

# MOUNT & WARLEGGAN LIFE

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Thanks to everyone who came along and supported us.

Messy Church continues once a month—see notice board for dates. On 8th August at 7.00pm we have a Sankey Evening with Chairman Kevin Grant. This will be followed by refreshments. All welcome.

**LETTER FROM THE  
FALKLAND ISLANDS**

As I write this I am a week away from starting my journey to Cornwall. This will involve me flying to Stanley a few days before my flight to UK, an hour car journey to the airport on the morning of departure, check in is between 5 and 6 for civilian passengers, military are able to check in later. So you have to be up and leave at 4am in the depth of darkness being winter here. You then go through check in and sit in the most uninviting boring departure lounge for 3 or 4 hours if you are lucky if the flight takes off on time. Flying approximately 8 hours to Ascension Island where you land for the aircraft to refuel and have a crew change. Passengers have to disembark, where we are then 'locked in the sheep pen' – this being the local term! As it is an American military airbase you are counted into and out of a large metal high fenced pen where there are seats and a small shop and one gents toilet and one ladies toilet and you are usually on the ground an hour and a half, most of this time can be spent

queuing for the toilets or the duty free shop. No presents from Ascension from me I'm afraid I'm not fond of queuing, not something we have to do a lot of on the Falklands! They then count you back on-board where you have a further 9 hours flight.

On arrival at Brize Norton (Military airbase) I am met by friends and usually have a few days with them before getting on a train and heading for Cornwall. You have to produce your passport at Brize Norton and are then issued with a special pass to get in, no passport, no pass and you don't get through the gates.

My month leading up to coming over has been very busy. I have had workers doing some ditching, opening up ditches to reduce stock losses, a massive farm project that is being partly support and funded by the Agricultural Department throughout the Islands to try and reduce sheep losses. Falkland farm land has a lot of ditches that are dangerous to stock but hiring men and diggers is not always economical for farmers. Sheep losses from general deaths and ditches average 10% around the Islands, it is hoped the ditching program will reduce this considerably.

Because I live so far away from everywhere I've had the workers staying with me for three weeks and because a friend owns the digger and contract business they have also been digging out and carting some rock for me for projects around the farm. So after 3

weeks of 6am starts in the middle of winter, dark cold mornings plus my job with the little Autistic boy means two and a half hours drive for me 4 or 5 days a week (since my hours have been increased) I was getting home at the end of the day with half hour to spare before dark to do my chores. Then cook the ditching lads a meal. A lot of time spent doing jobs outside and feeding up the animals etc with a head torch! Therefore I am very much looking forward to some summer, if not as much sun as last year then at least some long hours of daylight!

My time in Cornwall will be broken up somewhat this time as I am off to Belgium to visit friends there along with my good friend Wendy and Matthew (my son for those who don't know) who will be joining me in August for his end of term holiday. Also the family with the little autistic boy I work with will be in UK for him to have medical test and assessments. So I will be joining them for some of his tests at St Thomas hospital in London. I will also be visiting London to do some touristy things with my friend Wendy and visiting her in her recently purchased new house in Ross on Wye. She also owns a house in the Falklands; she is a retired teacher and taught Matthew all through his primary years.

We recently had a visit from the travelling hair dresser who sets up in the social club in Hill Cove where there are 5 families based (about half hour drive from where I live). The social club is much like your

Mount Hall but as well as selling tea and cakes it has a bar too. We occasionally hold dances and social events in there too. The young girl sets up at one table and the rest of the customers and locals sit around drinking tea and/or alcohol. She does haircuts and colours and waxing and tanning. Last visit several of us had haircuts we all sit there having our hair cut as we chat away and my friend had her legs waxed, there we all are everyone carrying on as normal everyone drinking and chatting as among it all Dawn is getting a leg wax! I did have my eyebrows done and one old chap who had by this time consumed several whiskies was getting rather cheeky and rather interested in the waxing procedure ..... only in the Falklands! There are many disadvantages of living in such isolation but it is such a close knit community with wonderful community spirit where the majority of people will drop everything to help their friends and neighbours.

**Susie Hansen**

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## WARLEGGAN HISTORY GROUP

**WEDNESDAY 23RD  
JULY at 7.00PM**

### **A WALK AROUND FOWEY**

Sally & Ros will take us on a guided tour through Fowey with it's rich maritime history.

Meet in the Station Car Park (follow the direction signs to the Bodinnick Ferry at the roundabout at the top of Fowey and stop in the first car park on the left—parking fee £2.50).

**Please ensure you are at the meeting point at 6.45 p.m. so that we can start on time. The walk is relatively level and easy going with a number of stops and last about one and a half hours.**

ALL WELCOME NON-MEMBERS £1 / MEETING

### **CHURCH NEWS**

Some of you may have already had cause to use our new parking area, for which we are very grateful to Keith Hill for cutting the grass on a regular basis. Many thanks also go to Andrew Lane, Andrew Rowe, John Keast for opening up an entrance from the car park through the concrete wall in the new churchyard and not forgetting David Flynn who provided the required electricity. In due course a gate will be hung (gifted by Andrew Rowe) in the present gap. Isaac Hill has done a splendid job in digging out and spreading hardcore at the entrance. Pay & Display machine next!

*From Pat Phillipps* "The End of an Era! It will soon be fifteen years since Andrew became Rector of

Warleggan. During his tenure he has been wholeheartedly supportive of our attempt to keep Warleggan a viable and active church. When he first came he promised to take a service a week in each of his three churches and has kept promise, even when three turned into four. Many lesser men (or women) would have been daunted by the lack of adequate heating and, in his early years, water constantly dripping through the roof; but advising his congregation to wear warm clothing he set an example with his woolly hat and mittens.

During his ministry we have not only continued to exist but in some ways the positives have increased; we have a new roof, a restored organ and at long last, better parking facilities. Such things do not happen unless there is great support and encouragement. We wish Andrew and Linda a long and happy retirement, though now with six grandsons it is unlikely to be entirely restful! We hope that the service he takes on August 3rd will not be his last in Warleggan."

We look forward to seeing as many of the parishioners as possible at **Andrew's Retirement BBQ at Chykest, Warleggan from 6.00pm Friday 11th July**. Please give Gill a call on 821494, if you have not already done so, to book your food. We are hoping to make this a great get-together for Andrew and Lynda and family to show our appreciation of his dedicated ministry.

On 4th June there was the funeral of Colin Jackson, prior to interment in the churchyard. Our heartfelt sympathy goes to his family.

## ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, WARLEGGAN

AUG

3rd	9.30am	Holy Communion	Balfour's last stand!
10th	6.00pm	Evening Prayer	
17th	9.30am	Morning Prayer	
24th	6.00pm	Evening Prayer	
31st	11.00am	Holy Communion Joint Service with St Neot at Warleggan Church	Revd Tony Hodge

SEPT

<b>6th</b>	<b>2-4pm</b>	<b>GARDEN PARTY OLD SCHOOL HOUSE</b>	
7th	9.30am	Holy Communion	Revd Tony Hodge
14th	6.00pm	Evening Prayer	
21st	9.30am	Morning Prayer	
28th	6.00pm	<i>Harvest Festival Songs of Praise TBC</i>	

JULY 2014

Oh dear! In this, my second to last contribution to the Parish Magazines, I fear I have to admit to a long-standing error on my part, and so make an apology. For the whole of my ministry as a Deacon and a Priest, I have always erred on the side of liberty; my reading of the Bible tends to make me feel that the Almighty enjoys diversity and difference and is full of compassion and mercy. Just look around you at your neighbours and their gardens: not one looks quite the same as another. But sometimes being easy-going gets you into trouble, and I have realised that I need to clear up one of my mistakes before someone new comes as your pastor and has to start by enforcing rules that I have allowed to be broken.

Here goes then, and my apologies to anyone who may feel offended or think that I am behaving unfairly. In the Diocesan Handbook for Clergy, it states clearly that: ***“Wreaths and cut flowers may also be laid on a grave, but must be removed as soon as they have withered. No artificial flowers are allowed except for Remembrance Day poppies and traditional Christmas wreaths, which must be removed after a period of not more than two months.”*** Please, therefore, could anyone who has plastic flowers on a grave or memorial stone remove them. I am sorry to be having to draw your attention to this rule, better now perhaps than in my final article.

And thank you so much to all those who look after their family memorials and to those who cut and tidy the churchyards. It makes all the difference to see fresh flowers and mown grass. Gardening cannot be left entirely to the Almighty!

**Andrew**

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**HOME FIELD, MOUNT—PART OF THE BIG DO!**

**3.00pm SATURDAY JULY 26th 2014**

**JUDGE : STEPHANIE SMITH (Blueyonda)**

**CLASSES £1 / entry.** Puppy 6—12 months old; Best pedigree sporting; Best pedigree non-sporting; Best child handler; Prettiest bitch; Handsomest dog; Best party trick; Best brace (matching or opposite); Best veteran (7 years and over); Best rescue. **All first place winners to compete in Best in Show / Reserve Best in Show / Best Puppy**

Yes, it's that time of year again to get your dog trained up, teeth cleaned, nails clipped, shampooed and brushed for entry into the Family Dog Show. Who knows perhaps 2014 will be your dog's championship year!! All entries will be taken on the field at the beginning of each class.

**WARLEGGAN  
WWI COMMEMORATION  
MONDAY 4TH AUGUST  
AT 6.00PM**

Dedication of four oak trees in memory of those who made  
the ultimate sacrifice

This will be take place in the new church grave yard / parking area

**LEST WE FORGET – Part 2**

**Thomas Henry Knight** was born at Pantersbridge, St Neot on 24<sup>th</sup> April 1888, the second son of William Peter Knight and his wife Mary. On 9<sup>th</sup> September the four month old boy was wrapped up in a fine shawl and baptised at Mount Bible Christian Chapel. At that time Peter Knight was working as a labourer but by 1893 the family were living at Mount Post Office just behind the War Memorial.

We believe Tommy (as he became known) at the age of 14 started work with a road gang repairing the local roads. Tommy had early ideas of joining the army and in August 1909 aged 21 he applied to join the Royal Corp of Engineers. The scars recorded on his Short Service Record appear to tell of a somewhat rough life either poaching or working as an Engine Driver.

*Peter and Mary Knight with  
Tommy outside The Post Office*



However, 82 days after joining he was "Discharged having been found not being likely to become an efficient Soldier". Was Tommy not cut out for the regimental life of the army?

By the time of the 1911 census he is back home and describes himself as an "Engine Driver" and his work as "Steam Threshing". He certainly became renowned as

something of a poacher in the neighbourhood and kept the family well supplied with rabbits and game.

However, that work was interrupted by the Great War and shortly after the outbreak of War Tommy enlisted at Bodmin into the Royal 1<sup>st</sup> Devon Yeomanry – No. 2503.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Devons spent the first twelve months of the War based around St Osyth, just west of Clacton, in Essex in the Machine Gun Section to protect the country against any invasion.

Neither unlimited drill nor limited amusements were compensation for remaining in England when there was so much to be done overseas; so when, early in September 1915, the War Office invited the regiments of the brigade to volunteer for service overseas there was no hesitation about the answer. Tommy joined the 9<sup>th</sup> Battalion Devonshire Regiment in France on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1915. This Regiment like many others fought in some really horrific battles including Loos, the Somme, Ypres and Flanders. Tommy must have endured some horrendous conditions in these engagements and seen many of his comrades lose their

lives. The 9<sup>th</sup> Devons took part in what became the first day of what has become known as "The Somme" on 1<sup>st</sup> July 1916.

During the Great War of 1914- 1918, the corner of Belgium in the area of Ypres saw an almost continual bloody struggle where the fighting reached tremendous depths of horror and destruction. In this rough, half-moon shape known as "The Salient", an eternal bond between the Belgian and British nations was formed.

Tommy Knight



To this day that bond is movingly renewed every evening at 8 o'clock when under the impressive Menin Gate Memorial, buglers from Ypres sound the last post in memory of their British allies.

Of Ypres one Private wrote "As far as the eye could see was a mass of black mud with shell holes filled with water. Here and there broken duckboards, partly submerged in the quagmire; here and there a horse's carcass sticking out of the water; here and there a corpse. The only sign of life was a rat or two swimming out to find food and a patch of ground. At night a yellow mist hung over the mud; the stench was almost unbearable. When gas shells came over the mist turned to brown. It smelt like violets. The smell of violets was the sign of danger."

The Devonshire Regiment's Diaries record the events of that fateful month of October 1917 during what became known as the Third Battle of Ypres and the struggle for Passchendaele. For a fortnight in early October Tommy and his comrades in the 9<sup>th</sup> Devons spent some time back from the front line. However, training was difficult, recreation barely possible, real rest unattainable, as the camps were within reach of the German long range guns and their aeroplanes had now developed night bombing of British camps into a regular system. Moreover, knowing what they did of the ground to be crossed ahead of them, few could feel optimistic about the prospects of the next attack. The offensive had to go on, and an attack astride the Menin Road was needed to prevent the Germans thinning that sector to mass troops further north.

On October 24<sup>th</sup> the 9<sup>th</sup> relieved two battalions of the 14<sup>th</sup> Division in the front line. The attack was fixed for 5.40 a.m. on October 26<sup>th</sup>. By 9 p.m. on October 25<sup>th</sup> all were in position. From 4.30 a.m. on 26<sup>th</sup> the German shelling increased and so, too, did the rain. One survivor was to say afterwards, "Whereas on October 4<sup>th</sup> it was just possible to move forward, By October 26<sup>th</sup> it was hopeless. Outside a trench it was impossible to live; inside a trench it was almost impossible to move."

At 5.40 a.m. the 9<sup>th</sup> started forward but almost at once came under an intense line of rifle and machine gun fire from across the road, especially from a pill box known as Lewis House. But the mud and the continuous barrage of fire from the German lines was getting the better of the survivors. At 3.00 p.m. the remnants of the attackers formed a hastily constructed line and it was considered that anyone in front of this position was either dead or a prisoner and our heavy guns delivered a protective barrage of fire in front of it.

Tommy Knight was one of the 143 of the 9th Devonshire Regiment killed on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October 1917 at Polygon Wood, near Gheluvelt, Belgium, where also 151 of the Battalion were wounded, in an action where only one officer survived unscathed. After the battle was over, General Haig's Chief of Staff visited the front and seeing the endless pools of mud and slime, overlaid with the torn and twisted debris of war, he is

said to have burst into tears and cried "Good God, did we really send men to fight in that?".

Tommy is commemorated on a panel of the Tyne Cot Cemetery in Flanders, Belgium – the largest British War Cemetery in the world. At Tyne Cot there are 11,871 marked graves and on the wall at the back of the cemetery are the names of almost 35,000 soldiers (including Tommy) who have no known grave and who fell in the Ypres Salient from August 1917 to the end of the War.



**SUNDAY 10 AUGUST, 2014  
10.30AM TO 5.00PM**

Roger Farnworth loved the wildlife and landscape of Warleggan Parish. He was delighted and intrigued by the fact that the parish is bounded on all sides by rivers and wanted to celebrate this with people in the parish and other lovers of wild spaces. In Roger's name we have planned a Rivers of Warleggan Poetry Day

**We invite you for a magical day of writing poetry and picnicking alongside two of Warleggan Parish's three very different rivers: the Bedalder Dewey and Fowey and at Warleggan Mount Jubilee Hall for writing and sharing. The day will be led by Helen Jagger & Margaret Livingston. Photographers & artists using any media are welcome to join us; work will be put together online and as a booklet for downloading.**

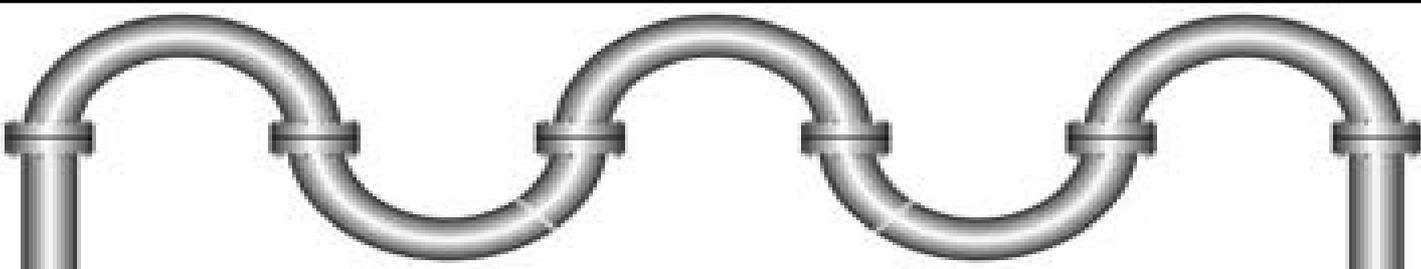
We will work collaboratively on a form of poetry called Renga, which involves each person contributing a few lines to make a whole: more about this will be explained on the day. There will also be time for each person to create their own poems. People are welcome to create their own artworks: sketches, collages, paintings, photographs.

Everyone is welcome: people who have not previously written poetry but would like to have a go, as well as experienced and practising poets. Children aged 7+ who enjoy writing are welcome. We will run separate adults' and children's groups, each led by experienced poets familiar with running workshops with adults and children.

Please book in advance stating how many adults, how many children want to join each group with [cathyfarnworth@hotmail.com](mailto:cathyfarnworth@hotmail.com) and [indianking@btconnect.com](mailto:indianking@btconnect.com)

£10 adults (£5 for residents of Warleggan and adjacent parishes); £2 per child (to a maximum of £5 for 3 or more children). Donations for drinks are appreciated.

Meet at Warleggan Jubilee Hall in the village of Mount, PL30 4ES: coffee and tea, registration at 10.30



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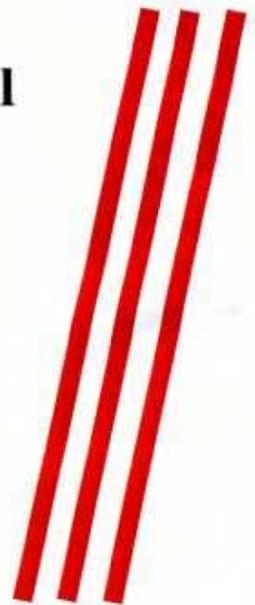
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(Children's Centre St Neot)

**Thurs** 10.00–12.00 Parent & Toddler Group Woodside Early Years  
Centre, Cardinham School Field

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**PM Session over 3years**

**Fri** 09.00–15.00(St. Neot Children Centre)

**PM Session over 3 years**

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**MONDAY**

Warleggan Young Farmers' Club  
Weekly Meeting 7.30 pm

**TUESDAY**

Pilates Mixed Ability Class  
12.00

**WEDNESDAY**

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

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**HISTORY GROUP -**

FOWEY - a guided walk meet Old Station Car Park  
6.45PM PROMPT

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