

# Lewannick, Polyphant & Trevadlock Newsletter

## Thriving Events

This year's May Day Celebrations were the best ever and raised a record amount for the Church repairs, whilst recent Whist Drives and Wine and Wisdom have also been more popular than ever. The next big thing will be the Barn Dance on 17th July, and a lot of work is going into making this a success. Its a lively, entertaining and sociable event, so why not try it this year?

I am having a problem in fitting everything into the Newsletter so for a full report on May Day and the reports from local groups and organisations which were presented at the recent Parish Council AGM, please see the website. This is now supported by the Parish Council, who will use it as a platform to display the full Parish Council minutes, although there will continue to be a shortened version in the Newsletter. I can supply printed copies of anything on the website for those not connected to the Internet *David*

## PARISH COUNCIL

### Lewannick Parish Council held a well attended Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday 15 May at Lewannick Village Hall.

Reports from leaders and representatives of various organisations within the parish were read (reproduced in full on the website). The Chairman of the Parish Council, Richard Allen, started his report by thanking his fellow councillors and Elaine, the Parish Clerk, for the support they have given him over the past year. This year has seen the successful conclusion of two major projects. Firstly, the hugely successful and popular Queen's Golden Jubilee Celebrations. Thanks to the hard work of the Council's sub-committee who organised things so well and the participation of everybody who came and enjoyed themselves on what was a glorious day for us all.

Secondly, there has been the restoration of the Parish War Memorial. This year has seen the rehabilitation and restructuring of the site and the restoration of the Memorial itself. This is on-going but nearing conclusion.

On the downside the Council received a setback when the County Council and District Council reneged on the support for a shelter on Polyphant Green. Other sites in Polyphant have been rejected on road safety grounds by either Highways or in the case of one site by our Insurers. We are committed, however, to progressing this matter for the benefit of all residents of Polyphant.

Other matters of concern which need to be addressed are the problems of litter in Lewannick and the common problem of dog fouling in both Lewannick and Polyphant.

This year has seen the end of an era. On behalf of the Council I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ken White for his work over the past thirty years as our District Councillor. We have not seen the last of him, as he will continue to be a valued member of the Parish Council.

Finally, the community spirit in the Parish has impressed me, in the way the various organisations throw their weight behind worthwhile causes. LADS who support the blind, the group who organise our May Day celebrations (last years profits were given towards the work on the War Memorial, this year's to the Church, towards the major repair work needed.) Thanks also to the whist drive organisers who are also passing contributions to the Church repair fund. There are no doubt many others not mentioned, but to whom we are equally grateful for the support they give.

The Parish Council presented their accounts for the year ended 31 March 2003. Monies spent during the year included £4,354.78 War Memorial, Golden Jubilee £859.89, Grass Cutting £1,312.89,

## JIM'S DIARY

**Jim Dawe, a senior resident of Lewannick, was born on October the 20th, 1907. At the age of 96 this year he can recall the days gone by and has probably seen more changes over his time than a good many people. These are his reflections on the way 'twer.**

Jim was born at Larrick farm in South Petherwin where his Father, from Lewannick, and Mother, from Trenhorne, moved to after they married and farmed the land around.

He started at the old school in South Petherwin when he was 4 years old . The building can still be seen not far from the present new primary school. Only the Headmaster's house still survives and is now a private dwelling.

In his early days at South Petherwin school he can recall how the children used to drink from the village pump on the way to and from school. The pump is still there but no longer in use. It was always locked during the summer when water levels were low, but the school had its own well water supply at the time.

It was a one and a half mile daily walk from home to school which was a gentle stroll and gave time to pick the occasional apple from any orchard on the way. The headmaster was Mr Gunner, Miss Laundry was the infants teacher and Miss Bradbury was the 3-4 old years teacher. Mr Gunner was in the TA which was the Home Guard during the war.

There was a flagpole in the school grounds and on Empire Day the headmaster used to raise the Union Jack. On his word all the pupils would salute it as a mark of respect.

The handbell summoned all the pupils from play to classes and the bell is still in use today.

The blacksmith at South Petherwin was Mr Dick Wilton and among Jim's school friends were Harold Jasper, Stewart Turner, Jack Creber and Tom Creber.

The doctor, who attended most needs around the whole of the parish, was in those days Dr Serpell. Later Dr Robson, who lived in Polyphant, took over.

There was always plenty of work to do around the farming areas. At the age of 10, Jim moved with his parents to Trevadlock Farm which was then known as Varlick Farm and owned by Richard Dawe. His Father farmed that and Glebe farm.

Jim started to attend Lewannick school which was in the old school building, still surviving as it was but now converted into flats. Mr Broad was the headmaster and Miss Humphreys was the infants teacher. Miss Wadge taught the 1.2.3 classes. Mr Broad went off to join the army in the first world war and was succeeded by Mr Tonkin as temporary headmaster. He was nicknamed Tomcat due to his various moods, nowadays

Trevadlock Cemetery £425.00, Insurance's £558.91, Trevadlock Bus Shelter £300, maintenance of trees £1,606, Polyphant Play Area £196.00, newsletter £360, maintenance of footpaths £180 and maintenance of parish clock £90.

Richard Allen was re-elected as Chairman, as was the Vice Chairman Patrick Sandercock. Cllrs John Panter, Ken White, John Newbery, Dave Parnell, Iris Curley and Eric Sleep were all elected unopposed. Kevin Jasper and Chris Beckly were elected to fill the two vacancies. The next meeting will be held at Polyphant Village Hall commencing 8pm on Thursday 19 June, members of the public and press being invited. **(Full Parish Council minutes on website - [www.lewannick.info](http://www.lewannick.info))**



Jim photographed at his birthplace, Larrick Farm

known as a stress related syndrome of some sort.

Jim's father was a bell ringer at Lewannick Church during his time and was expected to turn out as part of his job.

*Story and photo by John Cox*

## LETTERS

### Church Restoration

Through the media of this newsletter, I wish to thank the residents of Lewannick for the incredible support which is being shown towards the restoration of the Parish Church. The encouragement felt is heartening and has fired the resolve of the Parochial Church Council to apply themselves to the task ahead.

*Revd. Brian Stamford.*

As treasurer of The Church Restoration Fund, I would like to say a huge THANK YOU to all who have organised and supported the fund Raising of the last couple of months. The sum of £1,200 has been banked by me since the 12/04/03.

*Maureen Lindsay*

### Stolen signs

The signs at Example Cross for Lewannick, The Post Office and The Archer Arms have recently been stolen. CCC has been contacted and new vandal proof signs are being made.

*Dog Walker*

### Polyphant Village Green - Fact and Fiction

- FACT**
1. The Parish Council do not own Polyphant village green neither do they have responsibility for it. They merely have the power to maintain it.
  2. On the 15th July 2002 the Parish Council was asked to publish the procedure by which the public could object to proposed building on an open space. Nothing was ever published - no reply ever received.
  3. On the 15th October 2002 a petition was sent to the Parish Council objecting to the proposed building of a bus shelter on Polyphant village green. This petition contained over thirty signatures including four past councillors and the majority of residents who live around or near the village green. No reply or reaction from the council is recorded other than an attempt at character assassination of the residents who took the trouble to organise it. When the Council were asked to prove their allegations they failed to take up the challenge or to apologise.

**CONTINUED OVERLEAF**

## LEWANNICK VILLAGE HALL NEWS

### Hall Committee Meeting

A well supported Hall Committee meeting was held on Wed 14th May. Matters discussed were Plans for Disabled Facility extension. It was agreed that the hall will undergo building of an extension to incorporate a disabled toilet and new access to comply with European Regulations. Members will investigate all grant aid and funding from various benefactors to finance this plan.

The extension will incorporate the existing flat roof which is to be replaced urgently. Architects have been contacted regarding these improvements. Interior redecoration is planned with the help of volunteers from all groups and parish members to take place during June and July.

The Committee would welcome anyone with brushes, rollers, ladders etc to lend a hand on designated Saturdays. Dates will be announced and a new contemporary colour scheme is planned. New curtains are also on the agenda.

Hopefully funding will be obtained to help with purchase of materials as members are attending a Community Buildings Seminar at Altarnun to investigate help available for projects of this nature.

Future events include the Flower Show in August, so plant your petunias and pamper your perennials. Get your creative juices flowing for the Handicraft section and expose your neighbour in the photography section. Any comments on Hall projects please pass on to the committee.

### Whist Drives

No Whist Drives are planned for June or July. The last event on 17th May was an enjoyable evening with eleven tables in play. Many thanks again to all those who generously donated prizes and helped clear up afterwards.

### Barn Dance

Plans are in hand for a Barn Dance at Trenault Farm on July 19th. Tickets will be on sale soon from local sources. Great fun was had last year. Proceeds to The Dramatic Society. A night to swing your partner or someone else!!!

## CAR BOOT SALE

Saturday 28 June, 2pm  
at Polyphant Chapel Car Park  
Cream teas & refreshments  
Cars £4.00.

Booking details contact Pat on 86121

### Polyphant WI

The June meeting will be at 7.15 pm in Polyphant Church Hall on Wednesday 25 June. Mrs S Goodswen will be the speaker and her subject will be "Along the Coastal Path". Visitors and new members are always welcome. Any further information, please telephone Ann on 880019.

### Inny Vale Embroiderers Guild

Next meeting 19th June. Polyphant Community Centre 2.00-4.00 pm. Further information tel. Bettie on 86381.

### Monthly Coach Trip

Next trip will be in July. Enquiries and bookings, telephone June Smith on 782901.

#### CLOSING DATE FOR JULY NEWSLETTER: SUNDAY 22 JUNE

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## LEWANNICK CHURCH NEWS AND DIARY DATES FOR JUNE

### St. Martin's Church

- Sun 1 Short Communion 9.15am  
Sun 8 Morning Prayer 10.30am  
Sun 15 Family Service 9.15am  
Sun 22 Holy Communion 10.30am  
Sun 29 United Benificence service at Lewannick 10.30am  
Sun 15 Joint service with the Methodists at St Martins 6.30pm  
Sun 1 Bowden Derra 8pm

### Diary Dates

- Sun 22 'Strawberry Tea' at Lewannick Manor from 2.30pm

### General News

Many thanks to everyone in the village for their generous support of the Church Building Fund during the May Day celebrations on May 5th. Great fun, despite the rain!!

## Coffee Mornings

Coffee Mornings at Bovetown in Lewannick have recommenced after a gap of approximately six years. They will be held on the first Wednesday of each month

In May the sum of £65 was raised, with coffee and home made biscuits enjoyed in the garden as well as inside, along with a cake stall and raffle.

The next coffee morning is on Wednesday 4th June at 10.30. All welcome.

## LETTERS continued

4. At a public meeting held on the 7th November 2002 the Chairman, in answer to a direct question, claimed that the minutes of a meeting held early in June 2002 with Highways was supportive of the erection of a bus shelter. In spite of repeated requests the minutes have not been made available even to those councillors and members of the public that attended the meeting.
5. In the Newsletter of December 2002 a report was published stating that the Parish Council had had discussions with N.C.D.C. Planning and the Conservation Officer and they had given their approval. A copy of the Newsletter was sent to the Conservation Officer who replied on the 16 January 2003 that this report was 'totally inaccurate'. Once again there has been no response from the Parish Council and no correction issued or apology made.
6. The Council has repeatedly been asked, under the 'Freedom of Information Act', to provide sight of or copies of supporting documents which they claim to have concerning the erection of a bus shelter on the village green. No response or replies have been received.
7. In total, over a dozen letters from various people have been written to the Council about these proposals over the last nine months without any response except for one short letter which was inaccurate.

### Fiction

Much of the Parish Council minutes concerning the above matters. Minutes should accurately report the tone, business and decisions of the meeting and not written like "House for Sale" particulars where only the attractive items get a mention.

N.B. Copies of all the correspondence are available for inspection.

*Polyphant Resident*

## METHODIST CHURCH PREACHERS AND EVENTS FOR JUNE

### Superintendent Minister

Rev. Roger Green – Tel: 01566 782240

### Polyphant Morning Service 10.30 am

- Sun 1 At Lewannick (11.00am)  
Sun 8 Michael Horrell  
Sun 15 John Symons  
Sun 22 Rev. Roger Greene (9.30am)  
Sun 29 David Venning

### Lewannick\* Morning Service 11.00 am

- Sun 1 Rev. Roger Greene  
Sun 8 Anne Rowe  
Sun 15 Ann Foster  
Sun 22 David Lewis  
Sun 29 Albert Thorne

### \*NB Lewannick services in the Village Hall

### June Events:

- Sun 1 Celebration Day - Shared lunch at 12.15pm after Lewannick service. If anyone would like to join us they would be welcome.  
Sun 8 Overseas Mission Service and Social Responsibility Service at Broadwood 3pm. Guest Speaker Rev. Ian Souter  
Wed 11 At Polyphant Coffee Morning 10.30 – 11.30am.  
Sun 15 Wesley Hymn Evening at Launceston Central with the Central Choir 6.30pm

## Clifftop Art Group

Coach trips -- Monday June 2nd to Falmouth. Tickets £4 members and £6 non-members, leaving the hall at 9.30am. July 4th to Plymouth Theatre Royal and Buckland Abbey. September 9th Glastonbury. Bookings, please phone Mary Holmes 01566 782981 *Phyllis Harrison*

## Leading Lights Pantomime Group

A.G.M. Friday 6th June, 7.30pm at North Hill Village Hall. Everybody welcome to attend. *Phyllis Harrison*

## Whitmans Weather

In May there were 8 dry days and 131mm (5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub>") of rain, compared with May last year when there were 11 dry days and 143 mm (5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>") of rain. This year, to date, there have been 76 dry days, and 437mm (17<sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub>") of rain compared to last year when at this time there had been 53 dry days and 766mm (30") of rain. *Steve Whitman*

## Polyphant Play Area

The play area is now complete and in use by the children of the village. The committee would like to thank everyone who helped with fundraising.

## PLANT SALE

At Medrow Bungalow, Polyphant on Sat 7 June, 10am - 4pm

## A Day at the Beach (in Lewannick!)

North Cornwall Mini Rural Sure Start and the Daycare Trust are celebrating a successful year by bringing the beach inland, giving your children the unique opportunity to feel the sand between their toes in the security of your own village. The event will take place, rain or shine, on the 21st June at Lewannick Village Hall and surrounding grounds at 10am-2pm. Remember to bring a picnic. For more details or if you wish to book transport please contact Lorraine or Claire on 01208 77483.

## Recycling collections

JUNE: Lewannick & Polyphant Tuesday 3rd & 17th. Trevadlock - Tuesday 10th & 24th.