



# Step by Cornish Step



... & see p15

The old church steps were probably designed to keep the village graveyard full. They were very narrow, had shallow treads and steep risers, and not very good lighting. An excellent recipe for disaster.

But, cometh the hour, cometh the man, and that man is Dave Jenkinson of *Cornwall Landscaping* (son of David and Kaye). He has shrugged off the cold and rain, carefully taken down the wall by the steps (which many predicted would collapse if touched), and moved plenty of earth so that the steps can begin further back. There were three original granite steps, which were all presumed to be narrow, but the bottom two steps were found to be much wider than was thought, as the wall had concealed their true width. Fortunately, then, the original plan to buy five new granite steps could be abandoned, especially as Cornish granite was proving prohibitively expensive and the only answer was to look at Chinese granite. This is cheaper, but looks shiny and modern, which is not exactly in keeping with a thirteenth century church.

Dave managed to track down three granite steps at a reclamation yard in Devon. Amazingly, they had just arrived from the Lidl car park in Bodmin, which is being extended.

So, although this meant these had to be fashioned to fit our needs, the result is that there are now five traditional Cornish granite steps. When the three huge granite steps arrived, there was no Cornish giant on hand to lift them onto the site – that is, until John Varco arrived with Harry the Handler and saved the day!

Dave painstakingly re-built the wall, using traditional lime mortar and the original stones, and railings on both sides of the steps will ensure the safety of those who are less nimble than they used to be. There will also be new lighting from the upper church gate to the porch, and the light on the outside of the upper gate will be replaced with something less obtrusive.

Dave has been grateful for his father's help on several occasions, and we are grateful for the detailed plans he drew up in order to satisfy the diocesan planners. The PCC would like to thank David for his excellent workmanship, and also Robert Dunley and Greg White for their help in ensuring this project has come to fruition. It is a great – and safer – step forward.

*Simon Funnell*

## FROM THE EDITOR

In this issue, as always, we have covered a very wide range of happenings- mostly joyful, but also sad, in this special village, and this is how it should be! We not only look back, but we always ensure that we give a taster of what is to come...

In the last *Pill*, we reported on Dorothy Rickwood's 95th Birthday celebrations. Sadly, she died in early January, and this issue includes a full tribute to her (p10). She was a remarkable character – the photos alone reflect her lively personality.

Coverage of events from Christmas & the New Year abound. 2019 got off to an active start, with two very different happenings on New Year's Day– an inaugural Dip in the Pill challenge, described in a lively poem by Millie & mum Estelle, and Golant's regular Wassailing event (p7). We have held back this issue to cover the ever popular Revue (*below*).

As promised, we include Alice Hunter's second and final part in her Tale of Two Cultures; this clearly shows her passionate beliefs in women's rights, and how her experience in India has influenced her future medical plans.

At the start of our 13th year(!) of the *Pill*, I'd like to thank the Team, the Advertisers and our ever-growing number of willing Contributors. We couldn't produce this village publication without you.

*Gillie Harris*

## GRADS Does it Again

Two evenings of topical sketches and musical interlude, wittily compered by Bridget, with help from Martyn and Caroline, who moved us seamlessly from one scenario to another, left an exhausted audience hoping for more.

Setting tone and standard, the opening sequence of beautifully dressed, expertly made up dancing knees had the audience in stitches, as the music quickened and the knees began to loosen up.

Well received musical interludes provided relief for aching jaws. In the first half, Dave led the audience to sunny climes, and later, Pjams, with the help of an outrageous cockerel, amused and entertained with wit, humour, music and song. We might not know how well Steve plays guitar; we do know he is the percussion king! Cymbal virtuoso!

Millie's interpretations of Roald Dahl and Michael Rosen are not to be missed. Her helpful guests as she vividly retold the tale of Cinderella were unsurprisingly familiar. Later, she brilliantly reminded us of those strict regimes of the past, and how to survive them – grinning from ear to ear.

In 'Listen with Mother', Carol, our very own barista, demonstrated her delight in alternative beverages whilst maintaining a steady, if imaginative tale of Noddy's visit to Golant, with consummate timing and gargled words. Death by Pill is a familiar trope hilariously explored by Penny and Sue, but Love of Gordon set a new standard in peroration.

We listened attentively as Caroline and Bridget pursued a thoughtful discussion about butter, I think. Following a mention of Brexit we maybe expected a song contest, not a dance demo! No one who witnessed Witold unfold on the stage will ever look upon a Dyson in the same way again. Music while you work?

The first half finale and bravest act of the night, the towel dance, exposed Martin and Steve as (thankfully) well rehearsed practitioners in this clean up of dirty dancing!

On to the second half, and the sweetly rehearsed sounds of the Handbell Ringers, introduced by the gloriously punning Simon, empowered the audience to provide the Humming Chorus. Simon paid tribute to local farmers as bells rang, and he in sonorous song explored the glories of mud.

A new ensemble, The Clangers, a Simon tribute band composed of six, all very different, versions of Simon, rang with the energy and enthusiasm we would expect from, well, Simon!

It is not possible to do justice to what happened in the Beauty Parlour to Martyn's face- cleansed, repaired and made-over by his alter ego. Best not mention feet. Side-splitting laughter; the hall erupted.

The Golant Grannies closed the show treading the boards with dance and energy, reminding us that the Geezers are a set of funny, talented slightly raucous folk who love to entertain and do so brilliantly.

**GRADS** presented the best of village talent from the young to the older. Thanks to all who made this production possible- the backroom, front of house and technical teams, the producers, directors, performers and contributors – thank you, **Golant Really AAAA (Amateur, Ambitious, Aspiration Achieved) Dramatic Society**.

*Anne Bonsall*





This wonderful photograph of Fore Street has recently come our way. I wonder who the two men were and where they were off to? Most likely to work.

Note the stone building on the left below the pub wall. Can anyone shed any light on what it was used for and when it was demolished, which might also help us to date the picture?



We recently had a fascinating session with Alan Phillips, recording his memories of rowing and racing with *Golant and Par Rowing Club (GPRC)* which was based in Golant in the early 1970s, and adding more detail to stories already collected. It seems that the *GPRC* was very successful on the annual regatta circuit and Alan was a key crew member. *GPRC* was a Cornish fixed seat rowing club, racing in flash boats and randans, as opposed to the sliding seat fine boats seen today with *Castledore Rowing Club*.

By all accounts regatta day was 'joyous and friendly', full of fun and frivolity, with a variety of stalls, side shows and live music adding to the seriously competitive nature of the rowing races. Visiting crews came from all round Cornwall and a little beyond. Sideshows included *Splat the Rat*, *Greasy Pole* and *Mud Races*. Alan described the mud race at the start of the regatta as a circular course, marked out in the mud on the lower side of the bridge. There was no fencing alongside the railway at the time, and the track would be thickly lined with supporters and spectators. Prize money was good, about £25 (a lot of money then), which attracted competitors from neighbouring villages. Taunua remembers this event as a tough race which, even though she was then a county standard sprinter, she found a real struggle to complete. Supposedly a running race, it was hard to stay upright let alone move forward, being knee deep or more in gloop! What a sight those mud covered apparitions must have been, climbing out at the finish! *Has anyone any photos of these events?*

To learn more about the history and stories behind *GPRC*, *Castledore Rowing Club* and the *Fowey River Canoe Club*, make sure that you put the dates for **Golant and the River Exhibition** in your diary: **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April 11am – 4pm in Golant Village Hall.**

*Penny Parsons, Chairman*

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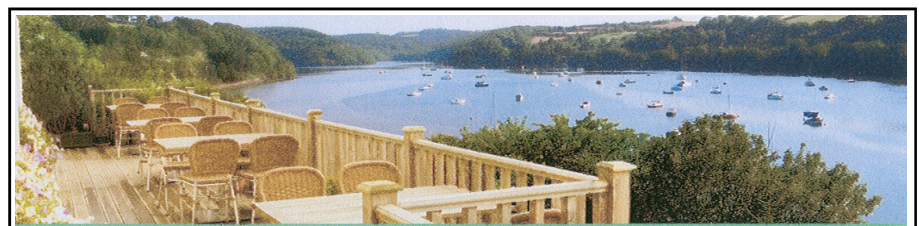
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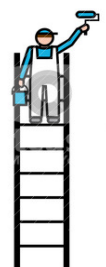
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## Christmas 2018 **IN BLOOM** Challenge

Four of us took up the Christmas Blooms challenge this year– Liz Anderson, Jacky Fletcher, Sarah Laughton, and me. Three colourful photographic records seen below cheer the spirits on the grey days we've had since the festive period.

The totals are not easy to unravel, as it all depends whether one counts the different species of a plant, like the Camellia, which has appeared unusually early this season; we certainly had three – 'High Hat', 'Debbie' & 'Cornish Cream'– which have never before come into flower at Christmas. Liz listed nine and Sarah recorded six different Camellias, though were uncertain of the varieties, which adds to the complication of numbers, as some were undoubtedly the same! So this year I'm disregarding the different species, and am also resisting counting those plants which appeared in different colours, like Periwinkle, which makes my task much easier! As before, we recorded both cultivated and wild flowers.

After this whittling down of numbers, it's not surprising, thinking of the very different sized gardens amongst us four, that Sarah found the most, with 32, closely followed by Liz with 28, then me with 16 and Jacky with 14. The next complication was that quite a number of our blooms were duplicates. Why do I do this each year..?!

Perhaps the most interesting aspect for readers who are keen gardeners is the weather. Whilst we were relatively frost free before Christmas this year, the plants had to cope with extremes – the 'Beast from the East' and the long hot drought followed by a relentless spell of rain. Our *Golant Pill* Gardening Guru, 'Uncle John', alias Nort, alias John Kift, says, "*Tev bin a wisht old time for plants, what with the cold and wet Spring, then a Summer with barely a drop of wet; then floods of rain in the run-up to Christmas– so much so, that the plants just sat there with water standing around their ankles. Plants will stick the dryth up to a point, but if'n they'm stogged, then they will drop flowers & buds, and this might explain why numbers are down this back end, and they could also be growed out after flowering so well during the Summer, and they more than likely reckon 'tis time for a rest*". I certainly found far less this year, Sarah thought her count was also down, and Liz missed a number of her usual Christmas blooms.

However, between the four of us, some fascinating specimens were recorded, and a few individual ones are particularly worth a mention. Jacky's pink Weigela, clearly seen (bottom right) in her vase in the central photo below, usually blooms in May & June, whilst her Himalayan Honeysuckle (also called Pheasant Berry), normally flowers between June & September!! Her garden certainly is very well-sheltered... The Cornish Daisy that was spotted by both Liz and Sarah is of local interest, growing particularly well in the South West of England, as well, rather strangely, in Mexico, hence its alternative name Mexican Fleabane.

Here is a comprehensive list in alphabetical order, of all the 61 different blooms recorded between the four of us:

Abelia, Agerantheum, Antirrhinum, Berberis, Bergenia (Elephant's Ears), Butterbur, Camellias (many), Campanula 'Poscharskyana', Chickweed, Christmas Rose (*Helleborus Niger*), Cornish Daisy or Mexican Fleabane (*Erigeron Karvinskianus*), Cyclamen, Daffodil, Daisy (wild), Dandelion, Daphne, Dead Nettle (pink), Dianthus, Dodridge Periwinkle (pink & white), Euphorbia 'Peplus', Forget-me-not, Fuchsia, Geranium 'Macrorrhizum', Germander Speedwell, Grape Hyacinth, Grevillia, Groundsel, Hazel, Heather (white & pink), Hebe, Helenium, Himalayan Honeysuckle (*Leycesteria Formosa*), Hydrangea (white & pink), Japonica (*Chaenomeles Speciosa Nivalis*), Jonquil, Kaffir Lily, Lobelia (blue, white & pink), Mahonia, Mallow, Marigold, Mustard, Osteospermum, Periwinkle (pink, large blue, lesser & white), Pampas Grass, Pansy, Primrose, Red Champion, Rosemary, Snowdrop, Stinking Hellebore (*Helleborus Foetidus*), Tree Heather, Viburnum, Weigela, Wild Strawberry, Wild Winter Iris, Willow Catkins, Winter Heliotrope, Winter/Lonicera Honeysuckle, Winter Iris 'Turkish Blue', Winter Jasmine, Winter Lilac (*Syringa Microphylla*) and Wintersweet.

Phew...!! This is a remarkable record after such a strange growing year. My grateful thanks to Liz, Jacky and Sarah for taking the time and making the effort to name and record their finds for my Challenge.

Gillie Harris



### The Golant Village Website

Don't forget that you can access *The Golant Pill* on our village website. It is, quite simply-

**golant.net**

Click on 'GOLANT PILL' below the lovely photograph of the river, and you can open past editions of our newsletter, saved as PDF files. Debbie includes those from the past year for you to access.

### PLEASE NOTE CAREFULLY...

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It's been a quiet time for the Village Hall Committee, but not for long, as we are gearing up for a major fund-raising project.

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So get your thinking caps on- what could you put in the auction catalogue? A day out on your boat; some art/ sewing/IT/sailing lessons; cooking a meal or baking a cake for your neighbours; some gardening/handyman work; car washing; some produce from your garden or artwork you have produced; dog walking/sitting; an antique or artwork you no longer want- the list is endless... Offers of items to be auctioned should be emailed to: [debbiepughjones@aol.com](mailto:debbiepughjones@aol.com)

The hall continues to be a great asset for the village, hosting the ever popular Christmas Meet & Greet (thanks for organising this, Doc), the monthly Book Shelf Browse & Buy, film nights and more recently our unforgettable revue.

The next C-Fylm night is on Friday February 22nd- it is *Swimming with Men* (especially for Robin!).

Our AGM is on March 7th, and we still have a vacancy for a Secretary; anyone interested should contact Penny Parsons (832727).

*Debbie Pugh-Jones, Village Hall Committee*

To book the hall, or for any enquiries, contact Fayre Hardy, at:

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## A Dip in the Pill

The Challenge was made, but few seemed keen,  
 A dip in the Pill? A sight to be seen!  
 Posters were displayed, a dress code set,  
 Who would turn up?...That was the bet!  
 So New Year's Day arrived, the time had come,  
 Although it would be freezing, we hoped for some fun.  
 A few turned up, only the brave,  
 Some to spectate, just to watch and wave.  
 More pyjamas than swimwear, more women than men,  
 We are the tough ones, much stronger than them!  
 The Pill was too low so off to the slipway we went,  
 Some photographs taken to mark the event.  
 The youngest Golantian just charged straight in,  
 We all then followed making a terrible din!  
 It was all we could do to scream and shout,  
 Barely a minute and we HAD to get out.  
 The water so cold it numbed your toes,  
 Blue lips and hands with dripping wet clothes.  
 Shivering we stood, elated and proud,  
 As someone dived in- right in front of the crowd.  
 Scantly clad, not afraid of the cold  
 This hardy man looking terribly bold.  
 He swam and he swam and he did not surrender,  
 The toughest of all, a worthy contender!  
 Two hundred & fifty pounds for *St. Petroc's* we raised-  
 A worthy cause, so everyone be praised.  
 BUT now the New Year's Day tradition has begun,  
 So come on Golantians, really, it WAS fun!  
 Show your true colours, come join us next year  
 To welcome in 2020 with some chilly cheer!

*Millie & Estelle van den Broek*



## Wassailing on New Year's Day

The day was dry and bright  
 for this year's  
 Wassail of apple  
 trees around the  
 village. We had  
 a new Green  
 Man in the shape  
 of Martyn  
 Hardy, who  
 wore a magnificent foliage head dress and green face to match.



The Wassail, for those who have yet to join in, entails walking to various places around the village, singing the song, hanging a piece of toast on a branch of the apple tree that is being wassailed to feed the birds, pouring some cider on its roots to encourage it to grow well, reciting words of encouragement for the tree followed by making as much noise as possible to drive away evil spirits and drinking a cider cup to its health.

As in previous years, the pre-start call in was over at *Wringford Farm*. Some folk walk across the fields to Liz Barclay's home with their dogs, and these intrepids were joined by Jeremy and Robin, who were even more so having just taken part in the first Annual River dip which raised funds for *St Petroc's* homeless charity.

The Wassail of Liz's apple tree was disrupted for a moment when my dog ran off with the toast which was about to be placed upon the tree. Liz soon provided a replacement- well, as fast as her clogs would allow.

Then it was back across the fields to join everyone at the church lay-by before the first call at *Bodriggan*. There were a good number of people and some fine singing round the tree blessed there. On to *Penquite Farm* and another tree was wassailed. I did notice that some of the cider that the Green Man was using to bless the tree's roots was also blessing the Green Man!



Onwards again down into the village to the Gabbs' garden- quite a climb for some, but all enjoyed the ritual. The penultimate call was *Encounter Cornwall's Boatshed* garden, and finally to the Pub to wassail a potted 'Captain Broad', one of Golant's very own apple tree varieties. Nick had prepared some magnificent pork rolls too.

A great way to start off the New Year. Many thanks to all the hosts in each port of call for their food and drink.

If you missed our Wassail this year, there's always next year!

*Sue Reardon*



## Spring/Winter/Spring?

Just into February and only 4 weeks before Meteorological Spring, beginning on March 1<sup>st</sup>. However, if you follow the astronomical calculation, then Spring has to wait until the 20<sup>th</sup> March at the Spring Equinox. But given the relatively mild Winter (so far) we are able to enjoy the many flowers pointing towards Spring, with daffodils, snowdrops and of course crocuses. But the calm, mild weather is not going to last, and most forecasters are heralding a very cold snap for February and possibly March, with temperatures set to plunge to levels last seen in the 1980s! So be warned. And get your cold weather strategy ready!

### Membership Reminder:

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David Jenkinson  
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## Volunteers needed!

We have been kindly donated 200 saplings by the *Woodland Trust* to plant along the [Golant Quay Users'](#) nature area at the end of the Pill.

The saplings should arrive mid March, so we will be looking for volunteers to help with the planting.

*The Wild Harvest All Year Round Colour Collections* include a variety of Hazel, Blackthorn, Crab Apple, Dog Rose, Elderflower, Rowan, Hawthorn, Silver Birch & Wild Cherry.

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Liz Anderson



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## A TALE OF TWO CULTURES – part two

My main objective when embarking on elective was to discover more about the differences in culture and attitude surrounding women's health/childbirth in India. I saw many pregnant female patients during my time at NIMS and learnt much about this objective. I saw many patients who had abortions gone wrong. In India in the last two decades 10 million female foetuses have been aborted, as is seen by many as not desirable to give birth to a girl. The reasons for this are many, but include- the dowry system, persisting beliefs about girls limited role in society and that girls do not have inheritance rights. Although technically use of ultrasound technology to prenatally detect a foetus's sex is now illegal (as is sex selective abortion) under Indian law, the reality is that huge numbers of women are still seeking sex selective abortions and corrupt doctors are accepting large sums of money to scan the mother and perform backstreet abortions which commonly have complications for the mother.

Something I found very disturbing also was the number of women I saw during my time at NIMS who had been scanned by fake medical professionals - just someone seeking money, and had been offered an abortion whilst carrying a male foetus. The distress that this caused the woman was heartbreaking. I was told by doctors that often even when a woman gives birth to a female child in a poor family, the child is commonly neglected and denied medical attention, leading, in rural areas, to many girls dying in their early years of life. I was struck by how much in India a woman's reproductive rights are often controlled by her husband and I found this very infuriating. I saw a woman whilst at NIMS who had antiphospholipid syndrome and had multiple miscarriages; the pressure on her to conceive from her family had driven her to a state of anxiety and depression, with some even suggesting she had been cursed. I found it frustrating to see women's role so focused on their ability to reproduce. Before I went on elective I thought eventually I would like to work as a doctor in the field of women's reproductive rights, but now I am sure that this is my calling, and I am more passionate about it now than ever before. I would like to thank the *Fowey Grammar School* bursary which allowed me to undertake my elective in this area.

A learning point that I unexpectedly stumbled upon was that in NIMS there was no provision for psychiatric care and there was no use of any kind of legal frameworks in confused patients. I saw many patients who had been restrained using rags to prevent them from leaving the ward. There were no psychiatrists at NIMS and provision for these patients seemed to be very low down the staff's list of priorities as they dealt with pressing medical emergencies. Seeing patients in open wards, restrained and in high levels of distress, I found very disturbing; however, with the low nurse to patient ratio I appreciated that the staff were trying their best. The nurses especially showed real concern and kindness with these patients, despite having no kind of psychiatric training. It made me realise the importance of all medical professionals having training on how to deal with confused patients with the dignity and respect they deserve.

I could write for hours about what I saw at NIMS and what I learnt. The doctors worked under the most extreme pressure both from the sheer volume of patients and the lack of resources. I found the junior doctors to be extremely hard working and talented, making clinical calls which wouldn't be expected of a single consultant back in the UK. The patients and staff in the hospital were extremely resourceful and could make something out of nothing to help each other; this made an impact on me of how wasteful we can be with our plentiful resources back in the UK.

I have also realised for my own professional development how much I would relish the challenge of working in a resource poor country in the future, to try and make a difference to those whose lives really hang in the balance, caught between poverty and societal pressures to have limited access to suitable healthcare. In the future I'm hoping to become an obstetrician, and hopefully work for an NGO promoting and advocating women's sexual and reproductive rights internationally. Women's rights are human rights, and I feel strongly that in many ways we've forgotten this.

*Alice Hunter*



## Dorothy Rickwood (1923 -2019)

Dorothy Bennett Rickwood (née Richardson) died on 8th January at the age of 95 years. Her passing spells the end of an era for those who have lived in Golant for the last fifty-five years. Dorothy with husband Stan, and close friends Gwenda & Basil Towell, took Golant by storm when they all arrived lock, stock & barrel in the Autumn of 1963. Those who are old enough will remember that this was the time of the Great Train Robbery, so it was no surprise that the village would be suspicious of four people from London, sharing a house on St Sampson's Terrace, who had no visible means of support!

Golant was the start of a courageous new life for all four, as Stan had purchased the property at auction without even visiting the village! The reason for the move was motivated by the death of Wendy, Stan & Dorothy's 13 year old daughter, who was killed in a car crash while on an exchange holiday in France. This tragedy was quickly followed by the death of Dorothy's mother. At the same time, Basil had grown tired of playing music with the big dance bands, and the summer seasonal work in Blackpool, being separated from Gwenda for weeks at a time, and wanting to support their close friends at a difficult time.

Stan & Basil tried their hand at making and selling handmade wooden items, whilst Dorothy & Gwenda, who had worked with Vilma Dunley at the *British Automobile Racing Club* in London, decided to start a Temp Agency, all the rage in town, but unheard of in Cornwall! The idea was not a success, as the one and only placement left after two weeks, and joined the company, where she stayed for the next forty years. Her name was Barbara, who became Mrs Colin Tabb! Dorothy herself did something similar by joining *Coodes* solicitors, where she stayed until she retired in 1983. After this, she was quite seriously ill for some time, but she recovered to lead a normal life. She was a testament to the NHS that she lived to such a great age!

During the early days in Golant, Dorothy & Gwenda were trailblazers for women's equality, being seen smoking, drinking and enjoying the delights of *The Fisherman's Arms* when unaccompanied by their husbands.

Earlier in her life Dorothy had enlisted as a WAAF, where she became a plotter of aircraft movements in the War Rooms at Whitehall. However, that was when she found time to meet, fall in love with, and marry Stan, a sergeant in the RAF.

After the tragedy in her life, Golant became a real retreat, where she made friends and enjoyed joining in the community. She had by now bought *Orchard Cottage*, which lay, at that time, beneath a rolling hill full of apple trees. A dog and cats joined her, and she met Rachel, the daughter of Harold Garner, who volunteered to walk the dog, with others, whilst Dorothy & Stan were at work. This became a friendship that lasted right to the end of Dorothy's life.

Meanwhile, in 1968 Patrick Towell was born, and entered her life adding another dimension. This extended from 'Dorothy Time' every weekend during his early years, to his schooldays, and joining him for big events whilst he was at Cambridge and in London. She welcomed many of Patrick's friends to stay over the years, and always enjoyed their company. Indeed, Dorothy & Stan were the perfect duo when it came to entertaining, and were well known for their skills at hosting drink and dinner parties.

Dorothy was Treasurer of GRADS for many years, and thoroughly enjoyed taking part in panto and revue productions. Indeed, she once appeared with Gwenda in an unforgettable rendering as 'Hinge & Bracket', and this led indirectly to Patrick and friends creating a film tribute called 'Dear Ladies', which many of you may have watched.

Dorothy's attitude to life changed somewhat after the death of Stan in 2004, but it would not be difficult to say she was an out-and-out character all her life, yet very loyal to her friends, and a person always able to keep a secret.

Although her passing was a happy release, she will be missed, and will live on in our memories for ever. RIP.

*Vilma Dunley*





*Gallants Sailing Club* hosted our talk on 22<sup>nd</sup> January in their recently refurbished dining area, all set up with pull-down screen and ceiling-mounted projector. We were very thankful to Heather Buttivant stepping at the last moment to replace Mark Whittaker, who was due to give us a talk on birds, but had to pull out for personal reasons. So, apologies if you thought you were going to get a talk on birds, because Heather is a renowned rock-pooler, and treated us to some fantastic photos of her discoveries in pools in our local beaches. Her enthusiasm shone through, and she passed around some exhibits to show the audience just how colourful and sometimes very small some of the rock-pool inhabitants are.

Our next event is on 20<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm in *Lost-withiel Church Rooms* with a talk from Tim Kellett on 'Ancient Trees'.

This is followed by our AGM and talk 'Wild Cornwall – out on the edge' by Ian McCarthy. This will be at *Trenyhton Manor*, Tywardreath on 26<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm.

We are currently working on the forthcoming years exciting events and will be sending out our membership renewal letters late February/early March. We thank you for supporting us and hope you will renew your membership.

*Peter Edwards*

### Friends of the Fowey Estuary

The Friends of the Fowey Estuary have a varied annual events programme, from guided walks and talks to practical conservation; there really is something for everyone.

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### Church Graffiti Mystery



Dave Jenkinson found this worn stone whilst renovating the top of the wall at St Sampson's by the new steps.

Could it possibly be the first four letters of **Cornwall**?

Suggestions, please!! Maybe another piece will say **wall**...

*GH*

### Meet and Greet

Sunday December 9<sup>th</sup> heralded once again the wondrous *Meet and Greet* at the Village Hall. A remarkable tradition for villagers to cast off their pre-Christmas advent blues and meet newcomers and not-so-newcomers to the village; a tradition, I am unreliably told by Doc Skerrett, from the last century no less (1983 in its modern form!).

This being my fifth Meet and Greet, I thought that the frisson of nerves around 12.30pm – that "maybe no one will turn up" – would have abated, but I was not disappointed. To paraphrase, badly, Brian Hanrahan: I counted the poor lost souls of Golant in (68 of them) and counted them out (all 66 of them - empty bottles that is).

There was sparkly fizz of all persuasions, and reds and whites from around the world – including a particularly nice red that Dai Thomas and I hid behind the bookshelves.

And then the Golant food army arrived, carrying plates of nibbles and much, much more from every corner of the village – a feast!

All the helpers – from cooks, to washers-up and waiters are too numerous to list – you know the village thanks you. I will mention two new entries to the 'Let's see, as waiters, if we can persuade more wine top-ups than Paul King manages to serve' competition: Martin Hardy and John Pomeroy – we lost, as usual.

But of course the real reason and treat of the occasion is for chat with new ones to the village, and banter with the not-so-new. This is a tradition in the best of all traditions in our village. Long may it continue.

Put it in your diary NOW for 2019: Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup> – but this is to be confirmed, yet again by tradition!

*Jeremy Lloyd-Evans*

**Tales from the Riverbank**

We haven't been out that frequently over the last few months, although we have taken out trips, particularly over the Christmas holidays. The river is perhaps at its best – quiet, peaceful, and the wildlife is bolder, not being disturbed too much. We have had very flat, calm days – unusual for this time of the year, and Castle Dore Rowing Club posted a short video on their Facebook site of a Dolphin swimming up at Golant!



KW-W



KW-W

The year is already racing towards Spring, and with this in mind we are holding our Spring River Clean up on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1pm. It is a fairly low (4.2m) tide, but that will allow us access to the foreshore, but if you would like to join us, it will be a good idea to wear wellies, or something that doesn't mind getting mud all over! As usual, we will provide all equipment (unless you want to bring your own vessel) plus pasties, tea, coffee and cake – and now the wood burner is mended it will be nice and cosy whatever the weather! Let us know if you would like to come, so we have an idea of numbers. *(Details opposite).*

**A Bird's-Eye-View of the Earth?**



Moonbird

“How did he get up there?!” R4

We are off to Bristol and the *Aerospace Museum* in Feb for the *South West Tourism Awards*. We will be dining under the wings of Concorde, and we are thrilled to have made it through again this year representing Cornwall in ‘Active and Sporting Experience’. Fingers crossed, but whatever the result, it wonderfully highlights all the fabulous people who help us throughout the year.

*Karen Wells-West*

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go with the flow....

**Fowey Estuary clean up by Kayak**  
Saturday 2nd March starting at 1pm  
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Bulgrannick	Stickleback
Fairmaid	Pilchard (cured)
Valsen	Eel (fresh water)

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# Golant Gleanings

## Grateful Thanks

We should like to thank the many villagers and friends who are giving us such tremendous support and assistance during Robert's on-going cancer treatment. Everyone has been so kind, and we appreciate your concern and your practical help. We must make mention of Steve Phillis, Chris Budd and Paul Meredith, who, at very short notice, have transformed our bathroom into one that we can now use in complete safety. Thank you all so very very much.

Since then we have had another mini crisis. We found ourselves without any heating, but Andrew van den Broek came late in the day and discovered the fault, followed the next morning by Dirk Burton, Oil Heating Services, one of our advertisers, who fixed it. I did tell him I found him in *The Pill*...!

Janet & Robert Gore

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## BACKALONG

### Further Golant Gleanings from Historical Records of our Village for March 1882 & 1883

John Jenkin, in his book *A School with a View*, which is a short history of *St Sampson's National School* in our village, (1877-1947) includes some fascinating details from the original Log Books, giving us a snapshot of a very different life for teachers and the education system.

- 136 years ago, the only Mistress, Elizabeth Berry, '*...now began to suffer ill-health and as she was away for three weeks in **March 1882** the school had to be closed*'. John suggests that this seems to have triggered slipping standards over the following year, including criticism in the Annual Report of Arithmetic, Reading & Spelling. Furthermore:
- '*The sacrosanct nature of the Attendance Register was highlighted in **March 1883** when the Log Book contains a copy of a letter by HMI Mr A W Newton, following an unscheduled visit:*

*'... called at 2.35pm. Found registers incorrect. No entries against names of 5 absentees. Number present not entered. The Registers should be marked and closed before 2.15pm. Two inside walls streaming with wet, notwithstanding comparatively fine weather.'*

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### Dates Well in Advance for your Diary!

- **Golant Carnival** 10th August
- **Madness in the Pill** 18th August

### Golant Village Tea

On **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March from 4pm to 6pm** the traditional and popular *Village Tea* will be held in the Village Hall. All are welcome to come along and have a good chin wag with neighbours and friends.

There will be crumpets, scones, sandwiches and lots of cakes.

Entrance will be £4 payable on the door (under 5s free).

Any excess proceeds will be put towards the collection for Village Christmas tree.

Donations of sandwiches, cakes, biscuits, scones etc. will be greatly appreciated.

Please give Gail a ring on 01726 833475 if you intend to donate, so that we can get the balance of savoury and sweet right for everyone.



## ST SAMPSON PARISH COUNCIL

December 2018 – January 2019

The diaries of your councillors filled up with extra meeting dates since my last report, due to a number of planning applications for our consideration. A significantly amended plan for *Moons*, Gumms Lane, featuring a more traditional design and other alterations to previous proposals was given our support. I note that this application has now been approved by the *Local Planning Authority*. At the same meeting we also considered proposals for a new glass balustrade, replacement windows and a bridge across to the rear garden at *High Water*, Golant. We supported this application and it has also now been approved by the *Planning Authority*.

The new proposals for the *Cormorant Hotel* site duly came up for comment with 9 new homes proposed, much as had been outlined to parishioners in the consultation event. We debated this, noting comments made by parishioners at our meeting and on the planning portal, and resolved to object on a wide range of grounds. I can now report that the *AONB Unit* at *Cornwall Council*, despite having been involved in the preparatory work drawing up the scheme, have also objected to the application. You may recall that the last application relating to this site in 2016 went to Appeal. The Inspector decided that the 2016 proposal did not convincingly demonstrate that the site could be developed at the then proposed intensity without harming the character and appearance of the area. The *AONB Unit* have stated that they have no objection in principle to appropriate development of this site but in their opinion the latest proposals do not adequately respond to the capacity and sensitivity of the *AONB* landscape. We await the decision of the *Local Planning Authority*.

We looked again at an application to completely renovate *Williams Acre*, South Torfrey. Bats have apparently petitioned that the builders be bat-friendly and in addition, the existing fabric of the building was found to be unsuitable, so the applicants wished to start afresh with basically the same design but with new construction throughout. We supported this application and I wish the bats well in their new lodgings.

Lastly, councillors considered re-development proposals for *Camelia Cottage*, Golant and supported these.

Such planning matters highlight the importance of us having our own Neighbourhood Development Plan. Councillors will be encouraging anyone with an interest in getting involved to join a re-energised Steering Group – a public meeting will be held in the Village Hall – watch the noticeboard or speak to councillors for details.

Please apply for your 2019 resident parking passes for the parking area at the Village Green; forms available from the Parish Clerk (details below).

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 26 February 2019**, commencing at 7:15pm in Golant Village Hall. **All are welcome.**

Minutes of meetings are on our Parish Council website: <http://www.stsampsonparishcouncil.org.uk>

Our Parish Clerk Sue Blaxley can be contacted on: [stsampsonpc@gmail.com](mailto:stsampsonpc@gmail.com) for any further information or to raise issues of concern.

*Robin Anderson, Chair*

### The Fisherman's Arms

Two years ago, on February 1<sup>st</sup>, Nick took over our prized community asset – the pub.

Many, many of us in the village just wanted to record our thanks to Nick & all his helpers (Ann, Chris, Neil, Emma, Anne-Marie & many others) for continuing to keep this centre of so much of village life vibrant, active and fun!

Here is just a small sample of events that have occurred since the last Newsletter, showing the effort that St Nick and all his elves go to for our benefit. The very successful Sunday Full Cornish Breakfasts continue, alternating each week with the probably even more successful Sunday Roasts – I understand these continue until Easter (ish).

The Twelve Days of Christmas themes ran from Dec 12<sup>th</sup> to Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> and included, to name just three, Eight Maids-a-Milking (the village handbells group – though Simon is hardly a maid) & the Christmas Raffle draw on Ten Lords-a-Leaping day, which achieved a magnificent £500 for *Cornwall Air Ambulance* (just in time for Michelle Robins, eh?!) culminating with Christmas Carols sing along – organised by Karen – on the last day.

Tuesday alternate Eucre and Quiz nights continue as always. The skeletal crew for a darts team has even been forming, if only they could decide a day and time!

New initiatives abound. The highly successful mock 'Generation Game Challenge' saw teams challenged to

anything from icing a cake, decorating a tree, to dressing up a real live snowman in toilet paper! Nick's mum's impromptu prize conveyor belt, made from a towel and a cardboard box, was a great finishing touch. The 'Pie and Pudding' week was very popular, as was the fancy dress theme, 'Pop Idols', for the New Year's Eve rave-til-late at the pub.

If you don't support the pub, how will you ever learn that Andrew van den Broek has such shapely legs AND can Hoover?!

Nick has a TV licence to show the remaining *Six Nations* matches – so why not come down to watch Wales win? The list is endless....

Thanks, Nick, once again, from us all. Oh, and Emma says, "pay your tab"!

*Jeremy Lloyd-Evans*

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## [News from St Sampson's Church](#)

## [Two dates for your diary](#)

Thanks to Andrew van den Broek, all the radiators in the church were in full working order by the time the Christmas services began. The first of these was the **Advent Carol Service**, which was well attended by both Golant and Fowey folk. The handbell ringers then had a chance to warm up at Martin and Fayre's open house, so that they were in fine form for the next day's **A Cornish Christmas**. This again brought in over 80 people, with Cornish readings, handbell carols, and plenty for the congregation to sing. Then there were more carols on the handbells, and plenty of people, in *The Fisherman's Arms*, on the Wednesday.

Over 100 attended the **Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols**, and as well as some rousing congregational carols, the amalgamation of the *Pachelbel Canon* and *The First Nowell* was greatly enjoyed, with Roger Fry playing a melodious obbligato on the recorder. Another favourite was the new version of *Away in a Manger*. Early the next morning, on **Christmas Day**, nearly 60 people climbed the hill on foot or by car for the 9.15am service, and began the day with some hearty singing.

The church flowers for Christmas were quite stunning, and thanks to all those who helped with the arrangements. The Christmas tree must have been one of the best ever, and, as always, our beautiful church was further enhanced by candlelight, and thanks to Greg and Penny for their tireless work in ensuring the candles are replaced for each service. Thanks also to our organists Mike Harris, Mike Teague and James Funnell; to the choir for their loyalty, hard work and exceptional singing throughout the year, and especially at Christmas; and, most of all, to our *maestro*, Sheila, for endless hours choosing, preparing and then teaching the music for the choir to sing.

Those who have walked past the church cannot fail to have noticed that work has begun on making the steps down to the main church path safer. Details of this are outlined on the front page, with more photos opposite.

Many of you may also have noticed that the bells have been silent over the last couple of weeks. This is because the ropes have been taken down for inspection, as the lower half of the ropes were showing signs of wear and rot. *Mendip Ropes*, in the heart of the Somerset levels, have inspected them, and as a result they are now making us five brand new bell ropes and fellets (or sallies, as they call them in the rest of the country). In about a month's time these ropes should be ready, and the bells will be in action once more.

The other item that was showing signs of wear is the Lectionary, the very large book of Bible readings used at our services. This is now being re-bound, thanks to Ian & Sarah Laughton, who attend classes on this ancient art.

We have been supporting the excellent *St Petroc's* charity in Bodmin, which helps those forced to sleep rough, and the Musical Hits night in the Village Hall and A Cornish Christmas service have enabled us to send £590 to them. This included a most generous donation from Fayre as a thank you to the handbell ringers. Sincere thanks to all who have helped raise this sum.

*Simon Funnell*

On **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March**, at **7.30pm**, the *St Mewan Sinfonia* will give a concert of old and new string music. Such groups are increasingly rare, and I hope as many as possible will come along and support this local string orchestra.

Finally, it is **Safari Supper** year again, and while tickets are not yet on sale, the date to keep free is Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June - the longest day!

### [Step by Cornish Step...](#)



A few of the stages recorded during Dave's work...

### [Church Flower and Cleaning Rota](#)

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17th & 24th February	Vilma & Paddy
3rd & 10th March	Ruth & Gill P
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**UNCLE JOHN'S GARDEN PATCH**

'Tis always a brave job to try and write this yer article in advance of when you'll read the thing, but as to trying to guess just what Mother Nature is gwain to do for the rest of this January month – well, 'tis impossible.

Towards the back end of last year, in November and December, she aived down summat like 16 inches of rain, and everywhere was swimming. Well, so far this year nort worth worrying about has come down from above, so I have grabbed the chance with this dry spell, and caught up with turning over the veg garden, and 'tev turned over handsome like. Now, when Jack Frost decides to poke his nawse in, he can do a vitty job with breaking up the soil, to save too much loustering dreckly.

Get in the greenhouse and do a brave clean-up job, for 'tis bound to look like Lanson Jail. 'Tis always in some jakes, and a dumping ground for old pots, dead plants, empty compost bags & all sorts of rummage that needs to be aived out before you can start to get any seed sowing. Give the glass a good wash down with a drop of disinfectant in warm water. 'Tis now you'll see the spiders, earwigs, sow pigs & other wisht little inhabitants scampering out of the way, and these also need to be removed.

Now, having scanned through the new 'comics' (seed catalogues) and made your choice, you'm then able to get some seeds of onions, leeks, tomato, peppers & lettuce sown in seed trays in the greenhouse, or on a windowsill in the house. Best check with the missus first, though – no sense in causing any strife & teasyess!

Doan't ee even think of tealing anything outdoors yet. I d'know the days be getting longer, and 'tis getting lighter, but 'tis still early. The old saying of 'As the days lengthen, so the cold strengthens' should be a brave pointer, but 'tidn't just the temperature you need to think on, for 'tis also the daylight that the seeds need to germinate. So just hang fire for a bit.

If you've got a brave clump of snowdrops, and you want to spread them around a bit, then once they'm finished flowering, lift them whilst they'm still 'in the green', and simply separate and replant.

'Tis time for pruning fruit trees, but not the likes of plums, damsons and other big stoned fruit. Cut out anything that be crossing, rubbing or growing into the centre of the tree. Reduce the growth from last year by about one third, and if 'tis lashed up to a stake, then make certain sure 'tis all nice and secure, for 'tis bound to get a real testing over the coming year.

To thin out anything that is getting too big in the herbaeous border, simply split up the clumps by putting two forks back to back and prising them apart. The two bits can then be planted back in the garden and you've now got a plant for nort.

Try putting lettuce seed & spring onion seed together in the same row, as the germination time be much the same.

If'n you've a mind to put in a new strawberry bed, then just think on, and doan't ee put it where there was turf, because there's likely to be scoads of they beastly wireworms in there, and they can make any new plants proper wisht and winnicky.

*Nort*



## Auntie Paddy's Recipe Corner

We should now be able to find Cornish Lamb in the shops, and hopefully we will be seeing that Spring is not far away.

### RAGU (OR RAGOUT) OF LAMB

<p><i>Olive Oil &amp; Butter for frying</i>  <i>2 sticks Celery (diced)</i>  <i>2 medium Carrots (sliced)</i>  <i>907g/ 2lbs Lamb (boneless &amp; cubed)</i>  <i>2 tbsp Tomato Purée</i>  <i>One tin chopped Tomatoes</i>  <i>2 tbsp fresh Lemon Juice</i>  <i>2 cups Vegetable or Chicken Stock</i>  <i>One glass Red Wine</i></p>	<p><i>2 Onions (finely diced)</i>  <i>One Red Pepper (diced)</i>  <i>4 cloves Garlic (chopped)</i>  <i>2 tbsp fresh Rosemary (chopped) *</i>  <i>2 tbsp fresh Sage (chopped)</i>  <i>2 tbsp fresh Mint (chopped)</i>  <i>2 tbsp fresh Thyme (chopped)</i>  <i>Salt &amp; Pepper to season</i>  <i>Plain Flour for tossing meat</i></p>
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1. Fry the chopped onion in a little olive oil and butter.
2. Toss the meat in flour & a little salt to cook them and fry in batches. It's better not to have too much meat in the pan at one time.
3. Put the meat & the onion in a casserole dish or slow cooker.
4. Fry the garlic in a little olive oil, but don't let it get too brown. Add it to the meat & onion mixture.
5. Add the celery, pepper & carrots and stir well, then add the herbs, tomato purée, tomatoes, lemon juice, stock & red wine. Stir well.
6. If slow cooking, cook on high until it boils, then turn it down and leave it on low for 3-4 hours. Test halfway through cooking, and if you feel it is cooked, then turn it off. It depends on the meat as to how long the cooking takes.
7. If using a casserole dish, cook in an oven at 180°C/350°F/Gas Mark 4 for 1-1½ hours. Check throughout cooking that the ragu is not getting too dry; if so, add a little more stock. Check the seasoning.

**\* Note:**

Dried herbs can be used if you have not got fresh. Look at the packet to check the equivalent of dried herbs to fresh.

*Paddy Shelley*

## Hey Diddle Diddle...



“Fences must be down again; one of Leyonne Farm’s cows has got up there!”

*Robin Anderson*

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## CALENDAR OF VILLAGE EVENTS

### FEBRUARY

Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Village Hall Committee Meeting	Village Hall
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Holy Communion (Choir)	St Sampson's
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	12-2.30pm/6-8pm	Sunday Roast 1	Fisherman's Arms
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	GHG Meeting	Village Hall
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Boat Watch Meeting	Village Hall
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Quiz Night	Fisherman's Arms
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	6-8.30pm	Valentine's Dinner	Fisherman's Arms
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	9.30-11am	Breakfast Club	Fisherman's Arms
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Evensong	St Sampson's
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Euchre	Fisherman's Arms
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	7.30pm	C-Fylm Night ( <i>Swimming With Men</i> )	Village Hall
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Holy Communion (Choir)	St Sampson's
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	12-2.30pm/6-8pm	Sunday Roast 2	Fisherman's Arms
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	7.15pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Quiz Night	Fisherman's Arms

### MARCH

Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	10-11am	Book Shelf Browse and Buy	Village Hall
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.15am	Holy Communion	St Sampson's
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	4-6pm	Village Tea ( <i>See p13 for details</i> )	Village Hall
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> -Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Lunchtime and Evening	British Pie Week	Fisherman's Arms
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Euchre	Fisherman's Arms
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Village Hall AGM ( <i>Open to all villagers</i> )	Village Hall
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	St Mewan Sinfonia Concert ( <i>See p15</i> )	St Sampson's
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Holy Communion (Choir)	St Sampson's
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	12-2:30pm/6-8pm	Sunday Roast 1	Fisherman's Arms
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	GHG Meeting	Village Hall
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Boat Watch Meeting	Village Hall
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Quiz Night	Fisherman's Arms
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Boat Watch Spring Get Together	Village Hall
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 -11am	Breakfast Club ( <i>St Patrick's Day Irish Theme</i> )	Fisherman's Arms
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Evensong	St Sampson's
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Euchre	Fisherman's Arms
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Holy Communion	St Sampson's
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Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	C-Fylm Night – to be arranged	Village Hall
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup>	9.15am	Mothering Sunday (Choir)	St Sampson's
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup>	12-2.30pm/6-8pm	Mother's Day Roast	Fisherman's Arms

### APRIL

Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	10-11am	Book Shelf Browse and Buy	Village Hall
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Holy Communion	St Sampson's
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	GHG Meeting	Village Hall
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Boat Watch Meeting	Village Hall
Sat/Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> /14 <sup>th</sup>	11am - 4pm	Golant and the River Exhibition (GHG)	Village Hall
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Holy Communion (Choir) <i>Palm Sunday</i>	St Sampson's

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