

Lewannick, Polyphant & Trevadlock Newsletter

Coming of winter festival!

Well, we don't know what to call it yet, so get your thinking caps on. The festival will be on Sat 22 October. Lights, stalls, medieval costume and music, traditional amusements, fortune tellers, roasting meat, jugs of ale, a mummings play and lantern procession in the street, all after dusk and a just a bit scary! (BUT NO JAM JARS!) There'll be a meeting for everyone who wants to help and add their ideas Lewannick Village Hall - Mon 12th Sept at 8pm.

Sorry to take up a lot of space with the Two Bridges report but this is VITALLY IMPORTANT to all of us. Please read this and look out for the next meeting. If you feel strongly write to our MP. *David*

LEWANNICK PARISH COUNCIL

We met at Polyphant on Thursday 18 August and were pleased to be given an opportunity to discuss matters concerning residents at the beginning of the meeting. We do not normally hold a meeting during August but this meeting was called because of the A30 Junction together with some important planning matters. With regard to the A30 Junction we have written to Parsons Brickerhoff requesting sight of their proposed questionnaire which will be sent to all householders within our parish.

We have also received notification of an appeal regarding the erection of ten affordable dwellings, eight for rent and two for sale for local people or for persons employed at Bowden Derra, Polyphant. An appeal will be determined by a Local Inquiry. Any views that you may have which have been submitted to N C D C will now be forwarded to the Department of the Environment, Room 3/05 Kite Wing, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, BRISTOL BS1 6PN for the attention of Mr T Mather and quoting the reference: APP/C0820/A/05/1185881. If anyone has any additional views or would like to have their viewpoint added please write to the above address before the 20 September 2005. The plans are available for inspection at the Council Office, Market House Arcade, Launceston.

We have also had a site meeting with our Legal Adviser with regard to two areas of Common Land within Polyphant.

It was noted that vehicles are still travelling too fast through Lewannick and we have reported this to our Beat Officer. Vehicles are also travelling in the wrong direction at Old Hill, Lewannick. If anyone incurs this problem please try to take a note of the registration number, the time and date. Report to us so that we can collate the information for submission to our Beat Officer. Vehicles are also reversing out of their drives onto the highway causing a further hazard. Dog fouling at Polyphant is a continued nuisance with one dog in particular wandering and fouling on the land of many private dwellings.

Our next full meeting will be held at LEWANNICK on Thursday 15 September 8pm. We always welcome members of the parish to attend if they have any concerns. Alternatively please contact our Chairman Iris Curley on 01566 86793. During our September meeting we will be discussing the possibility of carrying out a parish plan. If anyone is interested in working on this project please let us know.

Two Bridges junction meeting report

(Condensed version. Full copy available from David Eno or on www.lewannick.info.)

Open meeting held on 4 August

The meeting was very well attended (over 50 people). Proposed alterations to the Two Bridges junction were explained. The original Highways Agency (HA) plan was for a new junction at Plusha on the lines of the one at Kennards House with all central reservations between the two to be closed. Subsequently we were informed that the cost of the Plusha junction would be in excess of five million pounds and that the money was not available.

The PC have received a new plan and HA now propose that there should be no right hand turn from Polyphant at Two Bridges and all traffic to Lewannick, Bodmin and beyond should travel to Kennards House to turn. The right hand turn to Treguddick will also be closed except for farm vehicles.

On 3rd June the Parish Council had a meeting with representatives from Parsons Brickerhoff, The HA and the District Surveyor. It was stated categorically that the closures would have an adverse effect on the school, the Post Office, the Village Hall, the Pub and the Church. They felt that such a decision would have a disastrous effect on the Parish. Mr. Ewings from Parsons Brickerhoff said that they would reconsider and promised that no changes would be made before their decision was relayed to the PC and a further meeting arranged. As yet PC have received no communication from Parsons Brickerhoff.

Regarding width of central reserve gaps at Plusha and Two Bridges, the HA notes that both comply with current design standards. It would seem that the increasing length of buses and HGV transport is highlighting a new problem, which may need addressing nationally by the HA. The HA's preferred course of action is to close central reserve gaps, or at the minimum, limit turning movements through them to reduce accidents and improve safety.

An underpass or overbridge at Two Bridges has been suggested. Such a scheme is unlikely to compete favourably for funding nationally. With all the above in mind the Agents have made proposals, which are now well known by the Parish, District and County Councils to improve safety on the A30 at Two Bridges. The County Council is supportive of their proposals, however the local communities of Lewannick and Polyphant, represented by Lewannick PC, appear to prioritise severance above safety.

Parsons Brinckerhoff have been asked to send out a questionnaire to residents in Polyphant and Lewannick to establish use of facilities in both communities along with the route taken and method of transport used between the communities. Following collation and analysis of the replies they hope to be in a position by October/November to meet with the Parish Council to discuss the Agency's proposals.

The meeting was then opened to the public. Analysis of the points raised follows:

QUESTIONNAIRE: Was welcomed. It was agreed that we should all fill in the questionnaire with the greatest of detail and encourage neighbours to do the same.

DIVISION OF THE PARISH: It was essential that we portray that we are a community. The closure could divide our community and

could mean possible closure of our local post office which relies on support from the whole community.

CONTROL BY TRAFFIC LIGHTS: After discussion this idea was rejected.

SAFETY: Agricultural workers stated that the junction was not safe for agricultural vehicles with trailers. If HA deemed the junction at Treguddick safe for agricultural vehicles to turn right then why not all vehicles? Horse riders and cyclists are frequent users too between Lewannick - Polyphant. The closure of the junction would affect access by emergency services to the village. Some residents said that they had never experienced any difficulties with the junction.

BLACKHILL QUARRY The adjoining quarry, owned by Tarmac, is currently closed. However, it will open again generating substantial numbers of HGV traffic movements. We should invite Tarmac to our next meeting. Possibilities of purchasing land from adjoining landowners in the future in order to provide a crossing involving a bridge or underpass was aired.

SPEED: Safety is paramount. Lorries from Blackhill will not go through Polyphant but be forced to turn left onto A30 and will slow the traffic as they gather speed.

In order to control speed two cameras and suitable signage should be in place to either side of the central reservation.

MOVING THE DANGER SPOTS: It was cited that the problem and dangers were merely being moved from one hazard point to another. Residents at Polyphant might cut through Trevell - possibly as dangerous. They would need to take a longer journey to arrive at Lewannick by travelling East to Kennards House requiring three junctions to be negotiated prior to heading West. Some residents considered this journey to be far more hazardous than the crossing at Two Bridges. For residents leaving Lewannick the alternative route via Plusha would have several disadvantages and be more dangerous. The road out of the village in that direction is narrow and any increase in two-way traffic would be likely to increase the chances of collisions and danger to pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders. Traffic from Lewannick would have to negotiate two busy junctions before crossing the A30 on a particularly fast stretch, with the added complication of a busy garage entrance with traffic coming from all directions. Visibility is not as clear as at Two Bridges. The route would also add two miles to the journey for motorists wishing to travel eastbound on the A30 from Lewannick and so would have an economic and environmental impact.

PROPOSED PICNIC AREA AT TWO BRIDGES: Considerable sums of money are to be spent on the picnic area at Two Bridges. This would not improve safety and was considered a ridiculous idea by many present. Residents were urged to write individual letters to their local MP Dan Rogerson (House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA). A further meeting will be held in due course to be advertised in parish newsletter.

Gardening Club

Wednesday 7th September
Talk on Herbs and Herb Growing
Lewannick Village Hall 7.30pm

ALL WELCOME

Enquiries phone Tim Ellis on 01566 86641

Village Hall News

Flower Show

Another excellent turnout this year with many new exhibitors. It was nice to see the entrants in the vegetable and children's classes up on last year. Cup winners were Vegetables - Ken White. Flowers - Jenny Ruskin. Best Geranium - Jenny Ruskin. Best Fuschia - Mrs B Hallsworth. Floral Art - Jenny Eno. Handicrafts - Betty White. Photography - Charlie Simpkin. Cookery - Margo Pridham. Best Vegetable Garden - Pete Ruskin. Best Flower/Ornamental Garden - Christine Balsdon. Children over 6yrs Alice Butler. Children under 6yrs Max Dinnis. The village hall committee thank everyone who helped make this years show a success

Jumble Sale

24th September 2pm

Lewannick Village Hall

Anyone wishing to donate jumble can leave it at Joy White's - Bovetown Farm or Ken and Betty White's - Glebelands.

Advance notice:

Wine & Wisdom - 8th October

For further information on all Village Hall events or to book the Hall for your own event call Margo on 782 767.

Lewannick Amateur Dramatic Society - Pantomime Meeting

Monday 19th September
Lewannick Village Hall

The meeting is to discuss and plan this years pantomime. **Please, please will all those interested in taking part in the panto in any capacity, ATTEND THIS MEETING or give your names to someone who will attend.** This applies to chorus members especially - chorus spaces are limited. Primary school age for chorus please.

New members are very welcome, but we do need to know final numbers for casting purposes by the end of this meeting. We cannot include those who decide to join two days before the first practice!!!

Parents please note; cast members need to attend weekly and in the later stages twice weekly, practices ending between 9.30 and 10.00.

Monthly Coach Trip

The next trip will be to Sidmouth, Thursday 15 September, cost £6.50. For bookings or more details contact June Smith on 782901.

Door to door computer help service in Microsoft office, internet and email.

Help at your home available - Launceston and surrounding areas. £10 per hour. Contact Robert Pratt on 07815 443395

John Peel Day - 13 October 2005

Events will be happening all over the country to celebrate the legendary DJ's contribution to music. If you'd like something to happen here contact David Eno.

LEWANNICK CHURCH NEWS AND DIARY DATES FOR SEPTEMBER

Sunday Services at St Martin's Church

Sun 4 Holy Communion 9.30am
Sun 4 Bowden Derra 8pm
Sun 11 Morning Worship 10am
Sun 18 Holy Communion 9.30am
Sun 25 Family Service 10am

Forthcoming events - July:

Fri 2 Church decorating - all welcome
Tue 20 PCC meeting in Church 7.30pm
Fri 30 Harvest Festival Service and Supper 7pm

Polyphant WI

Our September meeting will be a talk by our Community Police Officer. It will take place in Polyphant Methodist Church Hall at 7.15 pm on Wednesday 28 September. New members and visitors are always welcome. Any further information, please telephone Ann on 880019.

Embroiderers Guild, Inny Vale Branch

Next meeting 15th September at Polyphant Chapel Hall from 2.00-4.30pm. Further information tel. Bettie on 86381.

Whitmans weather

Just watched another beautiful sunset (27th) whilst counting how many dry days we have enjoyed in August. As you all know, my weather reporting period includes the last week of the previous month which on this occasion blessed us with 2 inches of rain and contributed only one dry day to the month's total!! To put these figures into context, total rainfall for the last four weeks has been 4.5 inches whilst the total number of dry days has been 16.

Comparing these totals with the same slot last year shows remarkable similarity in terms of dry days (just two fewer in 2004) but rather less rainfall this time around: a whole inch less in fact. So August has been a nice dry month then and we have had a half decent summer after all? Not sure that one of my reasonably near neighbours would agree but then he has a second home in Spain!! Surely the weather can't be better there?

And as for next month, my prediction would be... unreliable!! Not too different from August? What do you say? And how would you like to put those thoughts into print? I'm looking for an interested party to take over. Any offers? Please feel free to call me on 782020 if you can find half an hour a month to spare and have an interest in the weather and it's patterns. *Steve Whitman*

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METHODIST CHURCH PREACHERS AND EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

Superintendent Minister

Rev. Roger Green - Tel: 01566 782240

Polyphant Morning Service 10.30 am

Sun 4 David Pett
Sun 11 Anne Rowe (Harvest Festival)
Sun 18 Own Arrangement
Sun 25 Henry Stanbury

Lewannick Morning Service 11.00 am in the Village Hall

Sun 4 Sun. Jenny Parnell
Sun 11 Sue Griffin
Sun 18 Brian Lake
Sun 25 Own Arrangement Service

September Events:

Sun. 4 Circuit Service at Launceston Central to welcome Rev. Tony Cox Super, new Superintendent Minister for the Launceston Circuit 6.30 p.m. Preacher Rev. Cannon Dr. Stephen Blake
Wed 9 Coffee Morning 10.30 - 11.30 a.m. In the Church Hall
Sat 10 Open for Historic Churches Trust Visits 10 a.m.- 6 p.m.
Sun 11 Harvest Festival and Family Service 10.30 a.m.
Wed 14 Harvest Supper. Short Service 6.30 p.m. Supper 7 p.m. For tickets contact members or phone:- 01566 86337, 86262, or 86410

Polyphant Chapel service for George Arthur

Polyphant Chapel has received a kind donation of £50 from some visitors from Scotland.

George and Margaret Arthur have stayed with Trevor and Phyllis Merritt at Tolpetherwin Farm for nearly 40 years. Sadly George passed away on 13th August. Fifteen members of his family came to Polyphant Chapel for a service with Rev. Roger Greene and Pam Sobey as organist. Afterwards they went back to scatter his ashes in the fields, at his request. A fitting end to a good friend.

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Recycling collections:

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

CLOSING DATE FOR OCTOBER NEWSLETTER: SUNDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

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