

MOUNT & WARLEGGAN LIFE

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WALKING TOGETHER (WELL...NOT QUITE) THROUGH LENT

Lent...the forty days between a pile of pancakes and a belly full of Easter eggs. Or a period of contemplation, prayer, austerity and remembering Jesus' time in the wilderness and his journey towards the Cross. Either way, a season to be marked.

Last year we got half way through A Pint and A Prayer in the St Neot Institute before Covid drove us away. This year, yearning for all the roads not travelled in 2020, we thought we'd look local and suggest some lockdown pilgrimages, new approaches to being where we are, and looking at our surroundings with new eyes.

Two vicars and a reader (Philip Biggs, Ian Wheatley and Liz Lane) have put together a series of walks around the two parishes, and tested them all! They vary from an invigorating couple of hours to a gentle 10 minute wander. You are invited to walk, and think, and stop and contemplate. Perhaps you will enjoy holding a line of a psalm in your mind, or learning a bit of local history that is new to you. Pick up a stone, carry it with you, feeling its smoothness in your pocket, and take it to the church for Easter Day. Above all, take time to *be* outside, in the fresh air.

*What is this life if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.
No time to stand beneath the boughs
And stare as long as sheep or cows.*

So take that advice – be a local pilgrim – have a fresh look at here.

Walks , from Carburrow to King Doniert, from Crowpound to the Holy Well, will be available from the weekly church newsletter, to be downloaded and printed off.

One or two will be issued every week until Easter. If you need a printed copy, or have any questions, please contact any of us:

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Hello. It has been four years since this photograph was taken at the start of a campaign to become your Cornwall Councillor. After much consideration, I have taken the difficult decision not to stand again. The job has been very enjoyable and it has been a pleasure to be able to meet so many people and help in a small way with your problems. If asked why I am not standing again, then it would be the arrival of grandchildren and the wish spend more time with them and the family, to travel more and to make more time to be retired! I wish David Ambler every success with his campaign to become your new Cornwall Councillor.

Less than an hour ago I had my COVID jab, given to me by a volunteer from St Neot. Many of you will have experienced the sense of hope and excitement that permeates the treatment centre where, as we sat for our 15 minute wait after the jab, we dared to consider new freedoms that a relaxation of the lockdown rules might bring.

I have just finished chairing an inquiry into our contract procedures reviewing how more of the money that flows through the Council can stay in the Cornish economy. It has now been agreed that spends of less than £25K must be awarded to a Cornish business directly, unless there is a good reason why not to do so. Other Government rules prevent us from directly awarding contracts above that value but we have written to Westminster asking for changes in legislation to give us that greater freedom. We will need every pound possible to help the Cornish economy recover. As always, please contact me if you have any problems.

Meur ras/ Thank-you

Martin Eddy, Cornwall Councillor

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Martin—we will be sorry to lose you as our representative at Cornwall Council. We thank you for the keen interest you have always shown in our affairs and support to our organisations. Best wishes for your “retirement”. JK

STOP PRESS

POPULATION EXPLOSION IN PARISH

**Congratulations to Victoria & Matthew on the
birth of ISABEL VIOLET**

A sister for William & Barnaby

A message from Linda Bowers-Kasch

“About 3 years ago I made the decision to move back to the West Country from the Isle of Man, a huge decision as I had had a home there for some 32 years, but I knew it to be the right one. It took a long time to bring about but just before Christmas, I moved into Smiths Shop in Mount, a property I had been unable to view given the Isle of Man Government border restrictions and closure. I worked my way through freight and removal COVID restrictions and requirements including quarantine of contents, lockdowns and differing tiers through my journey from IOM to Cornwall via the port of Heysham. Some may know that at the time of my leaving the IOM in December, there were no on Island COVID restrictions as they were lifted many months ago having rid the IOM of the virus following the first lockdown and the strict border controls (essentially inability to travel freely on and off IOM and no non-resident visits). Sadly, that changed just recently as I write. However, somehow I made it and despite the changing tiers and now full lockdown in Cornwall I have made contact and been contacted, socially distanced and virtually with and by residents of Mount and have been touched by the kindness and thoughtfulness shown to me as a new resident. Moving is always a challenge at the best of times and it has been a great help to have ‘met’ people in my new home village who have shared information and support particularly when there is so much else everyone has had to deal with themselves.

Before moving I was able to stay in touch with Cornwall via BBC Radio Cornwall (some may have had the dubious pleasure of hearing me on the afternoon show in the Summer!) and the online Mount and Warleggan Life newsletter. There is a lovely community feel here that is so valuable and I am blessed to have been able to join the village. I look forward to the days when I can meet people more normally and join in with activities and such that have needed to be placed on hold.

In closing, a big thank you and stay safe and well as hopefully we move towards brighter days ahead.”



**ST. NEOT WARLEGGAN & MOUNT COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP
- NEIGHBOURS TOGETHER—01208 821755 / 07909 880839**

My apologies for not putting articles in over the past year, with Covid we were busy and I missed the deadlines.

We currently have five volunteers who live in Mount and Warleggan so if you are not sure who to ask for help with shopping, prescription collection, practical help (e.g. bringing in logs/coal, posting a letter, changing a light bulb), transport to an appointment including pets, or if you simply fancy a natter over the phone or in person (when we are allowed to visit inside), call and we can help.

Nuisance Calls - if you are receiving unwanted calls there are various techniques, services and devices that can be used to reduce calls. If you would like help, please contact us.

Neighbours Together's Lending Library

Due to the generosity of villagers we have extended the range of items we can lend. We have jigsaws, books, CDs, DVDs, games, and craft materials. During lockdowns we are providing these free of charge to help ease boredom, however if you wish to make a small donation this will go towards Neighbours Together. Pictures of some of the jigsaw puzzles we have and lists of books can be seen on the village facebook page. If you are not on facebook or would like more information, please contact Poppy. 01208 821755

Are you feeling cold?

Covid Winter Grant - contact Community Energy Plus (details below). Available on a first come first serve basis and must be awarded by the 31 March 2021.

Surviving Winter Grant - contact Neighbours Together for more information (01208 821755). Deadline for applications is the 24th March.

Grants available now for boiler and night storage heater replacements

Community Energy Plus can provide referrals to local installers for boiler and night storage heater replacements though the Government backed, [Energy Company Obligation](#) (ECO) scheme.

The scheme is paid for by the large energy suppliers and is available for all eligible privately owned or rented properties, providing that someone living in the home is in receipt of certain qualifying benefits.

You may qualify for an ECO grant for a replacement gas, oil or LPG boiler, or new Night Storage Heaters if you live in Cornwall or Devon and meet the following criteria:

- Your current boiler is over 10 years old or not working, or you have at least one broken storage heater.
- A person living at the address receives any of the following:
 - ◆ Guaranteed Pension Credit
 - ◆ Income- related Employment and Support Allowance
 - ◆ Income-based Job Seekers Allowance
 - ◆ Income Support

- ♦ If you receive Child Tax credits, Working Tax Credits or Universal Credit, your eligibility will be based on your household income and number of household occupants (our energy advisors will be able to tell you if you qualify).

For further information and to access a heating grant, call us on 0800 954 1956 or email advice@cep.org.uk

RED IN TOOTH & CLAW

07.02.21 Momentary breaks in the rain have encouraged us to start looking out for the first signs of Spring. Snowdrops and daffodils aplenty. The first primroses and celandines. Buds on hazel and willow. Emerging bluebell leaves. Each and every one bringing a feeling of hope and optimism.

Unseen as yet is the first violet, and blob of frogspawn, but our eyes are peeled for anything that says "Winter is drawing to a close." Lighter evenings, birdsong and blue skies are already cheering our hearts as we look forward to the arrival of new-born lambs in a few weeks.

14.02.21 Hope everyone has been able to stay warm in the Arctic conditions. Extra feed has been provided to our livestock, a full belly is like an extra woolly coat for them, outside in all weathers. Seems to work for me too!

I have been marching around the fields armed with a hammer, not as a new way to catch moles (shelved that for now) but to break the ice on water troughs. Although the sight of soil being pushed up through a hill early one morning did lead to a swift but futile thud with the blunt instrument in my hand.

Indoors, with immaculate, spiteful, ironic timing, a freezer stopped working, so there's been a pile of partially defrosted food to deal with. The jam pan has been on to hob non stop, full of gooseberries, plums, raspberries and blackcurrants.

21.02.21 Well the waterproof clothes are being tested to their limits this week. It's a two-coat day out on the moor today, and the poor old dog fell over in a puddle so he needed a bit of a rub dry when we returned home. As always my Mum was on the other end of the phone while we went for a walk, she was feeling sorry for the dog from the comfort of her sofa. She's quite the armchair traveller these days, my brother rings her while walking around the lanes of Lancashire and hills of Yorkshire. Oldest granddaughter checks in with Granny while exploring the streets of North London, and the Tour-of-Bodmin-Moor with me and the dogs is a daily feature.

We are having our own little version of Spring Watch, and frogspawn has been ticked off the list here. The first violet is an eagerly awaited treat, and will really signal that the days are getting warmer and longer. Meanwhile, I sit here in my office shed wearing my two coats and a woolly hat, listening to the wind and rain bashing around outside.

Di Wells

100 CLUB WINNERS

(DON'T FORGET TO JOIN FOR 2021 FORMS ENCLOSED)

JANUARY

1st Eleanor Wildbore

2nd Leo Courts

FEBRUARY

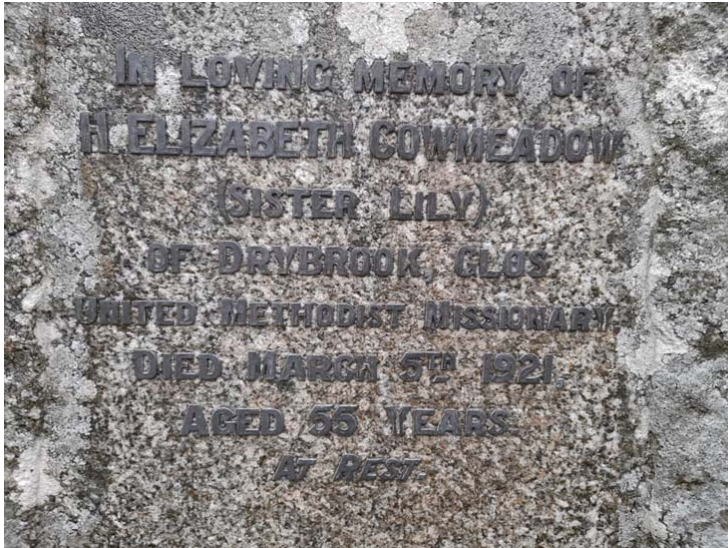
1st Jenny Dyke

2nd Carolyn Stokes

WHO WAS “SISTER LILY”?

WHY WAS SHE BURIED AT WARLEGGAN?

At the back of the Old Churchyard at Warleggan there is a fine granite headstone to Elizabeth Cowmeadow (Sister Lily) who died March 5th 1921. She is described as “United Methodist Missionary”.



Lily Cowmeadow was born in America and came to England and then Cornwall in the 1890's “and became well known in the country as a most successful missionary in Methodism”. In 1908 she travelled to Australia where she led many successful missions and reports that in Melbourne “One Sunday there were about 92 converts” and “At Golden Point at one Sunday service there were 75 decided for Christ”. She also visited the Holy Land and Ire-

land “where she did a great deal of work amongst the soldiers towards the close of the war”.

She returned to Cornwall in the autumn of 1920 and was engaged in mission work by the Liskeard United Methodist Circuit. The Cornish Guardian of 18 March 1921 gives a full account of her last few months in this area and her funeral arrangements. ... See *opposite* >

In subsequent issues there was expressed many concerns that her wish to be buried at Cardinham had been refused and one letter includes the comments –

I am glad to know that there are rectors who can show in a practical manner their desire for unity in the churches, but such an attitude as that displayed by the Rector of Cardinham is a stumbling block to such union taking place. We have no voice in the matter as to where we shall be born, or where we may die, but I certainly think that a reasonable request as to where we may be buried might be granted.

JAMES TREEBACE

And so is explained who is “Sister Lily” and why she is buried at Warleggan. Philip Biggs has asked me to stress that although we are very welcoming at Warleggan we do look for a connection to the Parish on a burial request but we would not have turned away Sister Lily.

During the winter she had conducted missions at St. Lukes, Mount, Tredinnick, and Russell Street, Liskeard. Towards the close of the mission she was taken ill and had to discontinue her work, and went to Mount, Warlegan, with some friends in the hope she might soon be restored to health. The doctor who attended her, however, regarded her condition as critical and ordered her

removal to the hospital. There being no beds available at Bodmin she was taken to Liskeard, where she soon showed signs of becoming worse. Double pneumonia set in, and to this she very quickly succumbed. Her death is the more pathetic from the fact that she had no near relatives in this country. There is one brother in Melbourne and one brother and an only sister in America. During her illness she often expressed her gratitude for the kindness she was receiving from her Cornish friends. She also expressed a wish, should the end come, to be buried at Cardinham, where she had made some friends during her first visit to Cornwall. But as the Rector of the parish could not accede to the request other arrangements had to be made, and on Wednesday, March 9th, by the kind consent of the Rector (Rev. W. J. Leggo) and in the presence of a large number of sympathising friends, she was laid to rest in the quiet churchyard at Warleggan.

Deceased was brought from Liskeard the previous evening and rested during the night at the United Methodist Church, Mount, where the first part of the funeral service was performed by the Rev. R. I. Gibbs (United Methodist minister). Afterwards she was taken, at the request of the Rector (Rev. W. J. Leggo) into the Parish Church, where a most impressive service was held. The Rev. R. I. Gibbs officiated

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year in particular the Big Do—details in due course**

THE DAY I LOST MY MOTHER

It's true. We were in Bexhill. The sun was shining, and we'd decided to go for a stroll by the seaside. Unable to find a parking place nearby, I dropped my mother off at one end of the promenade and parked up in the town centre. I then went down, and walked along the promenade. I reached the far end without finding her. Back again, and still no success. Lots of elderly people with white hair... On my third attempt, I came across a lovely lady, who although clearly delighted to be greeted, was not, as I realised all too quickly, my mother. This was getting silly – and slightly worrying.

And then finally I found her. Yes, she was wearing the same pale green anorak she always wore, but she had a scarf around her neck that I'd forgotten I'd lent her. I approached, said 'hello', she then beamed back at me, and I knew I'd got the right person. She, in turn, knew she'd been found by the right person. What a relief. For both of us.

The thing is, she had the same condition that I have. It's prosopagnosia, sometimes called 'face blindness'. If she'd been walking and talking, I'd have recognised her quickly, by her silhouette, her gait, her voice. But seated quietly amongst all the others, she was all but invisible.

How can I explain it better? If everyone had paper bags over their heads - or indeed wore face masks and dark glasses - are you sure you'd recognise your neighbour as they walked past you on a busy Plymouth street? Indeed, would you recognise your husband, wife, or a much loved family member? Probably – but possibly not. It would depend on what they were wearing, or how they walked. Or put it another way: if I showed you photos of ten people's right hands, are you certain you'd be able to identify which one belonged to your best friend? Or, indeed, which one was yours? No matter how many thousands of times you've seen that hand, there's no guarantee that you'd recognise it. And so it is for faces for those of us with prosopagnosia. Most people have a special ability to recognise faces; but there's one in every 50 of us that don't. That's a lot of people. We just wing it. Sometimes we guess right; more often than not, we guess wrong.

Us 'prosos' are in good company: Brad Pitt, Oliver Sacks, Jane Goodall, Stephen Fry and Anne Atkins, to name but a few, all have the same condition. Lots of people have it, but don't know they do. In the majority of cases it's hereditary, but it can skip generations. Some acquire the condition, through a stroke, for example. Some have it worse than others - some won't even recognise their own reflection in the mirror. Some develop coping strategies as they get older, while others learn to avoid social situations.

So please... Make allowances for that unfriendly man at work, for the shy girl at the party, or the quiet child at school... they might be prosos, and may not even realise that they have this condition. They just feel outcast, awkward, unsociable, second class.

Anyway, see you around - and next time I walk straight past you, I'm not necessarily being rude - I just didn't recognise you.

Chris W



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

Mother and Toddler Group - 'Little Robins'

Millpool Community Room
Mondays 9.30 to 11.30am
Tea, coffee, cakes and a
warm welcome!

WARLEGGAN JUBILEE HALL	DIARY OF REGULAR EVENTS
SUNDAY	Table Tennis 10.30am
MONDAY	Young Farmers' Club Weekly Meeting 7.30pm
TUESDAY	Mixed Ability Class 12-1.00pm THIS CLASS IS AVAILABLE ON ZOOM Table Tennis 7.00pm
	History Group 7.30pm 4 th Wednesday (unless otherwise stated)
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