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Loss of cross leaves us all culturally poorer

ON the August Bank holiday last year the one remaining cross at St Mary's went missing, believed stolen.

Despite extensive efforts by Caerau councillor Peter Bradbury and police to discover its whereabouts it has still not been recovered.

The loss of the cross was condemned at the time by Coun Bradbury as a possible crime of religious hatred.

The cross could be seen atop St Mary's iconic landmark tower from many parts of Ely and Caerau and as far as Ely Bridge and beyond. The cross was to many a "beacon of hope" and is much missed by all who look for it.

The St Mary's Taskforce volunteers have requested that a simple, wooden replacement cross be installed while we wait for the original cross to be found.

More recently, serious criminal damage has been inflicted on St Mary's chancel arch by person/s unknown.

Up until about 40 years ago, following its heroic renovation by the late Victor (Father) Jones, St Mary's was a small thriving church, its beauty was in its very simplicity and was much loved by the community, and known affectionately as the "little church on the hill".

Following its abandonment by the Church in Wales and its eventual passing to Cardiff council for its repair and protection, St Mary's Church at Caerau with Ely has become the ruin you see today.

St Mary's relentless deterioration over the 40 years due to unchecked vandalism, neglect and weather damage continues apace.

Unless more is done to protect and preserve it, little or nothing of its structure will remain. St Mary's beautiful, albeit frail remains, still very recognisable as a medieval

St Mary's when it still had the cross on top
PAUL KEMBLE



church, could be lost forever, along with her seven centuries of local history. Should this happen, Caerau and Ely will be culturally much the poorer.

Delia Jay, founder, the Friends of St Mary's

Land grab warning

MARGARET Phelps says the Government admits that there will be "an increase in administration compared with being inside the EU customs union" (Echo letters, August 18).

She then asks "why are we tamely accepting the evident self harm of Brexit?". The answer is freedom, freedom from a collectivist un-

lected group who have one ambition: the ambition of power over millions of people.

We must remind ourselves that the EU started out as a trading community, and had it stayed that way it might have succeeded. However, there was a secret political objective to remove all sovereign rights from the people of each country who would be placed in the hands of that group.

Had that system failed, would we have been given an opportunity to leave? No we would not. Once bound in their chains there would be no get "out of jail" card; we and our children would be serfs for evermore.

She points to the sacrifice in wars that were fought to ensure they would never happen again, as if to imply those men and women, who died, would cede our sovereignty to the collectivists.

However, the sacrifices continue, despite having what is euphemistically called the United Nations, that impotent organisation that stands by as millions of people are driven from their homelands into the European Union.

Their aim, to destroy economies. These refugees deserve protection to stay in their own countries; it is where their roots and homes are. It is the despotic rulers who should be removed.

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Delia Jay
Friends of St Mary's

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PHOTO OF THE DAY

The writing was on the moment the EU revealed its activist political policy, and no what happens it will be a great day of celebration, when our Kingdom is free once more. Unfortunately our people allowed access to "the lawless land" through education, to stand the legal implications common laws and constitutions the perilous position the UK should we remain.

Then hundreds of years created by precedent would be brushed out of our history. Such laws, created by preceding leaving the way open for the implement Agenda 21, that activist agenda our government accepted, but doesn't tell you anything about. An agenda of matters such as, "all private land unsustainable and to be taken public ownership".

Now, why would any government sign up to that agenda? And importantly, why would our government sign the assent? As a large owner, has the Windsor Corporation come to some agreement that will be exempt from any land

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