMENT AT THE ARCHER ARMS

Frugal Lunch profits Christian Aid

Members of Lewannick Methodist Church, & St Martins Anglican Church, held a Lent "Frugal Lunch" on Friday 5th March, in Lewannick Village Hall. The proceeds from this bread, soup, and cheese meal, which was for Christian Aid, amounted to £108.00.

Monthly Coach Trip

Next trip will to be arranged. Please check with June Smith on 782901, or see local notice board.

Recycling collections:

APRIL: Lewannick, Polyphant and Trevadlock Hall Park, Tuesday 6th & 20th. Trevadlock Village, Tuesday 13th & 27th.

Lost

In Lewannick on Sat 27 March, light brown leather wallet. Please contact Ian Millard 01822 870 556

LEWANNICK CHURCH NEWS AND DIARY DATES FOR APRIL

Sunday Services at St Martin's Church

Sun	4	Holy Communion 10.00am
Fri	9	Good Friday 'Way of the Cross' 10am
Sun	11	Easter Day - Holy Communion NB 9.45am
Sun	18	Family Service 10.00am
Sun	25	Morning Prayer 10.00am
Sun	4	Bowden Derra 8pm

Diary Dates

Sat	3	Church cleaning - All welcome! 9.30am
Thurs	8	Maundy Thursday - Agapé Meal at Coombeshead Barn 7.30pm
Thurs	15	A.P.C.M. (ie Church AGM) Village Hall 7.30pm. Short meeting, followed by a Restoration Fund Meeting. Both meetings are open to all. A lot of work has been done on the building project, although there is not much to see at the moment.
Sun	May 2	Holy Communion 10am

Forward Planning

Saturday 10 July - Church Fête at Pen-Inney House

Note:

The Pastoral Team is now in operation. Please phone 782820 for further details.

LEWANNICK POST OFFICE & STORES

- Honey from local hives • Local cream and butter
- Compost and growbags
- Off licence • Easter cards

Banking with Alliance & Leicester, Barclays or Lloyds TSB? You can now obtain cash with your card and PIN (same principle as 'hole-in-the-wall').

- Mobile Phone Top-ups
- Foreign Currency (commission free)
- Travel Insurance (very competitive rates)
- Personal loans
- Flowers by Post from £10.99

Letters

Open letter to the Parish Council

The Minutes of the February Parish Council Meeting invited all parish organisations to attend or send in a report to be presented at the A.G.M. on the 14 April. A useful update for the Council and helpful to local organisations.

There is one aspect of this experiment that does worry me. The prime reason for an A.G.M. is the opportunity for any resident to bring up and have an open discussion on local items that concern them and have the results noted so that follow up can take place if appropriate. We should not lose sight of this and ensure that this avenue remains.

What would be equally useful for the Parish Residents would be a report from the Parish Council on their plans for the next 12 months. The Lewannick Parish Council element of my Council Tax Bill has increased by 55.7% to £10,000. It would clear the air to hear how this is to be spent.

At previous A.G.M's such items as renovating the Parish Notice board and treating the wooden seat on the green at Polyphant have been promised. Could we have an update on these and any other projects yet to be completed?

Owen Withers, Polyphant

METHODIST CHURCH PREACHERS AND EVENTS FOR APRIL

Superintendent Minister

Rev. Roger Green - Tel: 01566 782240

Polyphant Morning Service 10.30 am

Sun	4	Melvin Symons
Sun	11	Neil Burden
Sun	18	Rev. Roger Greene (9.30am)
Sun	25	Amos Marshall
Sun	May 2	Chapel Anniversary (Own Arrangement Service)

Lewannick Morning Service

11.00 am in the Village Hall

Sun	4	Albert Thorne
Sun	11	At Polyphant (10.30am)
Sun	18	At 11.00am Chris Paxman At 6.30pm Rev. Roger Greene - United Service
Sun	25	Ivan Metherell

April Events:

Fri	2	Hunger Lunch at Polyphant 12.00 noon - 2.00pm. All proceeds from Hunger Lunches to Christian Aid Church Council Meeting 2.30 p.m.
Sun	11	Easter Sunday Community Easter Service
Wed	14	Coffee Morning at Polyphant 10.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.

Note:

The Easter Sunday Service on Sunday 11 April is a "Community Event" which is held each year when members of local organisations, including the Youth Club, together with local residents join and take part with members of Polyphant Church in recognising the events of Easter. Members of the Methodist Church at Lewannick will also be joining us. We had around fifty in the congregation last year but we can comfortably seat ninety so there is room for those who have yet to appreciate this community event. As we always say "All are very welcome!"

Embroiderers Guild, Inny Vale Branch

Next meeting 22nd April at Polyphant Chapel Hall from 2.00-4.30pm. Further information tel. Bettie on 86381.

Polyphant WI

Our April meeting will be a private visit to Cullacott. Any further information, please telephone Ann on 880019.

Whitmans Weather

I bet we can all remember when it last rained but how many of us would be surprised to learn that during this last 'weather month' we have enjoyed 20 dry days? Feb / March has yet again been pleasantly dry - but the similarity with recent years is quite remarkable.

This last week of Feb/ first three weeks of March period has given us 20 dry days, coupled with 100 mm of rain. For the same period last year I recorded - guess what? - 20 dry days and 104 mm of rain. In 2002 the rainfall was 110 mm with just a few less dry days.

In 2001 however, we were subjected to 168 mm of liquid sunshine - ie an extra two and a half inches - and only 8 dry days.

So - there is no doubt about it - it's getting drier and that's official (well in Feb/March anyway!!)

Steve Whitman

North Hill Parish Church

Advance notice

Annual Plant Sale

Saturday 8 May, 10am North Hill Village Hall

CLOSING DATE FOR MAY NEWSLETTER: SUNDAY 25th APRIL

Please send your contributions to David Eno, Pen-Inney Cottage, Lewannick, Launceston, PL15 7QD. • E-mail: david@lewannick.com • Phone: 01566 782 352

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