

Lewannick, Polyphant & Trevadlock Newsletter

May Day

Our prayers for fine weather were answered and this year's May Day Celebrations must have been the most successful ever. The turnout was impressive and so was the dancing. The stalls were even more varied this year and it was wonderful to see so many people mixing together and really enjoying themselves. Thank you to everyone who attended, and especially to our special guest Mrs Hext, and of course to all the dancers, stallholders and everyone who helped to organise and set things out on the day and clear up afterwards.

The icing on the cake was the great evening 'do' at the Archer Arms, where everyone was in really high spirits, thanks to Nigel and Barry's excellent Karaoke/Disco. The auction of the Maypole flowers for £100 helped us to exceed our fund-raising target of £1000 by £80 (thank you Sparplas)! Profits will go to the Village Hall for renovation work.

The happy atmosphere of the afternoon and evening seems to make even more poignant the shocking events with which the day ended. Some time after midnight Phil Prout, was shot by the Police and later died. Many people in the parish had connections with Phil, as relatives, friends or neighbours so it's not surprising that his death has caused a general feeling of loss and sadness. Amid the dark cloud which has hung over the village many people have expressed to me their feeling of solidarity with Phil's family and friends. While personal details are none of our business, the conduct of the police is very much a matter of public concern.

Many people will now have been interviewed by the Independent Police Complaints Commission and both myself and others were impressed with the conduct and thoroughness of the IPCC officers. Members of the IPCC attended the Annual General Parish Council meeting on 13th May. The head of IPCC operations in Lewannick gave an eloquent and impressive presentation in which he explained that despite a call for speed, their investigations would be scrupulously thorough regardless of time taken and their final report would only be produced when they were satisfied that all the facts were incontrovertible. He was at pains to point out that unlike the old Police Complaints Commission the IPCC is a new organisation and is completely independent of the police. Because there are so many aspects to consider and so many statements to be correlated, this cannot be a quick process, so we must be patient and try to avoid making any assumptions until the report is published, which could be a matter of months.

Unfortunately, whatever the result, what has been done cannot be undone. Our thoughts are with Phil's family and friends.

David

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Does Lewannick need a Youth Club?

Is the time right to offer the village hall as a facility for the area's youth again? Polyphant has a well-established youth club and, although relatively near, not all the youngsters from Lewannick can make the journey.

Funding and staffing are among the key issues and then having the imagination, commitment and drive to make it work are absolute requirements for any would be-leaders. Joy and Alan Lethbridge who recently moved into Lewannick are prepared to try and get things going and would welcome the views and support of local parents and, most importantly, of the young people themselves. If you would like to have a Youth Club in the village to go to or for your children to attend please contact Joy on 782592.

LEWANNICK PRE-SCHOOL are having a Fund-raising Afternoon on Saturday 26th June, from 2-4pm Lewannick Village Hall and Green

There will be lots to do, and much to entertain, with a Bouncy Castle, face painting, cake and bric-a-brac stall, wacky races for invented cars made by the children, raffle and tombola, karaoke, football and much, much more.

Please come along and help raise some money for the new classroom at Lewannick C.P. School and Pre-School.

Plea!

Please donate empty cotton reels for making the racing cars. Please drop them into the office at Lewannick Primary School

Blackhill Quarry follow-up

As a result of the concerns expressed to Cornwall County Council regarding possible developments at the quarry a letter was sent to a Polyphant resident and cc'd to local councillors clarifying the position and function of the Blackhill Liaison Group. Some extracts follow:

"...In terms of membership the Group comprises elected Members of Lewannick & South Petherwin Parish Councils, Cornwall County Council and North Cornwall District Council; as well as Officers of the County Council as Mineral Planning Authority (MPA), the District Council Environmental Health Department, and finally the Quarry Operators, Tarmac Southern Ltd. ...

...one of the agreed objectives of this Group is to act as a forum for discussion between the interested parties, and consider any feedback received from the public regarding any aspect of operations at the Quarry. There are at least four distinct vehicles for local residents to communicate their views at this Group and receive feedback; either via their elected Parish Council representatives, the local County Councillor (or indeed any Member of the County Council's Planning (Development Control) Committee, or District Councillors, or via an Officer of the County Council/MPA. ...

...I would advise any comments to be received for the July meeting by the middle of June so that they may be included in my Report, however we can also report and consider comments up to the day of the Committee meeting if necessary..."

(Full copy of letter available from David Eno)

PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Parish Meeting of Lewannick Parish Council was held at Polyphant Village Hall on Thursday 13 May at 7.30 pm. Members of the public, Devon and Cornwall Police and Police Complaints Commission were in attendance. Reports from David Eno – Website for parish, Polyphant Women's Institute, Polyphant Methodist Church and Community Centre, Embroiderers' Guild, Lewannick Amateur Dramatics and Whist drives at Lewannick were submitted. Ian By now – P C C conveyed the condolences of the Commission to the family of the late Mr P Prout. A Minutes Silence was held in respect of the late Mr Prout.

Queries with regard to the review of Mineral Planning at Blackhill Quarry were discussed. Our financial report for the year ended 31 March 2004 was read out. Our expenses for the year equated to £10,403.44: - War Memorial £2,623.19, Maintenance of Polyphant Green and Lewannick Playing Area £1,846.00, Maintenance of Polyphant Green (trees) £3,072, Newsletter £360, Footpaths £271, Grants were awarded to Polyphant Church, Lewannick Church, Trevadlock Chapel, Lewannick Parish Website, Polyphant Youth Club and Lewannick Playgroup and totalled £591, Audit Commission £141, Parish Clock maintenance £90, Bus Shelter maintenance £88, Hire of halls £28, Insurance £378, Clerk's salary £900 and British Legion £14.50. Our precept for the year ended 31 March 2003 was £9,579 and for the year to 31 March 2004 £6,240. We used our reserves in order to keep our precept low for the year to 31 March 2003 and it was increased to £10,000 for the year to 31 March 2005. However, please compare to our 31 March 2003 precept. Also please note that no costs were claimed, by any Councillor/Clerk for disbursements: i.e., telephone, postage and stationery during any of the years mentioned.

Planning applications, which received our support, were: Mr A J Cayzer, 1 The Row, Polyphant, listed building consent for the erection of single storey rear extension, Mr N and Mrs J Potter, Mount Pleasant, Medrow, Polyphant: erection of conservatory and finally Mr I McCutcheon, Rose Cottage, Polyphant, demolition of existing lounge extension at first floor level on raised ground, excavate and erection of two storey extension.

Payments were made to Taylor-Made £381.88, Insurance £412.27, Polyphant Church, Trevadlock Cemetery, Lewannick Church, Lewannick Website all received grants of £100, Lewannick Play area £270.22 and Newsletter £30.

Councillors present reported that they had completed the works at the playground. Cllr P Sandercock had taken photographic evidence of the condition of the road surfaces within the parish and these have been forwarded to Highways.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 17 June at Lewannick.

St Martin's Circle of Light

Preparations are well under way for the big event on 18th September. **Make your donation now.** Leaflets are available from Lewannick Post Office, Ken & Betty White, Bill Sands in Trevadlock and David Eno (contact details at bottom of this page). Just fill in your name on the slip and give a donation of £1 per candle to any of the above. There are plenty of leaflets available - please distribute as many you can to friends and family. **There will be a prize for the person making a donation who lives furthest afield from Lewannick.**

Village Hall News

Whist Drives

Saturday 5th June

Saturday 26th June

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 782618.

Special Military Whist

Advance Notice - Saturday 17th July (tbc)

Walking Treasure Hunt

Saturday 19th June

Starting from the Village Hall Car Park from 6.30pm onwards. £1 per person, teams of any size. Win a basket of strawberries and cream. Proceeds in aid of Lewannick Amateur Dramatic Society

Wine & Wisdom

Advance Notice - Saturday 24 July (tbc)

Usual format - teams of four. Teams of four, £10 per team. Teams to Jenny 86628, or Dot 782317. Proceeds in aid of Lewannick Village Hall.

CHILDRENS HOSPICE SOUTHWEST

Trebartha Gardens

Garden Walk

Open on Sunday 20 June for Lunch 12 for 12.30

Pig Roast with Salad and Wine followed by guided garden walk by either Robert O'Brien or Martin Searle

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Saturday 19 June at 7.00pm

North Hill Village Hall

A light supper followed by

Entertainment

by and for those present

Anyone Ready, Willing and Able

(Bring your Party Piece to share)

Donations to Church Funds

CLOSING DATE FOR JULY NEWSLETTER: SUNDAY 20th JUNE

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 JUNE

Sunday Services at St Martin's Church

Sun 6 Holy Communion 10.00am
Sun 6 Bowden Derra 8.00pm
Sun 13 Family Service 10.00am
Sun 20 Holy Communion 10.00am
Sun 27 Morning Prayer 10.00am

Diary Dates

Sun 20 Strawberry Tea at Lewannick Manor 3pm - **All welcome**
Thu 24 PCC Meeting at St Martin's Church Lewannick 7.30pm
Sat 10 July - Church Fête at Pen-Inney House - **All welcome**
Sat 26 July Licensing of Rev. Christopher Probert at St Torney Church, North Hill - time to be advised.

Note:

- **Please** save all jam jars for the "Circle of Light" event taking place in September. Please deliver to David Eno at Pen-Inney Cottage (opp. Doctors Surgery Lewannick).
- The Pastoral Team is now in operation; please phone 782820 for further details.

We are sad to report the death of Fr. Hugh Fryer who passed away on 16th May. Our condolences have been sent to Doreen and her family.

Hello from PC 340 Lancaster

I am your new local neighbourhood Beat Manager having relieved WPC Claire Campbell on the 1st March 2004. Claire has been doing her very best to cover a huge area, but she will now be able to concentrate on her own "patch" of Launceston Town and leave the rural bits to me.

I am local in every sense I was born at Old Tree Maternity Home at Trebursye into a farming family. I attended St. Stephens Primary school (the old one) and Launceston College. I decided that farming was not for me and joined the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary Police Cadets in 1974 at the age of 16 years and two years later became a fully fledged Police Constable.

The next 28 years have seen me serving at Tiverton, Exeter, Ilfracombe, Bodmin, Truro, Camelford and last but not least Lanson.

I will be responsible for the Launceston rural area which, given my background, is very appropriate and will include a large number of Parishes such as Altarnun, Five Lanes, South Petherwin, North Petherwin, North Hill, Werrington, Yeolmbridge, Boyton, Egloskerry, Lawhitton, and a number of smaller Hamlets.

Part of my role is to form links with these Communities, working together in partnership with Parish Councils, Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators and other groups.

I realise that the community has been deeply affected by the tragic incident in the village but would hope that this will not deter people from contacting me with any matters which I may be able to assist with, whilst I am on footpatrol in the village or on my direct dial number of 01566 771419 or 07779038330.

Recycling collections:

JUNE: Lewannick, Polyphant and Trevadlock Hall Park, Tuesday 1st & 15th. Trevadlock Village, Tuesday 8th & 22nd.

METHODIST CHURCH PREACHERS AND EVENTS FOR JUNE

Superintendent Minister

Rev. Roger Green - Tel: 01566 782240

Polyphant Morning Service 10.30 am

Sun 6 Rev. Roger Green
Sun 13 Michael Horrell
Sun 20 David Lewis
Sun 27 George Bickle

Lewannick Morning Service

11.00 am in the Village Hall

Sun 6 Sue Griffin
Sun 13 Michael Horrell
Sun 20 John Ware
Sun 27 Philip Parsons

May Events:

Wed 9 Coffee Morning at Polyphant 10.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.
Sun 13 Circuit Overseas Mission Service, Rilla Mill. 3.00pm - Guest Speaker Mary Sheaf
Tues 15 Circuit meeting at Polyphant 7.30pm

Celebration Service

On Sunday 6th June, we will be holding our "Celebration Service", in the Village Hall at 11am. The service will be led by Mrs Sue Griffin, of North Tamerton. After worship there will be a "Shared Lunch in the Hall. Bring one item of food & share it with others, and enjoy a time together. The Methodist Church, has been meeting on Sundays, in the Village Hall since 1991. An invitation is given to any who would like to join us.

Embroiderers Guild, Inny Vale Branch

Next meeting 17th June at Polyphant Chapel Hall from 2.00-4.30pm. Further information tel. Bettie on 86381.

Polyphant WI

Our June meeting will be a walk in the North Hill area followed by supper at the Racehorse Inn - all welcome. Any further information, please telephone Ann on (01566) 880019

Monthly Coach Trip

Next trip will be to Truro on 24th June at a cost of £5. Usual pick-up points. Further details from June Smith on 782901.

Whitmans Weather

In our household my monthly weather report is known as the 'Rain Report' but for the last four weeks has been re-titled 'Lack of Rain Report'!

We are never satisfied - or is it just me? It's either too wet, too dry, too windy, too hot or too cold! Well at the moment it's too dry! Our water butts are empty! But for those with time to get out and enjoy it, what a wonderfully calm warm spell of weather we are having. Lovely clear mornings and magnificent sunsets. My records show some 22 dry days and only 34mm (one and three eighth inches) of rainfall in the last 'weather month' compared to May last year which was significantly wetter with 131mm and only 8 dry days. But then in April 2003 we had less than half the rainfall for the same period this year. Weather would be boring if it were accurately predictable. What say you?

I seem to recall confidently reporting last month that Summer had arrived. Well ok, perhaps I was a little premature (overlooked Spring!) but this current spell of weather may be Summer? Enjoy it whilst it lasts!!
Steve Whitman