



Sleeping Beauty awakes



Princess Beauty (Lucy Palmer) and Prince Harry (Becky Downes) in their wedding finery.

There are a number of elements that go towards making a good 'village' pantomime. These include topical local and national issues, men dressed as women, allusions to local residents, audience participation as well as the casts' ability to forget their lines. Simon Funnell's fast moving, colourful and humorous production of 'Sleeping Beauty' by the *Golant Very Amateur Dramatic Society* had all of these in abundance.

With the audience involved from the first song (Oh no they didn't! Oh yes they did!) the plot stuck to the traditional story of Sleeping Beauty, but with the added features of both Ruth Varco as Joan the Banker (yes I said Banker!), who still wanted her annual bonus, and Mike Harris with David Johns as George and Ron, railway workers who only worked at night and made a lot of noise when sand blasting the bridge over the Pill. These latter two had a relationship with The Dragon, Graham (who could that be?).

Beauty's parents were Simon as King Richard of Golantia and a sensationally dressed and made up Greg White as Queen Judy (well there's a surprise). So good was Greg's costume, Simon now has 'dress

envy'.

Barry Campbell-Taylor was the King's Butler but he spent some time trying to get the King to 'corpse'. Muddles, the servant, Lucien Campbell-Taylor, was bumblingly inefficient while Nelly the nurse-maid, Anne-Marie Downes, lusted after him, while at the same time being motherly towards Beauty.

Princess Beauty, Lucy Palmer, lived up to her name with a voice to match. Her duet with Fifi the French Maid, Fiona Westaway, who excited the male audience, was a joy. Beauty has to be woken by a kiss from a Handsome Prince, Harry, who had found Golantia with the aid of his father King Charles of Cornwallia. Becky Downes and John Jenkin admirably filled these parts.

The Royal Banquet was to be provided by the two Royal Cooks, Paddy and Vilma playing themselves, as soon as they had dealt with the peasants at the Thursday Kitchen. Some of the funniest gaffes came from Vilma remembering when to say "exactly", "rubbish" or "duck fat".

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Barbara McMillan had obviously studied the Vicar of Dibley tapes to 'substantially' fill her role as the Vicar. The flow of the story was kept going by the numerous Fairies played by the youngsters of the village, Dan Palmer, Hugh & Megan Elworthy, Melissa Weatherall, Joe Hunter, Megan Dean and the ever youthful Gillie Harris. Gill Paull was Fairy Good, while her opponent, the bad Fairy Liquid, was the inspired casting of Chris Yexley.

Such was the amount of ad-libbing, that at one stage Bruce Fletcher, controlling the lights, was heard to say that he thought that he had lost an entire page of script because he did not recognise what was happening on the stage!

With outstanding costumes, many made by Chris Kift; clever make-up by Jill Bunker; superb scenery designed & painted by Graham Estlick and skilful piano accompaniment by Sheila Funnell, who also arranged all of the music, this production lived up to the standards of Golant pantomimes.

Audiences left with smiles on their faces having had an entirely entertaining evening.

A Stage-Hand



Queen Judy and King Richard with the French maid Fifi, Bertie the King's Butler and Joan, a Banker, in the Palace of Golantia

From the Editor

This edition is being published slightly later than normal so that the pantomime production could be covered before it became history!

We are experimenting with the printing for this issue. Robert has acquired a CD program which we hope will lower the cost of printing. I'll keep you informed about the success or failure of this experiment. We have just bought some cartridges to print this issue and found that the black ones have gone up by £9 and the coloured ones by £5—frustrating, to say the least!

We are all most grateful to Maurie & Gail Parsons for organising such a successful Race Evening. The venture was very well organised and, apart from one hiatus at the start of one race, everything ran smoothly. Personally, the horses which I backed did not run smoothly and I lost all the money I had set aside for the odd bet or two. But, more important, this newsletter was given all the profit for the evening: £250. Thanks for this generous donation. There were many requests for a repeat of this entertainment.

We welcome some new advertisers this time. Another double-sided page has been added as a result. *Please support our advertisers.* Without their help this newsletter would never have got off the ground. I hear time and again how pleased people are when they 'go local' when seeking services of various kinds. It's certainly our experience, too.

Mike Harris

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Village Hall Committee

Some of you have commented on the fact that the wires outside the village hall are still sheathed. Western Power was informed when the roof was finished but no action was taken. Chasing the company up in February I was told that they were unable to remove the shrouding as the conductor cable is too close to the building and the supply will be moved and renewed under EFQCR (Electricity, Safety, Quality and Continuity Regulations) in the near future. This is a rolling programme and we have not been forgotten. So watch this space!

It was good to see our new tables used for the first time at the Race Evening and to know that our drinks were secure. Also, thank you to Paddy Shelley for making new matching cloths for the trestle tables.

Since their return, the Thursday Kitchen has been well supported and as always Paddy and Vilma are producing lovely meals at such a reasonable cost. Already, they have given a donation of £100 towards the new windows.

Tom Bliss in *Tales of Time and Tide* proved a popular entertainer with some very interesting facts about various happenings at sea from the co-ordination of the first Lifeboat service by Sir William Hillary in 1824, the bravery of Grace Darling to the salvage efforts from MSC Napoli, all interspersed with his own musical compositions.

On Saturday 9th May Carn to Cove will present *Secret Six*.

Everyone, I'm sure, will be looking forward to seeing the Pantomime and it is good to see the hall used for rehearsals and back stage preparation as well as the show itself.

All these activities show how much the village hall is valued. However, we did mention last time the difficulty of keeping the hall warm and the need to keep it well maintained. To this end Sue Reardon has been busy getting estimates for new windows etc. It has been decided to use Wunderplas and the windows are being made. Great care has been taken to preserve the shape of the present windows, which will look like wood from the outside and will be double glazed. They will have a tilt and turn opening.

It has been agreed in principle to refurbish the toilets. The damp will

be dealt with and insulation installed, making them much more pleasant to use.

Our AGM is to be held on **Tuesday 28th April at 7.30pm** followed by a committee meeting. Please do come and raise questions, offer suggestions and just listen to our plans for the future. New committee members would always be welcome but we promise there will be no pressure put on anyone attending.

Saturday 23rd May is the day of our **Plant and Book Sale** to be held in the **Village Hall from 11.30am-1.30pm**. This is a change of timing so that we can serve bread and soup lunches while you browse the books and plants.

This sale has raised quite a lot of money for us in the past and with all the recent expenditure we rely on your support.

So please grow seeds, split your plants, look out your books and most of all do join us on 23rd May. One thing we would like to stress is **please**

only send books which are in good condition.

During March you will have received a preliminary notice of Golant's first **Summer Flower and Produce Show** set for **Saturday 11th July**, and with this edition of the *Pill* a full schedule.

Please read this carefully, keep it in a safe place and start producing lots of lovely goodies. It is important that your entry forms are returned to Anita Fuge by **8th July** and also all **photographs** by that date in order to give time for them to be displayed properly.

Looking way ahead to September 20th a Dog Show will be held at Wild Thyme Farm, home of Kaye and David Jenkinson to whom we are indebted. So get your dogs into good shape!

Janet Gore

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Diana Helen Luck

The death of Diana Luck, following on so soon after the celebrations for her reaching the age of ninety last November, affected the emotions of a vast number of relatives and friends across the Duchy and beyond.

On the morning of February 26th, in a private service, her family laid her body to rest in the graveyard at St Sampson's Church. Diana's late husband, George, was a warden at the church for many years and Diana had worshipped there regularly for over 60 years. The service which followed in the afternoon was a true *Thanksgiving* for an extraordinary life. The church was packed to capacity with people covering every age range – a tribute in itself to Diana's amazing ability to communicate with everyone around her. It was a joyful occasion helped in part by her inspired choice of hymns which the congregation sang so enthusiastically!

The tributes from a nephew, Jonathan David, her daughter, Liz, and sons, Adam & Ben, conjured up a true picture of a very unique human being with both faults and strengths. Liz had collected over sixty adjectives which described her mother including: indomitable, funny, brave, inspiring, natural, spontaneous, outspoken, opinionated and tricky, energetic, gregarious, racy, extravagant, beautiful, elegant, steadfast, wayward, unpredictable, capricious and wilful.....

To the end, Diana was excited by '...Constant Change and the Joy of New– new people, new ideas, Channel 4 News, someone bursting into the kitchen...changing weather, changing moods, changing the garden...always changing with the ebb and flow of the tides...'

The untitled poem which follows was found after her death and was read by her grandson, Bevil, at the service. For many it conjures up a picture of a special lady '...who was so outrageously alive...' for everyone she met.

May Diana rest in peace.

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I have seen moonshine on mud-flats,
Mountains and rivers,
Gold sand-bars I've seen.

I have heard birds call in the evening,
Full spring-tide breakers
Pounding the shore;
Wind in the beech trees,
The laughter of children;
The ripple of streams
That flow over the moor.
I have felt the comfort of sunshine,
The gentle soft sea mists,
The crisp crunch of snow;
I have felt the strong warmth of old trees,
The pull of water,
Of tides ebb and flow.

I have known moments of wonder
When alone in quiet places I can be aware
That my body is silent,
My mind's clamour ceases.
Something slips from me
Like a small captive bird
That wings to the air,
I know not where,
I know not where.

Diana Luck

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This winter, Cornwall has been visited by many rare species of birds, many having improbable names; *Chimney Swift*, *Red Flanked Bluetail*, *Scarlet Bluefinch*, *Short Toed Lark*, *Ortholian Bunting*, *Woodchat Shrike*, *Sub-Alpine Warbler* and the *Scaup*. From my parked car at Fowey I observed a *Redwing*. These over-wintering birds are normally only seen from a distance, in large flocks. The bird I saw, on its own and only 3 feet away, was stunningly beautiful; similar to a *Thrush* but with a paler breast and with dark bars rather than spots. Its other distinguishing features are russet patches under the wings and fabulous Cleopatra-like eye markings. There may still be a few birds which have not returned to Scandinavia, so keep a look out.

Several sightings were made in Golant, in early February, of a *Swallow*. As previously reported, many swallows stayed behind this winter, surviving on beach insects. Sadly though, all these birds are reported to have perished during the cold snap.

The recently published results of the RSPB Birdwatch survey made interesting reading. Fascinatingly, the *Long Tailed Tit* is being increasingly seen in gardens throughout the country. Is this a species adapting to take advantage of a new and easy food source? Many Golantians have also noticed a new boldness about these lovely creatures.

Did anyone else witness the *Golant Toad* migration? During the evening of Thursday 19th March, hundreds of toads crossed Water Lane, went downhill & then up Tinney's

driveway, presumably heading for the Pond there.

Many of these fascinating creatures, which are real gardeners' friends, fell victim to cars, and I wonder if, next year, we could organise a Toad Patrol to shepherd them across safely.

Barry Campbell-Taylor



Inset is a *Redwing*, showing its remarkable similarity to the *Song Thrush*.

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Snow to Sun

Within a couple of months we have had the most amazing differences in weather. In late winter the snow hit us from all angles creating a white blanket across the village. Whoopee! A day off school & work, but oh no!...not everyone. One silly man decided to weather the storm up front. Andrew van den Broek decided to cycle up the hill (in his shorts!) to go to work, as you can see from this picture!



But then, within a couple of months we have this glorious weather. The sun has finally come out and it shines very brightly over the whole village. I think it is much easier to get to work now, and maybe shorts are appropriate after all!!

Jack Elworthy



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The kids' insight on Golant



Maddy Rose has painted a beautiful picture of a daffodil in the Spring sunshine. Golant is looking lovely at the moment with all the daffodils and primroses in the hedgerows. *AH*

Hi,
I know you're all really busy with the pantomime re-hearsals. All I can say is- "break a leg!!" I can't wait to see you all in action!!
Alice Hunter

Snowman Mystery

It seems a long time ago now, but it has only been a few weeks since Golant was cut off by snow and ice.

There were hoots of laughter and excitement when we looked out of our bedroom windows and saw that the village had turned white overnight. Unable to get to school, we had the whole day off to have fun!

After some sledding and snowball fights we all went up to the fields and built three massive snowmen. We spent hours perfecting them, the largest of which was over 6ft tall. Proud but cold we returned home for soup and a warm-up.

Later that day, Dad and I decided to return to the fields and wish our snowmen "Goodnight!" You can imagine our surprise when we reached the field. There was no sign of the snowmen. They had disappeared. All that was left were three mounds of snow and the remains of the twig fingers. The snowmen were too big to have melted; they must have been destroyed.

Who could have done this? The mystery of the disappearing snowmen has not been solved.

Alice Hunter



Polkerris cubs

Last Monday the Tywardreath & Polkerris Beavers, Cubs & Scouts met at Polkerris beach to renew their promise. We were celebrating the 60th anniversary of the group and the original flag was raised by our new leader. This was followed by a roaring camp fire with hot chocolate and a good singsong.

In the winter we meet at Tywardreath Hall, but in the Summer we meet at Polkerris beach where we are lucky enough to have a hall right on the beach, and enjoy activities such as fishing, hunts & volleyball. Roll on the Summer.

Hugh Elworthy

Bugsy Malone finishes with a final cheer

Congratulation to all of the cast of Bugsy Malone for putting on such a fantastic show. A special thanks to all the teachers, parent helpers and especially to Mr Kibblewhite who directed the play and put so much effort into making it such a success. Simon Funnell, Mr Kibblewhite's uncle-in-law, has a lot to live up to with his production of Sleeping Beauty!! I went to see Bugsy Malone on the last night and was amazed how such young children could learn so many lines. The final scene with all the splurging and custard pies looked such fun. What a great way to end it all. Well done, Hugh; you were great!!

Meg Elworthy

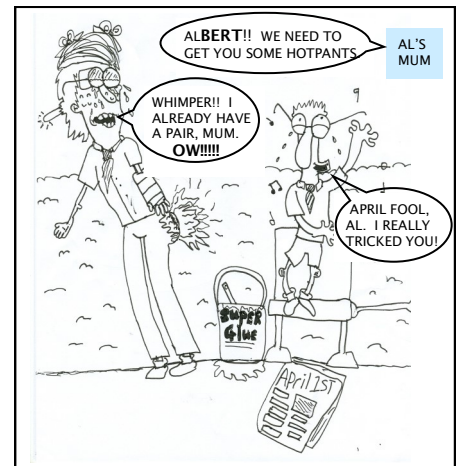
Millie van den Broek and her snowman



See page 5 for an amusing report from *Jack Elworthy*

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RACE NIGHT AND FISH & CHIP SUPPER

Anticipation was in the air as groups of people converged on the village hall on a cold, dark night, eager to get a table and be ready for the start of the first event. The evening, of course, was Thursday February 26th and many of us were looking forward to a night not seated in front of the 'Box'!

Few of us knew quite what to expect on a race night but after the initial instructions and in most cases a glass of wine (which is known to aid decision making!) the races commenced. Golant is known for its inhibited residents!... but suffice to say, helped by the wine, caution was thrown to the winds and our table was shouting along with the others, encouraging our riders and horses.

The races were varied such as 'steeple', 'flat' and 'hurdles' which only added to the mounting excitement. It soon became obvious that those on our table were not among the racing 'elite'. After a long time, the penny dropped that we needed to cover each horse with a bet; even then, our winnings did in no way compensate for the 'credit crunch'! There were those among us who definitely did know what they were doing and rumour has it that their garden has been recently landscaped!

Val's Place in Par again came up trumps with the Fish and Chips; no mean feat as they had only just reopened after a fire.

A magnificent total of £250 was raised which will help enormously in the production costs of *The Golant Pill*. Our thanks must go to all who supported the evening but more especially to Maurie and Gail who worked very hard on the organisation. The evening was a truly memorable Golant occasion, action packed and full of hilarity. Thank you all.

Jacky Fletcher



On 21st March an audience of more than 20 managed to fit in the Six Nations final round and experience a delightful evening of entertainment by Tom Bliss entitled *Tales of Time & Tide*. Using his talented musical skills playing concertina, melodeon and a variety of stringed instruments, Tom filled more than two hours with interesting stories, with his own brand of humour and serious comment. A most enjoyable evening was had by one and all.

On 9th May we have something rather different, which is being performed at only five Cornish halls. A small band of performers will be enacting stories based on the host village. Come along and learn more about Golant than you thought possible in one evening. Knowing the two ladies who have written the script, there will be a lot of laughs!!

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Unfortunately, I was unable to be at the March Parish Council Meeting as I had to attend a family funeral in Sussex on that day, but Cllr Fletcher most ably chaired this meeting and clearly proved that 'brevity is the soul of wit' by completing business in record time. I summarise both meetings below.

The eco-home at the Vineyard received planning permission in early February, and the Parish Council also agreed in principle to an affordable home on Park and Constable, although final approval would depend on the details of the plans, exact location and so on.

The playground needs to be further up-dated, and additional quotations are being obtained in the hope that we can purchase a child's swing and a modern see-saw. The Council is also researching various safe surfaces, as the maintenance costs associated with wood-chippings are very high. The post at the entrance to the green will be replaced shortly.

The Car Park Warden for 2009 will be Lucien Campbell-Taylor, and Mrs Judith Campbell-Taylor will provide cover when Lucien is unable to be on duty.

South West Water have re-laid the cover over the junction of the down-pipe on Church Hill, and action has been promised by their contractors on the acoustic cover for the pumping station.

Sue Reardon deserves heartfelt thanks as all her hard work has at last been rewarded: the Upper Downs Path has now been officially adopted as a footpath. This now gives Golant a most attractive circular walk, and we do encourage you to use it – do not be afraid to carry a pruning knife to help keep both paths clear! (Or is that against Health and Safety rules? Probably.)

There is still a vacancy on the Parish Council; please do contact the Parish Clerk (see details below) or myself (833343) if you would like to join the Parish Council—your village needs you!
Simon Funnell Chairman

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From your County Councillor

It was a short-lived association with the Borough Council for me, but I learned a huge amount about what goes on at District level. I have to write this well in advance of the issue date, so at the time of writing Restormel is still in being, but on 1st April the new unitary council for Cornwall takes over.

I do want to let you know, however, that Restormel's offices will continue to operate for the time being just as they are, so anyone can call in the same way, either in person or by phone, as they would have in the past. We will see change over time, and you will be kept informed of what is going on.

I am writing this during the week of glorious weather, and thoughts are turning to spring; the daffodils and primroses are abundant. The buds on the trees are appearing, and I am reminded of the wonderful Foxglove Tree at the Fowey Library. It is always covered in beautiful lilac flowers in the spring whilst developing its huge fan-shaped leaves. Perhaps you will have noticed it if you are a regular user of the Library.

Which leads me on to say that the One Stop Shop in Fowey Library is up and running, and the staff are fully trained to help with problems or information about the new authority. It is well worth a visit to see the smart new set up. The very good news, and as a result of the siting of the One Stop here in Fowey, is that the Library will now be open Monday to Friday all day and Saturday until mid-day. The opening hours will be tried from 1st April until

September initially, and if it is found that there are sufficient visitors using the facility, these opening hours will be continued. It is the old adage 'Use it or lose it', and so hopefully more people will be encouraged to visit the library.

The Implementation Executive will continue to be the decision making Committee of the new Cornwall Council until the elections on 4th June, at which time the new 123 elected members of the Council will take over. So I am no longer your Borough Councillor, but I do remain a County Councillor until four days after the election. I shall stand for election on 4th June for the new Council, but am sure to find some stiff opposition.

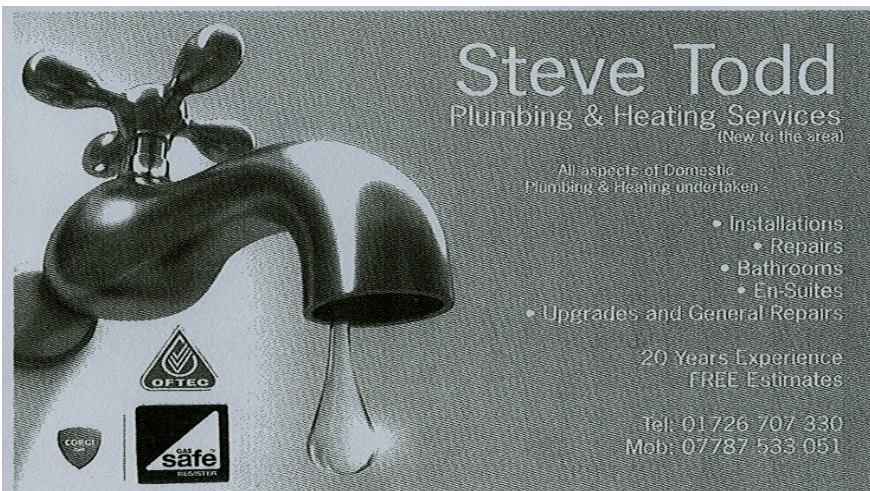
Another farewell to a really good friend, Diana Luck, who died in February, and her family gave her a truly uplifting thanksgiving. She will always be remembered by many, as numbers in St Sampson's Church showed.

Sally Bain

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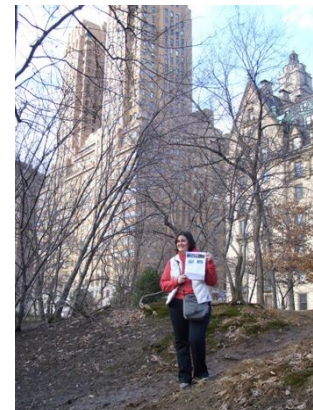
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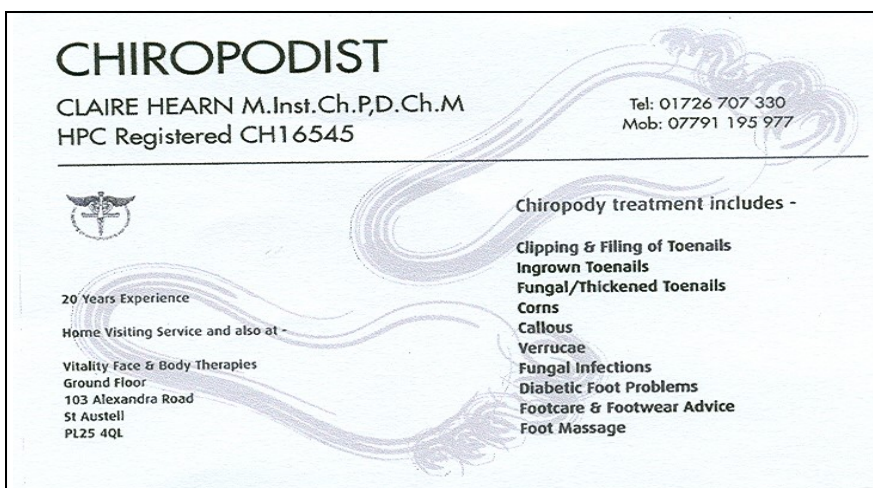
TAKING THE PILL 1



Amy Eddington (at the Youth Hostel) emailed to say: "Attached is a picture of me with the latest copy of the *Golant Pill* in Central Park on a recent visit to New York. The tall building in the background is the Dakota building where John Lennon was shot."

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Women's World Day of Prayer

This year's International and Interdenominational Women's World Day of Prayer was held at St Fimbarrus Church, Fowey on Friday 6th March. The new time of 10.30am enabled those with young children to attend for whom the afternoon involves collecting children from school etc. In all, 52 ladies attended the service.

It was the Christian women of Papua New Guinea who prepared this year's service and was entitled 'In Christ there are many members yet one body'.

As people arrived at the Church scenes of different aspects of life in Papua New Guinea were being shown on a screen. Papua New Guinea has been an independent state since 1975 but still remains part of the Commonwealth. It is situated north of Australia, has a population of 5.8 million and has 3 official languages: English, Pidgin and Motu. The beautiful warm tropical climate lush vegetation mean that many families are self sufficient. However, this idyll has been marred by inter tribal conflict.

The ladies of St Fimbarrus had prepared a table showing artefacts, fruit and vegetables and a flag from Papua New Guinea. It was good to see two handmade 'bilums'. A bilum is a brightly coloured, knitted bag which the women of Papua New Guinea use to carry their babies, transport wood or to hold vegetables etc. Its versatility is remarkable.

The service was led by Naomi de Grey-Warter and participants from Fowey and Golant were actively involved as welcomers, readers etc. The service was a mixture of prayers, readings and hymns uniting different denominations, the latter being such an important aspect of the Women's Day of Prayer service. Gwen and Maria's stories were particularly poignant. Both had seen terrible tribal conflicts (Gwen's was based on evidence told by a RC nun) but it was the women of Papua New Guinea who secured peace. Eight hundred women from different languages, traditions and church denominations united to risk their lives in visiting rebel forces in the bush. This became the first meeting of peace talks which, after eight years of unsuccessful attempts by the government to find solutions, finally led to peace.

Susie Leafe, well known to Parishioners in Fowey and who works for FLAME, which is Family Life and Marriage Education, had kindly agreed to be the speaker on this occasion.

Susie, in her address, acknowledged the help given to her by Di and Stuart Hayes who had lived in Papua New Guinea and given her an insight into that beautiful country

but had been troubled by these clashes. Susie showed a 'fighting stick' with a caraway claw at the end of this traditional weapon used in battle. Now, other more modern weapons are available. Susie encouraged us not to be judgemental explaining that in Western Societies there are often more subtle conflicts. She had experience of teaching in a girl's school where 'cliques' could be hurtful to others. Susie reminded us that everyone had skills whether it be in cooking, IT, being a giver or a server and it is important to use these skills in a positive way. Rejoice with a friend when they are feeling happy and be sensitive to their needs when they are saddened. Referring to the fighting stick, Susie reminded us that in Lent and leading up to Good Friday Jesus took up his fighting stick at the Passion but overcame it on Easter Sunday.

On a book mark given to all there is a quote from Romans 12 v 1-13:

"Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body and each member belongs to all the others."

Thank you to all who helped to organised and took part in the service. I am sure we will all remember Beth Gillespie singing so beautifully her solo of an original hymn 'Islands and mountains, sunshine and breeze', written by the women of Papua New Guinea especially for this service. Thank you, also, to Mike Teague who played the organ for us.

After the service a collection was taken for charities supported by the Women's World Day of Prayer movement. We were then treated to a lovely lunch of bread and soup, potato patties (a popular food in Papua New Guinea) and delicious cakes. Some people had asked for the recipe for the potato patties which is:

2kg of yams, sweet potato or ordinary potatoes
1 beaten egg –if you are making less quantity then you need less egg
4tbsp finely chopped onion
4 tbsp chopped flat parsley
plain flour
salt & pepper to taste
oil for frying

Cook and mash potatoes.

Mix with egg, onion, parsley and salt and pepper.

Form into flat circular patties and coat with flour.

Fry in hot oil until golden brown- can be reheated in the oven.

Makes 12 large or 30 small (the size seen at the lunch)

Janet Gore

TAKING THE PILL 2

Anita Loring recently went on a cruise to the Arctic Circle, hoping to see the Northern Lights.

She is struggling to hold her latest copy of the *Golant Pill* in the face of a Force 10 gale. This is probably why our newsletter is somewhat out of focus!



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Golant Gleanings

WELCOME

We hope that Terry and Sarah Monk are settling into *Hybadore*. Apparently, they lead a hectic life running a hotel at Newquay. We hope that they will find time in their busy lives to take part in some village activities.

ON THE MEND

Jonathan Barker is back home recovering after the removal of his appendix! He is reading Analytical Chemistry at Plymouth University. We wish him a speedy recovery.

JOAN GABB

Joan Gabb died in Winchester on 17th March, just before her 92nd birthday. As a family, they always holidayed in Fowey, where the boys learned to sail. She was a great devotee of all things Cornish, even buying shares in Wheal Jane! Joan retired to Golant and bought Briar Cottage. She spent many happy hours with her dog in her garden and fields. She always supported the Church, and was part of the cleaning and flower roster for many years. In 2004 Joan moved into a Nursing Home in Winchester so that she could be near her family, both the boys retaining her love of Golant.

ANDRÉ DELAHAYE

We are sorry to hear of the recent death of André Delahaye in Normandy. André was more at home with the 18th Century than modern times. He and Françoise have been visiting Cornwall, mostly by boat, for many years. Latterly he had some spells of ill-health, and at Christmas said that he did not think he would see us all again. Sadly, he was right, and we shall miss him.

Gwenda Towell

A LABOUR OF LOVE

In 2002, John Jenkin published ten copies of his book *Newlyn: a view from Street-an-Nowan*, concentrating on the development of the village rather than the fishing industry. Now, after endless reworking, the book has been brought up to date and more photographs added. The whole volume (over 200 pages in A4 format) has been printed professionally and is dedicated to the memory of Dorrine who had helped John with this book right up to the time of her death in November 2001. Copies are available from John (01208 79115) @ £26.50. The book was in demand well before its official launch date particularly after it was placed into the hands of book reviewers.

ROOM NEEDED

Marcia Vivian is looking for a bed/sit or room with internet access for two weeks a month. If you can help, please phone her on 07808 905483 or email marcia.vivian@cumming.com

OIL CO-OPERATIVE

We hear that the scheme to form a co-operative of households to buy oil for boilers has been very successful. A discount of 4.5p per litre was given. Over 8000 litres were supplied in Golant. We hope to cover this topic in greater detail before Autumn sets in, but if you wish to find out more now, please contact Ian Laughton:

Tel: 01954 719552 or email: ian@laughtons.org.uk

2010 Calendar

Further to our suggestion last year that the *Golant Pill* would like to produce a village calendar, we are now looking at the possibility of one for 2010. Karen Hamnett, the Art/Graphics member of our team, will be organising this, and has the following suggestions for anyone wishing to send in any photos. **(Thanks for entries received since February).**

- Digital is the better format.
- Bear in mind that photographs will probably need to be enlarged, so the best possible quality will help.
- Landscape orientation is preferred, but not essential.
- If posting, do not put your name on the back of the photos, as voting will be done purely on a numbered, anonymous basis! (but remember to identify yourself to Karen, who will be the only person 'in the know'!)

Please send any photos directly to Karen **by the beginning of July:-**

email: karenhamnett@btinternet.com

post: Bloweys, Downs Hill, Golant

Keep snapping; we need to cover all the seasons!!

FOWEY ESTUARY NEWS

If you go down to the woods today.....

You'll find that we've been busy maintaining parts of the Hall Walk Wood (or Polruan Wood).

The Harbour Commissioners own and manage just over six hectares of woodland bordering the estuary from Pont Pill to Polruan.

This woodland is made up largely of overgrown hazel coppice with standards and there are some oaks at the estuary edge. A large area of the woods was once cleared and used as allotments, but now overgrown, these woods form an important part of the largely wooded setting of the harbour, and the footpath that runs within the woods is a valued and well used local asset.

We have been clearing some tree casualties of the winter weather and snowfall and pruning away growth from the pathways. We have also been maintaining the glimpses of the wonderful estuary views from the benches, which I'm sure, are well used!

Next time you're in Hall Walk Wood, perhaps take an alternative route and discover the nature trail and information that lies along the lower part of the path to Cairn Beach.

It was a lovely sight to see signs of spring along the pathways, the bright yellow of the lesser celandines and the delicate primroses bringing a splash of colour to the verges, and the wonderful golden tassels of hazel catkins opening to release their pollen to the wind.

Fowey Harbour Commissioners will endeavour to continue to manage this land in a sustainable and environmentally friendly manner for now and the future. For further information on the Environmental Management of Fowey Harbour please see our website at www.foweyharbour.co.uk

Claire Hoddinott, Environmental Officer

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GOLANT BOAT OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

Note from a Non Boat-Owning member of Boatwatch

As some of you who are a day or two longer in the tooth than others will remember, I was one of the founder members of GBOA and secretary for some nine years before succumbing to old age etc., metal (and now plastic as well) joints!!! I was very ably and nicely succeeded by Suzanne Edwards who literally 'carried the can' for five years.

When she announced her resignation at our last AGM, I listened to elbows in my ribs and other leverage and agreed to be secretary again, admittedly with very mixed feelings, as I live in Tywardreath not Golant, and had grown somewhat out of touch with Golant and its 'goings on'. However, I have recently attended a 'horse racing' evening (first ever!!) and am going to the *Tales of Time and Tide* evening on 21st March.

Can I just say a big 'Thank You' to all who have made me feel as though I had never left, and add that I am thoroughly enjoying every minute of it!!

The planning for our Spring Get-Together is going well (as it should with a self-select buffet by Paddy Shelley) and there are a few tickets still available, but only a few!

I cannot comment on what is happening in Golant on a day-to-day basis as my knowledge is mostly hearsay. The Police, however, know exactly where I live and often call with 'updates' etc.

Regards to all GBOA members & other residents...

Peter Young

Colin Gibbs has taken on the thankless task of Watch Co-ordinator. If you are a member and are able to do a watch, *please* respond positively if he contacts you. It is common for people to say they will ring back and never do. More volunteers means less watches. We plan to increase our cover this year so, if you are able to do a stint during daytimes instead of evenings, Colin will be glad to hear from you (01726 817531).

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

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News from St Sampson

Please note that the Passover Seder Meal announced for Maundy Thursday will not take place due to the indisposition of its main organiser, Wendy Earl. Instead there will be a sung communion service at 7.30pm using the rite in the 1662 prayer book.

Ascension Day is on May 21st. A sung service will take place at 7pm followed by drinks in Simon & Sheila Funnell's garden. Let's hope it's a fine evening! Please wear warm clothes!

The Electoral Roll is being brought up to date. Please contact Mike Harris (833897) if you wish to apply to be on the roll.

The Annual Parochial Church Meetings will take place on Monday, April 20th at 7.30pm. The first meeting is to elect two churchwardens. The main meeting follows.

The front pew which stretches across parts of both aisles has been difficult to use as the seat was so narrow. John East has been at work yet again! He has fitted a much wider seat and added an extra support in the middle as well as strengthening the side supports.

One of the altar cloths needed attention and we are most grateful to Lucy Pretty, who repaired some holes, and to Sybil White who has re-worked much of the fraying lacework.

Churchyard

The new path in the lower area has proved so popular that the PCC plan to make a similar path from the *Tristan & Iseult* gate to the new granite steps.

Mike Harris

Church Work

I would think that many of you will have now seen our Church clothed in orange plastic sheeting, covering the scaffolding on the Tower and East wall.

The reason for this is the consequences of a quinquennial inspection by Diocese architects, as is required by all Churches.

Our report found that many years ago, the Tower and East wall were re-pointed with 'modern' mortar, a hard product that cracks with age, and, in our case, allowed rainwater to permeate through the stone, causing internal damp.

Now we are acting to remove this mortar and replace it with a lime-based product which stretches and will not crack. This will ensure the long term protection of the building for future generations.

I would like to acknowledge the hard work of Churchwarden Carol White who has spent endless time and energy preparing bids for grants from various bodies to help towards the repairs, as well as negotiating with the architects and builders.

When visiting the Church please be aware that it is a **building site** and every care must be exercised.

Robert Dunley, Churchwarden

St Sampson's Church, with the Tower and East end shrouded in plastic!



St Sampson Flower Festival: 14th – 17th May

The Flower Festival, based on the legend of Tristan and Iseult, promises to be a most exciting event. The response to the appeal for sponsorship has been very encouraging, and there is still the opportunity to celebrate family or friends, or to remember a loved one by becoming a sponsor; just contact Penny White (832315) for details. If you are willing to be on the rota to help with the lunch or tea, please contact Carol White (833404).

Please come and see the displays – Thursday 14th to Sunday 17th May – during du Maurier week. There will be morning coffee, a ploughman's lunch or a cream tea available, as well as the chance to see how the flower arrangers have depicted the key episodes in the extraordinary lives of Tristan and Iseult. Entry is free, but any donations (and all sponsorship money once the cost of the flowers has been covered) will go towards the Tower Fund. As many of you will have seen, work has already started on this vital project which will ensure the building remains one of the finest churches not just in Cornwall, but in the whole country.

Simon Funnell

The Life of Christ 2009

This will be taking place at Wintershall, near Bramley, Guildford again this year from 23rd - 28th June.

It is a day long, outdoor, lively presentation started ten years ago. Some have called it 'England Oberammergau' although more than just the Passion is covered.

Last year 14,000 people attended so the owners have yet again put their retirement plans on hold!

Wendy & David Earl are planning to take a group from Golant and Fowey this year. The plan is to drive up to Surrey on Monday 22nd June, see the performance and return home on the 24th. Please contact them for further details on (01726) 72861.

<http://www.wintershall-estate.com>

Church Flower & Cleaning Rota

April 5th	Tauniua & Gill B
April 12th & 19th	Ruth & Gill P
April 26th & May 3rd	Paddy & Vilma
May 10th & 17th	Sheila & Gillie
May 24th	Carol & Ruth
May 31st	Carol & Valerie

BACKALONG

Gillie and I dropped in for a chat and a cuppa with Roger & Cynthia Tabb recently. We first met Roger and his lifelong friend, Henry Blowey Thomas, when we bought our Plymouth Pilot from them. Sadly, Henry died in 2000.

Henry had built his house, Robin Hill, up near the Downs and both he & Roger were rotavating in the field one day when they heard the sound of horns heralding the approach of Geoff White with his pack of hounds and fellow huntsmen. Suddenly out of the ferns there appeared a beautiful fox. It took no notice of the two men but casually jumped up on to the roof of Henry's garage and lay down. Geoff and the huntsman passed by but the hounds never picked up the scent of the fox. When all was quiet again, the fox jumped down and sauntered off in the opposite direction to the hunters.

Roger's father was one of a family of six boys and six girls who grew up in Golant and built the bungalow, *Fairview*, in which Roger has lived all his life. Pat Morgan is the only other sibling and his cousins Colin, Vic & Angela Forsyth are still in the village.

As a young boy, he remembers many American servicemen with affection. He was hired to take them upriver to shoot ducks, fishing or 'whiffing' for sand eels. With his family restricted to food rationing, he was forever grateful for their generous gifts of tinned fruit, bacon, meat and so on.

Roger trained as a fireman on the railway. After active service with the army in Egypt, he returned to his old job on the steam engines, stopping at Golant Halt several times a day. Then came the Draconian closure of swathes of railways across the country including the public rail link between Lostwithiel and Golant. Roger then moved to Fowey, docking and loading ships- "...the best job and the best bosses (ECLP) I ever had..."

Roger & Henry Thomas were lifelong friends. Henry was born in Plymouth but he often came to stay with his grandparents, the Thomases, at Golant. He had trained as a shipwright at Plymouth Dockyard. Together the two young men had considerable skills when it came to boats and fishing.

The boys took every opportunity to make a few pence. Rabbits caught on the Downs and fish pulled from the river were plied around the village. A black rabbit did not usually draw a favourable price. On one occasion, however, a lady staying where the Gees now live, saw things differently. "I expect that black rabbit is more expensive, isn't it?" Quick as a flash Henry agreed with her and the money changed hands. Sometimes the pair found themselves acting 'in a grey area' as far as the law was concerned. One night they set a net across

the river halfway between Sawmills and No 8 jetty. They were concerned when they heard the sound of a boat approaching very fast. The boat careered into their net, the engine stopped and the occupant went head-over-heels in the boat. "His language was something else!"

They honed their skills in repairing boats. Once they decided to go up to St Winnow about a boat but they knew that the tide had turned already and time was short. They motored up but, on the way back, they missed the channel and went aground. There was only one way to get back home. They stripped off all their clothes and went over the side. Carefully holding their clothes on their heads they found themselves sinking well past their knees in the mud. As they began to haul the heavy boat across the mud to reach the safety of the channel, Henry moaned and grumbled ceaselessly; Roger, hearing his moans and looking back to see his friend up to his knees in mud and showing his essential parts, laughed so much that he could hardly do his share of the hauling!

During the Second World War, they were salmon fishing in the middle of the river below St Winnow, when a German plane swooped down towards them. There was a loud bang as the plane fired at *Bellscait* killing all the chickens. The plane was shot down out at sea and the pilot ended up working on a local farm.

Henry had not pursued his trade as a shipwright. Instead, he had owned a flourishing greengrocery business at Wadebridge. Then came the day when Roger rang to tell him that, at 55 yrs old he had been given a golden handshake from Fowey Docks and was now officially retired. "If you're retired, I'm retired," was the reply. The greengrocery business sold within a fortnight (just before a slump!) and the two were soon back pursuing their love of titivating boats and fishing with plenty of other odd jobs thrown in!

MGH



Roger (left) and Henry (right) busy titivating!



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Auntie Paddy's Recipe Corner

Jacky Fletcher suggested this recipe. It can be made in advance & cooked when required. It is also suitable for freezing, which makes it a useful recipe over a busy Easter for family visiting, or for any unexpected guests.

SALMON & BROCCOLI LASAGNE (Serves 4)

225g (8oz) Broccoli (trimmed)	2tsp Dijon Mustard
4x175g (4x6oz) Salmon Fillets	2tsp Vegetable Bouillon Stock Powder
600ml (1pint) Skimmed Milk	2tbsp Cornflour
115g (4oz) Chestnut Mushrooms (sliced)	1tbsp chopped fresh Dill
50g (2oz) low fat Cheddar Cheese (grated)	1tbsp chopped fresh Parsley
225g (8oz) no-cook Lasagne	Salt & freshly ground black pepper

1. Pre-heat the oven to 190°C/375°F/Gas Mark 5.
2. Cook the broccoli in boiling salted water, drain and set aside.
3. Place the salmon in a saucepan with the milk & cook gently for 5-6 mins. Allow to cool, then, reserving the milk, lift the fish onto a plate & flake, removing all skin and bones.
4. Reheat the milk adding the mustard & stock powder to the saucepan. Add a little cold water to the cornflour & mix to a smooth paste. Add to the milk, stirring well to prevent any lumps forming.
5. Add the mushrooms & cheese and mix well. Simmer gently until the sauce is of a coating consistency. Adjust if necessary with a little extra milk or diluted cornflour. Stir in the herbs.
6. Place a thin layer of sauce in the bottom of an ovenproof dish. Cover with sheets of lasagne without overlapping. Add a layer of flaked fish & broccoli and continue layering, ending with the sauce.
7. Bake in the oven for 30-35 minutes until bubbling hot.

Paddy Shelley

Don't forget that the **Thursday Kitchen** does **not** now take place on the first Thursday of the month.

Please note, however, that it will still go ahead on the Thursday of the week of the St Sampson's Flower Festival.

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Thurs 2 nd -			
Saturday 4 th	7.30pm	Sleeping Beauty <i>Tickets from Viviane Barr (832454)</i>	Village Hall
Saturday 4 th	pm	Watch the Grand National/ Sweepstake	Fisherman's Arms
Sunday 5 th	9.15am	Holy Communion (Sung) <i>(Palm Sunday)</i>	St Sampson's
Thursday 9 th	12.45-2.30pm	Thursday Lunch	Village Hall
Thursday 9 th	7.30pm	Holy Communion (1662) <i>(Maundy Thursday)</i>	St Sampson's
Friday 10 th	Noon	Good Friday Service	St Fimbarrus
Saturday 11 th	8.30pm	Live Music- <i>Bucket Boys</i>	Fisherman's Arms
Sunday 12 th	9.15am	Holy Communion (Sung) <i>(Easter Day)</i>	St Sampson's
Sunday 12 th	2pm	Egg rolling & throwing, Easter bonnets	Fisherman's Arms
Wednesday 15 th	9.50-10.10am	Mobile Library	End of green
Wednesday 15 th	7.15pm	Parish Council Meeting <i>The public are invited to take part until 7.30pm</i>	Village Hall
Thursday 16 th	12.45-2.30pm	Thursday Lunch	Village Hall
Sunday 19 th	6.00pm	Evensong	St Sampson's
Monday 20 th	7.30pm	Annual Parochial Church Meetings	St Sampson's
Thursday 23 rd	12.45-2.30pm	Thursday Lunch	Village Hall
Sunday 26 th	9.15am	Holy Communion	St Sampson's
Tuesday 28 th	7.30pm	Village Hall AGM	Village Hall
Wednesday 29 th	9.50-10.10am	Mobile Library	End of green
Thursday 30 th	12.45-2.30pm	Thursday Lunch	Village Hall

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Friday 1 st	7.00pm	Boat Watch Spring Get Together <i>(Members only- Tickets from Peter Young Tel: 814667)</i>	Village Hall
Sunday 3 rd	9.15am	Holy Communion	St Sampson's
Tuesday 5 th	7.30pm	GQUA AGM	Village Hall
Saturday 9 th	7.30pm	Carn to Cove- <i>Secret Six</i> <i>(tickets from Mike Freemantle Tel: 816454)</i>	Village Hall
Sunday 10 th	9.15am	Holy Communion (Sung)	St Sampson's
Wednesday 13 th	9.50-10.10am	Mobile Library	End of green
Thursday 14 th	12.45-2.30pm	Thursday Lunch	Village Hall
14 th -17 th	10.30am-5pm	Flower Festival <i>(See page 13 for details)</i>	St Sampson's
Sunday 17 th	6.00pm	Evensong	St Sampson's
Wednesday 20 th	7.00pm	Annual Parish Meeting & APCM	Village Hall
Thursday 21 st	12.45-2.30pm	Thursday Lunch	Village Hall
Thursday 21 st	7.00pm	Holy Communion (Sung) <i>(See page 13)</i> <i>(Ascension Day)</i>	St Sampson's
Fri 22 nd - Mon 25 th		Beer Festival	Fisherman's Arms
Saturday 23 rd	11.30am-1.30pm	Plant and Book Sale	Village Hall
Saturday 23 rd	8.30pm	Live Music- <i>Bucket Boys</i>	Fisherman's Arms
Sunday 24 th	9.15am	Holy Communion (Sung)	St Sampson's
Wednesday 27 th	9.50-10.10am	Mobile Library	End of green
Thursday 28 th	12.45-2.30pm	Thursday Lunch	Village Hall
Sunday 31 st	9.15am	Holy Communion (Sung) <i>(Whit Sunday/ Day of Pentecost)</i>	St Sampson's

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