

MOUNT & WARLEGGAN LIFE

SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER 2018

Number 108

Non-Parishioners 50p

NEW SIGNPOST—Thanks to a major contribution from Martin's Eddy's Councillors' Community Fund we have been able to renew the finger post signing St Bartholomew's church.



Thanks to Zak Hill for supplying the post and John Keast who together with Alistair, in his capacity as site manager, erected it earlier in June.

WARLEGGAN HISTORY GROUP

WEDNESDAY

26th SEPTEMBER

"CHURCHILL'S SECRET -
ARMY"

An illustrated talk by Adrian
Wilton



A true account of intrigue and total secrecy here in East Cornwall. Charged with the nation's security, those involved never divulged their responsibilities to even the closest family, now the 50 year rule allows us to hear about their vital role

JUBILEE HALL, MOUNT 7.30 pm

All welcome—non-member £1

FORTHCOMING HALL EVENTS

FRIDAY 5 OCTOBER, 7 for 7.30 pm:

SKITTLES EVENING

£6 per team of four – pasties, tea, coffee and soft drinks available; bring your own drinks

FRIDAY 19 OCTOBER, 7.30 pm:

CHARLIE BICKNELL, SHAMELESS ANGEL

(a Carn to Cove Cabaret Act) Tickets: 01208 821 551

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BATS BEHAVING BADLY Part II

Over the years we have renovated different roofs, but never taken off the main roof though we have re-slatted the gable end. Each time we have tried to maintain accessibility to our roof spaces by leaving small gaps in suitable places, a strategy also much appreciated by our resident House Sparrows. I know our efforts have been successful because we now have additional bat roosts. I've watched numerous bats entering and leaving the south end of the workshop roof, including 'Batty Bat', a very distinctive individual who is always out too early and heading back too late. They have also colonised the old extension roof, where an abundance of poo gathers on the slate windowsill each year.

I do not find bat poo offensive. Even though a considerable covering has now accumulated over the roof insulation it does not smell unpleasant, unlike musty mouse poo, and it has a pleasing crisp, shininess endowed by the insect remains that have been chomped. If so inclined, it is possible to identify a target bat from its post-digestive offering and this summer I will be trying to confirm what is using our different roofs using an excellent on-line guide I found recently.

Sometimes our bats make a mistake and it's not unusual for an individual to end up in a bedroom on the way back home after a hard evenings foraging. I'm not sure if these are less experienced youngsters or geriatrics losing touch with their echolocation skills, but the outcome is a confused animal zipping round the room unable to find its way out. The only solution is patience and tactical flapping of a towel to encourage it to the window. Following a midnight summer thunder storm, we once had at least five bats circling the high ceiling above the landing for several hours, and on another occasion a recalcitrant individual stuck in the dining room evaded my tea towel for over half an hour. Many years ago, a less fortunate specimen failed to escape and was discovered neatly pressed in a semi-mummified state under a floor cushion, a sad indictment of the frequency of hoovering in my house.

As an ecologist I sometimes comment on the potential of a site to support bats, whether by providing important foraging areas, navigation routes or potential roosts. Any formal assessment is performed by a licensed bat worker (I haven't gone down this route yet as I like my sleep too much), but I have a fair idea of habitat requirements and constraints. Bats, however, seem to make up the rules as they go along. A couple of years ago we decided to relocate and renovate an old wooden summer house. During the deconstruction I was removing and replacing rotten wooden battens from the roof edge when I was slightly horrified to find a very lethargic bat jammed under the roofing felt. I donned my leather gloves (they have a nasty bite and can carry rabies) and gave him a temporary home to wait out the hours until dusk.

More disturbingly, last year I was selecting a plank of wood stored between supporting timbers and the corrugated sheet metal roof of a wood shed when out plopped a torpid bat that was apparently just lying on the upper surface of the said plank. It must have been fully exposed and hadn't even had the decency to squeeze into a crevice (there certainly wasn't anything for it to hang from). I assumed this was a one-off but last December I had cause to move wood from the same location and out dropped three listless bodies. I can't think of a less suitable place to spend the winter, but I carefully put them back where I thought they had been resting and have since crossed my fingers that they moved somewhere cosier before the Beast from the East did its worst.

Bats don't always find favour with humans because of their erratic, flittery flight, rather bizzare physical appearance and the irrational association with scary goings on in the dark. Seeing bats regularly is a good ecological omen. It signals a healthy abundance of invertebrates, be they beetles, moths or tiny midges, which are plucked from the air during flight or skilfully gleaned from tree leaves and bark. I am captivated by bats as they pass by on a calm summer evening and I shall be endeavouring to conquer my ignorance in the coming years, hoping to spot a lumbering, low flying Natterer's bat or the hovercraft-like Daubenton's bat skimming the river for emerging insects.

Pam Leppitt

TRIANGLE CANCER SUPPORT CENTRE, LISKEARD

(A thank you from Carole)

Thank you to all those who kindly continue to give all their loose change to support the Triangle Cancer Support Centre in Liskeard. This Centre, staffed by local volunteers, enables people affected by cancer and their relatives to attend a local hospital rather than having to travel to Derriford.

ALL CHANGE IN WARLEGGAN VILLAGE

On Wednesday 8th August Warleggan village lost two stalwarts of the parish but gained four new members of our community. Anne and David Flynn moved out of the Old Band Room after 20 years living in the parish, throughout which time they gave tremendous input to many organisations and events. We wish them well in their new life in Beckenham, Kent.

However, the same day we were able to welcome Iain and Helen to the Old Band Room and Kerry and Ross to 1 Lower Thorne. We hope their residency in the parish will be equally fulfilling.

WARLEGGAN JUBILEE HALL

ANNUAL VEGETABLE, FLOWER & HANDICRAFT SHOW 2018

This year following on from the success of 2017 show's enforced separation from the Big Do due to the weather, we have held our annual show separately again. The show has done well we are pleased to announce. Thank you to all 46 participants who between them entered 41 classes with a total of 260 exhibits. Given our very wet and cold winter and spring and hot dry summer so far, congratulations to everyone for managing to keep flowers and produce going. The Hall made a profit £239 from entry fees, cream teas and raffle. Thank you to all who contributed and supported. The results are on the Notice Board in the Jubilee Hall.

CARDINHAM PARISH HALL

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| 22nd September | Jumanji (Film)* |
| 20th October | Pop-up-Pub |
| 27th October | Finding your Feet (Film)* |

*Doors open at 7.00pm / film starts at 7.30pm

RED IN TOOTH & CLAW

06.07.18 At this time last year, sunshine seemed but a faint memory from childhood days. Incessant rain was the daily fodder courtesy of Mother Nature, and it was wellies every day. The contrast this year is remarkable. Blazing sun, baked soil, fields looking like a scene from "Little House on the Prairie."

The hens have been stretched out in the heat, wings spread wide, beaks open (panting??) The pigs are happy as ever, weather making little difference to them so long as mealtimes are regular, and generous. Their enthusiasm for food is legendary, and in their eagerness to start eating they now bite my legs when dinner is served. Another reason for wearing wellies all the time, superior ankle protection, also from stinging nettles, thistles, brambles and insect bites, all of which are encountered on a daily basis.

19.07.18 The sheep have staged their most audacious escape yet. They were loaded into the trailer, with the gates closed. The gap above the gates is 14 inches. The waist measurement of the sheep is approximately 55 inches. They jumped through the gap from a standing start. If I hadn't seen them do it, I would not have believed it possible, and am left wondering if the actual laws of physics have been breached. I'm considering registering the flock with the Ministry of Magic, just in case they develop a greater range of supernatural abilities.

25.07.18 Pigs do not rank as the most athletic animals it's true. But our porkers gave it their best shot this week when they were being moved to new quarters. Despite the heat, they went for a good gallop around the field, trotters racing, ears flapping in the breeze, stopping for the occasional snuffle in the undergrowth. They are very strong willed, and won't be hurried into anything, as we've learnt to our cost over the years. It's always best if a pig thinks it was his idea in the first place, so we try to frame everything thus. Two laps of the field? Yes! Just what we wanted, always need a bit more exercise! Tipping up the water trough on the way? (Teeth gritted..) Marvellous, it needed emptying!

Slipping under the gap in the gate to join the sheep? (Desperate screaming in head...) Surely you would rather get your big pink snout in this generous bucket of food? Finally making his way through the gate into his new pen? Oh you clever piggy to have such a brilliant idea! (Massive sigh of relief..., kettle on, biscuit.)

02.08.18 Things are not always what they seem. This is the hope we're clinging onto. The only evidence is a large pile of empty pheasant feathers in the pig pen. By "empty" we mean "unoccupied by their former owner." The owner of said feathers is missing, presumed dead. The most likely (and preferable) explanation is that pheasant was caught by a fox. The slim possibility that it was the pigs whodunnit is.....highly unlikely, but we've had enough of the downright bizarre "couldn't make it up" goings on that we firmly believe anything can happen. It gives us a fascinating glimpse into the habits of our local wildlife, but leaves more questions than answers.

08.08.18 There are signs that hostilities with rabbits are about to escalate again. A new hole in the garden fence has appeared, and while I haven't lost any crops, it seems only a matter of time. Another long running battle is maintaining a good water supply to all fields. The problems are less evident in winter, when rainfall fills up the troughs. This long dry spell has highlighted the lack of supply to certain areas, and it's a work in progress to improve the situation. My efforts thus far to locate and repair various connections have been a bit disappointing, but I will not admit defeat. In the words of a wise relation, we never say anything has gone wrong, it just hasn't gone right. Yet. **Di**

CYRIL KEAST 28th August 1922—12th July 2018

Sadly, Cyril, Warleggan parish's oldest resident, dies at almost 96 years of age.



Abridged version of Tribute given by Matthew Keast at Cyril's funeral :-

Cyril Coppin Keast entered this world at Torhouse, Warleggan on 28th August 1922 and apart from 12 months after he was married, when he and Barbara lived at Tawna, Cardinham, and his last few weeks, he had lived in the parish all of his nearly 96 years.

The son of Matthew and Ruth Keast and younger brother of Tor, he was brought up a proper moorland boy. He told of cutting peat for the fire, his mother baking under the ashes in the open fire and the men making hay with a horse and wagon.

A fond story he tells of his childhood was one of playing with the iron bond of a cart wheel in Back Meadow at Tor House. Minding his own business rolling it down the field into the bottom hedge, this one particular roll which he recalled though was a very good one indeed and as the hoop hit the bottom hedge it went airborne, into the back garden, slammed and wedged into the outward opening toilet door at the bottom of the back garden. Then he heard the screams of May Hooper who was using the toilet at the time and was now firmly stuck inside. Cyril ran and hid for the rest of the morning until he was sure May was still alive!

In the Voices recording for BBC, Cyril recalls how he asked the school teacher how to spell *teddies*. "She told me they weren't called *teddies* they were called *potatoes* so I went home and told father that night that they things we dig in the field he calls *teddies* was called *potatoes* now. His father replied *out here they are teddies.*"

Tor was destined to take over the farm and Cyril had to learn a trade, so when he left Mount School at 14 for a few years he would cycle to Bodmin every day as an apprentice to Shelleys Builders. However with Shelleys he was mainly employed in painting and his father couldn't see any future in that and Cyril came back to Mount to work for Jorys doing a *proper job* of making wagon wheels, shafts for carts and repairing water wheels – how times have changed.

There are many stories of his work with Fred, John and Henry Jory. Cyril used to tell of the time he put new guttering up to a shed for Leonard Colwill at Trevorder. There was very little fall to play with and lo and behold the first time it rained the water came out of the gutter the opposite end to the downpipe. Cyril was called back and explained to Leonard that there was a fault in the bubble of his spirit level.

Many more stories could be told of his time as Lance-Corporal in the Home Guard including with Tor volunteering to pull the pilot out of a plane that crashed down at Lower Thorne in fear of it exploding; disobeying the Commanding Officer's orders when out on exercises but getting his men through when he knew the orders were wrong and nearly firing at Tor who failed to reply as "Friend" or "Foe" when they were guarding the ford at Callaways Water.

In December 1943 Cyril married Barbara Webster and this was the beginning of 72 years of devoted family life. They were a wonderful couple.

Along came John who Cyril brought up to be practical. Thus when they went on a Sunday School Outing to Newquay John was given 5 shillings to spend in Woolworths. He came out with a rather fine fireboat where you pumped the funnel and water came out of a hose at the front. What use was a fireboat at Warleggan? Cyril took John back in and exchanged it for a tenon saw which is still going today.

After many years with Jorys, Cyril joined the County Council Highways Department in the early 1960s. Although he wouldn't admit it he thoroughly enjoyed those years working on everything from new offices and workshops, slipways for the ferry at Torpoint and office desks.

Retiring in 1987 Barbara and Cyril spent many happy days watching Lucy and Matthew grow up and taking them out for trips.

A stable and everlasting part of Cyril's life was the Chapel. Throughout the main part of their lives Barbara and Cyril were staunch supporters of Warleggan Chapel and since it closed in 1994 they were regulars at Mount and Millpool. Having said that they were also strong supporters of Warleggan Church and both Philip Biggs and his predecessor, Andrew Balfour, will tell you of the dozens of times that Cyril has asked them if it was alright for a Wesleyan to be here.?

In retirement one of Cyril's joys was helping out at the Auction Rooms at Lostwithiel. Cyril was supposed to be Security on the door. We hate to think of the number of items that have lost having been sneaked past Cyril whilst he was in deep conversation with everyone (and we mean everyone) coming through the door!

You can read about Cyril in many books such as Candida Lycett-Green's *Travels through England* and the *Countryman* magazine. Back in 2003 there was a whole page feature on Cyril in the *Radio Times* in relation to a programme called 'Voices' where the BBC were recording recollections of early rural life throughout the country. Following that programme BBC Spotlight came down to film Cyril and I was told to be out a Torhouse at a certain time. I imagined that I would also be in the film. No, my role was to lift a bale up on to grandad's back and he was then filmed carrying out across the yard. I had to keep back out of the way. After Grandad had his 15 minutes of fame a good 5 years afterwards it was a hot topic of conversation with everyone (and again I mean everyone) that they "*probably recognised him off the telly*".

More recently Grandad enjoyed the company of his great-grand children, William and Barnaby, with the two boys climbing over him. A few days after Cyril passed away out of the blue William told us that "Gaga was now up in Cloud Café having tea with Gran".

As a family we thank you for all for the tremendous friendship you showed Cyril over so many years and still listened attentively every time he told you the same story, probably about the dances he organised in the Jubilee Hall at Mount attended by American soldiers who were camping on Goonzion Downs before they set off for the D-Day Landings.

As many of you have said to us, *'There will never be another Cyril'*.



Flocks of swallows are travelling south-east and the final residents here fly up to greet them. They all talk excitedly before returning to the job in hand of rearing a last brood. The mountain ash is in full berry and yet I'm not ready for autumn yet, but the signs are all around us.

St Neot Local Historians have just finished the community archaeological dig at Nick and Jenny Hart's West Northwood Farm. We dug into the black peat soil to find pots and post holes over 2500 years old and beneath that there were the ghost traces of an earlier roundhouse, so pushing back habitation of this spot another 1000 years. It is quite extraordinary and humbling to think that farming has continued down the centuries to the present day. I wonder if those early farmers gazed up at flocks of swallows and wondered where they went, and what their early departure meant. Time will tell all.

Best wishes **Martin Eddy Cornwall Councillor**
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MOUNT CHAPEL

We were delighted to welcome John Keast as a Member of the Chapel and he has accepted the role of Treasurer.

The forthcoming Harvest Festival service will be on Sunday 7th October at 1.00am with Mr Cox, followed by a 6.00pm Service with Revd Mark Pengelly. On the Monday at 7.15pm there will be a service led by Martin O'Connell followed by the sale by Auction of the donated goods.

Diary date for Saturday 2nd December – Chapel Christmas Bazaar to take place in the Jubilee Hall.

We were saddened at the passing of Cyril who attended here frequently and was able to sing the hymns from memory!

BIG DO RESULTS

WELLY WANGING—U12 Will R; ladies Olivia H men Jon P-R. **BIKE AGILITY**—Jnr—Ben P-R; snr James H; veteran Di W. **DOG SHOW**— included Queenie dressed as Bob Marley in Fancy dress section! **PARTY TRICK**—Tess (singing for her supper); **PRETTIEST BITCH**—Canadian Tess; **MOST HANDSOME DOG**—Mak; **SCRUFFIEST**— Mabel; **WAGGIEST TAIL**— Ted; **BEST CHILD HANDLER**—Piglet & Harrison; **BEST 6 LEGS** (dog & owner) - Millie **BEST VETERAN**—Bonnie **BEST RESCUE**—Walnut & Clover **BEST IN SHOW**—Bonnie.

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| SEPT 2nd | 9.30am | Holy Communion |
| 8 th | 2.00pm | Marriage of Lowenna Smeeth to Michael Dyer |
| 9 th | 6.00pm | Evening Prayer |
| 16 th | 9.30am | Holy Communion |
| 23 rd | 6.00pm | Evening Prayer |
| 30 th | 9.30am | Holy Communion JOINTSERVICE HERE with St Neot |
| OCT 7 th | 9.30am | Holy Communion |
| 14 th | 6.00pm | Evening Prayer |
| 21 st | 9.30am | Holy Communion |
| 28 th | 6.00pm | Evening Prayer |

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PLEASE NOTE : FROM NOVEMBER TO BST

EVENING PRAYER SERVICES ARE AT 3.00PM



VOLUNTEER(S) NEED TO HELP WITH CHURCH CLEANING PLEASE!!

With Anne Flynn leaving the parish we are short of a person to take a turn to clean the church; we thank Anne for her dedication, always ready with her polish and dusters and invariably a large pot of seasonal bulbs at the entrance.

One volunteer would be ideal , two volunteers would be a bonus. We have been up until now four—cleaning alternate months throughout the year which means a total commitment of three months BUT without at least one more cleaner it would be an extra month for the remaining people. If two people came forward it would only be two months each. It is not a large church and a good dust down of windows, cobwebs, pews and brushing the floor and general tidying up of flowers, would be all that is needed. When required we all get together for a Spring Clean.

SPEAK TO EITHER GILL 01208 821 494 / LIZ 821 551

**A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED TO
MAKE THE BIG DO SUCH A SUCCESSFUL DAY**



To the pre-planners, the helpers and stall holders on the day and the people who assisted in the dismantling at the end of the day. Approximately £800 profit to be shared between Hall, Chapel and Church. A special thanks to the Smeeth family for the use of their field

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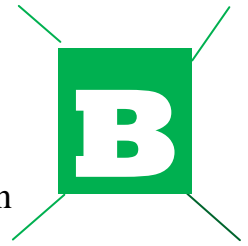
Millpool - Coffee Morning

Tuesday 25th September
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| WARLEGGAN JUBILEE HALL | DIARY OF REGULAR EVENTS |
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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 26TH SEPTEMBER | History Group 7.30pm—”Churchill’s Secret Army” |
| WEDNESDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER | Parish Lunch 12.30pm |
| FRIDAY 5TH OCTOBER | Skittles Doors open at 7.00pm |
| FRIDAY 19TH OCTOBER | Charlie Bicknell, Shameless Angel 7.30pm <i>See p1 for more information</i> |
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