

MOUNT & WARLEGGAN LIFE

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"BIG DO IN THE FIELD"

SATURDAY 27TH JULY

12.30—5.00pm

Food, games & stalls from 12.30

(BBQ / Salad Bar / Cake Stall / Cream Teas)

Book a table top £5 & sell your surplus items/plants/etc

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VEGETABLE, FLOWER & HANDICRAFT SHOW

(Hall opens to general public at 1.pm following judging)

- ⇒ **1.00pm Children's Fancy Dress**
- ⇒ **2.00pm Dog Agility / Obedience Display**
- ⇒ **2.30pm Family Dog Show**
- ⇒ **4.00pm Children's Sports**
- ⇒ **4.30pm Prize Giving & Raffle**

JUNE NEWS FROM TRURO

By the time you read this it will all be done and dusted but as I write it seems almost certain that all parties with the exception of the Conservatives will enter into a 'One and All' administration; but until Tuesday 21st when the Chairman of the Council and the Leader are elected nothing is certain.

I should like to thank all those who voted for me and assure everyone that I am here to work for you all. I am as yet uncertain of what committees I shall sit on and when these will meet (jobs are given out by the Group Leader), but I will be around at the usual events and if there is something you just want a word about don't be shy of coming over.

JULY NEWS from your Cornwall Councillor The new administration in Truro is beginning to settle into shape, hopefully the new governance arrangements will ensure that there is a democratic voice within it. I have decided to stay with a scrutiny role and am on the Scrutiny Management Committee with a remit to scrutinise Homes and Communities Portfolio Advisory Committee.

Closer to home I have been talking to Parish Councils about Neighbourhood Planning and the possibility of making this an overall plan for the southern part of Bodmin Moor. It seems sensible to me that a Plan covering such items of policy as Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and World Heritage Sites which cross boundaries should be cohesive across those areas with the details of land use for housing, employment etc. developed by the parish

concerned and sitting under the overall structure plan. You will find an excellent description of the process on the Warleggan.net website with a request for your comments on whether you would wish to take part.

This is a real opportunity to shape your community's future for the next 20 years, please do contribute.

As always please contact me if you need my help or just to tell me what you think. Just come up and talk to me if you see me about or Tel 01579 347632,

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C o n t a c t m e o n www.derriswatson.co.uk or on my new facebook page, which I have set up to be a public forum.

WARLEGGAN HISTORY GROUP

A successful visit to Trengoffe on 1st July. Many thanks to the Harris family.

NO MEETING IN AUGUST.

September evening walk to be arranged.

October 23rd — Rob Evans talking about the "Pentewan Railway and the Tea Treat Trains". Many of us met with Rob at Pentewan in May when he did a "walk / talk" around the village.

WARLEGGAN CHURCH

12.30PM

TUESDAY 20th AUGUST

Bring a picnic, gardening tools, etc this is our annual tidy up prior to St Bartholomew's Day

SATURDAY 31ST AUGUST

CHURCH FETE AT

THE OLD SCHOOL HOUSE

Cream teas / cake / plant stalls / raffle etc.

JULY 2013

My mother loved sorting out the cupboard in which the family's bed linen was kept; she loved to create order. I myself enjoy ironing and organising the clean washing into everyone's respective pile. In a chaotic world where so much lies completely beyond our control, it is good to find areas where we can be responsible and do something that contributes to the smooth running of one's immediate environment. Just recently, the Vicarage's drains got blocked (again!) and I had to call the Diocese for help. Not only were they immediately responsive but then the well known company that they used, sent a man who could not have been more helpful and cheerful. It made me wonder whether I would not quite like working unblocking drains; given the right kit, it would be a rewarding job. Once again: order restored when there was a rising tide of chaos, if not actual panic.

You may wonder where this little essay is going. Well, sometimes I think that we forget just how much we owe to those whose task it is to maintain good order in our society. The Police of course; Traffic Wardens; Magistrates and Judges; the Armed Forces; our Politicians. Yes, our politicians; we elect them, or fail to elect them. Shame on us if we do not use, or we waste our votes. Even if we disagree profoundly with our elected leaders, we are bound to respect them. Anyone who is prepared to stand for elected office is making themselves vulnerable. And, in the wake of Bandsman Lee Rigby's death, we all realise how those who serve the Crown are putting themselves in the way of harm – for our sakes.

Christians are called to be good citizens and contributors to the common good. We should try to promote understanding, especially of those who seem very different to us. After all, we are called to love our enemies and to bless, not curse. Not an easy vocation, but in the end good order cannot be imposed by force. It has to be won by goodwill. **Andrew**

WARLEGGAN CHURCH OF ENGLAND

SUNDAY SERVICES FOR JULY 2013

7.vii.	9.30am	Holy Communion
14.vii.	3.00pm	Evening Prayer
21.vii.	9.30am	Holy
28.vii.	3.00pm	Evening Prayer

SUNDAY SERVICES FOR AUGUST 2013

4.viii.	9.30am	Holy Communion
11.viii.	3.00pm	Evening Prayer
18.viii.	9.30am	Holy Communion
25.viii.	3.00pm	Evening Prayer

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FRIDAY 12TH JULY

AT 7.30PM

JUBILEE HALL, MOUNT

Adults : £3 / Children under 11 free

Refreshments & Raffle

WARLEGGAN & CARDYNHAM WI

APRIL / MAY MEETINGS

Mrs Ball reported on our very enjoyable visit to Trelawney Garden Centre in April where members spent the afternoon looking around and purchasing various plants followed by much needed refreshment in the Carriages Restaurant. At our May meeting we discussed the many opportunities available to members on offer through the County Newsletter and afterwards, yes much needed refreshment, again in the form of a cream tea!

Competition winners— "Teapot stand" 1st Mrs M Harris; 2nd Mrs M Willcock; 3rd Mrs B Jory. Flower of the month – 1st Mrs J Tucker; 2nd Mrs M Harry; 3rd Mrs M Harris.

May birthday – Mrs B Keast 90 years old – a founder member.

Raffle winner – Mrs B Keast and Mrs M Smeeth.

JUNE MEETING

Our President, Mrs Ball, welcomed members to the June meeting. The speaker, Rhona Ewing Director of Clinical Services at Cornwall Hospice Care, gave us a very interesting insight into the care of patients at the Hospice. She talked about the many lifesaving treatments which are now available for people who are suffering, in the main from cancer, which enable them to have quality of life and many to recover fully. Mrs Pollard thanked the speaker.

Competition winners— "Five items for a First Aid Kit" 1st Mrs J Tucker; 2nd Mrs M Ball 3rd Mrs M Harris. Flower of the month – 1st Mrs M

Ball; 2nd Mrs M Harris; 3rd Mrs M Willcock.

June birthdays – Mrs Mrs J Tucker and Mrs M Ball.

Raffle winner – Mrs M Ball.

Tea Hostess – Mrs J Tucker.

We meet the first Tuesday of each month at the Warleggan Jubilee Hall at 2.30pm you will be made very welcome.

VEGETABLE & FLOWER SHOW

BIG DO—REMINDER!!

Hopefully by now you have all perfected your Madeira Cake and Treacle Tart recipes and not put on too many pounds in the interim with the practice sessions!

Flowers and vegetables are now coming into their own so hopefully there will be many entries in these classes

Judges are all lined up anticipating some hot competition Get out there in this beautiful weather and snap a winning photograph

ST NEOT

FLOWER FESTIVAL

Open from

22nd Evening

(Art Exhibition preview) —

Late 26th August

MOUNT CHAPEL NEWS

We had a great time at our annual Plant Sale raising £900 plus. Although officially commencing at 10am people were there earlier to catch any bargains on the bakery stall!! Always a winner with our customers. The plants also this year were of outstandingly good value (my garden being testament to that fact!!). On Sunday 7th July the Rev Robert is holding a special "Messy Church". These services are of great appeal especially to children so please come and support us and have a great time. All Sunday Services are at 11.00am—anyone is welcome to join us in worship.

Diane

VILLAGE GREENS

Tony has reluctantly retired from helping us since he has not been too well recently, so its a big thank you and farewell to him, and a warm welcome to John Hammond, who has kindly volunteered to take up Tony's role helping us with pricing and shelf stacking.

All the volunteers deserve a huge debt of gratitude, without them the shop simply could not carry on. So, Lynda, Helen, Jennie, Andrew, Mary, Dee, Simon, John, Derek and Di. **THANKYOU!**

CHURCH ORGAN UPDATE

At long last the work on the organ is almost complete. For over four months there have been so many pipes, weights, boards, wire frames, etc, all around the church that it seemed impossible that they could ever again be fitted within a relatively small space. However the

HELP REQUIRED!

This is your Parish News-letter PLEASE LET ME KNOW when it is a special birthday / anniversary / birth / celebration / etc

Perhaps a short personal history—" *Why I came to live in the Parish*"

I can only work with the information I am given so please do not hesitate to either call me 01208

821494 or email

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organ is back in action and all that remains to be done is some fine tuning.

The total cost was just under £14,000 and we are hoping that the War Memorials Trust will make a substantial contribution towards that—they have been most sympathetic towards the whole project. During the renovation there have been several inquiries about the organ and we would appreciate any information about where it came from: the brass plate says "*Heards 1920*" but whether it was new at the time or whether it was re-assembled from elsewhere is not known. Heards of Truro went out of business years ago so records are difficult to find.

The fact remains that it is unusual

to find an organ of such quality in a small moorland church. The prim mover in the securing of the organ for Warleggan was Alfred Tilley, brother-in-law of the Rector, The Revd Leggo: he was a retired mining engineer, organist and lay-reader and at this time he also lived in the Rectory next door. He died in October 1937 and his obituary celebrated his achievement in bringing the "*Peace & Victory*" organ to Warleggan.

In due course, probably in early September, we will hold a Service of Re-dedication followed by an organ recital. More information when we have finalised arrangements but we have hopefully secured the very talented Peter Dyke who is an organist at Hereford Cathedral. (*Ed: a major coup for Pat who has laboured extremely hard over this project*)

OUR OWN BEVIN BOY

Bevin Boys were young British men conscripted to work in the coal mines of the United Kingdom from December 1943 until 1948. Chosen at random from conscripts but also including volunteers, nearly 48,000 Bevin Boys performed vital but largely unrecognised service in the mines, many of them not released from service until years after the Second World War ended. Ten percent of those conscripted aged 18–25 were selected for this service.

Creation of the programme

The programme was named after Ernest Bevin who was Minister of Labour and National Service in the wartime coalition government. At

the beginning of the war the Government, underestimating the value of experienced coal-miners, conscripted them into the armed forces. By mid-1943 the coal mines had lost 36,000 workers. It became obvious the miners needed to be replaced. The government made a plea to men liable to conscription, asking them to volunteer to work in the mines instead, but few accepted and the shortage continued.

By December, Britain was becoming desperate for a continued supply of coal both for the war effort and winter at home. It was decided that some conscripts would be directed to the mines. The colloquial name "Bevin Boys" came from the speech Bevin made announcing the scheme:

"We need 720,000 men continuously employed in this industry. This is where you boys come in. Our fighting men will not be able to achieve their purpose unless we get an adequate supply of coal."

From 1943 to the end of the war one in ten of the young men called up was sent to work in the mines. This caused a great deal of upset as many of the young men wanted to join the fighting forces and many felt that they were not valued.

Selection of conscripts

To make the process random, one of Bevin's secretaries would each week pull a digit from a hat containing all ten digits, 0–9, and all men liable for call-up that week whose National Service number ended in that digit were directed to work in the mines. Conscripts came from different professions, from desk work to heavy labour, and

included those who might otherwise have become commissioned officers.

Rex Chipman



Rex who now lives in The Stable at Bofindle Farm with his wife Shirley was one such conscript. When Rex was 14 he left school and from his home at Menzies Downs, Bolventor, went to work at Hawkstor China Clay Works as the kettle-boy. But at the end of 1944 when aged 18 he was called up and his National Service number that week assigned him to work in the mines. He was sent up to Oakdale, north of Caerphilly, for 4 weeks' training. To the young Rex this seemed fine wearing the white overalls supplied and learning the ways of the mine whilst sitting in smart white classrooms. Nothing could have been further from the reality when he was sent to Tower Colliery, near Aberdare in South Wales where he spent 5 years working underground down dark, dank tunnels. Conscripts were supplied with helmets and steel-capped safety boots. Bevin Boys did not wear uniforms or badges, but the oldest clothes they could find. Tower Colliery is a drift mine which the men went down by a wagon on

an incline to their working depth. Each "Boy" was set to work with an experienced miner known as a "Principal". Rex's induction to coal mining was hard. He was set to work on a seam only 2'6" high where he dug out the coal with pick and shovel, loaded it into a sort of basket which he dragged back to their wagon by the light of the battery-powered head lamp. Each Principal and Boy had their own numbered wagons to check on the tonnage they were producing. The full wagons were then drawn by heavy pit ponies (who lived underground permanently) to the bottom of the incline where they were drawn up to the surface by wire hawser.

After 12 months on the 2'6" seam, Rex moved to work under another Principal on an 8' seam and later a 6' seam. By the time he was working on the 6' seam he had earned the trust of the mine managers and was given two docketts to collect equipment – one for his head lamp and one for an oil lamp which they took down the mine to test for gas. You turned the flame right down on the lamp and if gas was present it would shoot up again.

Not only were the Boys digging out the coal but also fixing pit props and arms over the top to keep the roof up over the seam as they progressed forward.

For working in these hot and dusty conditions Rex was paid the handsome sum of £2.8s.2d per week. Out of that £1.10s.0d was deducted for lodge in the Miners Hostel and 2s.6d for providing 3 sandwiches and a bun every day. The Boys had

to provide their own clothes. The only respite was coming home at Christmas and 2 weeks' holiday in August when the pit closed down. However although the Boys were entitled to 2 railway passes to get them home they had to pay 7s.6d for each of them

End of the programme

The programme was wound up in 1948. At that time the Bevin Boys received no medals, nor the right to return to the jobs they had held previously, unlike armed forces personnel. Bevin Boys were not fully recognised as contributors to the war effort until 1995, 50 years after VE Day, in a speech by Queen Elizabeth II.

On 20 June 2007 Tony Blair informed the House of Commons that thousands of conscripts who worked down mines during the Second World War would receive an honour. The prime minister told the Commons the Bevin Boys would be rewarded with a Veterans Badge – similar to the HM Armed Forces Badge awarded by the Ministry of Defence.

The first badges were awarded on 25 March 2008 by the then Prime Minister, Gordon Brown marking the 60th anniversary of discharge of the last Bevin Boys.

The largely unsung contribution the Boys made to the Second World War was further recognised when in May 2013 a memorial to the Bevin Boys was unveiled by the Countess of Wessex at The National Memorial Arboretum at Alrewas, Staffordshire.

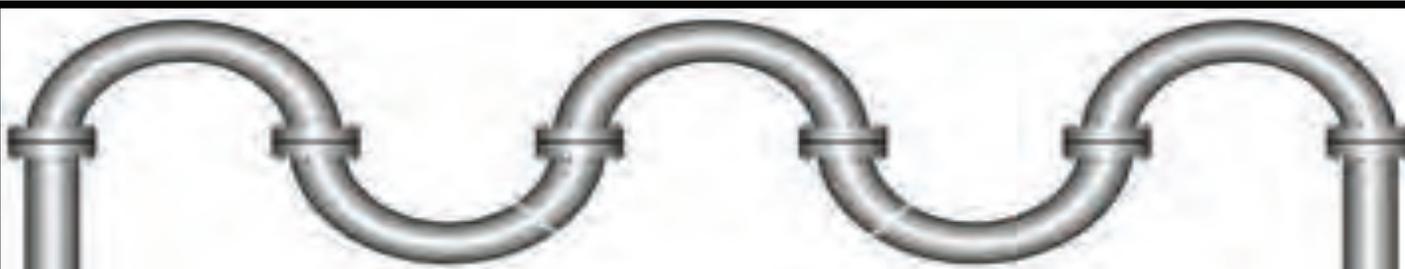


Return Home

In 1948 when Rex returned to Bolventor he was able to again work at Hawkstor and then later farmed at Coombe House at St Neot before retiring to Mount.

During his time working at Tower Colliery, Rex was able to continue his passion for playing football – goalkeeper was his favoured position at which he excelled. He was offered the opportunity to play professionally but footballers were not being paid millions of pounds then and Rex stuck to working at Hawkstor, farming and playing for St Neot football team. Luckily he did, as it was through football that he met Shirley who had been persuaded to take him back to Bolventor after the matches in her Hillman Minx and one day asked him if he “Would like to go the pictures?” Rex and Shirley were married in 1955 with the family being complete when along came Mervyn.

We are proud of our quiet unassuming Bevin Boy who worked so hard during those War years and afterwards, helping to ensure that we now have our freedom.



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 Pilates Beginners 10.45am-11.45pm
 Warleggan Young Farmers' Club
 Weekly Meeting 7.30 pm

TUESDAY

WI 1st Tuesday 2.30pm

WEDNESDAY

4th Wednesday History Group 7.30pm
 (unless stated otherwise)

FRIDAY—WEEKLY

Village Greens Friday Shop 9.00am –2.00pm

SPECIAL EVENTS**HISTORY GROUP -SEPTEMBER**

Evening walk to be arranged

OCTOBER 23rd

Illustrated talk on Pentewan Railway

FIRESIDE TALES SPECIAL

Friday 12th July 7.30pm

Life on the Falkland Islands
 with Susie Hansen a born & bred Islander

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