

The Golant Pill

taken every two months...

The Great Golant Bark-Off...



Lesley East (centre) encouraging the contestants



Kaye taking Daisy round the agility course

...and Bake-Off !!

What a pleasant way to spend a Sunday afternoon!

The venue for the dog show (*Wild Thyme Farm*) was welcoming, the refreshments were flowing, the dogs (and their owners!) were remarkably well-behaved, and even the weather was kind.

Although there were fewer entrants than three years ago, a number of interested spectators arrived to swell the ranks. Lesley East had been recruited to be the main judge, and Simon Funnell was the Master of Canine Ceremonies.

As there were no puppies under 9 months, the show began with the class to find *The Most Obedient Dog*, using 'Sit, Wait & Recall'. Fergus obeyed his owner, Penny Parsons, with commendable aplomb, thus achieving the first red rosette of the afternoon.

The next category was *The Waggiest Tail*, and the winner, Lily, presented by Barry Campbell-Taylor, happily obliged.

Perhaps the most amusing class was *The Owner Most Resembling their Dog*, in which there were five entries. This was won by David Johns and Jake, the former sporting a long white tail, and the latter adorned with headgear and lifejacket which matched his master's! (centre, above)

Kaye Jenkinson then gave an interesting demonstration of Dog Agility with young Daisy, who eagerly showed her growing skills in tackling the course, which included

a high double-sided ramp, a tunnel, jumps and posts.

Lesley East, the main judge for the dog show, with twelve years in Dog Agility training under her belt, then brought in her boxer to perform, but Lesley admitted that sometimes Tansy has a tendency to get sidetracked!

Kaye returned to the course with ten year old Bella, an agility veteran; she showed great self-assurance and skill as she stormed around the obstacles.

The dog show then resumed with the category testing *Best Movement*, and Penny's Fergus again came first.

Best Trick was much enjoyed by the spectators and contestants alike. The winner was Kiera, trained by Hugh Elworthy to catch his food thrown into the air.

This was followed by *Best Pair*, which was won by Lily and Jake, walking in complete companionship and led by Judith Campbell-Taylor.

The Best Bitch was David Luck's Florence, shown by Debbie Andrews, and *The Best Dog* was Alfie, one of Anne-Marie's three Lhasa Apsos.

To add to the enjoyment, tasty home-made cakes, cream teas and liquid refreshment were available throughout the afternoon, and a raffle was run.

Kaye & David as hosts and organisers certainly helped to create a very special afternoon, and £187 was raised for Village Hall Funds.

Gillie Harris

From the Editor

Every year, on this page, I seem to be moaning about the weather! Unfortunately, the meteorological records prove that this year has been the wettest since records began. It has certainly been the case down here in Cornwall. How often we have shown sympathy with the holidaymakers who have come to enjoy our wonderful county only to be faced, day after day, with rain & gloomy conditions. Still, it's been the same everywhere, apparently.

Most things in the garden have been the worst in living memory. In my case, it was not only the weather conditions that frustrated me but voracious pheasants who have even managed to penetrate & demolish protected crops. I note that, on page 16, Nort shares some of my experiences.

A feeling of being tired & low in spirit appears to be common amongst friends & acquaintances. A couple of medical friends have not pooh-pooled the notion that such symptoms could be caused by a lack of vitamin D which we absorb from the sun during a normal summer. After all, some people suffer during the winter from SAD— Seasonal Affective Disorder. Why not this problem during such a summer as 2012? When chatting to Pat Robins recently about such matters, he came up with the notion that we are in reality merely *human solar panels*; in that guise we have been unable to store up sufficient energy this year.

A number of people in the village and on the water have suffered as a result of theft in recent weeks (p10). My loss was very minor for I discovered that the seat in our dinghy had been unscrewed & removed plus other very minimal damage. I decided to report it to the police. Let's face it, I have asked people in this column to do just that on enough occasions! I rang **101** and spoke to a police officer who was great. It didn't sound as if he was reading from a screen and he fully appreciated why I was reporting the incident. So, don't be shy about ringing the police on 101 if you have a problem— it really was painless & constructive!

Mike Harris

The World's Biggest Coffee Morning

More than fifty people attended the charity *Coffee Morning* in the Village Hall on Friday 28th September, in aid of **Macmillan Cancer Support**.

Stephen Gilbert, the MP for St Austell, and Mr Hughes, a Tywardreath Councillor, graced our coffee morning with their presence, and the splendid sum of £213.40 was raised towards this very worthy cause.



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More than thirty people came to see *Frankland and Sons* in the Village Hall in the latest *Carn to Cove* offering.

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Sue Reardon

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The newest improvement to our hall has been the installation of cream vertical blinds in the two main windows and three smaller roller blinds to hide everything in the area above the kitchen. They do look lovely, and special thank you must go to Maryjean Stone, who sourced the blinds and arranged the installation.

So far, no DVDs have appeared in the hall to be sold alongside our books. Now that winter is approaching, it is a good time to sort out your collection; maybe look at them one more time and then donate them to the Village Hall. They will be sold for 50p each.

Carnival saw a reduction in our book supply. It was a good chance to sort out the best to keep, and the rest went to the Charity Shop. Thank you to all who supported our other side shows. The new *Fruit Machine* game introduced by Caroline and Adrian Wildish, the books and the village map all raised £83 for Village Hall funds.

Two other events proved popular:

a) *The Flower and Produce Show*- a report by Alastair Barr is on p11. My thanks must go to him, Viviane Barr, John Kift, Sue Reardon, Anita Fuge and Mary Jane Hunter, the team who were active both before the show and on the day itself. To take £330 in an "iffy" growing year was marvellous.

b) *The Dog Show*, kindly hosted by Kaye and David Jenkinson, was another lovely afternoon. *Wild Thyme Farm* is a great venue for such an occasion. As you can see from the pictures and report on the front page, a great time was had by the dogs and their owners alike. £187 raised was an added bonus.

Looking ahead, Maurie and Gail Parsons are organizing a *Race Evening* on Sat 13th October- see page 9.

The Golant Ancestry Group are organizing a **Looking Back** exhibition to be held on 2nd, 3rd and 4th November. Penny Parsons has written a piece to whet your appetite, but do come along and learn of the history of houses, land and of some of the great characters and activities of Golant in days gone by. (See p4 for Penny's article & for exhibition details)

Last year we held our first *Casino Evening*, which was a great success. So by popular request, another such event will be held on Saturday November 24th at 8pm. This will be a fun evening with chance to win some prizes, including the one for the person with the most chips by the end of the evening and one for the person with the least (a polite way of saying a boo-by prize), plus prizes for the best dressed lady and gentleman (they don't have to be together!). Entry is only £5, to include some 'chips' and some nibbles. So do come and try your luck. Please let Siobhan (833449) or Janet (832425) know if you would like to come, so we have some idea of numbers. It could be your lucky night!!

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The Looking Back Project

I had resisted becoming involved in the Ancestry Group, first time around- and second time around! My father has already done a huge amount of research on our family, and I need to sit down with him to discover all that he has researched, before embarking on my own forays into family history. I know that once I start searching I'll get completely engrossed and spend hours glued to the computer! Basically, I am just too busy at the moment!

But when I heard about the **Looking Back** project, whose aim is to research and exhibit a range of interesting material relating to aspects of Golant's colourful heritage, I decided to nosey in on the preliminary meeting. Like many of you, I'd been fascinated by the old photos and materials pulled together for the *Golant's Past* exhibition, but of course all this material was subsequently returned to contributors, and thus lost from public view. The **Looking Back** project hopes to create a permanent, and ever expanding, archive for all to access, with an exhibition of this first batch of research in November.

Well . . . to cut a long story short, I now find myself completely sucked in! Hooked! When Maureen Ettey paid a return visit recently, she talked fondly about early memories of living at *Sawmills* and bringing in Lewis Vincent's cows from the Downs for milking in the cow-house, which once stood in the parking space, through the granite posts by Mrs Phillips' house. Her anecdotes were both amusing and intriguing and set me asking all kinds of questions about the production and selling of milk in the village, within living memory. I am uncovering all kinds of stories from a range of families who once kept milking cows in Golant, which I hope to put together for the proposed **Looking Back** exhibition in November. Many of you will know very little about it . . . yet! But I'm hoping some of you might remember, and be prompted to share 'milk in Golant' stories with me, or even have some relevant photos.

Looking forward to hearing from you!!!

Penny Parsons

PS: There are a number of different aspects of Golant's past currently under scrutiny. If you would be interested in becoming involved in the project, or have some material which might be useful, please do get in touch with *Janet Gore* (832425) or *Gillie Harris* (833897), who are co-ordinating the project.

Thanks

We would like to thank the Parish Council for their donation of £100 towards our expenses in setting up our exhibition and in initiating the creation of a heritage archive in Golant.

At a recent meeting of our Ancestry Group, which has now extended to include other villagers interested in our **Looking Back** project, we decided to change our title for this research to the **Golant Heritage Group**. Many thanks to Sue Rardon's daughter Lesley Rothera, who speedily designed us an eye-catching logo, seen below in the advert for the forthcoming exhibition.

Gillie Harris

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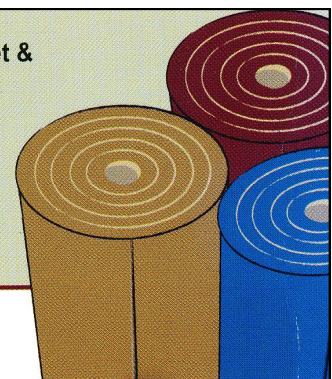
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“Madness? It’s something in the water.....”

The above quote was the headline in the Cornish Guardian on 24th August, and it aptly sums up the day’s activities in The Pill on Sunday 19th.

We were blessed with good weather and a good tide when the first event started at about 5 o’clock. The first four events were hotly contested by eight teams, which included two groups of visitors from the Polglaze campsite.



The first contest was the relay race on rafts around a buoy out near the railway embankment, and this was followed by a raft tug of war during which the team at the village green end definitely had an advantage because of the tidal flow.

Then came a new game that Steve Phillis had devised and this would have graced the recent Paralympics. It was blind slalom canoeing, in which the member of the team at the front of the canoe was sighted but had no paddle, and had to guide the person at the rear who was blindfolded but had to paddle. This was watched with great amusement by the large crowd at the front of *The Fisherman’s Arms*, particularly when some paddled straight into the embankment or towards the road.



Finally it was the turn of the cycling on water and, as is now traditional, Steve’s designs again acted up, with chains coming off or wheels getting jammed. Nobody seemed to mind, however, and the four event contest was just won by *The Golant Old Boys* who retained their title. I’m sure that Paul King and his *Skeleton Crew* will have something to say about that next year.

The day concluded with the Annual Raft Race, in which eleven teams entered. This appears to be a record number of crews.

The course was from outside of the pub up to, and round, a buoy at the graveyard end of The Pill. Unfortunately the marker buoy was only on a short length of line, and was actually under water by the time the rafts got there, so mayhem ensued. However, the race was won by *The Cider Housers*, including relatives & another village lady(!), although nobody really minded who won, as it was such a great amount of fun.



So- who is the pirate in the background experiencing one of his many duckings....?!

It was a great fun day watched by a large crowd. Thank you to all of those who took part in this mad, mad event.

The evening was rounded off by drinks around the barbecue.

Thanks must go to Pete Edwards and Greg White for acting as starters/safety officers, as well as Karen Hamnett who manned a safety boat. And, of course, special thanks to Steve and Anne-Marie whose stupid idea this was!

Maurie Parsons



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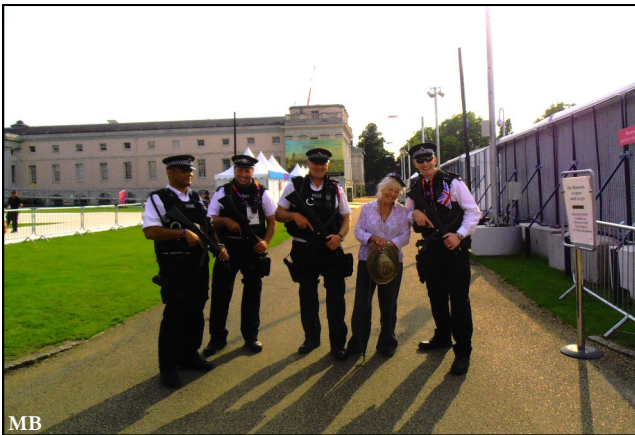
Gill Paull was lucky enough to watch the tennis at the Olympics with her sister Suzanne and brother-in-law Richard Cosgrove, and they remembered to take a copy of the last *Golant Pill* for our regular ***Taking the Pill*** feature!



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TAKING THE PEEL(ers)!!



MB

My daughters Mary and Clare and I were thrilled and privileged to have been able to visit Greenwich Park on August 9th. We had a copy of *The Pill* to try and repeat our 2008 picture. At Greenwich on that sparkling, sunny day we watched in awe as a Gold Medal was awarded to our British rider, Charlotte Dujardin, for her spirited contribution in the Kur - the Individual Freestyle to Music Competition. Along with 18,000 other somewhat hysterical spectators, we wept and shouted for joy at her magnificent achievement. It was an historic day for British dressage in a truly beautiful historic setting.

As we left Greenwich Park in a state of jubilation, I was stopped by officers of the Metropolitan Police security squad. I quickly realised what was happening, and hid my copy of *The Pill*, fearing that it could possibly be considered subversive literature. Cryptic titles such as *Auntie Paddy's Recipe Corner* & *Uncle John's Garden Patch* may well have been interpreted as hiding a secret code to cover up some dastardly plot to undermine State authority concerning cookery & gardening. I tried to smile sweetly and hoped my daughters had also caught on to the seriousness of our situation. The Met were looking out for troublemakers, we could tell. Somehow we pulled it off, and can now look forward to enjoying future copies of *The Golant Pill*, coded or uncoded!

Bunny Minter-Kemp

This photo, taken early in August, was sent in by Stefan and Anne Winter, the German friends of Robert & Vilma Dunley.

Clutching their cocktails, and three different former issues of *The Golant Pill*, Stefan and Anne (*standing on the right*), together with a friend, are enjoying the sun in a corner of their garden which they call *Little Cornwall*.

It is full of furniture, pots & ornaments, all purchased in Cornwall, as was the St Piran flag! Their home is in Oberstein in Germany.

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GOLANT WILDLIFE

This time of the year is great for nature watchers with so much going on before hibernation and migration. Insects are especially populous at the moment and we have made lots of sightings, but especially interesting was the *Elephant Hawk Moth Caterpillar*, which we saw on the Downs. It is about 3" long, and green and brown in colour. The rear of the caterpillar appears to have the shape of a trunk-like snout and it is this elephant look, rather than its large size, which gives the moth its name. When startled, the caterpillar draws its trunk into the foremost body segment. This posture resembles a snake with a large head and four large eye-like patches. Birds shy away (at least for some time) from caterpillars in "snake" pose. The preferred food plants of the caterpillar are *willow herb*, *bedstraw* and *fuchsias*. The very attractive moth, which it becomes, is a nocturnal nectar feeder, with a preference for *fuchsia*.



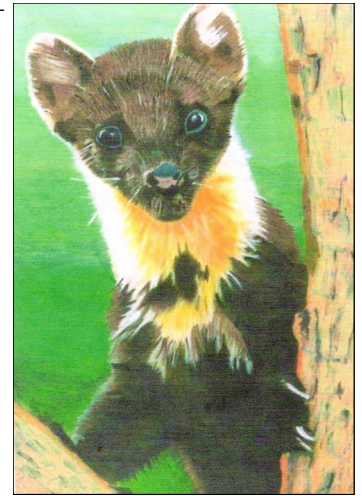
As previously reported, we have had a resident *Osprey* during the summer. It was joined by two smaller, presumably juvenile, birds, which we assume were migrating. *Ospreys* have begun, with a little help from man, to recolonise parts of England and Wales, and since 2001 pairs of *Ospreys* have continued to breed successfully at English sites. By 2007, nineteen *Osprey* chicks had fledged from the Rutland colony. Another unexpected result of the translocation project was the establishment of two nests in Wales in 2004. Wouldn't it be fantastic to have breeding *Osprey* here on the Fowey? Apparently they are lazy nest builders, preferring to utilise other birds' nests and so, on the Tamar, several artificial nests have been installed to try to persuade these magnificent birds to take up residence.

Reports continue to be made that there are *Pine Martens* in and around the village and I would like to appeal to everyone to keep a sharp and objective lookout. It is very im-

probable they are here but, as I have said in the past, these are strange times for the natural world and one cannot rule out anything. *Pine Martens* are members of the *Stoat*, *Weasel* and *Mink* family, but are much bigger – the size of a cat. They have, unlike their cousins, long legs and their most striking feature is a creamy white shield on their chest and neck. *Martens* are very agile and they are capable of pursuing, catching and eating squirrels. Now, *Martens* are ferociously nocturnal, so if you see an animal in daylight, it's very unlikely to be a *Pine Marten*. Having said all that, during recent years, *Martens* have been spotted outside of Scotland, which was thought to be their last enclave, and a colony has been found in the Midlands, where they have existed under everyone's noses for hundreds of years.

Barry Campbell-Taylor

STOP PRESS.... After submitting the above article I was contacted by Robert Dunley, whose guest, a professional nature warden, had spotted droppings, which were remarkably similar to those of Pine Martens. The guest was so intrigued that he arose early, and managed to photograph a creature in Robert's garden. The resulting photograph is shown, and I will leave the gentle reader to decide whether I should eat my hat, or accept that my leg is being pulled quite sharply!



Ed: I suggest readers refer to the bottom of page 13!!!

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Golant Sports & Carnival

Many, many thanks to all the helpers both with the flag, bunting raising and marquee building before the day and the enormous contribution on the day. The marquee dismantling almost caught the tea ladies out, as they hadn't quite finished selling the last piece of cake. AND what cakes they were; I don't know about the Flower and Produce Show, but our village ladies' cakes would win at any cake bake-off.

We had a rain free day (again!!). The children's races went very smoothly except for the *Novelty Race*, when Henry Taylor thought it was great fun to tease his dad Chris and move the obstacles around. I also had a young lady, Hazel Percy, who kept insisting that she couldn't do proper skipping, as if that made any difference! A big thank you to Simon for keeping us all under control, and with many thanks to Kenny Barnes of *Par Studios* for providing the PA system to allow us to hear him.

In the *8 and Under* races there was a tie between Henry van den Broek and Alec Ratchford, and for the girls, Millie van den Broek was the outright winner.

In the *9 and Over* races there were unfortunately no girls, but for the boys, Hugh Elworthy was the overall winner with Edward van den Broek second and Kit Andrews third.



GMH

The evening **Carnival** was a major spectacle and was even bathed in sunlight for a short time. *St Pinnock Band* played a wonderful concert during the judging of the contestants, and many thanks go to Steve and Jane, David, Paul and Anita, all new to the village as tradition dictates, for a very difficult job well done. Thanks also to Tom Parsons who took over as MC.

Individual Girls winner was Isla Barton as a *Flower Fairy*; *Individual Boy* was Jed Moone who also won the *Best Child*.

Kady and Cody Fuge-Sandey as the *Mexican Wave* won *Child Pairs*.

Ella, Kitty and Lola Parsons with Lucy Gascoigne won *Child Groups (right)* as *The Four Cornish Seasons*.



GMH



GMH

Adult Individual went to *Group 4*, very cleverly portrayed by Judith Campbell-Taylor who didn't need fancy dress to win.

Adult Pairs went to Melissa and Belinda as *Queen Bees*, and who would argue? (*left*)

Adult Groups was won by the St Sampson Bellingers' *Olympics Team* portraying the opening ceremony, and did we see some female whiskers in there as well as male fluttering eyelashes?! (*below*)



GMH

The Royals won the *Mixed Groups* and the *Best Adult* was Maurie Parsons as our *Wassailer*, with Carol White a very close second as *Isambard Kingdom Brunel*.

We were also very privileged to have Clare Heslop in attendance with her Olympic torch, and many people took the opportunity to have their picture taken. Many, many thanks to Clare for that chance.

The round-the-village procession was followed by the prize giving and raffle, and many thanks must go to all of you who donated wonderful prizes, especially *Eden*, *Tywardreath Butchers*, *Cormorant Hotel*, *Wingz* and *The Fisherman's Arms*. The *Flora Dance* followed and it was amazing to see how many people, young and old, love doing this traditional dance.

The Fisherman's Arms provided the remainder of the evening entertainment with a lovely session of Bell Ringing by *Kalegh Lowen* (Joyful Bells), who played some traditional Cornish songs, followed by *Black Diamond* for those who wanted to dance the night away.

Carnival Committee



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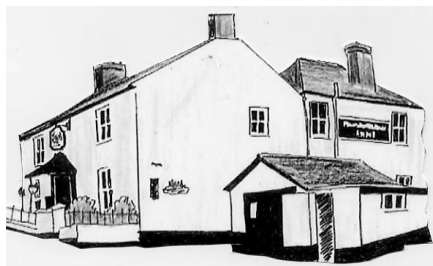
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GOLANT BOAT OWNERS' ASSOCIATION (Boatwatch)

As many of you will know, there have been a number of unexpected and undesirable thefts from the village lately, and for a marine based environment like ours, it has been particularly disappointing to lose outboard engines. (Apparently more have been taken from Pont Pill recently).

The Police keep us as informed as they can on the "intelligence" they gather in the course of their duties, but in the end, the safety and security of our equipment is mostly down to us. It is our own responsibility. Those of us in the GBOA do what we can to maintain a visible (and sometimes "invisible") presence when other boat owners may not be around, but there is obviously a limit to our ability to provide round the clock coverage, which is why we have looked at the use of CCTV as a means of adding another layer of discouragement or deterrent to the 'would be' thief.

What more can be done?

In simple terms, we could certainly extend the hours of coverage along the waterfront, with more members and more of those members undertaking a patrol. (And I am particularly pleased to welcome a number of new members who have joined us recently and who will boost our coverage generally.) But on its own, it is not enough. We do **need** more members willing to undertake a patrol and in our opinion, we also **do** need to make use of modern technology to supplement what we do. (I am grateful to those in the village who took the trouble to let me know their thoughts on the matter, which were positively in favour of CCTV being used.)

Meanwhile, if anyone wants to let me know how to improve what we do as a village or suggest ways of limiting marine crime generally, then please let me know. Your thoughts would be gratefully received.

david.jenkinson7@gmail.com

David Jenkinson
Chairman, Golant Boat Owners Association

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GOLANT QUAY USERS' ASSOCIATION

At our recent committee meeting we agreed that we now have sufficient funds to repay all the remaining monies owed for the loans to buy the Pill and Quay. This is a significant milestone, and many thanks to all those who lent money and to our members who have paid increased fees.

We now have ambitions! That's the trouble with being in charge of your own destiny and has led us to have a list of items that we would like to spend money on. The first and most important is the repair of the Quay steps and Slip wall, which has a bulge in it. We hope this work will be undertaken before Christmas, and until we have finished we won't know how much this will cost. Once this work is completed we need to build a contingency fund before we start spending, and our plan is to cost the various ideas, agree what we want to do and adjust the fees accordingly, putting this to our members at the AGM in April.

Since the last edition of *The Pill* we have had a young couple living on board a boat in the Pill. This situation was made more problematical when they were arrested and charged for the break-in and stealing of equipment from the Boatwatch Hut. This, and the coincidence of other burglaries to sheds around the village made numerous villagers very concerned about their own security. Fortunately the couple had intentions of taking the boat to sea and with some assistance were able to move on and were last reported somewhere 'down west'. The committee are unanimous in their view that we do not want boats being lived on and are taking legal advice to see what measures we can take to prevent this happening again.

This year's berth allocations were all agreed at the committee meeting, and I will be soon issuing the letters and boat stickers.

Peter Edwards

From PCSO Linda Thomas

I hope you have all had a nice summer and have not been a victim of the crimes that have been happening on the Fowey River or in Golant. Unfortunately Golant has suffered some burglaries during June & July. Despite our attempts to solve these thefts we have only gained evidence for one of these offences. The offender has attended court, and this is still ongoing.

Crime on the River Fowey has increased this year, resulting in boats and outboards being stolen. The modus operandi seems to match that of an organised Lithuanian gang, who target high value Japanese engines nationwide, and as a response, we have upped our patrol on the river.

I would like to take this opportunity to mention safety. Please keep your boats secure and take any valuables that can be removed ashore. An insurance-approved lock will not secure your outboard. I know you live in a very nice village with low crime, but please lock your doors and windows when you go out.

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

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Golant Flower and Produce Show

Golant gardeners proudly showed their prized productions at this year's *Flower and Produce Show* held in the Village Hall on 18th August. The appalling weather meant that entries overall were somewhat down in quantity on last year, but the quality was still very good. The flowers, fruit and vegetables were judged by John Sweet, who as usual had some hard decisions to make. *The Best in Show* was won by Alastair Barr with a plate of mixed vegetables.

The craft section was well represented with some superb woodwork by Stuart Young, including a beautifully made hall table which won the prize in that section.

Some very imaginative displays were produced by the children of the village, and the winning exhibit was a magnificent lobster (*right*) made by Jack Elworthy, from red peppers and a turnip.



Millie van den Broek won the prize for the younger children with an endearing sausage dog (??).

The cookery classes were won overall by Kaye Jenkinson with a very professional looking quiche. There was a good

selection of jams, marmalades and chutneys and some potent sloe gin and wine.

A novelty this year was the *Limerick* competition which attracted a very good response. The winning entry was composed by Barry Campbell-Taylor :

“There once was an old garden gnome
Who could play *God Save the Queen* on his comb;
And when he played to the people
Astride the Church steeple,
They took him away to a home.”

There were some superb specimens entered into the *Scarecrow* competition, including a very smart man up a mast by John Kift (*right*) and Millie's *Olympic Rower* (her Dad).

With the refreshments (thanks to Anne McLeod and Janet Longman), the raffle and the auction of produce, a sum of £236 was made for Village Hall funds. The Committee would like to thank all those who entered their produce, the judges and all who helped. We look forward to another successful show next year (with even more entries!!!)



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We still hold copies of John's entertaining **Cornish CDs** for sale, as described in detail in the last issue of *The Golant Pill*.

- ***Crowst Time Tales*** (2 discs) contain ten of John's own stories, and are read by him in his inimitable Cornish dialect. **£10**

We know of one couple who, on listening to these tales in their car, had to pull over, as they were laughing so much!

- ***Memories of Bygone Newlyn*** (2 discs) are John's own reflections of growing up in the 1930s, and provide a fascinating social comparison with modern times. **£10**

We can highly recommend both of these CD collections. If you are looking for something different (and local) to buy as a Christmas present, look no further! (And John is kindly donating 10% of these sales to The Golant Pill.)

Ring Gillie & Mike on 01726 833897

EMAILS TO THE EDITOR

Hi!

On July 27th, the opening day of the Olympics, I was sitting having breakfast listening to an article on the radio about the ringing of bells in London and across the country at 8.12am, in celebration of the opening day.

I thought at first I was hearing things, but opened the door and heard our very own bell ringers taking part, which was slightly surreal, but lovely!

It made me reflect on how fortunate we are to still have people capable and willing to ring.

I have been lucky enough to always live within hearing distance of bells, and there is a tendency to take them for granted. They are a joy to hear, and I would like to thank those who put in the time and effort into maintaining this ancient tradition, especially in a small rural community that might realistically remember bell ringing as a distant memory.

Thank you, ringers!

Karen Hammett

CALLING ALL PANTO ADDICTS

Martin Whell is aiming to direct his own adaptation of *Aladdin* early next year, and is hoping to reach all those **panto devotees** who would be interested in taking part.

As his cows will take priority when calving in the early spring, Martin is aiming to produce his pantomime in **January** (probably 11th & 12th).

He aims to have the first read-through **in the middle of October**, so it is important that you contact Martin ASAP if you are interested.

Martin can be contacted by email:
martinandbridget@btconnect.com
 or tel: 01726 833068

CORNISH DIALECT

If, like us, you enjoy Uncle John's scattering of Cornish dialect words in his Gardening Tips, you may find the following Cornish comparisons amusing! These all relate to the animal kingdom.

- Wriggling like an **angleditch** (a worm)
- Cold as a **quilkin** (a frog- West Cornwall)
- Weak as a **wranny** (a wren)
- Like as if the **calves been zuckin' em** (of crumpled clothes)
- Like a **hen afore day** (of a person who is half-witted because of being flustered)
- Like a **hen with one chick** (an enthusiast who is of a one-track mind)
- Like an **owl looking out of an ivy bush** (of a person with dishevelled hair)
- Like a **toad under a barrow** (of a hen-pecked man)



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Golant Gleanings

CONGRATULATIONS

Emily Jenkinson graduated from the University of Plymouth on September 19th with a BSc (Hons) in Environmental Science. She gained a first for her final dissertation which explored *Anthropogenic impacts on the water quality of The River Fowey*. I must ask her if she took samples of water just outside our railway bridge as part of her research.....

Megan Elworthy and Alice Hunter are to be congratulated in achieving excellent grades in their recent GCSE exams.

Jack Elworthy did well in his A Level exams. He will be taking a gap year, which will include a trip to SE Asia for five months, which he has funded himself from his hard work at Leyonne Farm! He has been awarded a place at Harper Adams University College to study for a degree in Rural Enterprise and Land Management.

ON THE MEND

Dorothy Rickwood is recovering from a fall in which she suffered a compound fracture on her left wrist. Fortunately, she was with Gail & Maurie Parsons when the accident happened.

Lorna Vivian has had another short spell in hospital but is back home.

Pat Robins is slowly improving & is hopeful that a consultation with a specialist in the near future will yield positive results. Joan Venn, his daughter, is recovering very well after an operation.

We send all good wishes to Brenda Page who is at home recovering from an operation.

DON'T BELIEVE EVERYTHING YOU SEE!

We were just about taken in during August when we saw a sign at *Leyonne Farm* stating that it had been sold. Having read and heard about the plight of the dairy farmers on numerous occasions in recent times, we believed the sign and thought, "Oh no! the Whells have had to sell up. Surely not?"

Thank goodness the answer was a firm, "No." Soon afterwards, as we waited for the cows to cross the road, Martin appeared, and he assured us that it was a prank, and a pretty plausible one at that. It caused amusement!

MGH

DON'T BELIEVE EVERYTHING YOU HEAR!

On a more serious note:

Chance & coincidence can often bring dire results such as when Robert Dunley's computer went wrong recently. As he wondered what to do to get it fixed, the telephone rang and someone ("from *Microsoft*") said that he knew that Robert had a problem on his computer. He could fix it for a fee, he said. The amount which was quoted was hefty & Robert just about fell for it before realising that it was a scam!

And it's a scam which is tried all the time. It's often highlighted on *Radio Cornwall*.

Don't fall for it. *Microsoft* will never ring in this way.

"When you d' grow up, remember – don't 'ee believe more 'n a quarter of what you're told an' only 'alf of what 'ee d' see".

This succinct quote, very relevant to the above items, comes from one of John Jenkin's amusing stories which you can hear on his CD *Crowst Time Tales*, as featured in our last issue. It can be heard in *Dicky Tonkin's Wireless Set*, a story which arose from the above warning from a Mousehole-born acquaintance of John's! (e& see page 11)

St Sampson Parish Council

Parish Council Report: September meeting

The public session was well attended, and it was agreed to donate £100 to the Ancestry group, which will help them set up an exhibition on some Golant properties at the beginning of November.

The speaker who had been expected to lead a further discussion on the public toilets had sent his apologies, so this item was carried forward to the next meeting.

Further payments were made to *The Lawn Ranger*, whose work on the Village Green met with general approval.

The Council is aware that the playground equipment is in a poor state, and the chippings have largely disappeared, and it was agreed that at the October meeting we would discuss a refurbishment programme to bring this area up to standard.

The Council also agreed to provide funding for tree guards and supports for the 105 trees which have been provided free of charge to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. An oak tree is also included, and all the above trees will be planted on the Downs, but taking especial care that the views from the paths will not be spoilt for future generations.

There was no objection to the planning application for a change of use of *Penquite Stable*, at *Penquite Barn*, from holiday to residential status.

Concern was expressed that the bank near the beginning of the lane to the church seemed to be liable to landslip.

The chairman expressed his thanks to Barry Campbell-Taylor for his excellent stewardship of the car park, which has enjoyed another good season in spite of the weather. It was agreed that this area needs up-grading, though, and a schedule of work will be drawn up.

Next year the car park will run from March to October, and it was confirmed that Village Green parking is for permit holders only throughout the year.

Finally, the chairman reiterated the request to all dog-owners that they be vigilant in clearing up all dog mess.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 23rd October, when we hope there will be two speakers: one on the options for the public toilets, and a lady who wishes to address the council and all interested villagers on a possible planning application for Yurts!

Simon Funnell, Chairman

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News from St Sampson's Church

Philip, our vicar, was booked to undergo an operation for diverticulitis at the end of September but it has been postponed due to the surgeon having a very nasty accident when playing in the garden with his children. Amongst other injuries, the poor chap sustained a broken neck. As a result, Philip will now be on sick leave from the end of October until Christmas Eve. Our curate, the Revd Nick Widdows, is a deacon so he is not able to take the service of Holy Communion. We are fortunate that some retired clergy have agreed to step in to take our services during Philip's recuperation.

Every church has to be surveyed every five years. It was, therefore, with some dread that we recently awaited the result of the *Quinquennial Survey*. Good news: there were sighs of relief at the PCC meeting. Of course there are always faults with buildings. We need only look at our houses, after all. There is woodwork in the tower which needs woodworm treatment and an iron fitting which requires anti-rust paint. There are suggestions for more major items in the church but these are not considered to be urgent or vital. Our thanks to Greg & Penny White who have already been to clear the culvert on the north side of the building as highlighted in the survey— not the most pleasant job in the world!

We have experienced a few problems with the electrics and these are being investigated. The old circuit to the organ had to be replaced due to a fault in the actual wiring. The automatic lights outside and inside the toilet, and the lights along the paths are not working but will be repaired at any time. The boiler has gone into *lockout*. We hope that we won't have a repeat of last winter's problems when a fault was found in the feed from the storage tank and we all felt the cold at times.....

There have been many visitors to the church during the holiday period and the visitors' book is full of kind comments. A few have taken the opportunity to sit quietly in the church and contemplate in the peace & silence which is difficult to find in this age. Many take advantage of the various unique items which are on sale. Others have arrived from a variety of countries; some have been seeking information about their ancestors, visiting where their grandparents were married and so on. One visitor from Devon very kindly presented the church with a half sovereign— a generous gift indeed (perhaps worth £140)!

A beautiful tablet has just been put in place to mark the spot where the ashes of Jane Gregory are interred. The distinguished sculptor, Philip Chatfield, created this apt memorial. The engravings feature Jane's beloved horse surrounded by a favourite family dog, the sun, a camellia and, of course, the Olympic rings as well as a suitable inscription. The very thick piece of Welsh slate is extremely heavy and I was relieved to see that Ted Luck had been called in to help Philip carry the slate from the car. Do look for the tablet in the interment area to the left of the porch. Philip was also responsible for the gravestone marking the burial place of Diana Luck. It's worth a look on the web ('Google' *Philip Chatfield sculptor*) to view his work, which is to be found all over the country, including the beautiful church with the bent steeple at St Enodoc.

MGH

Harvest Festival

On opening the door to the church, one's reaction is to say, "Wow!" The flower arrangers have been at it again! It really is worth popping in to view the results of all their efforts. I love especially to see all the garden flowers.

The heating system was repaired on the day before the *Harvest Thanksgiving Service* when it ran successfully for over two hours. Alas, on the morning of the service, the boiler went into *lockout* and a chilly church was the result. But, in spite of the chill, the congregation set to with some good lusty, blood warming singing of the traditional seasonal hymns.

A variety of offerings were taken up to be laid on the altar by Beth and Abi Whell & Laura and Maria Cook. These gifts represented soil, seed, grain, animal produce, fruit, vegetables & fruit crops, flowers & vineyards, bread & resourcefulness. The latter gift was a symbol of knowledge and invention. Each gift was received with prayers and responses led by various members of the congregation from all parts of the church.

The *Harvest Supper* took place on the next day, October 1st, in the Village Hall. Over fifty people met to enjoy a delicious meal prepared by a team of parishioners.

Philip de Grey-Warter auctioned an array of gifts ranging from his homemade *Vicarage Bread* to bottles of champagne, Pimms & wine, dahlia plants, boxes of vegetables, cider apple jelly & chutneys and a large tray of mushrooms. Diners responded with very generous bids. The event raised around £554. A minimum of 20% (always rounded upwards!) plus the collection taken at the Sunday service will be given to the *St Petroc's Society*, which will help their cause of caring for the single homeless in Cornwall.

MGH

Choir News

There was a very good congregation at the *Harvest Festival* service on Sunday 30th September, and David Ogden's *Fruits of the Earth* provided a cheerfully syncopated opening. The choir sang *Praise O Praise*, by Martin How, as the anthem, which was both lively and reflective at times, and was skilfully accompanied by Mike Harris.

On December 2nd, for the *Advent Service*, it is planned to sing excerpts from Handel's *Messiah*. Additional voices are most welcome and, even if you cannot manage the regular Thursday practice nights, please contact me (833343) as other rehearsal times can be arranged.

Sheila Funnell

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UNCLE JOHN'S GARDEN PATCH

Gardening Tips For October & November

QUESTION :- What dirty rotten swine has pinched our summer??? There we were early on and the sun was shining, the temperature was rising and everything was looking rosy, and then what happened? They announced there was a water shortage, with water restrictions, and since then it seems to have rained ever since! Between May 1st and August 31st we have had in the region of 16 inches of rain, (old money I'm afraid!) Now that is a brave way up my wellies! The plants have been shrivelled up with the cold and we've been lagged when we have tried to do much other than stank around tending things. Oh, the joys of gardening!!

But take heart; it's not all doom and gloom. Some plants have done well despite the weather, but because it's been such a mazed season the plants have been some flummoxed and people have been noticing some very strange things—like flowers appearing on apple trees in September, and agapanthus flowering in February. No doubt Mother Nature will even things out at some time, and we will be back to events happening in a proper manner as they should.

On to gardening matters. Now is the time to put the grease bands around the trunks of apple trees to stop the wingless female Winter Moth from climbing up and laying its eggs in the branches. The canes of the autumn fruiting raspberries should be cut down to ground level as soon as they finish fruiting. Dig over any ground as soon as it becomes cleared of vegetables, to let the winter frosts get to the soil and help to break it up.

November 5th is traditionally the time to sow the winter broad bean *Aquaduke*, for an early crop next year. To stop the mice eating the seeds it is probably best to sow the seeds indoors in pots, and transplant them into the garden when they are about 3 inches high. The mice don't seem to be a problem then.

Autumn is the time to think about saving your seed for next year. Pick a day that has been dry and sunny and gather the seeds from whatever plant you wish to grow on from. Store them in a paper bag somewhere where it is dry and warm, and this way you can grow on varieties that you like, and also types that suit your soil. This will also cut down the cost of your seeds next Spring.

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Auntie Paddy's Recipe Corner

Now that summer is over and the shops will be starting their countdown to Christmas, I thought it would be a good idea to do a little preparation of our own. Some of our herbs are still looking good, so it is a nice idea to capture their flavour in either vinegar or oil.

Use the **VINEGARS** in dressings, marinades, soups and gravies. Suitable herbs would be *Thyme, Basil, Marjoram, Mint, Tarragon* and *Garlic*, or take a mixture.

Method

1. Take a handful of the herbs you want to use, bruise them, and put them in a glass jar.
2. Cover with *White Wine Vinegar* and put on a vinegar-proof lid (ie- not metal).
3. Allow to stand for two weeks, giving it a shake every few days.
4. Strain back into the vinegar bottle, discarding the used herbs, but adding a fresh sprig of your chosen herb. Seal and label.

For **OILS** use *Sunflower* or *Olive Oil* and follow the same method.

Mincemeat is something else that is useful to have ready. This recipe is best kept in the fridge, and makes 1kg/2¼lbs.

MINCEMEAT

50g/ 2oz *Stem Ginger*

225g/ 8oz *Raisins*

100g/ 4oz *Sultanas*

100g/ 4oz *Dried Apricots*

100g/ 4oz *Cut Mixed Peel*

225g/ 8oz *Currants*

50g/ 2oz *Suet (or vegetarian suet)*

Grated rind & juice of an Orange

100g/ 4oz *Light Soft Brown Sugar*

1x15ml/ 1tbsp *Syrup from the*

Stem Ginger

1tsp *Ground Mixed Spice*

1tsp *Ground Cinnamon*

¼ tsp *Ground Nutmeg*

4tbsp *Brandy*

1. Finely chop the ginger, raisins, sultanas, apricots & peel (or use a processor for a short time).
2. Put in a bowl and add the other ingredients. Mix well.
3. Cover the bowl and leave for 24 hours, stirring occasionally.
4. Put the mixture into cold, sterile jars and cover with waxed paper discs before putting on the jar tops fairly tightly. Store in the fridge.

Paddy Shelley

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CALENDAR OF VILLAGE EVENTS

OCTOBER

Sunday 7 th	9.15am	Holy Communion	St Sampson's
Wednesday 10 th	9.50am	Mobile Library	End of Green
Thursday 11 th	1.00pm	Thursday Kitchen	Village Hall
Saturday 13 th	7.30pm	Race Evening <i>(Tickets from Maurie Parsons: 833475)</i>	Village Hall
Sunday 14 th	9.15am	Holy Communion (sung)	St Sampson's
Monday 15 th	8.30/9.00pm	Music/folk night <i>(please come and join in)</i>	Fisherman's Arms
Thursday 18 th	1.00pm	Thursday Kitchen	Village Hall
Saturday 20 th	8.30pm	Live music (<i>Booze Brothers</i>)	Fisherman's Arms
Sunday 21 st	6.00pm	Evensong	St Sampson's
Tuesday 23 rd	7.15 pm	Parish Council Meeting <i>(The public is invited to take part until 7.30pm)</i>	Village Hall
Tuesday 23 rd	8.00pm	Quiz Night	Fisherman's Arms
Wednesday 24 th	9.50am	Mobile Library	End of Green
Thursday 25 th	1.00pm	Thursday Kitchen	Village Hall
Sunday 28 th	9.15am	Holy Communion (sung)	St Sampson's

NOVEMBER

Friday 2 th to Sunday 4 th	11.00am-4.00pm	<i>Looking Back</i> Exhibition <i>(See page 4 for more details)</i>	Village Hall
Sunday 4 th	9.15am	Holy Communion	St Sampson's
Monday 5 th	7.45pm	Firework Display with BBQ	Fisherman's Arms
Tuesday 6 th	8.00pm	Quiz	Fisherman's Arms
Wednesday 7 th	9.50am	Mobile Library	End of Green
Thursday 8 th	1.00pm	Thursday Kitchen	Village Hall
Friday 9 th	7.00pm	Boat Watch AGM	Village Hall
Sunday 11 th	9.15am	Holy Communion (sung) <i>(Remembrance Sunday)</i>	St Sampson's
Thursday 15 th	1.00pm	Thursday Kitchen	Village Hall
Sunday 18 th	6.00pm	Evensong	St Sampson's
Monday 19 th	8.30/9.00pm	Music/folk night	Fisherman's Arms
Tuesday 20 th	8.00pm	Quiz	Fisherman's Arms
Wednesday 21 st	9.50am	Mobile Library	End of Green
Thursday 22 nd	1.00pm	Thursday Kitchen	Village Hall
Friday 23rd	Copy Date	<i>The Golant Pill</i>	golantpill@yahoo.co.uk
Saturday 24 th	8.00pm	Casino Evening <i>(book a place from Siobhan 833449/Janet 832425)</i>	Village Hall
Sunday 25 th	9.15am	Holy Communion (sung)	St Sampson's
Tuesday 27 th	7.15pm	Parish Council Meeting <i>(The public is invited to take part until 7.30pm)</i>	Village Hall

Advance notice for December

December 2 nd	6.30pm	Advent Carol Service	St Sampson's
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Zumba classes take place in the Village Hall every **TUESDAY** from 12.30-1.30pm.

Details from Penny Parsons (832727) Please note change of day.

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 this page of the newsletter, & we will try to include it.