

MOUNT & WARLEGGAN LIFE

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A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!

And to start the year off with something completely different—White-tailed eagle (juvenile) spotted at Colliford Lake enjoying the peace of Bodmin Moor



Photos : John Johnson



QUIZ EVENING THANK YOU

It was a great night on Saturday 13th November at Jubilee Hall where a quiz was held to raise funds for the village decorations and the raffle for Cornwall Air Ambulance. The raffle raised £221.00 which has been passed to Cornwall Air Ambulance, they were delighted with the figure when I spoke with them and are sending a letter of thanks.

Many thanks for all those who came and extra thanks have been passed on to Celtic Produce, Asda, Morrisons, Aldi, Lidl, The London Inn St Neot, Cobys Coffee Shop and Talland Bay Hotel for their generous donations for the raffle. **Jo**

AND BELOW SOME OF THE DECORATIONS WHICH ADORNED



Photos: Jasmina Goodair

MOUNT & WARLEGGAN



Photo: John Keast

Thanks to everyone involved for making the decorations and the Advent Calendar doors which lit the route from Mount to Warleggan ending with the 25th December star on the Church door.

**VILLAGE GREENS CAFÉ WILL BE OPEN ON THE
1ST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH 11.00AM TO 2.00PM**



For cakes, teas and coffees in the Jubilee Hall, Mount
NEXT CAFÉ THURSDAY 6TH JANUARY
Come along and catch up with your friends and neighbours

**PARISH LUNCH
THURSDAY 27TH JANUARY 12.30pm
£5 / HEAD**

Booking a priority—no reservation, no lunch!

PLEASE BOOK BY 20TH JANUARY

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KEEP THE DATE

JUNE 2nd or 3rd

(To be confirmed)

**RESERVE THE DATES IN YOUR DIARY
FOR A PARISH PARTY TO CELEBRATE**

THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

HOG ROAST

LIVE BAND & ENTERTAINMENT

CHURCH FIELD, WARLEGGAN



CHURCH MATTERS

Someone took the trouble last week to leave a card by the crib in the church. The message said "Thank you for this place of comfort and peace".

It's worth reminding ourselves that the Church of England belongs to all the citizens of this country regardless of their faith or lack of it. It is our Church (which is why the ultimate decision making body is Parliament rather than the House of Bishops). A survey by the University of York has revealed that 75% of the non-church going public value the presence of a church within their communities and want it preserved. The Warleggan candlelit Carol Service is a pretty good indicator of this sentiment. Just about every pew was occupied in this time of Covid, the congregation sang lustily and I think departed happy and not a little enchanted, whether or not their mood had been enhanced by mulled wine and a mince pie.

It's hard to imagine this parish without a church but its survival is not a given. It may surprise many to know that rural churches get no financial assistance whatever from the Diocesan authorities, they sink or swim by their own efforts. Maintaining the church building, paying the bills and covering the share of a vicar's upkeep, all these burdens fall on the people of the parish. Warleggan has done remarkably well in the recent past raising over six figure sums on two occasions to completely refurbish the church roof and tower and to install toilets. The church is now in a great state of preservation but we still need to raise £8,000 to £9,000 every year just to keep it open and functioning. This is a perennial struggle.

We are without a vicar at the moment, technically this used to be known as an Interregnum but is now referred to as being 'in Transition'. Soon we will be in a position to advertise for a non-stipendiary priest (house for duty) to be based in the rectory in St. Neot. He/she will have a hard act to follow after the incumbencies of Andrew Balfour and then Philip Biggs so there will be no rush to hire the first candidate that comes through the door - particularly as we are so well served by our two local priests who are selflessly filling the gap. Most people will be aware of ex-Chaplain to the Royal Navy, Ian Wheatley who brings great humour and lightness of touch as well as a deep theology. Ian has latterly been joined by the Rev. Garry Swinton from Donderry who is also proving a popular addition. And where neither is available to officiate then services will be lay led by Liz Lane, a licensed Lay Reader or by Andy Thompson, Worship Leader.

Why do people go to church, whether to a service or on their own when it's empty? Why do they bother? Everyone will have their individual motivations but the card left by the crib goes a long way to answering that. The church is a constant in our lives when so much else is ephemeral and inconstant. Whatever you believe or don't believe (or aren't sure what you believe) this place of solace, this place of peace is ever more of enduring value.

Andrew Lane
Churchwarden

WARLEGGAN HISTORY GROUP

WEDNESDAY 23rd FEBRUARY

7.30 p.m.

JUBILEE HALL, MOUNT

A WARLEGGAN MISCELLANY



**A POWERPOINT PRESENTATION OF NUMEROUS
PHOTOGRAPHS, DOCUMENTS & ITEMS OF GREAT
INTEREST RELATED TO WARLEGGAN PARISH**

**LEARN MORE ABOUT THE AREA SURROUNDING
YOUR HOME**

ALL WELCOME

A DIFFERENT WAY OF LIFE

Part 1.

It was about fifteen years ago that we started to look at the possibility of buying a holiday home abroad, where we could escape from the Cornish winter. There were three main criteria, we had to be able to drive there, it had to be warm enough to grow oranges and it had to be cheap! This left three locations in Europe. We liked Greece but the thought of learning a new alphabet as well as a new language was daunting. We were not keen on Italy which left the Iberian peninsula. With Spain we were very wary of the 'land-grab' laws, so over a few years we started to explore Portugal.

We knew we wanted to live in Portugal alongside Portuguese people and not in a 'Brit Colony' which dismissed most of the Algarve. We spent some holidays inland from the south coast and the well-known areas but the Algarve prices had percolated inland, even for the type of property we were mainly interested in, which was traditional and a 'bit of a project'.

We gradually moved up into the large province known as the Alentejo [pronounced Alan-tay-joe]. The coast which stretches from above the Algarve to Lisbon did not appeal to us. Inland there is a huge area around Beja which is part of the southern Alentejo. It is a vast area of rolling corn fields and is known as the breadbasket of Portugal. The rolling vistas that stretch from horizon to horizon are only broken occasionally by clusters of bright white sun-baked villages and a solitary tree. I loved the vastness and emptiness of the place but you could be very isolated there unless you were in a village and although we were happy to be within walking distance of one we did not want to buy in a village location.

As you go north the corn fields give way to fields full of rows of olive trees or vines and their wonderful oak trees with such distinctive shapes - the holm oak and the cork oak. There are more animals in the fields, cattle - all horned, and sheep, although not as many of those as you might expect, you also see the occasional herd of pigs roaming under the trees, especially when the acorns are falling. Along the eastern border with Spain are some beautiful fortress towns. Here the horizon was a bit closer and the fields more undulating and towards the border and the north are glimpses of mountain ranges. There are more smallholdings and little farms scattered about and everywhere you go you see derelict old farmhouses. We decided to explore this area further and in 2005 bought an old Alentejo farmhouse - which was a project, but that is another story.

Once you get away from the towns and the coast in Portugal, it is like stepping back fifty years in time. The young people are, of necessity, moving to the towns for employment opportunities and a better style of life. Many of the middle-aged and elderly in the country dream of a flat in the town that is draught-free and actually has electricity, running water and other amenities. Every large town has its estates of modern apartments surrounding it, although at least they are generally not more than four or five floors. Everything modern is considered desirable and there is little value given to anything old or traditional. The countryside is gradually becoming depopulated and there is little indication of the 'escape to the country' movement found in the UK, although a few wealthy city people have bought country properties for weekend breaks, or they have inherited them. Frequently the 'modernisation' of such properties removes all the traditional features.

The typical Alentejo house is long and low with very small or even no windows, the object being to keep out the heat in the summer and the cold in winter. Being inland there is a climate of extremes. It can reach 40C in summer and you can get an occasional ground frost in winter and at times the wind can blow, when it is stiflingly hot the breeze can be welcome, but this is not always the case in winter. Unfortunately the construction of traditional houses does not always allow them to achieve their objectives. Houses were not given much thought and another section built of the local stone, was added as the family expanded. With these old properties damp-proof courses are unheard of, as is insulation of any sort, you can often see daylight between the roof tiles. The Alentejo fireplaces are nearly always built with one side against a side wall and are cavernous spaces which you can easily get into, in fact to keep warm you need to, as there is a small fire in the middle and most of the heat disappears up the chimney unless you are virtually on top of it. A traditional way to keep warm without actually sitting in the fireplace is with the use of a circular table covered by a heavy cloth. Under the table in the centre near the floor, is a small frame that holds a circular metal dish. Charcoal and embers from the main fire are shovelled into this and it is placed under the table, you then put your legs under the table, tucking the cloth around and your lower half is certainly toasty warm – just don't think about the fire risk.

Some of the older houses have a degree of modernisation, especially if they have electricity, but very few are ever fitted with any form of heating other than open fires, their answer to chilly evenings is to go to bed early. Even modern houses rarely have central heating and insulation has only recently become a building requirement.

Inevitably there are still people scattered throughout the country who either cannot or do not want to move. Our neighbour, an 84 year old widow, is one such, she loves her garden and animals and does not wish to move to a town. By being self-sufficient in vegetables and fruit she can make her meagre state pension of €40 a week stretch a bit further. She has electricity, but being on the lowest tariff it just about powers her lights, TV and refrigerator. She has running water - a cold tap in her kitchen and one in her bathroom. She has no washing machine and no oven and no heating other than one open fire. She is illiterate and spends cold or damp winter days in front of the fire with her dog or cats for company, but she is content.

To be continued

Lynda S



SERVICES AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S

PLEASE NOTE

As the Benefice of St Bartholomew's and St Neot are in Transition at present and relying on the services of retired Parish Priests there may be occasions when we need to alter the pattern of services.

Please feel free to telephone either of the Churchwardens to confirm. Gill 01208 821 494 OR Andrew 01208 821 551



2nd January	09.30	Holy Communion
9th	15.00	Evening Prayer
16th	09.30	Holy Communion
23rd	15.00	Evening Prayer
30th	11.00	Holy Communion AT ST NEOT
6th FEBRUARY	09.30	Holy Communion
13th	15.00	Evening Prayer
20th	09.30	Holy Communion
27th	15.00	Evening Prayer

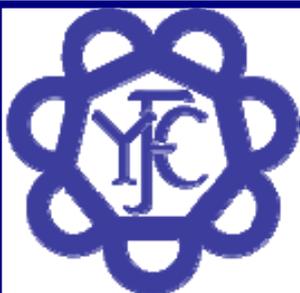
YOUR COUNCIL TAX

At the Parish Meeting in December it was agreed that the amount of Council Tax levied by Cornwall Council on behalf of the Parish should remain the same as it has for the last 6 years - £1,100. For a Band D Council Tax payer this equates to £9.98 for the year - less than 20p a week.

What do you get for your money?

Maintenance of the Defibrillator in the kiosk at Mount; Light at Mount cross-roads; Parish Web-site; this magazine; miscellaneous smaller expenses.

Hopefully you consider that you are getting value for money but if you have any comments/suggestions do contact either John Keast or Andy Martin or, better still, attend the next Parish Meeting. The great benefit of a Parish Meeting over a Parish Council is that all parishioners are automatically members and you can all attend any Meeting and have your say although decisions on Planning Matters are delegated to the Planning Sub-Committee after listening to all opinions.



WARLEGGAN YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB

**WILL BE CELEBRATING THEIR
75TH ANNIVERSARY ON
SATURDAY 12TH FEBRUARY 2022
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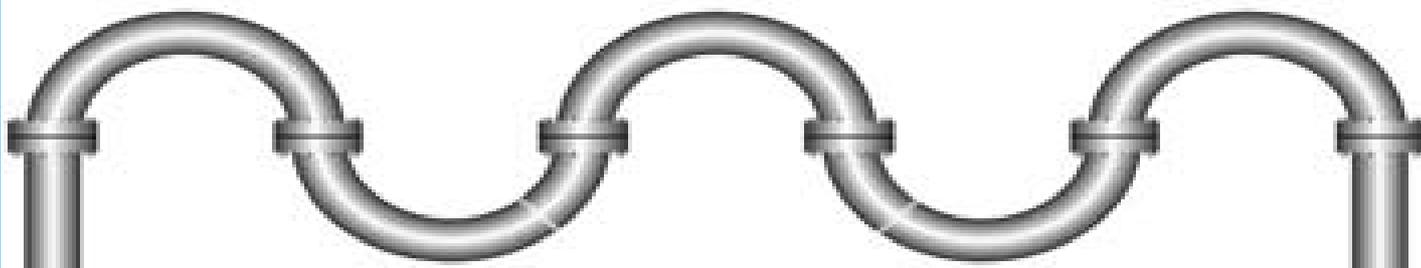
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EXCERPTS FROM PARISH MINUTE BOOK ...

August 1950 Permission given to place a telephone kiosk in a corner of the Parish Hall frontage.

June 1953 On Coronation Day, June 2nd, the parishioners met at the Church at 3pm for a United Service, followed by a tea, sports, "meat supper" and a bonfire lighted by Mrs Mutton & Mrs Jory—the two oldest ladies in the Parish—concluding with a dance.



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playing field

**Monday & Wednesday
9.00am until 12.00 &
Friday 12.00—3.00pm**

**ALL ARTICLES FOR
MAWL
BY THE LAST WEEK OF
THE MONTH PRIOR TO
ISSUE**

Gill Keast 01208 821 494 **OR**

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WARLEGGAN JUBILEE HALL	DIARY OF REGULAR EVENTS
SUNDAY	Table Tennis 10.30am
MONDAY	Warleggan Young Farmers' Club Weekly Meeting 7.30pm
TUESDAY	Pilates Mixed Ability Class 12-1.00pm
WEDNESDAY	History Group 7.30pm 4 th Wednesday (unless otherwise stated)
FOR THE TIME BEING PRE-ORDER & COLLECT EVERY THURSDAY 3-4PM	Village Greens 1st THURSDAY of each month Café 11.00am—2.00pm
WEDNESDAY 26TH JANUARY WEDNESDAY 23RD FEBRUARY	SPECIAL EVENTS Parish Lunch 12.30 History Group 7.30pm
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