



Fruitful Evening



One look from the unyielding auctioneer, Simon Funnell, tells all!!

Annual Village Event

Many common traditions started in Cornwall. The famous, eccentric vicar of Morwenstow on the north coast, Parson Hawker, was not only the author of the words of the Cornish National Anthem, (*Trelanmy*). He was responsible, also, for starting what is commonly called 'Harvest Festival.' Hawker's notion that we should give thanks to God for all the crops soon became one of the most popular festivals in the church's year!

The weekend of September 15th/16th was the Harvest Thanksgiving in Golant this year, which, due to the forthcoming visit of the Bishop of Truro in early October, was a fortnight earlier than normal. On the Sunday, there was Choral Evensong up the hill at St Sampson's Church, where, during the previous fortnight, thoughts had been concentrated on the poverty which is being addressed head-on by the *Harvest for the Hungry* organisation.

On Monday 16th, nearly sixty villagers gathered in the village hall for the Harvest Supper- always a popular event! Sadly, there were no children present this year. Vegetable or courgette soup (the latter being made by the

vicar, Philip de Grey-Warter) was followed by chicken, prawn, ham and cheese dishes accompanied by baked potatoes and various salads. Everyone then found room to have what has become the traditional pudding for the occasion- apple crumble with a big dollop of clotted cream! Wine and juice had been on sale during the evening. Paddy Shelley and her team of cooks and helpers must be congratulated on the superb food.

After plenty of excellent food and wine, the Auction began! For the second year running, a most generous, anonymous person had given over a dozen large trays of high quality fruit and vegetables and these, as well as other gifts from villagers, including a facial makeover, were soon being snapped up under the hammer of our resident auctioneer *par excellence*, Simon Funnell. With his usual wit and verbal dexterity, he never shirked from raiding the wallets of nearly every person in the room!

The total profit was £577. A percentage of this, together with the collections at the church, means that over £300 will be sent to *Harvest for the Hungry*, enough to give large food parcels to over thirty families.

From the Editor

Ours is a very small community but visitors often say how lively it is! This causes them to reflect on the place where they live, which is nearly always much bigger than Golant, and realise how little interaction may be going on between the people around them in their normal, everyday lives. For some, many of the old traditions have died out completely.

We have various traditions taking place in our little village during the year. Our carnival is small in comparison with Fowey, the raft race has only a few entrants, our village hall is tiny, our firework display can't compete with the ones at Plymouth.....it's all a question of 'scale.' But we try to make up for it with enthusiasm! We mustn't forget the tremendous support we get from friends and relatives, many of whom live in the hinterland. I noticed in the carnival how many friends had taken the trouble to travel from Wales and from even further 'up country.' They would not make the effort if they didn't find the experience to be fun. I know that, if I asked our grandchildren when they were coming to visit next summer, they would ask straightaway when the carnival was on!

This issue reflects some of the traditions which have been held since July, with a special concentration on the carnival, a colourful event even if the weather *was* dull and rainy. I missed the Raft Race this year and understand that the conditions of the tide and weather made for extremely difficult conditions; to have completed the course was a triumph, apparently. The organisers are to be congratulated on deciding to go ahead with the activities on both days, 'come hell or high water.' The Harvest Supper is very much a *village* event even if it is organised by members of the church.

We've had some marvellous innovative events in recent years: eg Walking on Water, New Year's Mummies' Play, Pantos, Revues, Cornish Evenings, Meet & Greet, New Year Ring-ins & Easter Day Competitions. This year we had the Fairy Football (I had completely missed the point of that one until I read about it!) and, wait for it (!), we're about to have a Chutney Competition with most unusual prizes. (See page 15).

Donations to keep this newsletter venture solvent continue to come to Robert Dunley, our treasurer. We are most grateful for your support.

I received a spoof letter from Sid Ouzman which is printed on page 6. I am sure that we have not yet given any personal information away which could be useful to a member of the criminal fraternity and we shall take care not to do so. I can only remind 'Bill Sykes' that there are regular patrols by *Boat Watch* members and information about vehicular and other movements is shared with the police. Also, we do have a *Neighbourhood Watch* scheme in the village.

Whenever we meet we share laughter, fun and, sometimes, sadness. A glance at the Calendar of Events highlights opportunities for us to be together, as members of an active Cornish village. Long may it be so!

Mike Harris

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Fairy Football

I feel that I may need to explain to some people what Fairy Football is all about. Let me first put your minds at rest. It is nothing to do with the sexual orientation of the players nor do they have to dress up in fairy costumes to compete!

No, it is simply a game of five-a-side football played on plastic sheeting that has gallons of water heavily dosed with washing up liquid thrown on it. All players take part without any footwear and the results are quite amazing with some of the best sliding tackles that you will ever see. Rules (if there are any) are similar to normal five a side but the referee, Pete Plasterer, took a very liberal interpretation of them.

This year's event took place on Saturday 4th August, and Pete did a superb job in providing plastic sheeting, buckets and washing up liquid. The football pitch on the green was covered and the sheets stuck together with tape. A team of willing hands carried water from the Pill and all was ready. Unfortunately, the day was dry and hot (not something that we would normally wish to complain about) and this meant that a continual stream of buckets was required to keep the pitch wet.

At the beginning only one team of young lads had turned up, so a team of what can only be called 'veterans' decided to challenge these precocious youths. By the use of guile, experience and brilliant goalkeeping (that was me!) the veterans won this game 1-0. The team then decided to retire gracefully back to their zimmer frames and wheelchairs to allow the lads to play against a newly arrived team led by Tom Parsons and the not so young Martin.

These were the only two teams to turn up, so they played two or three games against each other. I am not really sure of the result of any of the games, but at the end of the session they shared beers and chocolates. There were no real injuries, apart from pride, and I would say that most of the players went home cleaner than when they came.

Some of the tape did not stand up to the wear and tear, and part way through the afternoon two of the plastic sheets had to be taken away from the pitch. This proved to be a bonus, because these were laid to one side and given the water/washing up liquid treatment and the kids, who had all been desperate to take part, had a wonderful time.

Unfortunately the numbers were so low that the participation fee did not cover the cost of the equipment needed, so the event was out of pocket. We still have the sheets etc. which will be available for next year's event. Perhaps we could get Fairy Liquid to sponsor it! We would probably get the health and safety state registered nannies down then to tell us that the game is too dangerous.

Maurie Parsons Goalkeeper a la Gordon Banks

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Macmillan Coffee Morning

Jacky, Suzanne and Janet would like to say a big thank you to everyone who supported the coffee morning held on 28th September. So many people came and even those who were unable to come in person gave donations or raffle prizes. Thank you to those who made cakes and thank you to Vilma and Paddy who worked non-stop making the coffee! The amount raised was £600, so a very worthwhile morning.

Janet Gore



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Golant Sports & Carnival

Well, what a morning to wake up to! The great day had arrived and so had the weather. We had high winds, not good for our marquee, and rain, not good for the volunteers. In true Golant style the volunteers assembled on the green at the allotted time of 10 o'clock, and fortunately by that time both the wind and rain had eased, albeit it was very overcast. Decision time. Did we proceed? Could we consider doing the Teas in the Village Hall? Would anyone turn up? Even the St Pinnock Brass Band had phoned to see if we were going to be brave enough to carry on. Some bright spark made the decision that the weather was going to get better- well, certainly the forecast said it would by the evening. The marquee was erected and the event was on! The cream tea queens Ann and Dorothy started their annual ritual of cutting splits and scones, buttering, spreading jam and cream; not a morsel passed their lips!

In true Golant style the children dragged their parents out on a wet afternoon and were fantastic in their infectious competitive approach, never mind the weather. When it did rain hard everybody seemed to be able to get into the marquee with the result that the wonderful cakes made by the village ladies all went. In the 6-8 year old category Megan Dean was the star girl and Hugh Elworthy won the boys' cup. The 9-11 year old cups went to Megan Elworthy and Joe Andrews. Charlotte Fitzgerald won the girls' 12-14 cup and Jack Elworthy won the boys'. Just when we thought we were wet enough and that we might just get away without doing the Tug-of-war events, the children spotted the rope and there was just no stopping them. In the end we had one of the most fiercely fought tug-of-war events ever seen, with adults supporting the children and then the children supporting the adults. No wonder it is a tradition that all the children win money for participating.

The St Pinnock Brass Band arrived in good time for their concert whilst the Carnival participants gathered, although they did have stiff competition from the singing 'Sound of Music' group who quite understandably went on to take the Mixed Group prize. The amount of effort that everyone put into their fancy dress was overwhelming and in the eyes of some seasoned observers this year was the best ever turnout.



The Boys' Individual was won by Keely from the pub as a Jack-in-a-box, and the Girls' Individual by Toni Fishwick. The Child Pairs' prize went to Tessa and Toby Barr as a very realistic white shark, whilst Child Groups was won by an excellent Harry Potter entry formed by Naomi and Rosaleen Harris-Davison with Charlie, Nick and Elizabeth Swyer. Adult Pairs' winners were Liz and Bevil Luck with an admirable 'Sour Grapes'. The Adult Group was won by the ever-present Robert and Vilma team as the recent 'Safari Supper', though they were not that smartly dressed at the real event!



Melissa Weatherall won the Uds & Suds class as Dr Who, Best Child was Elizabeth Swyer as Voldemort from Harry Potter, and would you believe it, Greg White in his now famous eyelashes won Best Adult as J K Rowling! There were some fantastic raffle prizes and all present paid full attention to the Raffle Draw by our local celebrity J K Rowling. Thankfully the rain just held off until the completion of the prize giving. The Carnival procession led by the St Pinnock Brass Band was a great success, followed by the Flora Dance.



[More of the colourful entries in this year's Golant Carnival](#)



Gill Paull & relatives as 'August 1963 Re-visited'



Sue 'Silent Bird Scarer' Strode



The Mad Hatter's Tea Party



Who is this dressed as Hagrid in the St Sampson's 'Harry Potter' entry? There were many villagers who were completely hoodwinked!!



Bugsy Malone with two gangster's molls

If that was not enough, Sunday provided the [Great Golant Carnival Raft Race](#) where four rafts were entered by brave souls. The wind was a bit strong so the normal course was altered to create what was felt to be an easier paddle although this still proved extremely difficult. After the initial upset of the raft 'AY50' (Hawaii Five-O) that turned over due to a lack of a counter-weight, the race was started.



Strong paddling by 'Five Gentleman and a Little Lady' got them off to a good start, whilst the 'Empire' team, obviously concentrating on throwing flour bombs rather than paddling, were thus prevented from providing a strong challenge.

The all female crew on 'Psychodelias' battled against the strong wind and they managed to complete the course, which is more than can be said for 'AY50', which was defeated by the wind.



Well done to all participants who seemed to be able to drown their sorrows with beer on terra firma at the Fisherman's Arms where the prizes donated by Amanda and Tony were presented.

We owe a great deal of thanks to all the helpers, contestants and participants who braved the weather to provide a memorable weekend.

Peter Edwards

Correspondence to the Editor

An Email from Dr Richard Gabb

May I submit the following article in response to the excellent thread started on 'Deer Ticks Warning Update'?

There is a condition known as Lyme's disease that can cause some alarming symptoms, following the bite of an infected tick. It should be stressed that not all such bites are infected, but prompt treatment will cure the condition. Those who have been bitten by an infected tick develop a slowly expanding rash which spreads out in a circular fashion from the site of the tick bite, usually between five and fourteen days. It is not usually very painful or itchy and eventually it will disappear without treatment. Other symptoms, including tiredness, headaches and aches & pains in muscles and joints, may also be present. Antibiotics given at the early stage are curative.

In Hampshire there is quite a problem with tick bites, and Lyme's disease has been reported from those walking on Exmoor, so it is not unreasonable to believe that it could be found amongst the deer that inhabit the Golant Downs.

"Ticks are very small, about the size of a poppy seed, and can easily be overlooked, so it is important to be aware of the risk of a tick bite. Check for attached ticks regularly and remove them promptly. Infected ticks are very unlikely to transmit the organism if they are removed within 24 hours of attachment."

The advice is that of the Health Protection Agency (HPA) for whom I work. This is a relatively new organization (formed April 2003). On their website can be found all kinds of useful advice relating to almost any infectious disease. This site is <http://www.hpa.org.uk> Go onto the website and click on the menu topics A-Z.

Regards, Dr Richard Gabb

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Although it is against the code of my professional body, the Associated Society of Boy Offenders (asbo) to drop names (it's known as grassing in the trade), I'm sure that Her Majesty, of whom I am a frequent guest, would join me in congratulating you on your excellent journal. Me and my associates savour every snippet of gossip to be found in your columns and cannot deny that to know the disposition of various residents e.g. 'sometimes here,' 'gorn abroad', etc saves countless hours of re-search enabling me and my mates to be 'gorn' abroad for a welcome break at your readers' expense.

Yours until I get me dukes on it,

pp Bill Sykes

CARNIVAL EAVESDROPPING COMPETITION



What do you think Robert and Tauniua were saying to each other at the recent Golant carnival?!!

Send your suggestion to golantpill@yahoo.co.uk or drop it in the letterbox at the bottom of the drive to South Torfrey Cottage. The entry deemed to be the most amusing will win a bottle of wine or a £5 book token. **Closing date is 21st November.**

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Village Hall Committee Report

It is nice to be able to start this report with the wonderful news that we have been awarded a grant of just under £6,000 towards our roof from Restormel Borough Council. The grant is dependent on us obtaining a Bat Licence and it is expected we should take up the grant within three years but we want to do it as soon as possible. The authorities have to visit at various times to establish what type of bat roost it is etc. I would like to acknowledge the time and effort Mike Freemantle is spending on this. It seems that there are different criteria applied to public halls than to private properties with no concession given to charities.

This grant has obviously taken us a lot nearer to our target, but because the bats could cost £2000-£2500, we need to continue fundraising so as not to deplete all our funds. At this point, on behalf of the Committee, can I thank everyone who has helped in any way with fundraising, from those able to give substantial sums (recently a cheque was received from someone who has a second home here) to those who have given smaller amounts through their hard work and innovative ideas. Every contribution that is given is received with gratitude.

The Salad/Soup Kitchen will now be known as *The Thursday Kitchen*. Paddy & Vilma's money-making (for the village hall roof) menus will be influenced by the temperature outside!

Considering the awful weather on the afternoon of the Carnival, the village hall did well to make a total of £134 on the various stalls and games which included £60 from the sale of Beanies kindly donated by Roger & Brenda Page. The teddy's favourite food was "kippers" and the prize was won by Graham Estlick who was probably relieved the prize did not reflect this, but was some chocolate. Jimmy Fisher won the £20 prize for the treasure map whilst Sue Strode won £5. Congratulations to all winners!

As you know it had been our intention to judge the sunflower competition prior to the carnival but the growing season has been slow. For those children who planted sunflowers at the Plant Sale, judging will take place on Thursday 4th October between 4 & 5 pm. Call Janet Gore on 832425.

There are two Carn to Cove shows and a 'drop' is included with this issue of 'The Golant Pill.'

On **Tuesday 20th November at 7pm** Maurie and Gail Parsons are organising another popular Quiz with a Fish & Chip supper. Last time we had a full house, so book your place (or place!) early. See 'Golant Gleanings' for details (page 11).

One of the highlights of the village hall calendar is the Christmas Fayre which will be held on **Saturday 24th November, 12-2.30pm**. Soup and ploughman's lunches will be available and the Rowing Club will offer mulled wine, stollen and mince pies. St Sampson's Church will have Christmas Gifts including food items and plants. The Playground Committee will have a Cake Stall, as they are still fundraising for a swing for little ones and the rest of the equipment has to be maintained. Boat Watch will have their Bottle Stall to include jars of sweets for the children. The Village Hall Committee will do a Water/Wine stall, 'Guess the name of--?' and sell tickets for a Christmas Hamper raffle. Alice Hunter will be providing a Craft Table for the children to make Christmas tree decorations and cards. I'm sure that all these organisations would welcome gifts for their stalls but, most important of all, do please come to the Fayre and support your village organisations. Thank you in anticipation.

Janet Gore

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Crossing the Fowey

On low spring tides it is possible to walk from the quay at Golant across the sand bars, wade across the river and arrive in the parish of St Veep. In past times, cattle were driven across the river to fresh pastures and recently deer have been seen making the crossing.

On Friday August 31st the low tide was 0.3m at 14:39, so at about 2:15pm a group of six adults, one child and Sophie the spaniel dog bravely attempted the crossing. The deepest part was about two feet deep and the river still flows quite quickly, but you can cross without getting your shorts wet! Sophie used a combination of doggy paddle and a bouncy walk to stay above the water. The gritty sand does get in your shoes, and slurpy mud on the other side can mean being ankle deep in black slime.

At least four golf balls were found on the sand bars; we believe the most likely source is Lostwithiel golf club and not any of the Golant golfers practising their drives from the Village Green.

We will plan a similar journey next year, as soon as the tide tables are published, so if any one would like to join the intrepid river explorers look out for the announcement in The Pill.

Greg White

Golant Village Website (www.golant.net)

I am delighted that I am being allowed to administer the Golant Website. I have always been an admirer of this, and have, in the past, shamelessly pinched many ideas from it. Mr Richard Strode, who set up and maintained the website, did a wonderful job, and, on the 'if it ain't broke, don't try to fix it' principle, I shall not be making any dramatic changes. I would, however, like to ensure that the information on the site is right up-to-date and accurate. So it would be helpful if anyone with links or references to the website could confirm that they are happy with the content. I would also be grateful for ideas and suggestions for additional content, and for photos of village activities as they happen.

It may be worth mentioning here, that the website is financed by the Parish Council, but, as it is a community website, the Parish Council only has editorial control of information on their own section. The webmaster, therefore, will be responsible for rejecting any material or comment which he considers to be inappropriate, inaccurate or offensive.

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The kids' insight on Golant

!Note from the sub-editor!

Hi everyone!

Welcome to the 2nd issue of "Sandbanks". I hope you have had a fab holiday! It's annoying being back at school, isn't it?!!

I have received a handwritten letter from a girl called Ella Parsons, who is 6 years old and stayed at Cosel with her Grandfather over the Summer holidays. I have also been given a short story from Rosaleen Harris-Davison whose grandparents live in the village. Disappointingly, these were the only items I received since the last newsletter 2 months ago!!!! **Please help me!!!!!!** This lack of interest is driving me insane. Anyone with anything about Golant PLEASE help; you don't even have to write it properly. Just give me something!!!!

Alice Hunter

WILDLIFE TRACKERS

Glow worms

On Thursday 2nd August, we saw a glow worm in the hedge. It had a bright green shiny tail. Has anybody else seen a glow worm in Golant?

Ella Parsons

(On Radio 4 last week it was stated that the decline in glow worms may be due in part to the increase of light pollution from street lights and so on—Ed)

Canada Geese

Have you heard or seen the noisy Canada geese? They have been flying over the village lately. They are a large goose and easily recognised due to their black head and neck and large white throat patch.

Alice Hunter

Berries

Have you tried a sloe? They are large purple berries that you see a lot of in the hedges in and around Golant. If you try them they have an interesting taste. They make your tongue feel all dry and numb and they are often used to make sloe gin, which is an alcoholic drink that your Mum, Dad or even Grandparents may like!!

If you are out picking berries then remember, only eat a berry that you are sure that you recognise, or if you are with a responsible adult who says it is safe to eat. If you do eat a poisonous berry, you could be extremely ill and maybe even die.

Alice Hunter



Sloes in the hedgerow

Children's Gleanings

Canoeing crazy!

A big "well done" to Hugh Elworthy, Joe Hunter, Tess A'lee (a friend from Fowey) and Alice Hunter, who have been chosen to compete against Plymouth in a canoe race from Golant to Fowey and back, sometime in October.

Good luck everyone!

A GOLANT SHORT STORY

The Chocolate Shadow

One Midsummer morning, a chocolate brown Burmese cat called Winnow was exploring the large paddock and garden where he lived. Suddenly his friend Sampson (who Winnow lived with) came trotting down the path with something in his sharp-toothed jaws. "Hey, Sampson, what's that in ya mouth?" "Well, a big, fat, juicy rat!" "Ooh, can you put him down?" The rat was obviously dead. "Oh, by the way, Sammy, I'm going down to 'Holant' or whatever." "No, silly, it's Golant." "OK, bye..."

At that Winnow began to walk down to the little boating village of Golant. He started approaching down the long driveway of his Cottage when suddenly he caught sight of Cam, the black cat. "Hallo C.C.," (which means Cam Cat). "Tell me which way to Golant." "Aha! It's down the road."

When Winnow heard this, he shot off! When he came to the bottom of the hill he noticed a HUGE field. "A playing field!" chorused Winnow happily.

He walked on and came to a human sundial. Then he found the right place to rest— a boat. But when he fell asleep an engine started and he smelt sea! When he woke up, he was going upstream.

"Where am I?" (Yawn) "In a boat," squealed a fish. "Who and where are you?" "In the water! I'm a fish." "So tell me, fish, where am I? What's this thing?" "First things first," said the fish. "You're in a boat going up to St Winnow's Church". "My church!" said Winnow. "No," said the fish, "your name."

Suddenly a motor boat broke the silence and the fish swam underwater. Immediately Winnow moved and fell off the boat. "Help!" meowed Winnow. With that a man picked him up out of the water. "Oh Win, what are you doing here?" "My master!" meowed Winnow happily.

That night Winnow was lying by the fire all cosy and warm. All on a Midsummer's day!

Rosaleen Harris-Davison, aged 8¾

St Sampson Parish Council

Our grateful thanks to Richard Strode who resigned recently as our webmaster. He created and built up the award winning village site over a number of years. And a welcome to Barry Campbell-Taylor who kindly offered to take over the role.

The refurbished play area on the Green has been very well received by all its users – young and old! The wait was well worth it; many people have contributed to the success, but Siobhan Harper deserves a special mention for her part in project managing the scheme.

The Council decided in July to break with tradition, hold a meeting in August and not to meet in December from then on. This reflects difficulties in gaining a quorum of councillors in December in recent years.

It was good to see seven parishioners at the August meeting to continue the debate on affordable housing begun a month earlier, when the Council received an informal proposal to build two affordable homes on land outside the present village boundary. This raises a number of issues and concerns which were summarised in a letter sent to Restormel Council Planning Department:-

- a) These proposed homes lie clearly outside the present development area as defined by Restormel. Does the support of this application mean that the development area no longer will apply?
- b) What are the precise terms of 'affordable housing', and what guarantees are there to ensure that such homes remain 'affordable' in perpetuity?
- c) Would the Parish Council support for these homes then mean that the way would be open for further developments (whether supported or opposed by the Parish Council) on the fields running either side of the road into Golant?
- d) If the Parish Council gave support for two affordable homes, would Restormel subsequently insist that further affordable homes be built on or near this site?

We have yet to receive any answers to our questions! Whilst understanding the need for such homes for local young people, we have to be very wary that we do not set precedents that may be used in the future to the detriment of the village.

Sue Reardon– Chairman, St Sampson Parish Council

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Golant Gleanings

SYMPATHY

Sandra Walsh died very suddenly at home at 'Hybadore'. We extend our sympathy to her husband David, Rosy and the remainder of her family.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Alice Robins who has won her place to St Hilda's College, Oxford, where she will study for four years reading Philosophy and French. She gained the required three 'A' levels (grade A) though she admits to '...having a bit of a hiccup in the English exam...'

Congratulations, also, to Dave Jones who has just gained his Yachtmaster's Certificate. Dave and Chris moved into 'Riverside' a couple of months ago and have already thrown themselves into village activities including judging the carnival entries.

A PROUD DOUBLE

Over fifty years ago, Graham Vivian, resplendent in his Gurkha officer's uniform, gave his sister away when she was married in Malaysia, their father being back in England. On September 9th he gave her daughter away when she married at St Sampson's. What a proud moment that must have been for the whole family!

VILLAGE GUIDE

John Jenkin, having finished an historical guide to the church, has now begun to research a guide to the village of Golant. He plans to sell it in aid of funds for the village hall and church.

EXHIBITION

An Exhibition of Textiles by Karen Hamnett (Art & Graphics in our 'Golant Pill' Team) will be held at Lostwithiel Library from Tuesday October 16th- Friday 26th October inclusive. There will be a selection of her hand-made items including scarves, hangings, bags, cushions and cards.

WHIZZ! BANG!

On Monday 5th November, starting at 7.30pm, the best FREE firework display in Cornwall can be viewed from the garden of the Fisherman's Arms. A raffle will be held and buckets will be shaken to raise money for next year's event.

QUIZ! BANG!

On Tuesday 20th November there will be a Quiz Night with Fish & Chip Supper in the Village Hall. The first question will be at 7.30pm sharp. Entry will be £6 per head (unfortunately the prices of both fish and potatoes have risen since the last quiz night!) There will be teams of 4 or 6, or come on your own and we will team you up. Prizes will go to the winning team and a Raffle will be held. Proceeds from the evening are going towards the provision of a swing and climbing ropes for the playground. For tickets, ring Gail Parsons on 833475.

WATER SPORTS!

Who was it who recently tried to set up a tidal wave in the Pill by failing to get his leg over the gunwale of a boat, and falling flat on his back in the water? In the same week his wife tried to make a pot of coffee and a pot of tea using cold water! No prizes for guessing, but answers on a postcard to Rose Cottage.

Fowey Fuchsia & Garden Society

The 14th Annual Show of the Society was held on July 29th in the Community College. There were over 160 entries in 47 classes. The judge Ric Reilly of the British Fuchsia Society, who is an expert on Species Fuchsias, was most impressed with the standard and variety of the exhibits, from little miniatures, bonsais, to large fans. The Mayor of Fowey, Mrs Ann Boosey, was escorted around the stands by our Chairman Neville Tolman. She also presented the trophies. I was lucky enough to win three firsts and five seconds; hope to do better next year.

The speaker for **October 8th** is Nigel Pascoe, who will be talking on 'All-round colour in the Garden.'

All are welcome.

Anita Fuge

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE FOR WALLY!

Many villagers will remember with affection Wally Simpson, who lived with his partner, Elizabeth, at Myrtle Cottage until they moved to Polruan four years ago. It was some time before I discovered that Wally is, in fact, a celebrated playwright whose name was 'up in lights' with Beckett and Pinter. Kenneth Tynan wrote that he is "the most gifted comic writer the English stage has discovered since the war." Wally, ever self-deprecating, has said recently that he thought that Tynan changed his mind later on. Admirers of his craft and originality include many of the greats of comedy in the last half century— the late Peter Cook, John Cleese, Eleanor Bron, John Fortune and John Bird to name but a few. I have heard Joan Bakewell extolling his greatness on a few occasions. Indeed, *Radio 4* has made a documentary entitled *Reality is an Illusion Caused by Lack of NF Simpson!*

I have always loved what many consider to be his masterpiece, *One Way Pendulum*, in which a family train five hundred Speak Your Weight machines to sing the *Hallelujah Chorus*. When I met them first, I can recall Elizabeth telling me about the play, hardly able to talk because of laughing so much at such an absurd idea!

Recently, at the ripe age of 88 years, Wally is back in fashion. His play "*A Resounding Tinkle*" which includes Peter Capaldi in the cast, has been playing to full houses at the Donmar theatre in London and is a roaring success ("Sparkling revival" *Daily Telegraph*). Written in 1958, it concerns a couple in suburbia who have taken delivery of a wrong-sized elephant.

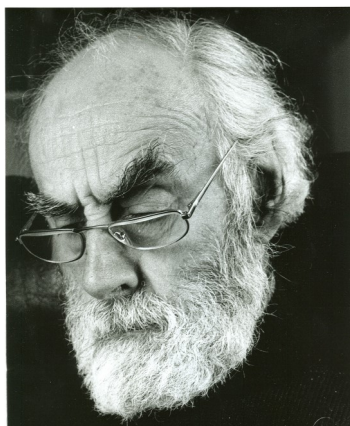
Wally's latest play, *If So, Then Yes* has been read at the Royal Court to much delight and acclaim. Amongst many other outrageous ideas, it argues that there was no serpent in the Garden of Eden, but an unusually long sausage dog! It is hoped that this play will be staged somewhere in the near future.

I hadn't spoken to Wally for some time but, as usual, when I spoke to him today on the phone I felt immediately that I was in tune with him. He was as unassuming and modest as ever about his successes in 2007 which have been covered in national newspapers. It was obvious, though, that he had derived great pleasure from smelling the atmosphere in a London theatre once again and seeing some of his creations coming to life and causing so much laughter amongst everyone around him.

There's not enough laughter in the world these days. Let's have more NF Simpson!

I took this photograph of Wally at Myrtle Cottage a few years ago when I was studying black and white photography.

MGH



FROM PAST TIMES

Edwina Webster (néé Bray) now lives at Blisland but grew up in Golant and helped her father build *Cornelva*, literally. She was expected to act as a labourer including carrying building materials up ladders as the building progressed. She loved her times taking part in the village events including the carnivals. When Edwina saw our newsletter, she got in touch and has kindly lent us a few pictures of past carnivals at Golant. Can you identify anyone here?!



1961. "Golant Protest Marchers"



1963. "Golant before & after Beeching"



1967. "The Flower Children"
(Right is Edwina; left is still a Flower/Fuchsia Girl ?!)

News from St Sampson

Bishop Bill Ind's Visit

Carol White, Churchwarden, writes:

"In 1509 Golant and its surrounding area became a separate parish and its chapel ceased to be attached to the Priory of St Andrew's at Tywardreath. At that time the then Chapel was dedicated to St Sampson thus creating the Parish of St Sampson. To commemorate the event, Bishop Bill has agreed to join us in the celebrations with a pastoral visit starting with a service at **10.30am on Sunday, October 14th**. Afterwards he will join parishioners in the Village Hall for a finger lunch to which all are invited. The bishop is retiring at Easter 2008 so this will be a chance to wish him well in his retirement."

We are starting the quincentenary celebrations now because in 1507 there is, apparently, evidence of negotiations in that year with the Bishop of Exeter over the future of Golant. Anyway, it seemed a good excuse to get Bishop Bill to the church before he retired! Anyone who has seen him on various television programmes or at the Du Maurier Festival will know how inspirational he is as a speaker.

At the beginning of the service Bishop Bill will dedicate the Tristan & Iseult gate. We hope that one of the new arches planned for both gates (with lights) will be in place by then.

The annual service to commemorate St Sampson's life on the last Sunday of July was special! The congregation soon picked up the new tune and words, 'A Hymn to St Sampson' written by Sheila & Simon Funnell. They had both written a new introit, too. The Lord's Prayer was sung in Cornish (again, to a new setting by Sheila) and, by tradition, John Jenkin gave the blessing in Cornish.

November 11th is Remembrance Day. Please note that the service will start at the war memorial at 9.15am and not 9am as in previous years. On the wall by the pulpit is a framed list of war veterans from Golant. What I appreciate is that it lists all those who went to fight in the two World Wars in the twentieth century. It is all too easy to forget those who gave years of their lives fighting for their country. Because they did not die is no excuse for us to forget their sacrifice. Some experienced the privations of captivity which, in some cases, were 'a living hell'.

The bishop's chair which stood by the vestry door is no more! According to the experts, it had no aesthetic or historical value. Indeed, when one of them visited from the diocese recently, parts of the chair fell apart before his very eyes! John East has discovered that in planning to place the two medieval panels on to the reading desks and the lectern we are, in fact, putting them back where they used to be two hundred years or so ago!

The new *Historical Guide* by John Jenkin has gone on sale @ £3 and copies are selling very steadily. It is already out of date because John mentions the bishop's chair! However, we shall be placing a small explanatory insert into each copy.

Advent Carol Service— on December 2nd at 6.30pm.

Please note that both the Advent and Christmas carol services begin at 6.30pm this year. Advent means 'coming', when we prepare ourselves for the birth of Christ. The Advent service is shorter than the one on Christmas Eve, and it ends in darkness and contemplation; on Christmas Eve the service begins in darkness and ends in light and celebration. Both have lots for the congregation to sing, so do come along and exercise your lungs!

Mike Harris

CORNISH SNIPPETS FROM COUSIN JACK (Ecclesiastical)

A New Bishop of Truro (1935)

"Recently, Dr Frere, Bishop of Truro, resigned and decided to return to the Community of the Resurrection at Mirfield where he was formerly Superior. His successor was announced today (April 2nd) as Archdeacon Hunkin, Vicar of Rugby. He is an Evangelical Low Churchman, is 47 years old and has four children. He is a Cornishman, the first Cornish bishop of Truro, comes from a Methodist background and was first educated at the Wesleyan Leys School.

An acquaintance asked me what I thought of a 'Wesleyan' as Bishop of Truro. I told him that as long as he is a Cornishman I don't care if he's a Buddhist."

Epitaph

In St Buryan Churchyard

Here lie John and Richard Benn
Two lawyers and two honest men
God works miracles now and then

JCJ

St Sampson's Church **Flower & Cleaning Rota**

October 7th	Gillie & Sheila
October 14th & 21st	Penny & Viviane
Oct. 28th & Nov. 4th	Carol & Valerie
Nov. 11th & 18th	June & Kate
Nov. 25th	Tauniua

GOLANT BOAT OWNERS ASSOCIATION (BOAT WATCH)

Boat Watch held a social evening on Friday 7th Sept which was a great success. The buffet was supplied by Paddy Shelley and as anyone who has had a Thursday lunch in the village hall will know the food was excellent.

During this evening the print of "Early Morning at St Winnow," kindly donated by David Parry, was raffled. The winner, a staunch member of Boat Watch, used to keep his boat at St Winnow so he was very pleased with his success. David, whom I mentioned in the last newsletter, is also a staunch member of Boat Watch and it was very nice to see him and his wife, Prawn, at the event.

We had a number of guests at the evening, three of whom were from the 30 foot Beneteau "Betty Blue." They are sailing around Britain in an anti-clockwise direction and had left Ipswich in June. For most of the journey they had experienced difficult sea and weather conditions and it was not until they got to Cornwall that the sun shone!

Another guest, a youthful octogenarian, who does not have a boat but could see the value of Boat Watch, has offered to do watches.

On the river, the very strong north winds that we had a month ago caused two boats to break loose from their moorings and head off towards Fowey, much faster, it appeared, than the 6 kt speed limit allowed on the estuary! On both occasions a call to the Fowey Harbourmaster's office resulted in a very prompt response, and the boats were recovered before any damage was done. The sail on a third boat became unfurled but the owner was able to secure it, again, before any harm occurred.

A dinghy was taken from its frape but was later recovered from St Winnow. A small yacht had the oars stolen from its dinghy which was tied alongside, as well as an artificial heron which was being used to try and keep the sea gulls off the boat. Strangely, both items were put back on the boat a week later!

Boat Watch members will continue to keep a watchful eye on the river and all who use it.

Robert Gore

See emergency phone numbers in the box opposite

GOLANT QUAY USERS ASSOCIATION

A stern anchor line has now been laid across the berths known as the Green. Now anyone who has a berth on either the Beach or Green can utilise this facility to which two stern anchor lines are tied. We hope to tackle the Road area in the Spring of 2008.

We have had the Slip cleaned of algae again, something that seems to grow as quickly as the grass in summer and we have not forgotten the repairs to the Quay wall.

The forthcoming Bridge closure work between 7th January and 17th February 2008 and the intention to close the navigable channel means that we had to ask members if they needed to have access to their boat during this period. The mailing we sent out resulted in some 8 members in need of some form of access. Negotiations have continued with Network Rail over what we could provide in the hope that, whatever equipment we bought, could be re-used as the Road stern anchor system. However, we have fallen foul of the rules of the River, where we are not allowed to put anything in place outside the railway. As a solution, the Harbour Office may provide our 8 members with unused frapes. We will inform them of the solution when it is finally agreed.

All the 2007/2008 berthing allocations have been made and the paperwork and stickers to put on boats have been posted to members. So it will not be long before we see the Pill filling up with boats for the winter lay-up period.

Peter Edwards

POLICE CONTACT NUMBERS FOR INFORMATION

NBM Golant / Fowey / Lostwithiel / Luxulyan / Lanlivery
08452 777444 - Police Central Switchboard - advice & reporting non urgent incidents/crime

'999' - Urgent police assistance (offenders still present or life/death situations)

0800 555111 - Crime Stoppers - To pass anonymous information.

Email- tim.rowe@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk

If anyone spots a problem on the river, please contact one of the following:

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For an informal chat please contact me on:

Tel: 01726 832104 (answerphone)

Mobile: 0797 3913137

Email: karenhamnett@hotmail.com

Auntie Paddy's Recipe Corner

Most of our Summer visitors have left, and I wonder how many of us have Clotted Cream in the freezer. It seems a good idea to freeze any cream left over, but when defrosted, it often has a granular texture. Here is an ideal way to use it up.

CLOTTED CREAM SHORTBREAD

150g/6oz Plain Flour

75g/3oz Clotted Cream (note that you do not have to use cream that has been frozen)

25g/1oz Butter (this gives a richer flavour than margarine)

50g/2oz Caster Sugar

- 1 Sieve the flour and rub in the butter, then add the sugar. Add the cream and bind the mixture together.
- 2 Press into a greased baking tray and mark out fingers or triangles as you wish. Prick the dough with a fork to prevent it rising.
- 3 Bake in a moderate oven (170°C/325°F/Gas Mark 3) for 45 minutes to 1¼ hours until firm and lightly browned.
- 4 When cold, cut into shapes and lift from tin.

As a postscript, may I add a plea for any interesting recipes. I'm sure they would find me at the email address golantpill@yahoo.co.uk or hand them to me at a Thursday kitchen. I will then do my best to use them in future issues.

Paddy Shelley

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!!

Dr David Skerrett is holding a **Village Chutney Competition**. There will be two Classes— one for a Sweet Chutney and the other a Spicy Chutney.

It will be judged by an independent, international chutney-tasting panel who, it is reported, meet at the Fisherman's Arms on a Thursday evening and are quite open to all forms of bribery....

So- get chutney making now! Bring your entry to the Village Hall at 11.30 on Thursday 15th November, when judging will duly take place. The grand Award Ceremony will be held at the 'Thursday Kitchen' on the same day.

1st Prize- One leek! **2nd Prize-** Two leeks!! **3rd Prize-** Three leeks!!!
(Apparently none of the judges like leeks!)

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CALENDAR OF VILLAGE EVENTS

OCTOBER

Wednesday 3rd	9.50-10.10am	Mobile Library	End of Green
Thursday 4th	12-2.30pm	'Thursday Kitchen'	Village Hall
Sunday 7th	9.15am	Holy Communion	St Sampson's
Thursday 11th	12-2.30pm	'Thursday Kitchen'	Village Hall
Sunday 14th	10.30am	Celebration of Dedication to St Sampson	St Sampson's
	<i>Preacher: Bishop Bill Ind</i>		St Sampson's
	Noon	Buffet Lunch for villagers	Village Hall
Wednesday 17th	9.50-10.10am	Mobile Library	End of Green
Thursday 18th	12-2.30pm	'Thursday Kitchen'	Village Hall
Thursday 18th	7.15pm	Parish Council meeting	
	<i>The public are invited to take part until 7.30pm</i>		Village Hall
Saturday 20th	7.30pm	Madame Lucinda's Wonder Show	Village Hall
	<i>Tickets from Mike Freemantle: Tel: 816454</i>		
Sunday 21st	6.00pm	Evensong	St Sampson's
Thursday 25th	12-2.30pm	'Thursday Kitchen'	Village Hall
Sunday 28th	9.15am	Holy Communion	St Sampson's
Wednesday 31st	9.50-10.10am	Mobile Library	End of Green
Wednesday 31st	5-7pm	Children's Pumpkin Night	Village Hall

NOVEMBER

Thursday 1st	12-2.30pm	'Thursday Kitchen'	Village Hall
Sunday 4th	9.15am	Holy Communion	St Sampson's
Monday 5th	7.30pm	Fireworks & Raffle	Fisherman's Arms
Thursday 8th	12-2.30pm	'Thursday Kitchen'	Village Hall
Sunday 11 th	9.15am	Sung Holy Communion	St Sampson's
	<i>Remembrance Sunday (starts at the War Memorial)</i>		
Wednesday 14th	9.50-10.10am	Mobile Library	End of Green
Thursday 15th	11.30-12.30 pm	Judging of Chutney Competition	Village Hall
Thursday 15th	12-2.30pm	'Thursday Kitchen'	Village Hall
Thursday 15th	7.15pm	Parish Council meeting	
	<i>The public are invited to take part until 7.30pm</i>		Village Hall
Friday 16th	7.30pm	Boat Watch AGM	Village Hall
Sunday 18th	6.00pm	Evensong	St Sampson's
Tuesday 20th	7 for 7.30pm	Quiz with fish and chip Supper	Village Hall
	<i>Tickets £6 from Gail Parsons: Tel 833475</i>		
Thursday 22nd	12-2.30pm	'Thursday Kitchen'	Village Hall
Saturday 24th	11am-2pm	Village Christmas Fayre	Village Hall
Saturday 24th	7.30pm	Barkbelly- Cat Wetherill	Village Hall
	<i>Tickets from Mike Freemantle: Tel: 816454</i>		
Sunday 25th	9.15am	Sung Holy Communion	St Sampson's
Wednesday 28th	9.50-10.10am	Mobile Library	End of Green
Thursday 29th	12-2.30pm	'Thursday Kitchen'	Village Hall

FUTURE EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

<u>Sunday 2nd December</u>	11.30am onwards	Meet & Greet	Village Hall
<u>Sunday 2nd December</u>	6.30pm	Advent Carol Service	St Sampson's

If you have any item you wish to be entered into this Calendar of Village Events, please contact Janet Gore, the Parish Diary member of our team, by the Copy Date shown on page 2 of this Newsletter, & we will try to include it. (832425)