

# MOUNT & WARLEGGAN LIFE

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## WARLEGGAN

### YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB

Following another successful year for Warleggan YFC Members were able to donate a huge total of £5,100 to these three very deserving organisations. (see inside for full report)

**£2,500 to Cornwall Hospice Care**



**£2,500 to Pentreath Industries**



**£100 to The Jubilee Trust**



## WARLEGGAN YFC AGM 2017 SECRETARY'S REPORT

The County YFC year began with Harvest Festival on the 30<sup>th</sup> September at Callington.

Our first fundraiser of the year was Community Fireworks on the 5<sup>th</sup> November. For some reason we trusted Denzil and Mike to be in charge of the Fireworks. Luckily no one was hurt. Thank you to the London Inn for providing the venue and food and thank you to the Advisory for the BBQ. It was a community event and was well supported.

Later that month County Indoor sports. The Club came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the heats and made it to the final coming 7<sup>th</sup> overall. Not sure I'll be seeing Mike with a skipping rope any time soon. It was great to see the younger members get involved and the club working together and supporting each other.

After last year's successful Santa's Grotto, Caroline from Carnglaze Caverns asked the club if we would recreate the Grotto again. With two Santa's ready, the children loved the magical experience we created. *(It is well worth a visit if you can find some young children to take along. Editor)*

It was then on to Christmas celebrations. We attended Warleggan Church for the United Parish Carol Service, providing refreshments at John and Gill Keast's

Our next major event for WYFC was the return of the fish and chip evening held at the London Inn. The Club would like to thank everyone who supported us.

Special thanks to Steve Ashman for providing the fish, the London Inn for providing the venue and cooking the food and to the advisory for making desserts. The evening made a great total of £1,400. *(Again, a terrific evening. Editor)*

This year was our 70th Anniversary; we celebrated in style. Dinner and Dance didn't disappoint. With the change of venue, amazing cake and speeches the event was enjoyed by all. Everyone who

attended was dressed up for the occasion with ladies in ball gowns and men in dinner suits.

Next on the Young Farmers calendar was dung run. Many willing helpers met at Denzils over two nights to bag dung. We had a good team of tractors, trucks and enthusiastic members to deliver dung across our local area. Bodmin road works did not stop us, but might have slowed us down slightly.

One of our main fundraisers was the Auction of Promises raising an amazing £3600. Thank you to John Keast auctioneer and also Members, Advisory, parents and the many businesses for the generous donations which were auctioned on the night, refreshments and bringing your wallets. The event would not have happened without your support. During the months of spring, it was great to see the Club entering competitions that we haven't entered in for years, for example one of our younger members, Olivia Hopper entering public speaking and junior member of the year.

This year the club decided that they wanted to focus on a few Community projects. On the 25<sup>th</sup> March the club was asked to help clear the Vicarage garden at St Neot of overgrown trees. The vicar was so appreciative of the Clubs help and even Radio Cornwall attended. The second Community project that we were involved in was creating raised flowerbeds at Cardinham School, for which they were very grateful.

It was then on to one of the highlights of the young farmer year... Nationals! Well done to Mike Champion, Polly Chapman, Chloe Brown and Tilly Scott who all completed WotNot by walking and paddling just over 100 miles from Padstow to Torquay.

June was once again a very busy month for Club members with the Royal Cornwall Show. We had multiple static entries and managed to enter most competitions.

Even though our cubicle wasn't placed very high in the markings, I had many comments from other Clubs commending us on our efforts and the Club did very well with our static entries including getting to National Level with floral arrangements. It was then on to Rally prep. The sea of red shirts was out in force, the tent was full of static entries and the Club took part in all competitions. Georgia's amazing textiles skills came out and saw Stuart and Sarah in matching his and hers outfits. We saw Samantha's skills of eating baked beans with no hands and we saw Andrew Rowe's artistic flare come out with his theatrical face painting. With all the teamwork and sportsmanship, the Club won the Sports Cup. As the year progressed, Mike and Denzil decided the club needed a break from all the hard work, so organised a day out for the club. Members, advisory, parents and a few Landrake members took a trip to Retallack Water Park. What a great day it was followed by beach and a BBQ afterwards and the sun shining all day what more could you ask for. I would like to thank all the members for their hard work and commitment. The club would not have been able to raise the amount of money that we have without everyone's help and support. Here's to another 70 years of Warleggan Young Farmers.



**ACT OF REMEMBRANCE**  
**SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**  
**2.30PM**  
**PLEASE GATHER AT**  
**THE PARISH**  
**WAR MEMORIAL**  
**MOUNT CROSS ROADS**

**WARLEGGAN HISTORY GROUP**  
**WEDNESDAY 22ND NOVEMBER 7.30 pm**  
**'WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?'**

Hints on tracing your family history, particularly looking at local records but with the ability to search web-sites for your ancestors—John Keast  
**JUBILEE HALL, MOUNT— All welcome / non-member £1**

## NEWS FROM OUR CORNWALL COUNCILLOR



Hello,

The Local Government Boundary Commission has considered all of the submissions on the future size of Cornwall Council and concluded that from 2020 87 councillors will be sufficient to run the Council. This means that the area served by an individual councillor, their division, needs to expand to incorporate more people. Currently this division covers the parishes of Warleggan, St. Neot and St Cleer but will need to expand either south or east. Going south it could take in Dobwalls and St Pinnock, or east to include Linkinhorne parish. Ideas for the boundaries of the new divisions are being collected now and if you wish to have your say take a look at Cornwall Council's interactive mapping system. (<https://map.cornwall.gov.uk/website/ccmap/>). There will be public consultations on "*What you think good boundaries would be*" and "*How community identity can be reflected best*" at:

**LISKEARD PUBLIC HALL 13TH NOVEMBER 6 -8pm and  
BODMIN SHIRE HALL 28TH NOVEMBER 6-8pm**

The Local Government Boundary Commission would welcome your comments before 19th February 2018.

Best wishes

**Martin Eddy** Cornwall Councillor

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### READING GROUP

I am looking to set up a reading group. Books would be loaned for free from the library. Meet once a month (days/times TBA between members). Please email me if you are interested.

Jasmin [jazzb\\_uk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jazzb_uk@yahoo.co.uk)

**PLEASE NOTE EMAIL ADDRESS it was wrongly  
typed in last MAWL—apologies Ed.**



### COMMUNITY CHOIR—Singing for fun!

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**ST BARTHOLOMEW'S**  
**ADVENT BAZAAR & CRAFT FAIR**  
**SATURDAY 18TH NOVEMBER**  
**JUBILEE HALL, MOUNT**  
**10.00 am—NOON**

Pottery, Carole's hand-knitted socks, Black Cat Jewellery, second-hand books, Monica & Janet's handicraft stall, homemade cake stall—please bring cakes to sell wrapped and priced  
Coffee / tea / pasties

**MOUNT CHAPEL**

We had a very successful Harvest Festival weekend ; the Chapel was decorated beautifully with wonderful arrangements of flowers and plants, the table was filled to capacity with produce. The Sunday morning we enjoyed a service with Patrick Clark and the evening with Rev Mark Pengelly. On Monday Martin O'Connell conducted the service followed by the Auction of goods by Rob Jory—a total of £474 was raised.

We would like to take this opportunity of wishing everyone a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year

**MOUNT CHAPEL**  
**ANNUAL BAZAAR**  
**SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER**  
at the Chapel 10.00—12.30pm  
cake stall, bric-a-brac, pasties,  
coffee, tea, etc.

## WARLEGGAN CHURCH TOWER

With the work now started on re-pointing the Tower it is interesting to read the details of the last work on the Tower from the Churchwardens' Accounts of October 1901.

“Accepted the contract of Messrs Hobbs, Liskeard to point the Tower, put in slate louvres, concrete gutter on east and north side of the Church and Tower, point the buttress and clean and wash inside of Tower for the sum of.	£43.17.6d
The carting of the necessary materials, cement, sand (from Par), etc., estimated at £5.5.0d was undertaken by the farmers of the parish free of charge.	
Extras	
Pitch pine screen between the Church and Tower.	£ 8.10.0d
Iron pipes on north and south of Tower and east of Chancel.	£ 8.15.0d
Wire gate to Porch.	£ 2. 2.0d
Glass windows to Tower staircase and gratings.	6.0d
Pointing Chancel and South wall where needed.	3.0d
Pointing steps and entrance to Church Yard.	£ 1.0.0d
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>£65.13.6d”</u></b>

Compare with the cost of the similar works today - **£120,000!**

### UPDATE

Scaffolding up and work is progressing apace. The lower interior section of the tower walls has been sandblasted to reveal the granite stonework. This will enable the walls of the tower to “*breathe*” and eventually dry out. Outside the existing cement pointing is gradually being removed to be replaced with lime pointing. Still a long way to go but at last it is happening.



## FRANCIS GREGOR AND DANIEL BAUDRIS: PATRON AND FRIEND



Francis Gregor, (1686-1762), was the patron of Daniel (Dan) Baudris, rector of Warleggan parish for 40 years (1706 to 1746). Prior to this Dan Baudris served as rector in the parish of Cornelly, which includes Tresillian. Francis Gregor lived nearby in his vast and draughty home, Trewarthenick.

It is intriguing to imagine the appearance of people in the past. I have often wondered how Dan Baudris, standing proudly at the door of his newly-built rectory, or entering the church, was dressed. His physical appearance is forever lost to us, but I was fascinated to find a portrait of Francis Gregor recently. The

scroll he holds is dated 1215, the date of the Magna Carta. This picture was displayed for over 200 years, until the late 1960s, in Trewarthenick Great Hall.

Francis and Dan knew each other well. Dan ends one letter (17<sup>th</sup> October 1733) with these lines, *"Thanks to you for your kind invitation; which we shall accept of and wait on you at a proper season. In the mean while and ever wishing you, and all more especially related to your health and prosperity, I am, Hon<sup>d</sup>. Sir! your most humble and obedient servant Dan. Baudris."* Francis would have come up to Warleggan too from time to time so let us for a moment imagine this exotically dressed man strolling into our church.

The Gregor family, who were successful merchants based in Truro, came to prominence in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. They bought land all over Cornwall, including in Warleggan around 1661. Francis' parents were John, "the Giant", and Elizabeth. Francis trained as a lawyer and he married a widow, Maria, who died shortly after giving birth to her son John - known as Master Jacky. Dan and his wife Mary would have known Maria and Master Jacky well. The boy was brought up by Dorothy neé Harris, Francis' second wife, who lived to be 91 and was apparently a woman of determined purpose and strong mind.

Although most letters from Dan to his patron focus on dealings and mischief in Warleggan and St. Neot, in the same letter cited above he writes, *"I am highly obliged to you for Rapin's history, which I am reading with pleasure; would have sent back five volumes of the six I had before, but the portmanteau, I am told, will not hold them. I shall carefully send them by the first favourable opportunity."* At the time Rapin's *Histoire d'Angleterre (History of England)*, had just been published, in French. I will write a little more about that next time, and also provide a portrait of Francis Gregor's formidable second wife. Should you want to buy the portrait of Francis Gregor it has been offered for sale for £6,450 with no takers since 2003.

**Cathy Farnworth**

**MOUNT METHODIST CHURCH**  
**JOIN US ON SUNDAY 19TH NOVEMBER at 10.45 am**  
**FOR "MESSY CHURCH"**  
**REFRESHMENTS & ACTIVITIES FOR THE YOUNG FOLLOWED BY A**  
**SHORT ACT OF INFORMAL WORSHIP**  
**ALL WELCOME**

## MUD MATTERS

September and October have been disappointingly wet – not at all like the Indian summers of the last few years. Besides relief from endless soggy waterproofs and smelly dog towels, the intervening dry days have generated a great deal of mud. I love mud. Mud of the correct depth and texture is a medium where animals inadvertently leave their footprints. Rather than stomping purposefully round the morning dog walk, the prospect of ‘perfect mud’ incites me to slow contemplation of vehicle ruts, paths and puddle edges, and exasperation when an unwanted paw is slapped straight into a pristine trail.

An early start is essential to successful mud inspection to avoid the riot of canine footprints left by half the local dog population. This year has been rewarding: one small section of shallow silt yielded the delicate meanderings of a shrew (with tail trail just visible), the purposeful linear route march of a hedgehog straight across the path and some soft padding from what I assumed to be a domestic cat. Badgers are creatures of habit and repeatedly pass along the muddy hillside tracks on Treslea: I once found the prints of a very young badger obviously following hot on the heels of an older animal, presumably a parent teaching its offspring the joys of night ramblings. Fox prints on the other hand are irritatingly elusive, presumably because foxes have a propensity to skulk through the vegetation.



*Badger*



*Hedgehog*



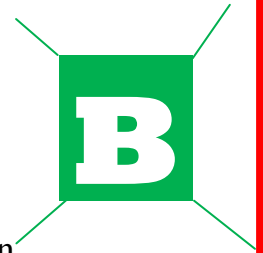
*Shrew*

My most exciting trail was within a few metres of our gate recently, and I'm fairly sure it was a stoat. Having prevented the dogs from trashing it, I was standing musing over the feasibility of taking a plaster cast to add to my collection when the man from Hi-Line who had been lurking down the end of the lane decided to drive his van right over it. I will now have to wait a few years for the combination of perfect mud and a passing stoat. Professionals employ a less erratic method of capturing footprints using portable tunnels containing an ink pad and paper walkway, whereon the passer-by effectively cleans their inky feet.

When my children were considerably younger and much keener on mud than they are now, we were fascinated by the incredible alien micro-landscape of delicate mud towers that rises gradually from drying puddles and pool. These tubes are constructed by tiny red ‘blood worms’ (the larvae of midges, or Chironomids) to protect against predation and help them survive brief periods of drought. Given the density of midges swarming around my head on mild autumn evenings, it is a very successful strategy!

The passage of autumn brings the fleeting annoyance of suicidal crane flies hurling themselves at doors, windows and light bulbs and spectacular swathes of multi-storey spider's webs on dewy gorse bushes. These are just a fraction of the biting, crawling and flying mini-beasts without which we would have no birds, bats, reptiles, amphibians or mammals. When fly paper and insect repellent are redundant many ecologists believe we will truly be at the edge of a precipice. **Pam Leppit**

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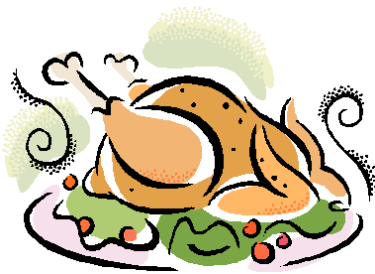
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<b>WARLEGGAN JUBILEE HALL</b>	<b>DIARY OF REGULAR EVENTS</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	Table Tennis 10.30am
<b>MONDAY</b>	Warleggan Young Farmers' Club Weekly Meeting 7.30pm
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Pilates Mixed Ability Class 12-1.00pm Table Tennis 7.00pm
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	History Group 7.30pm 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday (unless otherwise stated)
<b>FRIDAY – WEEKLY</b>	Village Greens Friday Shop 9.00am – 2pm
	<b>SPECIAL EVENTS</b>
<b>SATURDAY 18th NOVEMBER</b>	Church Advent Bazaar & Craft Fair 10.00am—noon
<b>WEDNESDAY 22nd NOVEMBER</b>	"Who do you think your are?" hints on tracing family history— John Keast
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