



Back in 1967 The Fab Four travelled in their Magical Mystery Tour bus across the west country and were filmed travelling over Bodmin Moor and along Higher Bore Street in Bodmin whilst on their way to their final destination; The Atlantic Hotel, Newquay. At just 52 minutes long, the film was in fact the shortest of all The Beatles films made and opened to both poor reviews by critics and scathing criticism from audiences alike. The script to the Magical Mystery Tour was very 'informal', mostly being made up along the way and features The Beatles performing 'I am The Walrus'.

Pencarrow House, a wonderful Georgian house, just three miles North West of Bodmin and home to the Molesworth-St.Aubyn family has proven to be a very popular filming location. 'The Red Dress' a novel by Cornish author Rosamund Pilcher was filmed there in 1998. Pilcher first started writing for Mills & Boon and her books are especially popular in Germany, ZDF a German television station has televised over 70 of her stories., including 'The Weekend', also filmed at Pencarrow.



The House featured on the BBC programme 'Going For A Song' where several family treasures were borrowed for filming and after an American T.V series called 'Hunt for Amazing Treasures' was filmed there in 2000, an unknown Beethoven manuscript was uncovered, which was then sold at Sotheby's in London, enabling the Molesworth-St.Aubyns to pay for essential repairs to the roof of the house Cantankerous Doc Martin played by Martin Clunes in the enormously popular TV show of the same name shared his first screen kiss with Louisa (Caroline Catz) at Pencarrow.....aaahh!



Quite often during the Doc Martin TV series there are references to people being 'a bit Bodmin' This is a reference to the fact that Bodmin was once the centre of mental health care for the South West and was based at the former St.Lawrences Hospital site

Have you ever seen a Lamborghini Gallardo inside a cave?! Well for their Christmas Special T.V.show a few years ago, BBC's 'Top Gear' decided to film the car that had been voted 'Posh Car Of The Year' inside Carnglaze Caverns The caverns are three underground slate caves situated at St.Neot, a small village near Bodmin.

Living TV filmed a Cornish wedding at the caverns as part of their '4 Weddings' programme and although the other three participating brides voted it the worst wedding, Carnglaze have been busier than ever with future wedding bookings as viewers thought the wedding location was 'the most fun' and very reasonable to boot!. The caverns have also featured on Country File

How about this for an album cover, 80's band, Echo And The Bunnymen shot the scene for their 'Ocean Rain' Album in a boat on the subterranean lake within the caverns!





'A Congregation Of Ghosts' was the last film that Edward Woodward made before his death in November 2009. The film is based upon the true story of the vicar of Warleggan church, on Bodmin Moor, an eccentric man who alienated his congregation and is said to have preached to cardboard cutouts. Filming took place at various locations including; Altarnun Village Hall, Warleggan Church, Lease Cottage St. Breward, all on Bodmin Moor and Pencarrow House at Washaway Woodward lived at Hawkers Cove near Padstow with his second wife Michele Dotrice, Betty of 'Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em' fame.

Lanhydrock House, The National Trust's flagship property in the South West is located just 1 ½ miles outside of Bodmin. Following a fire, the house was rebuilt in the Victorian era and became home to the Robartes family. Lanhydrock has provided a stunning backdrop to many films, Walt Disney Productions filmed 'The Three Musketeers' which starred Charlie Sheen, Keifer Sutherland and Chris O'Donnell over much of the estate and Shakespeare's 'Twelfth night' starring Helena Bonham Carter, Nigel Hawthorn, Imogen Stubbs and Ben Kingsley was also filmed here. The Antiques Roadshow have visited Lanhydrock on two occasions and the new BBC Series 'Edwardian Farm' featured the interior of the house.



A Bodmin-based production company has recently made the film, 'Wish Me Luck', to commemorate the 70th anniversary of evacuees coming to Bodmin. Set in 1940, it tells the story of one set of evacuees who leave their school in the Isle of Dogs, London and travel down to Bodmin. Filming took place at Bodmin and Wenford Railway as well as other locations around the Bodmin area including Lanhydrock House. DVDs of the film are currently for sale at The Bodmin Visitor Information Centre. Bodmin and Wenford Railway also played a part in the filming of the 1999 TV series, 'Nancherrow', originally written by Rosamund Pilcher

Reality TV show 'Most Haunted' visited Bodmin Jail in their sixth series where presenter Yvette Fielding, psychic Derek Acorah and crew conducted paranormal activities in the former prison. Yvette described Bodmin Jail as 'one of the scariest spots I have ever visited'. In 2008 Richard O'Brien writer of The Rocky Horror Picture Show and presenter of Channel 4's Crystal Maze filmed a new series for Westcountry TV from Bodmin Jail. The show entitled 'Dead Strange' featured bizarre and unexplained deaths, weird wills and fantastic funerals. The Jail has also been the setting for numerous pop videos.

