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- **WEDNESDAY 18 July** Big Do Fresh Ideas / brainstorming meeting We would welcome all new residents of the parish to come along with their suggestions 7.30 PM Jubilee Hall
- **SATURDAY 28 July** Flower/veg/ craft show Schedules available from Henry's porch / Village Greens / Lynda (Shalom)
- **SUNDAY 29 July** Duck Race - Pantersbridge
- **SATURDAY 25 August** Big Do in the Field - combined church/ chapel/hall fete from noon. BBQ / cream teas / sports / games/ stalls / etc

BATS BEHAVING BADLY Part I

My relationship with bats began soon after we established ourselves at Yetta. I had seen plenty of bats before then, of course, and liked to convince myself I could hear high pitched squeaks as they passed close overhead. Bats do in fact produce human-audible sounds in addition to high frequency waves used for echo-location, which are the bedrock of bat detection technology, but I'm not sure I could pick up anything now with my rather tired middle-aged ears. Living in rural Cornwall has, however, opened a whole new dimension in bat experience and has reassured me that nature does not read books or respect convention.

We are fortunate to have a good-sized colony of Brown Long-eared bats roosting in our house roof. I think we may host one or two Pipistrelle bats as well, but my focus over the years has been the more numerous Long-eareds, which hang unassumingly from the roof apex in varying sized groups. Whereas Pipistrelles like to squeeze into tiny spaces under the edges of the roof, are less visible and not that fussy about how big the associated roof space is, the Brown Long-eared bat likes a decent vertical void space for accessibility around the roost, although they will crawl to it from some distance away.

Brown Long-eared bats are one of the more attractive British bat species. When active, they hold their long, delicately veined and papery thin ears erect above their tiny heads and swivel them about to pick up ambient noise. At rest the ears can be curled up like a ram's horn or tucked under the wings with only the very end sticking out. Although Horseshoe bats have the appeal of being rarer, I find them less appealing because their flared nostril flange (the 'horseshoe') makes them look like they've flown straight into a wall – to me they are the Bulldogs and Pugs of the bat-world.

I became well acquainted with our bats in the early days at Yetta because I was the one crawling about in the roof laying out insulation trying not to put my foot through the ceilings. This would irritate the roosting bats and cause them to flutter about listlessly waiting for me to disappear and leave them in peace. Once we had electric lighting in the roof any other works, such as plumbing, allowed a discrete inspection of our colony on a more regular basis. Occasionally enthusiastic house guests have hoiked themselves up through the hatch for a good look, enjoying the opportunity to view bats at unusually close quarters. Incidentally, it is illegal to deliberately disturb a bat roost, but I doubt the most fervent conservationist would expect us to live without insulation and with water pouring through the ceiling.

Our bats exit and enter the roost through gaps between the brickwork and roof slates at the gable ends, sometimes squeezing down through the slate hanging to add a bit of variety. One of the bedroom windows provides an excellent observation vantage point as numerous animals drop past it when they leave or enter, depositing small black messages on the way. The east-facing gable is the favoured route, which means we can stand on the lawn outside the lounge doors and count them as they depart for the evening, just like bombers leaving an airfield in World War 2.

We've counted our quotient for many years and although I don't think it's a perfect method as some sneaky individuals use the west gable, which can't be censused at the same time, we have always reckoned on around 45 bats at the height of summer. This is a summer roost, and probably a maternity roost where females raise their babies in safety (and, unusually, tolerate the males living alongside). A winter

roost for hibernation needs a stable low temperature and a humidity regime within critical limits, which I doubt our well-insulated roof space provides. Nevertheless, you can still spot a few individuals patrolling the drive on a mild winters evening, so I don't think we are totally abandoned.

Pam Leppitt

(Part II of this interesting article will be in the September MAWL)

RED IN TOOTH & CLAW

10.05.18 In the top ten of best ever agricultural days out: piglet shopping. We collected splodgy pink weaners from a dairy farm in Devon, brought them home (slept like babies all the way) and settled them in. This has meant the sheep maternity unit had a makeover. It's a piglet nursery now. Services and decor remain much the same, but the inhabitants are altogether more boistrous. They love a bit of rough and tumble, plenty of pushing and shoving at mealtimes, but then snuggle down for a nap in a gently snoring heap. We could do pig watching for days on end if we could spare the time.

16.05.18 Pigs have a well-deserved reputation for greed, but one of our new arrivals has taken it to a new level. He waits for dinner to land in the trough, then climbs straight in and lies full length, protecting a large portion for himself, and slowly shuffling backwards as he eats. He may reflect on the wisdom of this strategy when he wins the race to the "next stage" (#bacon)

24.05.18 The sheep have had their early summer haircut, short back(end) and sides. It's an essential trim, to get rid of the "muck buttons" as Uncle used to call them, but they are at best indifferent, and at worst, fighting the shears all the way. Thankfully it's now done, but the shears are still sharp. However, before some joker asks for a haircut, we don't do head ends. Just saying.

19.06.18 The sheep are beyond delighted to be rid of their wool. There was very little flailing, struggling or escaping when being sheared on Monday, and they have looked very content ever since. Talk turned once again to the declining value of wool, and how times have changed. The shearers knew of a very succesful farmer who bought his first 20 sheep with the cash from loose wool picked off the fences. He eventually amassed a flock exceeding 10,000 sheep at it's peak. It's also often said that the wool cheque would pay the annual farm rent. These days it might just about rent a small allotment, but no more. Despite it being less financially lucrative, it's still a highlight of the year, and a very revealing day, to finally see the flock with no clothes on. It's a good chance to decide who is going to work for another year, and who has reached retirement age. Perhaps next time you're buying some warm clothes or blankets, (not imminent, we realise) consider using wool, it has lots of benefits, after all, thousands of sheep have been relying on it for thousands of years.

...from Cornish Guardian July 1954 *The remarkable versatility of the coming generation of farmers was shown on Saturday at the fourth annual field day of the Warleggan and District Young Farmers' Club. It is the only event of its kind in Cornwall and the 40 members of the club put on a well organised programme of events which lasted all afternoon and most of the evening. Girl members showed how to make cakes and bread, prepare fancy dishes, sew and mend; how to ice cakes and clean and truss the chicken for lunch. Not to be outdone the boys tackled tasks ranging from stone hedging and sheep shearing to carpentry.*

PARISH MEETING THURSDAY 19th JULY
7.30 p.m. JUBILEE HALL, MOUNT

LAND ADJOINING NOEL'S MEADOW

You may recall that at a Parish Meeting last August the planning application for "5 detached dwellings and 1 flat over a shop" was considered. We objected to the application on the following grounds.

"The Warleggan Parish Meeting objects to the grant of planning permission for this development in its current form.

Apart from the provision of an ecological report this application follows very closely that which was refused in March.

We consider:-

(a) The proposed development is outside the settlement of Mount, does not represent infill or rounding off of the village. It provides no benefit to the community which could perhaps justify the development.

(b) The proposal includes a shop which, on the face of it, could be a community asset. However, bearing in mind current shopping trends the Parish considers this would not be a viable business.

(c) The Parish still has concerns on the use of 10 year old survey reports particularly bearing in mind the arsenic contamination which was found during the construction of Noel's Meadow which resulted in the top layers of soil and subsoil being removed from the site.

(d) There are concerns on the effect of the development on the drainage system in the area.

(e) There are concerns at the potential danger of construction traffic driving through the existing Noel's Meadow development where a number of young children frequently play in the private road.

(f) During the discussions on the proposal there was some sympathy for the construction of 4 open market houses on the site with the provision of a public open space / children's play area which is much needed in the centre of the village and would be a community benefit which may justify this development on an exception site."

Subsequently Cornwall Council refused the application under reference PA17/05972 for the following reasons.

"The application site is located outside of the settlement of Mount and the proposed development does not represent infill or rounding off in accordance with Policy 3 of the Cornwall Local Plan Strategic Policies 2010 to 2030. The development represents an undesirable extension and intrusion of the settlement into the adjoining countryside to the detriment of the character and appearance of the countryside and Area of Great Landscape Value. In the absence of any affordable housing provision or any other special circumstances to justify residential development in this context, the proposal does not represent sustainable development and would be contrary to policies 3, 12 and 23 of the Cornwall Local Plan Strategic Policies 2010 - 2030, saved policy CL9 of the Caradon Local Plan 1999 and paragraphs 7, 8, 17 of the National Planning Policy Framework 2012."

The applicant has submitted an appeal against this decision and we are invited to respond further by 31st July. Do attend the Meeting to air your views.

FIND HAPPINESS AND HEALTH

There's no excuse for lazing around... Here are some ways to get out, have fun, and to exercise some of those muscles. Let's start with the most active and work our way down...



Pilates – All welcome, men and women, from beginners upwards - Jubilee Hall in Mount, every Tuesday 12 noon til 1.00 - for details lizziecourt@hotmail.co.uk (Pilates instructor) alternatively call Gill 821494 or just turn up.

Tennis – One good quality hard court with parking, clubhouse, rural surroundings, on the outskirts of Cardinham - rates are very competitive; can pay per game or better get membership for free play – just £12 a year for those in fulltime education, while for adults it's £50 a year (single), £85 for a couple, £98 for family – for details, or to find players to play with, call Chris in Mount 821409, or Malcolm in Cardinham 821216 – or for info and online booking see www.cardinhamports.org.



Table Tennis - Just turn up and play, or simply watch, Jubilee Hall, any-time Tuesdays 7 - 9 pm, Sundays 11 am - 1 pm - we've got table, bats, balls, tea and coffee - free session for first timers; thereafter £2 per player - any age, no experience or talent needed – for more info, call Chris 821409 or Carrie 873220.

Snooker / Darts - For those wanting something a bit more relaxing, go to the 'Snooker Shack' (the tin shack next to Mount crossroads) where there's a snooker table and darts board - £5 per year membership, and £1 per person to play either Snooker or Darts. For more info, or to get key, call Richard on 07717 691720.



Full details on our community website, www.warleggan.net - go to WHAT'S ON, and then GROUPS

WARLEGGAN HISTORY GROUP

WEDNESDAY 25th JULY 7.30 pm

'PHARMACY IN THE PAST'

The intriguing history of the chemist's shop by a retired pharmacist—Kitty Chanter-Menendez

JUBILEE HALL, MOUNT

All welcome—non-member £1

...from the Western Morning News November 1975

Granite link - Cornish granite has played its part in the building and rebuilding of the Capital over the centuries and today this link between the county and London will be continued when 15 tons of granite will be delivered for kerbstones in the new precinct of the House of Commons.

Making the delivery will be Mr David Oates of Mount who recently also delivered two granite seats for installation in Trafalgar Square. The granite for the seats and kerbs comes from the well known De Lank Quarry, St Breward.

(David lived at Alwindle, just up and opposite the Hall)

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S NOTES



The sunshine seems to ebb and flow but it seems to suit the plants and insects, especially the roses, butterflies and horseflies!

As part of the delegation representing the A38, I was pleased to meet the Secretary of State for Transport, Chris Grayling, to argue the case for improvements to the road. We have seen far too many accidents this summer. The document "A38 Case for Action" was presented to the Minister setting out the economic and safety case for improvements.

It has been an on-going problem for some time and in truth it is very unlikely that the section from Dobwalls to Bodmin will be dualled. What we are arguing for are improvements at minor junctions in the Glynn Valley and Bodmin Parkway Station. The issue is funding from Central Government which is on a five year cycle and committed for the next five years. We will continue to press for action. Best wishes

Best wishes **Martin Eddy Cornwall Councillor**
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NOTES FROM THE VICARAGE ...

As I sit down to write this short article for The Warleggan and Mount Life, I am trying to think of what I might be able to bring to one or two tables at the Annual Vegetable, Flower and Handicraft Show. I have been practicing my bread making skills and dusting off my camera. Unfortunately, my rhubarb, probably responding to the lack of attention I have bestowed upon it, has bolted, and my potatoes will be ready in time for Christmas.

To give of our best does require time, doesn't it? Time to ponder, time to plan, time to develop, even time to perfect or amend. Our whole life is directed to being our best. Clearly we are not all good at all things, as St Paul himself recognised, but each of us has gifts and skills to share. Sometimes we are not 'at our best', even in the things we think we are good at, and then, in those moments, we pick ourselves up and start again.

The good news is that God the creator is not finished with us yet and in the silent and gentle moments of our lives, when we stop *doing* our best we will discover what it means to *be* our best, and in that moment know the life that Jesus calls us to. Abundant life.

So I look forward to seeing your best on a table, or decorating the wall at the Jubilee Hall in a couple of weeks and sharing the abundant life with which we are blessed.

Philip

WARLEGGAN JUBILEE HALL



ANNUAL VEGETABLE, FLOWER & HANDICRAFT SHOW

SATURDAY 28TH JULY 2018

ALL EXHIBITS TO BE IN THE HALL ON
FRIDAY EVENING BETWEEN 6.00–7.00PM

OR

SATURDAY BETWEEN 8.30-10.00AM
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AT 2.00PM HALL WILL RE-OPEN
COME AND ENJOY A CREAM TEA
AND VIEW THE EXHIBITS - RAFFLE

MOUNT CHAPEL NEWS

We were very saddened at the recent death of George; he was a regular attendee of the Chapel and will be much missed and our thoughts especially go to Kath who tirelessly cared for him.

Henry and Brenda would like to thank everyone for the cards and kindness shown during and following Brenda's operation. She is slowly making a good recovery.

NOTES FOR YOUR DIARY—Sunday 7th October at 11.00am Harvest Festival followed by a 6.00pm evening service with Revd Mark Pengelly.

Monday 8th October at 7.15pm service with Martin O'Connell followed by auction of produce. All Welcome.

PLEASE NOTE : WE WILL NOT BE HAVING A PLANT SALE THIS YEAR.

...from the Cornish Guardian November 1929

On Sunday evening the valley at Callaway water was flooded right up to Menaglaze Gate. Mr W Keast on returning from chapel had to wade through water up to his waist to get over the bridge. Other members of his family had to be carried across. The cattle house at Menaglaze was flooded and the doors were opened just in time to save the animals.

Making a newer, fresher
Big Do in the Field

New ideas

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Our annual village fete -

Saturday, 25th August

Get involved! Make it a fun day out

New games

Different stalls

Exciting competitions

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Different food

Interested?

- ⇒ Join the discussion on facebook (search 'Warleggan Big Do')
- ⇒ Come to our **informal ideas meeting** with tea and cake on Wed 18th July, 7.30 pm at the Jubilee Hall

GEORGE BUCHANAN (1923—2018)

Many of us in the parish will have come across George Buchanan – a charming, loving man who even in his nineties would be seen climbing trees, collecting firewood on the moors, or driving around with Kathy in his 'buggy'. On Remembrance Day, he would be at the memorial in Mount, reciting a favourite poem... Always happy to meet people, ever-smiling, with a great sense of humour.

Sadly, many of us only get to find out about the life of a friend or relative at their funeral. And it was at George's funeral that many of us first got to hear about his extraordinary life.

Soon after George's birth in North Wales in 1923, his mother, a ballerina, advertised for someone to foster him. A midwife, who had already fostered over 40 children, took George in, but kept him hidden from the authorities to work for her, and George had just six broken years of schooling, and was often bullied, hungry and humiliated.

At 13 he left school, unable to read and write, and speaking only Welsh, and was sent out to work - first in a garage, and later as a butcher's delivery boy. His foster mother would take his weekly wage.



Despite this, or maybe because of this, George was determined to make a life for himself. He developed a passion for cars and learned to drive, and in time became a taxi-driver.

When war broke out, he was able to use his skills maintaining and driving vehicles. He was one of the many who landed on a Normandy beach, and was awarded the Oakleaf cluster for his gallantry driving across a live minefield.

George returned to Britain, and, having got an army friend to write out a letter for him to his birth parents, went to stay with them – and this was the first time he met his real father. Many of the family never even knew of his existence. George got odd jobs working with cars, and later gardening, and his mother taught him to read and write.

He married and became a successful gardener. He worked hard to ensure that his three children had the education and upbringing he was denied. His wife Doris died, and several years later he remarried. Then, after his second wife died, George moved to Mount, where he lived for the rest of his life.

George will be missed by many – friends and family alike. He asked for a green burial, and he was laid to rest at Pentiddy Natural Burial site. Rest in peace.



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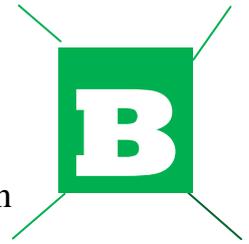
SERVICES AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S

JULY 8th	6.00pm Evening Prayer
15th	9.00am internment of ashes of Geoff & Eileen Maggs (late of Forge Cottage, Warleggan) followed by
	9.30am Holy Communion
22nd	6.00pm Evening Prayer
29th	11.00am JOINT SERVICE ST NEOT
AUG 5th	9.30am Holy Communion
12th	6.00pm Evening Prayer
19th	9.30am Holy Communion
26th	6.00pm Evening Prayer

POST OFFICE REMINDER

There is a hosted service at St Neot in the Pavilion in the playing field Mondays and Wednesdays 9 until 12.00 and Fridays 12.00 until 3pm

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SUNDAY	Table Tennis 10.30am
MONDAY	Warleggan Young Farmers' Club Weekly Meeting 7.30pm
TUESDAY	Pilates Mixed Ability Class 12-1.00pm Table Tennis 7.00pm
WEDNESDAY	History Group 7.30pm 4 th Wednesday (unless otherwise stated)
FRIDAY – WEEKLY	Village Greens Friday Shop 9.00am – 2pm
	SPECIAL EVENTS
WEDNESDAY 25TH JULY	History Group 7.30pm—Pharmacy in the Past
SATURDAY 28TH JULY	Summer Show 2.00 pm
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