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3rd Narcie Kelly
4th Rob Jory

January 1st Roger Turnbull
2nd Cyril Adams
(canine winner!)

JUBILEE HALL NOTICE OF MEETING

7.30PM

WEDNESDAY 25TH JANUARY

The Hall Committee welcome anyone who is interested in assisting with the running of the Jubilee Hall, come with your ideas and willingness to help

BIG DO—REMINDER

THE BIG DO – 29TH JULY 2023

VOLUNTEERS WANTED TO HELP WITH THE ORGANISING

Please call Alex on 07879080407 to offer your help.
A meeting will be organised at the start of February to get the ball rolling.

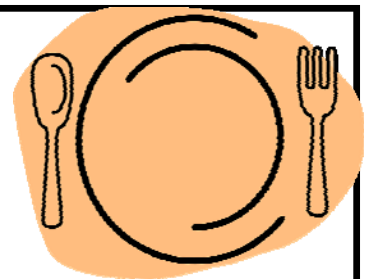
PARISH / COMMUNITY LUNCH

Wednesday 25th January

£6 per head

Jubilee Hall, Mount 12.30pm

**Please book with Gill 01208 821 494
BEFORE 18TH JANUARY**



QUIZ NIGHT

DON'T FORGET

Friday 27th January at 7pm

JUBILEE HALL MOUNT

A few tables still available, teams of six.
You can either book a full table or join in with others
£3.00 per person to include jacket potato with fillings
at half time.

All proceeds raised go to
St Bartholomew's Church, Warleggan

TO BOOK

**Call Alex on 07879080407 or
Jo on 07769656487 Raffle**



SERVICES AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S

Rector : Revd Garry Swinton



1st January	0930	Holy Communion
8th	1500	Evening Prayer
15th	0930	Holy Communion
22nd	1500	Evening Prayer
29th	0930	Holy Communion—St Neot
5th February	0930	Holy Communion
12th	1500	Evening Prayer
19th	0930	Holy Communion
26th	1500	Evening Prayer
5th March	0930	Holy Communion

PLEASE NOTE WINTER TIMES FOR EVENING PRAYER—3.00pm

Churchwardens : Gill 01208 821 494 OR Andrew 01208 821 551

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH

A big thank you from the Churchwardens to the small band of volunteers who regularly take a monthly turn, twice a year, cleaning the church. It is much appreciated.

There is always room for more volunteers to lessen the commitment on the present ones. If you can spare a couple of hours with your duster / polish / mop we would love to hear from you.

Churchwardens—Gill 821 494 or Andrew and Liz 821 551



RECTOR'S RAMBLINGS JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2023

The season of Christmas ends on the 6th January with the Feast of the Epiphany, although we continue to celebrate Epiphany until Candlemas on 2 February. By tradition Epiphany is when the church celebrates the arrival of the Magi or Wise Men. In the Eastern Churches, and in the Orthodox churches, it is the main festival of the season and has the significance of Christmas Day in the West. It is the day when families meet up to feast and exchange gifts.

I know some dread January, but hopefully, it is a time of some blue skies and frosty mornings, and with a sense of the earth waiting to awake from its winter sleep. Traditionally Plough Sunday takes place in January, when the ploughs were

blessed ready to till the soils for the new growing season. Perhaps a ceremony we can resurrect in the future?

Our worship in January will end on the fifth Sunday with a joint service for the Benefice in St Neot, when Rev Canon Pat Robson will preach. Pat is a priest within the Diocese who is a great expert on Celtic Christianity in Cornwall, and whose book **Heretics, Hermits, Bishops and Kings** will be the subject of a study group in the spring.

Pat will be with us to celebrate Candlemas, the occasion in the Church's year when we can give thanks for Christ as the Light of the World and the precious stained glass windows in St Neot Church. On this occasion we will use a Celtic service which celebrates our Celtic heritage, and which firmly root our lives in the landscape in which we live.

Soon after Lent begins on 22nd February with Ash Wednesday. There will be a Eucharist with the Administration of Ashes at 18.30 at St Neot. This year we will be having a Lent Study group, led by Ven Ian Wheatley. It will be about Exploring Faith, using materials prepared for enquiring Christians in the military. These will be informal sessions and ideal for those wanting to refresh their ideas about their faith and those 'exploring' faith.

There will be further updates about our events and services on the village Facebook page.

I am grateful to our wonderful Church Wardens at Warleggan, Andrew Lane and Gill Keast, and to Liz Lane whose care for people and our worship is second to none.

As I finish this first newsletter of the New Year, I would like to thank everyone who has made me so welcome since I moved into the village and making the start of my ministry in the Benefice such a positive experience. The three villages of the Benefice, St Neot, Mount and Warleggan are very special communities. I thought I knew that before I came here, but I really know it as I live it.

My prayers and best wishes for a peaceful and prosperous New Year. And remember, we are open for business every Sunday! **Garry Swinton (Rector)**



WARLEGGAN HISTORY GROUP
WEDNESDAY 22nd FEBRUARY – 7.30 pm
“The History of Coinage” – Bryan Short

One of the great inventions of the Ancient Greeks, coins have been in use for over 2,500 years and adopted in every part of the world. This talk spans that entire history, highlighting important events and changes that had major effects on society. Warning: this includes some gory accounts of crime and punishment.

WARLEGGAN'S MINES & MINERS

Although not of the size or productivity of the mines in West Cornwall or in the Minions area the production of minerals has been an important aspect of life in Warleggan Parish for many centuries.

The main mining activity was centred on **Treveddoe Mine** (also known as Wheal Whisper) set about quarter mile upstream from Woodah Bridge. As early as 1718 it was recorded that "The work is on a Hill very steep, 200 paces perpendicular to the bottom where runs a pretty large River. I went underground 150 paces, or farther, it having been very much wrought in old time. Fissures and Veins are crossed one over the other in the bottom and run every way."

The mine was worked fairly intensively from 1823 to 1911. During this period the tin ground was followed down by means of two shafts sunk in the floor of the open-cast pit. One of these reached a depth of 60 fathoms (360 feet). However, the recovery rate was generally quite poor with only 2 to 100 lbs of tin or copper being recovered for every ton of ground worked. The working of these low-grade deposits was only economically possible as water power was used for driving the machinery with a 24' diameter wheel driving the 16-head Cornish stamp battery and tables.

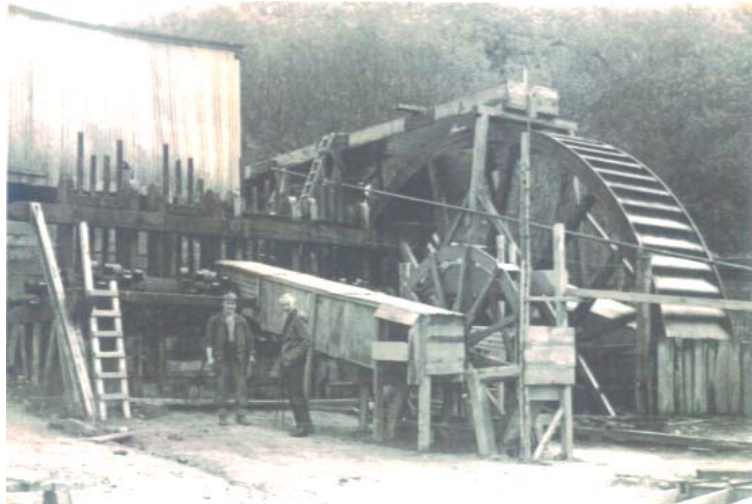
The photograph below from about 1910 shows some of the men sitting on a platform over the top of the shaft.



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... We have records of the output from Treveddoe between 1860 and 1913 with the production of tin ore varying from 8 tons in 1868 with a value of £375 to 67 tons in 1907 with a value of £5,900. The records for copper ore production are not so complete but indicate that a very productive seam was hit in 1903 when 1081 tons was produced with a value of £3,150 followed in 1906 with only 17 tons worth £141. In the early 1900's around 30 men were working underground and 25 on the surface.

Treveddoe Mine was re-opened during the Second World War when the main activity appears to have been the re-working of the old dumps with the water wheel and stamps shown in the photograph below.



In the north of the parish on the moors above Carburrow there was **Hardhead Mine** which appears to have only worked during the years 1911 to 1913. But it was on a very small scale producing at the most 4 tons of tin ore in 1912 with a value of £460. It employed 4 men underground and 5 on the surface.

Down in the Forestry Commission woodlands set just above the Warleggan River was the short-lived **Carnvivan Mine**. The only remaining evidence of this working is the fenced off shaft midst the dense coniferous woodland. The production records are incomplete but first appear in 1856 showing the production of 7 tons of lead ore and 210 ounces of silver with in 1862 11 tons of lead and 138 ounces of silver. Not enough to bring about a rush of miners.

MOUNT CHAPEL NEWS

December had a busy start with Valley Voices joining a good congregation for a carol concert on the 2nd December after lighting the Christmas tree in the village. It was a very pleasant evening with Valley Voices singing beautifully and they were assisted on the organ by Heather Taylor from St Neot. Thank you to everyone who attended and thank you to all who provided food for the light buffet supper.

The Christingle service on the 18th December was also well attended, we had a couple who came from Taphouse to join in, her father Bernard Tamblyn had been a preacher here many years ago, it was nice to welcome them to Mount. Also a big thank you to William Keast who sang solo so beautifully, the first verse of *Once in Royal David's ...*

Hopefully the weather will not deter anyone from joining the congregation in January or any time after for that matter, we hold a service at 11am every Sunday, please feel free to come and join in.

THE 2022 QUINQUENNIAL INSPECTION OF WARLEGGAN CHURCH

I like how the Church still uses this old term. A quinquennial, something that occurs every 5 years. Like a general election or the time taken to get a doctor's appointment.

In this case The Quinquennial is an in depth survey of the church building by an experienced architect. It is required of the parish to organise this and to shoulder the expense but overall it is well worth it. A large part of Warleggan Church is over 800 years old, it was built on rubble and bare earth and constructed with a plumb line and simple tools and yet on the evidence of this survey it is in far better condition than the average domestic dwelling.

(The Romans installed underfloor heating in their villas over 2000 years ago the evidence of which we can still see today. The Normans built huge castles that still dominate many parts of the British landscape, and our forebears constructed buildings like Warleggan Church with the definite and confident assumption that they would endure for millennia. It is remarkable then that through some act of collective amnesia we now too frequently build houses that can be filed under the same endurance category as Liz Truss and selected varieties of lettuce!).

"The Church is Listed Grade II* and dates from the 13th century - the Nave and Chancel being the earliest elements. The South Aisle and granite 5-bay Arcade were added in the 15th century together with the tower and the South Porch. The central five-bay arcade has granite columns with elvan capitals and arches. "These 'elvan' carvings are still today as fresh as they were all those hundreds of years ago.

Actually apart from the original Warleggan builders, tribute is also due to Pat Phillips and others for various periods of fundraising that in the last 20 years have funded the reroofing of large parts of the south and north aisles, the reroofing and pointing of the tower and the restoration of the organ, said to be the third best in Cornwall. In all over £250,000 has been raised in recent times all from public donation and from grant aiding bodies. It is a popular misconception that the Church authorities are the custodians and supporters of our churches. Not so, Warleggan like all other churches belongs entirely to the parish.

It costs £8,000 to £9,000 a year to maintain the church and keep it operating but we are managing - just. It is then particularly gratifying to read in the Quinquennial that *"The church is well presented....it is in much better condition than the last inspection and is very welcoming. The 2018 and other works have done a great deal to improve the fabric"*.

At some point after lockdown a national survey of non-churchgoers was carried out to assess the importance or otherwise of having a church in their neighbourhood, 75% said they greatly valued its presence.

Not all of us go to Church, but the evidence is that we would hugely feel the loss if it wasn't there. Fortunately on the evidence of the Quinquennial we can rely on the existence of Warleggan Church for quite some time yet.

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 There is a hosted service at St Neot in the Pavilion in the 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 Business Meeting 7.30pm 1st Monday of each month
TUESDAY	Pilates Mixed Ability Class 11.45-12.45pm
WEDNESDAY	History Group 7.30pm 4 th Wednesday (unless otherwise stated)
EVERY THURSDAY VILLAGE GREENS PRE-ORDER & COLLECT 3-4PM	1st THURSDAY of each month Café 11.00am—1.00pm
WEDNESDAY 25TH JANUARY FRIDAY 27TH JANUARY WEDNESDAY 22ND FEBRUARY	SPECIAL EVENTS Parish Lunch 12.30 Quiz The History of Coinage
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