

Lewannick, Polyphant & Trevadlock Newsletter

Looking back over Bodmin Moor

Memories of retired local community nurse and midwife Evelyn Murphy (continued).

Travelling from Bolventor up the A30 there are various villages right and left, Tredaule, Tregirls, Westmorgate, Eastmorgate, Lonkey Moor etc. I would never have found these places were it not for my good friends Ruth and Richard, who ran the main shop in Altarnun. Entering Altarnun is like going into another world. Here everyone knows everyone, which was often useful to me as there are no numbers and very few house names. There was also the butchers shop and Poole's shop which sold anything from sweets to bacon rashers. What Richard did not have in his shop Poole's was sure to have and visa versa. Then there was the Post Office come paper shop very useful for getting directions on a Sunday when Richards Shop was closed.

Richard was well known in the village and still is. He conveys patients who have no transport to the surgery at Lewannick from far and wide over the moors. He also helps with prescriptions from the Doctors on a daily basis, delivering them himself when the need arises. I did a lot of shopping in Altarnun when I was on my way through and collected a lot of patients both midwifery and general nursing, before the doctors passed them on to me.

Most of the cottages had roaring fires in Winter – lovely to wash and dress someone or to deliver a baby by. Often the water was from down the well in the garden, but fortunately there was usually someone there to put a full kettle on the fire for me.

Journeying on from Altarnun takes you through various villages and past the Rising Sun – a well known Pub then and now. In my early years on Bodmin Moor I delivered a tourist's baby in the dining room there. It was quite an event! By the time I arrived, the dining room had been cleared and the audience in the bar were ready to wet the baby's head in a big way. I do not know who was more embarrassed the husband, their children or me. I transferred Mum and baby to Longland by ambulance after we had all been given a lovely dinner. It became my favourite Pub.

The road from The Rising Sun was long and winding and I often returned to St Clever for a nursing visit, then picked up my (loaned) horse, Toffee to go over the moors through Bowwithick. Many young families came from up country and tried to make a living – not always very successfully because they kept themselves to



Farmer Harry in his little farmhouse on the moor, where he was born, and intends to stay, until he dies. He has no mains electricity, tv or radio, just his books and his memories. His one and only luxury is a mobile phone.

themselves and did not seek help from the locals, which they often badly needed. If only they realized it the locals would have helped, but were shy of newcomers.

I came to Bodmin Moor with much experience behind me but found myself in a new and quite different world. I was to learn a new way of life both socially and as a nurse, and I came to love the sense of timelessness on the moors.

My nursing colleagues and I relieved each other for days off and weekends, although I did as far as possible continue with my own patients. Our area consisted of the Moors and Launceston, a huge area.

In 1978 I was honoured to be chosen to represent Cornwall as the nurse of the year for Westward Television. I never expected to reach the finals let alone get on television. In 1985 I went to St James Palace in London to receive my medal for long service as a Queens District Nursing Sister from the Queen Mother.

PARISH COUNCIL

Lewannick Parish Council met at Lewannick Village Hall on Thursday 15 July. A quotation for a new notice board for Polyphant from Mr K Hodge at £550.00 was accepted. A planning application from Mr M J Sandercock, Bowden Farm, Polyphant for the erection of milking parlour was also supported by us. We have invited Rebecca Jacob of Rural Housing Enabler to our next meeting scheduled for September to discuss affordable housing in our parish. Finances included a grant of £500 that has been awarded to Lewannick Village Hall for the improvements planned to the hall and £30 Copytech for the Newsletter publication. Our balance currently stands at £4,650.91.

CCC has written to us informing of a proposed road closure/traffic restriction to the road at the rear of St Martin's Church, Lewannick for approximately 50 metres. This is so that the drainage improvement work can be carried out. We have also investigated further the chain-link fence at Sunnybank, Polyphant. As a consequence we have now written to NCDC requesting that they remove the chain under the powers vested to them under Section 9 of the Land Registration Act 1965. We also have received correspondence from CCC regarding the recommendations to strengthen some of our bridges. C Cllr Ken Scoble who was at our meeting will investigate directly with Highways on suitable recommendations and report back to us.

Finally we were saddened to hear that a former parish councillor Mrs Pamela Haines had recently died. She will be remembered with tremendous respect and affection.

Our next meeting will be held at Polyphant Village Hall at 8pm on Thursday 16 September.

Royal National Lifeboat Institution House-to-House Collection

The recent collection made in the parish amounted to £150.19

(Trevadlock -£28.23 / Lewannick - £76.02 / Polyphant £45.94)

The grand total collected in the Launceston and District area that week was £1,795.95

A very big "Thank you" to all those whose generous donations, helped to achieve that magnificent amount for the R.N.L.I.

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Companion Dog Show

Monday 30 August

at Coombeshead

in aid of St John's Ambulance and Lewannick Church.

As well as the pedigree classes there will be lots of fun classes, so do come along. The pedigree judging starts at 12 noon followed by the family/fun section from 1 pm and through the afternoon. There will also be a Fun Scurry and refreshments, raffle, etc so there is something for every dog, owner and spectator.

Please ring Tamsin Sowerby for enquiries 01566 782062

St Martin's Church

Circle of Light

18th September

from 8.30pm

Please help us reach
our target of 2,500

- buy your candles now -
tell your friends and relations
about it too!

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Comments have been made to Parish Councillors about the practice of tying boards advertising functions to the fencing surrounding the War Memorial. Older members of the community find this distressing and detracts from the improvements made last year.

In future please place such boards either by the notice board or against the fence surrounding the Village Hall. The Parish Council will move any boards tied to the fence and appreciates the help of organisations in placing boards in the appropriate place in future.

Village Hall News

Summer Jumble Sale

Saturday 7th August at 2:00pm

Don't miss all the bargains at our Bumper Summer Jumble Sale. (If you still have jumble to donate please leave at Bovetown.)

Whist Drives

Saturday 7th August

Saturday 28th August

7.30pm in Lewannick Village Hall.

All are welcome, and any donations of prizes will be very gratefully received. Many thanks to all those who generously donated prizes last time, this was much appreciated. More info from Kevin on 782618.

Flower Show

Saturday 21st August - opening at 3pm

To be opened by Graham Facks-Martin. There will be a raffle, Bring and Buy stall and Auction of donated items from the show, plus refreshments. Schedules available now from Lewannick Post Office. NB No show entries will be accepted after 11am on 21st August.

Letters

Removal of poster:

Dear Editor

I am one of the people responsible for placing the advertising sign near the war memorial and have done so for many years. I have the greatest respect for those who gave their lives in the war, and their families and wish to apologise for any offence I have unwittingly caused.

However, I would be grateful if those offended could explain how a sign advertising community events which give enjoyment to many and raise money to maintain community facilities and Cornish charities could be offensive.

Events such as these were held and advertised in the same spot during the Jubilee year and raised a considerable sum of money towards the restoration of the War memorial. No such concerns were raised then, I notice.

I take it that the stealthy removal of the sign with no warning or explanation (my number was displayed on the notice), days prior to the event advertised, would have been a decision taken by The Parish Council after a democratic debate by all its members and I have to accept this ruling.

Myself and many others willingly give our free time and dip into our pockets to organise these events but with attitudes such as these I wonder why we bother.

Yours Sincerely, Jenny Eno (86628)

Embroiderers Guild, Inny Vale Branch

Next meeting 19th August at Polyphant Chapel Hall from 2.00-4.30pm. Further information tel. Bettie on 86381.

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CLOSING DATE FOR SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER: SUNDAY 23 AUGUST

Please send your contributions to David Eno, Pen-Inney Cottage, Lewannick,

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LEWANNICK CHURCH NEWS AND DIARY DATES FOR AUGUST

Sunday Services at St Martin's Church

Sun	1	Holy Communion 9.30am
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Sun	8	Family Service 10.00am
Sun	15	Holy Communion 9.30am
Sun	22	Morning Prayer 10.00am
Sun	29	Team Ministry Eucharist at Lezant

Diary Dates

Forward Planning:

Sat	14	Children's Day Out (adults welcome)
Wed	25	PCC Meeting 7.30pm in St Martin's Church, Lewannick - All Welcome .
Sat	18 Sept.	The Circle of Light, St Martin's Church, Lewannick - All Welcome .
Tue	28 Sept.	Deanery Presentation for links between Church and Schools at Jacobstow Parish Hall 7.30 - 9.00 pm

Notes:

- Welcome to Rev Chris Probert, his wife Rosemary and son Benedict. We wish him well as he comes to Minister to us in this Parish. We shall all need to remember that he will have the charge of 5 parishes (Lawitton, Lezant, North Hill and South Peterwin) so the demands on his time will be greater than our previous clergy. His telephone number will be 786976. The two services a month he will conduct will be at **9.30 am on the 1st and 3rd Sunday**. The 2nd and 4th Sunday will remain at 10 am.
- Many thanks to all who came and supported the Fete at Pen Inney. A total in excess of £850 was raised. A totally splendid effort, our thanks to one and all.
- Please save all Jam Jars for the "Circle of Light" event, taking place on 1 8th September. To purchase a candle for this event a form can be obtained at Lewannick Post Office, from David Eno or any member of the PCC.
- The Pastoral team is now in operation; please phone 782820 for further details.

Gardening Club

The idea of starting a gardening club has received an enthusiastic response with over 20 people making contact.

Tim Ellis will be at the Flower Show on the 21st August and will have leaflets giving more details and the date of the first meeting, which will be in September. The date will also be published in the next newsletter.

Anyone interested please contact Tim Ellis on 01566 86641 mobile 07973771338 or e-mail: timellis@ellisnurseries.wanadoo.co.uk

Musicians required!!

We are looking for people to join a local village band. We have a drummer (Paul) and singer (Ali) and as a minimum would need a Bass and Lead Guitar. (We could call ourselves The Village People Band!!!) Other instruments would be welcome, ie organ, violin, brass or woodwind etc. The idea would be to get together for a jam just for fun to see if we could form anything more permanent for local gigs.

Please e-mail Paul Corner: paul.corner@virgin.net or make contact via the Newsletter

Recycling collections:

AUGUST: Lewannick, Polyphant and Trevadlock Hall Park, Tuesday 10th & 24th. Trevadlock Village, Tuesday 3rd, 17th & 31st.

METHODIST CHURCH PREACHERS AND EVENTS FOR AUGUST

Superintendent Minister

Rev. Roger Green - Tel: 01566 782240

Polyphant Morning Service 10.30 am

Sun	1	Rev. Roger Green
Sun	8	Sue Griffin
Sun	15	Neville Helme
Sun	22	At Lewannick
Sun	29	Pauline Metherell

Lewannick Morning Service

11.00 am in the Village Hall

Sun	1	Pauline Metherell
Sun	8	Peter Bloye
Sun	15	Rev. Roger Green
Sun	22	Miss J Mills
Sun	29	David Venning

August Events:

Wed	11	Coffee Morning at Polyphant 10.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.
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Polyphant WI

Our August meeting will take place on Weds 25 August at 7.15 pm in Polyphant Methodist Church Hall, the speaker will be Dick Sayer who will bring his Police Dogs and explain about their work. Everyone is welcome. Any further information, please telephone Ann on 880019.

POLYPHANT WI

There will be a

Coffee Morning

at Trelowenna, Polyphant on

Thursday 19 August 2004

from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon.

Bring and Buy and Raffle. Everyone welcome.

Any further information, please telephone Ann on 880019.

Whitmans Weather

Despite another very wet end to June, the figures for this Newsletter weather 'month' are again incredibly similar to last year.

The last ten days of June in fact saw some 3 inches of rain fall in our locality - hardly typical for mid-Summer and much wetter than the same period last year - although the end June / first three weeks July totals were, as I have said, remarkably similar. This year just one extra dry day and a variation in rainfall of only one millimetre over the four weeks.

And are we still heading for one of the driest Lewannick/Polyphant/Trevadlock years? I doubt it - judging by our water butts which are now replenished! As I write this short report however, we are once more sitting beneath a very pleasant area of High Pressure which will hopefully last long enough for me to get the lawns mown again midweek!

In fact the totals for the year to date show 111 dry days and just short of 31 inches of the wet stuff against 105 dry days and just less than 25 inches at this time in 2003. A noticeable difference in rainfall already.

Can we redress the balance during the next four weeks? Who knows - but let us at least hope that the weather is kind to our friends the 'Groccl'es'. Or should that have read 'Emmets'? As 'foreigners' to the West Country, we call all visitors 'Grommets'!! Maybe one of you nice people out there can put me right?

Steve Whitman

NORTH HILL PARISH CHURCH

will be serving

CREAM TEAS

at the Church on

SUNDAY 8 AUGUST, 3-5pm

£3.50 to church funds - all welcome