

Lewannick, Polyphant & Trevadlock Newsletter

Girl Friday found!

Several people kindly volunteered their help with the newsletter, but first past the post was Jayne Young. She has already fulfilled my long ambition to type up some of the early newsletters for the website. These go back to 1986 and are a fascinating record of parish history. They will appear shortly. Thank you Jayne.

May brought good news all round, and got off to a fantastic start with our best May Day ever, drawing a record number of people. Brilliant, and thanks to everyone for making it such a success. Photos will appear on the website soon.

Good news on the Two Bridges junction too. Following a meeting between the Parish Council and representatives of the Highways Agency, we were told that due to the well supported questionnaire and the strong body of local opinion, no further restrictions would be put on the junction, thus allowing free passage of traffic between Lewannick and Polyphant. However, if there is an increase in accidents here this decision may be changed, in consultation with the local community.

The H.A. will be improving the signing to make the junction safer. Lorry movements from the quarry and general safety are to be kept under review.

The film society was given a Parish Council grant of £500 which will help it get off to a good start in the Autumn.

The website also received an increased grant of £200. It now has nearly all the sections originally planned and most recently includes 'Where to Go'. A selection of attractions, beaches and places of interest that are easily within reach of Lewannick for local people and visitors. Let me know if your favourite place isn't listed.

Don't miss the Amateur Dramatic Society's summer party '**Much Moor Fun!**'. This follows in the footsteps of the barn dances at Trenault and is open to everyone. Please support us and have a great night out. See you there!

David

Summer Music Festival

6 - 9 July

with the Dante String Quartet

A fantastic chance to hear this highly regarded string quartet live on your doorstep!

Thur 6 July - Opening Concert at Launceston Mary Magdalen Church.

Fri 7th July - Concert 2 at Trebulet Chapel followed by

Concert 3 - Bohemian Barn Dance at Lezant

Sat 8th July - Concert 4 - Paint the Music!

Concert 5 at Canworthy Water at Trebulet Chapel Hall

Concert 6 Late Night Junction at Canworthy Water

Sun 9th July - Concert 7 at Stoke Climsland.

This year's festival has a Bohemian flavour and includes colourful and captivating works by Dvorak, Smetana, Janacek, Bartok and Kodaly, plus Mozart, Haydn, Beethoven and Schubert.

Enquiries and more info from
Cherry Warne 01566 772 701

Tickets from Peters Langsford Davies,
Solicitors, Westgate, Launceston.

LEWANNICK PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Parish Meeting was held at Polyphant on Wednesday 17 May. Reports were read out from Lewannick Garden Club, Lewannick Amateur Dramatic Society, Lewannick Village Hall, Inny Vale Branch of Embroiderers' Guild, St Martins Church, Polyphant Women's Institute, Lewannick Film Society, Newsletter, Lewannick Parish Website and Polyphant Church.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and said how sorry we were to have received Kevin Jasper's resignation. He has been a valued member of our council and we thank him for the time and effort he has put in for the parish and wish him well. We continue to maintain the village clock, bus shelter and Lewannick and Polyphant Greens, also the seats in the parish have been refurbished and we intend to have them treated each year. Thanks to the Gardening Club, Polyphant has a new notice board. We are entering the third year of planned maintenance of the trees on Polyphant Green and are actively investigating the possibility of grants to enable us to clear the overgrown parts which still remain. The road crossing the green is due to be resurfaced this year. You will all have noticed that Blackhill Quarry has reopened. The permission granted is subject to new conditions set by the County Council, some of which will help with the problem of the Two Bridges' junction. Which brings me neatly to the subject very near to our hearts. You showed by the high turnout for the two meetings we held to discuss the problem of the junction just how concerned you were about safety. Highways and their agents were so impressed by your arguments that they held a survey in the parish covering the interaction of our two villages and the use of the junction, and promised to reconsider their plans and then liaise with the Parish Council. On May 10th your Councillors met with Helen Phillips from Highways, and Peter Ewings from Parsons Brinckerhoff. First of all let me stress that there is no money in the Highways' kitty to sort our junction out properly with a flyover, and that a speed limit is not regarded as feasible. But, and it is a big but, Highways was impressed with the amount of public opinion shown, namely the two well attended public meetings and the high response to the questionnaire. 187 questionnaires were returned, 102 of them (55%) expressed an opinion against a ban on a right hand turn from Polyphant and 9 (5%) expressed an opinion for. This majority verdict caused Highways to think again and they have come up with a proposed future programme (subject to funding). They will not implement the right hand band which would require the support of local communities to take the scheme through the Traffic Order process. However, this decision is not set in stone but the majority weight of public opinion has won this first battle. Highways will be monitoring incident reports at the junction and it is up to us all to be doubly vigilant when using the junction, especially in the light of increased activity at the quarry. Part of the new quarry conditions imposed by the County Council include an agreement that all HGVs exiting the quarry will turn left when joining the A30, turning, if necessary, at Kennards House, and that vehicle activated signs be erected warning of turning HGVs plus new junction signage. Highways propose

to liaise with quarry management to try to connect up with the VAS for the westbound carriageway. But, this will take time to be implemented and, again, there is the question of funding. The centre reserve loop at the top of the hill will be closed except for farm vehicles. All traffic from Tolpetherwin depot must turn left on to the A30. The councillors voiced their concerns about the developments at the picnic site, registering their opinion that it should not be situated at such a dangerous junction. We expressed our concern again that the proposed new wooden pedestrian bridge exits to the road just where fast traffic sweeps in from the A30. Helen Phillips promised to take this opinion back to her superiors. For the success the Parish Council have had in conveying your opinions to Highways I would like to thank our Councillors, our Clerk, our MP Dan Rogerson, our District Councillor Graham Facks-Martin, and our County Councillor Neil Burden, all of whom have lobbied dedicatedly on your behalf. We must also thank Highways and Parsons Brinckerhoff for appreciating our concerns about safety, listening to our views and then taking them into account in trying to find a solution to this problem.

The Treasurer's Report explained that our expenditure was £7,131 (£8,522 last year). Lewannick/Polyphant Green £2,300, Polyphant Trees £1,440, insurance £476 are our major expenses. Grants were awarded to Polyphant Chapel, Trevadlock, Lewannick Church, Website, Playgroup and Village Hall and again grants have been awarded to these important aspects of the parish. Following the Annual Parish Meeting the Ordinary Meeting commenced. Planning, which was supported, Darkes Farm, Polyphant, J R Fuller, conversion of games room/laundry to residential unit, Trelydia House, Lewannick, Mr J Preston demolition of existing stone outhouse and erection of extension, G & J Developments, land off cottage gardens, Lewannick, erection of one pair of semi-detached dwellings with parking spaces. Applicants which have been approved: Mr and Mrs M Sandercock, Plusha Cross, erection of two storey extension to west elevation; Mr and Mrs S Langdon, erection of single storey rear extension to living accommodation and formation of vehicular access off the highway and parking area and Mr and Mrs C Davey, proposed store for motor caravan.

We have received a complaint regarding dog fouling on the public footpath adjacent to Polyphant Church. In order to ensure that this problem does not continue we have ordered a dog bin which will be erected at the commencement of this footpath. However, it is hoped that all dog owners will behave in a responsible manner and consider other users when they exercise their dogs.

Finally, the green at Polyphant has a number of wildflowers that need to self seed before we start regularly mowing. We maintain this green and would kindly request that no-one else mows as the tightness of the cut will prevent the wildflowers from flourishing. It is noted that there are some rather rare orchids that are becoming established once again on our green and this is a clear result of our careful ongoing maintenance programme. Our next meeting will be at Lewannick on Wednesday June 21.

Village Hall News

People flocked from far and wide to this year's Mayday Celebrations and the general opinion was that it was one of our best yet. The maymaids were very popular and will be back, the dancing was just about perfect and the stalls had something for everyone young and not so young. To top it all we were very lucky with the weather. A huge thank you to all the helpers on the day and to Rachel Fuge for opening the event. A record amount was raised for Village Hall funds, just under £1600.

Also thank you to all who entered the quiz this raised £85 for hall funds.

As you can see we have raised quite a bit for the hall which will be put to good use. The disabled toilet is now installed so we are fully accessible for disabled users. Many thanks to Andrew Jones and Horizon Home Improvements who generously paid for installation of the toilet. We have had the majority of the electrical work done to bring the hall up to modern standards with just a little more to be completed. We have some new, more comfortable chairs and hope to purchase more later in the year. The outside of the hall will soon be painted and then we hope to redecorate the inside. Thank you all for continuing to use the hall and for supporting our fundraising events.

Coming up are a **jumble sale** in July (date in next months newsletter) jumble can be left at Joy White's or at Margo's and an early notice for the **Flower Show** which will be held in August. (Information about classes can shortly be found on the Flower Show page of the website www.lewannick.info)

Thank you to Lyne and Pete from the Archer Arms for donating a petrol lawnmower for cutting the Churchyard.

Lewannick Amateur Dramatic Society's Summer Party

Able bodied men - can you spare just a few hours on **Saturday 10th June** to help us prepare for the MOOR PARTY? Lifting, chainsawing and other man-type things! Women please come and encourage, give sensible directions and make coffee! (ok you can bring your chainsaws too!) Phone Jenny for more info 782070

ELLIS NURSERIES

Growers of Hardy Perennial Plants.

Even bigger range of top quality plants this year at very reasonable prices. Take a walk around new ornamental gardens.

Opening every Thursday to Saturday, through to October 9.00am - 5.00pm.

(Just off Polyphant Green)
Medrow Bungalow, Medrow, Polyphant.
Tel: 01566 86641

SEE US AT THE ROYAL CORNWALL SHOW!

Recycling collections:

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

CLOSING DATE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER: SUNDAY 25th 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 4 Holy Communion 9.30am
Sun 4 Bowden Derra 8pm
Sun 11 Morning Worship 10am
Sun 18 Holy Communion 9.30am
Sun 25 Family Worship 10am

Events

Sun 25 Strawberry Tea 3.00 to 5.00pm

Future Events

July 22 Church Fete
Sept 17 Jazz Concert at Middle Tremollet

More rain in Polyphant

Following the driest April since 1984, we appear to be on course for a very wet May. The rainfall at Trelaske for the month 21/4/06 to 20/5/06 was 98.3 mm (3.87 in). In Polyphant 105mm was recorded (4.13 in) for the same period

Robert Ashford & Tim Ellis

Monthly Coach Trip

The next trip on the 8th June trip will be to Truro, cost £6.00. Bookings/enquiries contact June Smith 782901.

MUCH MOOR FUN!

Bodmin Moor rocks - but this time its legal and with toilets!

Saturday 24th June

8 til late

Lewannick Amateur Dramatic Society's

Annual Summer Party

Live local band Tush with our very own Paul Corner on drums

plus Dave Double Decks disco Bonfire and Barbeque

Fantastic views of the stars over the moor. Free camping!

North Bowda Farm, Bastreet, near North Hill

EVERYONE WELCOME

Entry £5 - Bring your own drinks.
(Directions: go to Trevadlock and take the North Hill road. At the cross roads by the lodge house turn right (Bastreet) and go past Trebartha. Keep to left turns and proceed up steep hill through woods. Over cattle grid - first farm on left. Look out for the signs.)

Gardening Club

Wednesday 7th June Epiphyllums (rainforest cacti)
Talk by Mike Haines
Lewannick Village Hall 7.30pm

Wednesday 5th July Ellis Nurseries, Polyphant - Visit and Social Evening

ALL WELCOME - £1 on the door
Enquiries phone Tim Ellis on 01566 86641

METHODIST CHURCH PREACHERS AND EVENTS FOR JUNE

Superintendent Minister

Rev. Roger Green - Tel: 01566 782240

Polyphant Morning Service 10.30 am (unless otherwise stated)

Sun 4 Henry Stanbury
Sun 11 Brian Lake
Sun 18 Rev. Roger Greene (9.30am)
Sun 25 Philip Medland

Lewannick Morning Service 11.00 am in the Village Hall

Sun 4 Rev. Elizabeth Greene
Sun 11 Jenny Parnell
Sun 18 Rev. Roger Greene
Sun 25 George Bickle

Events

Wed 14 Coffee Morning 10.00 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. In the Church Hall.
Tue 13 Circuit Meeting at Rilla Mill 7.30pm.

Children's Hospice S.W.

Many thanks to Pat for hosting a lovely Coffee Morning at her home on 10th May which raised £143. This, when added to the amount raised at the Polyphant Bazaar, brought the total to £580. A big thank you to everyone for their support and generosity.

Embroiderers Guild, Inny Vale Branch

Next meeting 15th June at Polyphant Chapel Hall from 2-4.30pm. Further information tel. Bettie on 86381.

Polyphant WI

Our June meeting will be on Wednesday 28 June when we will visit Tim Ellis' Nurseries in Medrow Lane. We meet there at 7.15pm. Anyone else who would like to join us would be most welcome. Further information, please tel. Ann on 880019.

Clean up after your dog

For the protection of health, please remember to clean up after your dog. Bag and bin the dog waste or dispose of it at home. The maximum penalty for allowing your dog to foul on the public footpaths and verges is £1000.

The Archer Arms

Lynn and Pete extend a warm welcome to you, with real ale, an open fire and good home cooked food.

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