



Blooming Bargains & Gorgeous Gardens!!!



Diana Luck joined other villagers in their browsing and buying. Chris Yexley was delighted with her geraniums!



A fine display of flowering shrubs in Simon & Sheila Funnell's garden.

Plant & Book Sale

The Plant & Book Sale on Saturday 24th May raised £373.50 for the Village Hall funds.

Maryjean Stone, on behalf of the Village Hall Committee, told the *Golant Pill*: "...Our thanks to all those who sowed seeds, nurtured cuttings and pruned their libraries – then turned up to buy more!

A competition was set for the children, to make a drawing, painting or collage, to take photographs or to write a poem on the subject of *Flowers*. Fifteen entries were submitted, all reaching a very high standard. Many thanks go to Viviane Barr who kindly agreed to be our judge..."

Viviane's task was certainly not easy! She took great pains with her judgements and wrote comments about every entry.

A list of the winners is on page 3, and some of the entries together with Viviane's comments are scattered throughout this newsletter.

Golant Open Gardens

The weather for Saturday 10th May was glorious, and despite a brief but intense downpour on the Sunday afternoon the open gardens were blessed with excellent weather.

157 people bought tickets, most of these ate a cream tea at The Old Cider House or Rose Cottage, and some were persuaded to indulge in stronger stuff or buy raffle tickets.

As a result, over £1000 was raised for the belfry repairs over the weekend.

Many thanks to all those who came, to Penny & Greg for their help with the organisation, to those many helpers with tea & drinks, and, especially, to those who volunteered their gardens: Bellscat, Boddriggan, Orchard View, Hillcrest, Rose Cottage, Whispers and The Old Cider House.

Simon Funnell

From the Editor

We made sure that the last issue came out on April 1st and, if you had looked closely at page 6, you will have seen why! The article 'Win in Europe for Cornish' was a spoof which many people missed. The name 'Golant' will *not* be changing to 'Pol a Rilfo' which is, of course, an anagram of 'April Fool'.....

I hope that you are taking plenty of pictures of our area for possible inclusion in a calendar if we are able to go ahead with that idea. I must admit that I haven't taken enough yet.

This paragraph is not begging for donations though, of course, they are always very helpful! I have had conversations with people who think that it costs a few *pence* to print *The Golant Pill*. When we printed the first issues using inkjet printers, Robert Dunley and Gillie ended up each time with bags each containing a dozen or more empty cartridges. We do not change cartridges very often with the laser printer, it prints both sides of each sheet and the quality is so superior to inkjet. The last issue cost £1 per copy!! That's why we vary the number of pages and the amount of photographs each time. We always plan some black only pages 'back to back' and use 'Grayscale' printing which uses less toner. We shop on the internet for the best prices for toner cartridges. The carnival issue will probably be more expensive because we shall have more photographs; this issue has less. It's a question of balance. We did obtain quotations from printers last year and over £1 per copy was quoted for *black & white only*. Our finances are still satisfactory partly because advertising rates were increased slightly— all the more reason to support our advertisers, a few of whom are new this time.

Jimmy Fisher has kindly lent us two old postcards and a photo of Golant Halt. We have printed one of his postcards on page 12. It was certainly a different village eighty years ago. I plan to use the other card and the photo in a future issue.

Let's hope the weather improves and we bathe in sunshine for much of the summer ahead.

Mike Harris

In our second issue we ran a lighthearted article about John & Ruth Varco's new boat which, after fitting out, was eventually named *Sampson*. When she sank at sea recently everyone was shocked though thankful that John and his two passengers were saved.

John & Ruth wish to thank all those who have sent letters & cards, have phoned or spoken to them in person about their plight. It has been very helpful to receive such positive support from so many people.

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Village Hall Committee Report

October 6th is a red letter day in the life of the village hall as this is the day when the builder is due to start the new roof, barring any unforeseen hold-ups with his work or the Bats deciding not to leave! We are grateful to our grant donors for giving us extra time to claim their grants.

Prior to our AGM in April, Robert Dunley had written to the committee asking us to consider various options for the future of the village hall, and he has made these proposals open for discussion in a letter to the Editor in this newsletter. Whatever the outcome of such a debate, the committee concluded we must proceed with the repair of the village hall roof.

At the AGM all the present committee members agreed to stand again, and the chair, Siobhan Harper, welcomed Robert Dunley as a new committee member. Siobhan thanked everyone for their support over the year especially those involved in fundraising in any way. Special mention was made of the Thursday Kitchen run by Vilma Dunley and Paddy Shelley, who have been so generous in their donations to the roof fund.

Mike Freemantle was thanked, too, for his hard work in promoting Carn to Cove. As we mentioned last time the numbers attending had been disappointing, but approx 50 people enjoyed the latest Kevin Tomlinson

show, so that was very heartening. We still need volunteers to house the artistes for some shows although this is not the case for the June 7th show 'Cornish Lads,' a celebration of the mining landscape of Cornwall.

The Secretary, Janet Gore, gave a resumé of use of the village hall, and Sue Reardon, the Treasurer, presented the accounts. Sue had expressed concerns over the return we were receiving on certain investments and since the AGM, independent advice has been sought.

Mary Skerrett has kindly offered some old photographs of Golant which led us to believe there are probably a lot of such pictures in drawers and cupboards in the village. Robert Dunley (tel: 832807) has kindly agreed to copy such digitally and store them. It is hoped to set up a data base in the future. Please let Robert know if you are willing to loan your pictures. *Janet Gore*

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

The Village Hall Committee recently accepted for discussion my proposal for rebuilding/refurbishment of the Hall.

They have asked me to form a sub-committee of people interested in such a project and/or have experience in the professional areas required.

Would anyone prepared to join in please advise me on 832807 or by post to Rose Cottage. *Robert Dunley*

Children's Competition Winners

Special Prize for the youngest entry: *Millie van den Broek* (18 months) who filled in a flower with lovely colours!

Group aged 5 and under: *Maddy Hunter* who created a bright and pretty red flower out of tissue paper.

Group aged 6-11: *Joe Andrews*, who entered two very artistic flower pictures and a thoughtful Honeysuckle poem.

Group aged 11 & over: *Lucy Palmer*, who produced six photographs of a very high standard, as good as those found in gardening magazines.



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APPLE UPDATE

I recently attended two seminars at Eden on Fruit Production and Marketing in Cornwall. The intention was to bring customers and large scale fruit growers together and I learned a lot from these 'heavyweights'. However, there was much of interest to owners of small orchard and several important conclusions emerged.

Firstly the demand in Cornwall for locally grown produce far outstrips the supply.

Secondly, several contributors confirmed that 'local' is more important than 'organic', and that a 'local' variety produced locally, ie. Cornish Gilliflower grown in Cornwall has a double 'cachet' for the consumer.

Thirdly, there are many ways of marketing small amounts of locally grown produce; for instance Geoff Ridpath, who operates an independent retail fruit and vegetable outlet at Trago Mills, will buy small quantities of local produce which he said sells extremely well. Nigel Haydock from the 15 Cornwall Restaurant at Watergate, Newquay, emphasised the problems he had in sourcing fresh local produce other than the traditional root and green vegetables; tastes are changing, visitors and second-home owners are more cosmopolitan in their tastes.

'Carbon footprint', the increase in world food prices, and climate change were all discussed and surprisingly could bring good news for Cornish growers, offering them better markets for both traditional and more novel produce. What is the relevance for Golant? Well, we have an ideal situation here for fruit growing and many of us have productive fruit trees in our gardens. Perhaps we should value our crops more highly. To do so we must first identify our trees; once identified each variety can be classified either as desert, culinary or a cider apple, its 'season' can be determined enabling us to store them more confidently, giving us a supply of fresh fruit throughout the winter. Surplus production can be sold and those of us with small parcels of land can consider replanting orchards, or growing other fruit for market.

Pam and I will be attending the Trelissick Apple Day again in October, so please let us have your apples for identification. We're a bit late for accurately dating the blossom now, but if you can, please make a note of when your trees blossomed.

Finally, it was a great pleasure for me, at the second of these seminars, to meet James Armstrong Evans and Mary Martin from St. Dominick near Cotehele. James and Mary have done so much to preserve and encourage the replanting of local varieties of apples, pears and cherries. Reading of their work in the Tamar Valley inspired me to research and record the fruit trees here in Golant. *Stuart Young*

CHARITY HOG ROAST & BBQ

This event, in aid of Cancer Research, will take place at Woods Café in Cardinham Woods
(see advert on opposite page for details of venue)
Saturday, 21st June at 6pm
Tickets £8.50

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It is always good to have a surprise! When I left for a cycling weekend in the Brecon Beacons, the day before Kevin Tomlinson's performance on 26th April, I set up the village hall for about 35 people. Within 24 hours numbers increased to over 50 and a great night was had by one and all.

The next event, Cornish Lads on 7th June, will, I am sure, be every bit as successful, so please phone your booking to me 816454 as soon as possible.

This is the third show put on by Cornwall Songwriters and is expected to be even more successful than *The Cry of Tin* and *Unsung Heroes*, which both received critical acclaim. It is supported by Carn to Cove and was commissioned by Cornish Mining World Heritage.

The background is the historical mining landscape of Cornwall, which was exported across the world, where the same voices are still heard, for the hard rock miners of the South West took their culture with them. Cornwall Songwriters' magnificent show explores the landscape and tells of its creators in songs that are by turns powerful, emotive and inspirational that take us to a world of innovation, of danger and a world of hope for the future.

Audience participation in the easily picked-up choruses is encouraged, so come along and learn something about Cornwall's history and have a great time in the process. *Mike Freemantle*

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(linked with the Golant Open Gardens weekend)

a) CRYPTIC CORNER

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| 2. secateurs | 7. hoe |
| 3. pesticide | 8. watering can |
| 4. trowel | 9. water butt |
| 5. spade | 10. wheelbarrow |

b) ROUND & ROUND THE GARDEN

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|-----------------|------------------|
| 1 rose | 11 aster |
| 2 tulip | 12 hydrangea |
| 3 honeysuckle | 13 iris |
| 4 daffodil | 14 pansy |
| 5 violet | 15 sweet william |
| 6 chrysanthemum | 16 zinnia |
| 7 camellia | 17 narcissus |
| 8 mimosa | 18 poppy |
| 9 forget-me-not | 19 primula |
| 10 daisy | 20 phlox |

c) WHAT FLOWER IS THIS?

Astrantia major

WINNER: Carole Paterson of Rustington, W. Sussex

Of the 8 returned Garden Puzzles, Carole was the outright winner! The flower identification was designed to be the 'clincher', & it certainly threw most entrants, as there was a wide range of suggestions! Carole wins the £10 Garden Token— CONGRATULATIONS! *Gillie Harris*

Tern update and other village wildlife news

As yet, no Terns have been seen on our estuary, though sightings have been made around the Cornish coast, of Common, Little, Roseate and the rare Black Tern, but none have been seen in significant numbers. It is generally thought that the Tern's absence is caused by diminishing numbers of their favourite food, the sand eel. Stocks of the sand eel in colder more northern waters are holding, and in those areas the Terns are returning and breeding.

The diminishing sand eel population creates problems for other species. Puffins, for example, have been observed, desperately, but unsuccessfully, trying to feed Pipefish to their young. The Pipefish population is increasing due to warming waters but most seabirds other than Gulls are rather conservative in choice of food.

Many of us have been thrilled to see a Red Kite above Golant. This bird, until very recently rare, has made a dramatic recovery after being reintroduced to the Chilterns and Wales. No breeding pairs have yet been seen, but it is hoped that this bird, which was unfairly persecuted to the point of extinction, will soon make a comeback in Cornwall.



A Red Kite

Another flying creature to look out for is the Asian Hornet, which has spread from the East in recent years (climate change?) We saw our first in Golant in September last year and have seen more this spring. They look like an alarmingly large wasp, about the size of a dragonfly. We haven't sampled the sting yet, though we gather that it can be likened to being stabbed with a red-hot darning needle—

Happy Barbecues!

Barry Campbell-Taylor



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A SHORT UPDATE ON THE SEWAGE

SWW will replace the existing pump internals with stainless steel. This should mean longer operating life depending on the level of salt water in the system.

SWW have assured us that they will have a full set of spares available so we should avoid another tanker saga. The pumps were apparently not installed correctly and their noise levels were above the manufacturer's specification. The noise levels will be rechecked and hopefully we can get rid of the current high tech noise enclosure.

Tom Ross

ST MEWAN SINFONIA

Mary Jane Hunter (violin) and Caroline Harvie (viola) both play in this orchestra, and it is with pleasure that we give the following concert details:

Cornwall's premier string ensemble, St Mewan Sinfonia, will be returning to St Winnow Church on Sunday 13th July (7.30pm) for their regular summer concert. The varied programme includes music by Albinoni, Corelli, Vaughan Williams, Nielson & local composer Clive Jenkins. The concert is a favourite among St Mewan devotees, not only for the music but for the location, where drinks & nibbles can be enjoyed during the interval in the Churchyard overlooking the river. The Sinfonia will also be appearing at Truro Cathedral on Saturday 5th July at 7.30pm. Tickets will be available on the door at both concerts.

St Sampson's Parish Council

The Annual Parish Meeting took place on Thursday 15th May, and the main business was to hear the reports from the many organisations within the village. Mary Skerrett's account of the evolution of the Fowey Grammar School Trust, and the successful fight to regain assets, was especially noteworthy. It was very apparent to those attending just how much goes on in Golant during the course of a year.

The public participation centred on parking problems caused by work at *Fleetings End*, which I hope will be eased very shortly. Sue Reardon resigned both as Chairman and from the Parish Council, and we are all most grateful for the very considerable contribution she has made. Simon Funnell was elected Chairman, and Bruce Fletcher Vice-Chairman.

In the Parish Council meeting that followed the APM, the Council affirmed that they would honour the promise made at the Affordable Housing meeting and send out a village questionnaire. Unfortunately, Sue has found it difficult to find a suitable example from Restormel, and it is now intended to use a tried and tested questionnaire from a nearby village, and adapt it for our own community.

Please remember that there is a vacancy on the Council, and anyone interested should apply to Stuart Young, the Parish Clerk.

Simon Funnell

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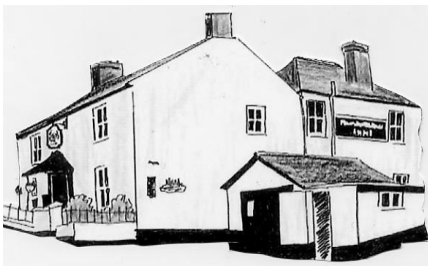
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The kids' insight on Golant

Hi everyone. I know loads of kids did pictures/photos for the exhibit down in the hall; I saw a few and they were fab!! Well done everyone who entered!! We've put some in this edition, & are saving some up to use later!

My old moan!!!!

Sandbanks is for you kids, so you guys should help it speak out for you by telling me what you want said. If I don't know, I can't write it!! So come on-make an effort and tell Golant what's on your mind!!

Alice Hunter, Sub Editor

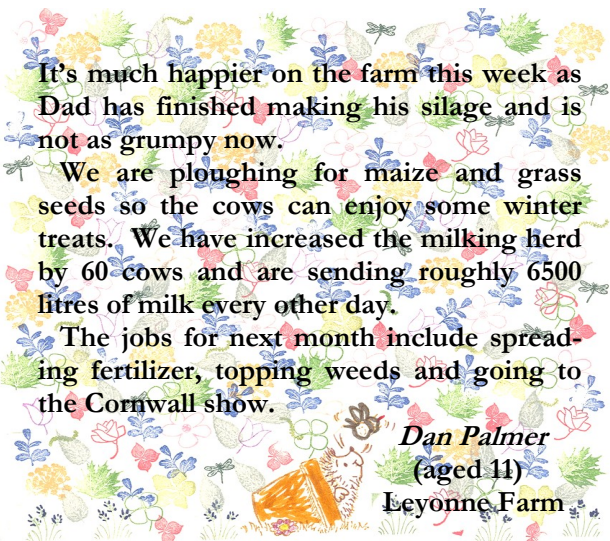
THE SECRET BEACH

Over the fields, stubble as gold as the sun,
Down the steep cliffs to the secret beach,
Time to have some fun.
Black rocks towering high,
Deserted sands,
Waves lapping over the smooth blue slates that litter
the sea shore.
Silence, the only sound the sea and your feet as they
crunch through the pebbles.
On a distant rock, a cormorant dries its wings jet black
against the sky.
As you look up a black head emerges from the water, a
silent friend watching your every move.

Alice Hunter

This poem has been said on Radio St. Austell Bay. That's 106.5FM if you want to tune in to hear some fab music and kids on air. If you're interested in appearing on one of their shows, then please give me a call on 832206. It's great fun.

LIFE ON THE FARM IN MAY



It's much happier on the farm this week as Dad has finished making his silage and is not as grumpy now.

We are ploughing for maize and grass seeds so the cows can enjoy some winter treats. We have increased the milking herd by 60 cows and are sending roughly 6500 litres of milk every other day.

The jobs for next month include spreading fertilizer, topping weeds and going to the Cornwall show.

*Dan Palmer
(aged 11)
Leyonne Farm*

Dan Palmer: "Very attractive stamped design, and the little hedgehog drawing is a very clever."

Children's Gleanings

Netball Sensation

Meg Elworthy has just been chosen for netball county trials out of over 100 girls in her year. It was only her and one other girl who were chosen to do this which is a pretty amazing feat. But not only this. She successfully got further and was chosen from 40 girls to be a reserve for a team which has only about 20 people in, so this is just absolutely fantastic, and fingers crossed she will get through to the team!! Well done, Meg!!!! MEG- YOU REALLY DESERVED THIS.

Jack Elworthy

I just want to say...well done, Meg. You are such a cool netball player and a fab best friend too...keep up the good work and good luck with the new team!!

Editor

Swimming Success

Rosie Andrews has won 32 swimming trophies already this year!! Amongst her many successes, she is the record holder for the 400 metres in Cornwall!! She is in training to qualify for this year's nationals in Sheffield. Fantastic, Rosie. Well done and good luck!!!

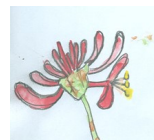
Canoeing Crazy

Well done to *Alice*, who has now qualified for the canoeing nationals at Burton-on-Trent, after racing at Exeter, Callstock, Golant and Truro. So far her best time is 43 minutes for 4 miles! Keep up the cool work!!

THE HONEYSUCKLE

waving stiff in the biting winter,
I beg for the sun to soon return.
I beg for the hot nights to come to life.
For the hum of the bees.
There is no sign of happiness,
No sign of joy.
I kneel in front of the cruel winter frost.
I shall never surrender
until the winter has faded
into the distant past.

Joe Andrews (aged 10)



"Good to see a flower drawing, and a thoughtful honeysuckle poem"

GOLANT'S OLYMPIC CHILDREN'S ROWING REGATTA

Advance notice!!

The Premiere of this Children's Regatta will take place on **Sunday 10th August at 4.30pm**, the afternoon of the adult Raft Race, which is at 12noon.

HILLSIDE STUDIO

As Gillie and I left the Plant Sale in the village hall, we stopped to chat to Barbara McMillan who offered us cups of coffee. How could we refuse! She led us up to her studio which we had last seen when the cast of a pantomime assembled there to view a video which had been shot featuring our grand production.

It was always an attractive room but Barbara has transformed it into a lovely, intimate gallery of her paintings. The light flooding through the skylights reveal an array of pictures which vary greatly in size, style and subject matter.

The studio is one of the 'Open Studios SW' until June 1st though, of course, the studio is open whenever Barbara is home.

Do go and have a look. You might even be offered a good cup of coffee too!



A familiar local scene

Barbara's advertisement appears on page 10 of this issue

Fowey & District Fuchsia & Pelargonium Garden Society

We will be holding our Annual Show at Fowey Community College on July 27th from 1pm to 4.30pm.

A spectacular display of Fuchsias and Pelargoniums is not to be missed.

Last year nearly 200 plants were exhibited, and according to the judge Ric Reilly, was as good as any of the national shows. We hope that this year's show will be as good if not better.

The judge this year is Ray Burns from Exeter, who is a National Judge for the British Fuchsia Society. There is also a plant stall, tombola, and of course, cream teas.

Our next speaker, on June 9th, is Geoff Oake from Evesham. His talk is entitled 'Fuchsia Shapes'. On July 14th, Alan Pearce will be speaking on 'Pelargonium Standards'.



All are welcome. The meetings are held in the staffroom of the Community College on the second Monday in the month at 7.30pm.

Anita Fuge (Show Secretary)

Two more Plant Sale entries

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Millie van den Broek (1½)

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Golant Gleanings

CONGRATULATIONS

Recently John Jenkin celebrated his eightieth birthday, Tom Ross reached 'three score years and ten' and Colin Hunter hit forty! Congratulations to all three. No doubt an enthusiastic party atmosphere pervaded on each occasion!

Simon and Sheila Funnell will be celebrating their Ruby Wedding anniversary in early July. Congratulations to both on achieving such a milestone. Another grandchild is due to be born in June.

In September, Siobhan Harper will become Head of the Mathematics Department at Penrice School— a well deserved appointment!

Kaye Jenkinson of Wild Thyme Farm is gaining more and more successes at agility trials with her two dogs, Mollie & Bella. They have moved up to grade 4 (out of 7) as a result of wins in May at Stithians, Carn Brea & Pencarrow.

Steve, our publican at *The Fisherman's Arms*, has become a granddad! His son Lee and daughter-in-law Clare are over the moon with the birth of Evie May- "...all home; all happy..."

GOLANT GUIDE

Following the publication some weeks ago of his historical guide to St Sampson's Church, John Jenkin has now produced an excellent 'Short Guide to the Village of Golant.' Copies (£3) are on sale at the Thursday Kitchen, the Church or from Mike & Gillie (833897). Sales so far have already paid for the cost of printing the first run of copies. Profits will be shared between the Village Hall, the Fabric Fund at St Sampson's and *'The Golant Pill'*. (See page 12)

THANKS

Bunny Minter-Kemp wishes to thank everyone who helped to make May 5th such a special day when her daughter, Mary Bredin, married David Peters at the church. Mary sees it as such a privilege to have been christened, confirmed and married in St Sampson's Church. She now works as a bereavement councillor in Brighton and David is a doctor in London.

THANKSGIVING

There was a Service of Thanksgiving for the birth of Jacky Fletcher's grandson Isaac Perran Fugill at St Sampson's Church on May 4th. It was attended by family and friends. Afterwards he was presented with a beautiful illustrated Children's Bible. His parents Hannah and Anthony were married at the Church five years ago.

THE RIVERSIDE IS OPENING SOON...

Many of you will have noticed that there has been some change at the Riverside Gallery over the last few months. Most of the higher end artwork has gone and will now be replaced with photographs, prints, original artwork and canvas art. Colan will be providing graphic design services, posters, logos etc, as well as photo editing, photo touch-ups and personalised caricatures. There will also be a great selection of herbal products, essential oils, soaps & general gifts available in the shop area. We intend to hold a formal open day so that people can come & have a drink & see exactly what it is that we will be doing. An invitation will be coming through your door shortly! We look forward to seeing you all.

Andrea Barker & Colan Currin

WELCOME

Carol Hutchinson has moved into Penquite Lodge. We hope that she will soon settle in and be very happy in our little community.

WASTE NOT; WANT NOT

Over the past few months over £50 has been raised in the Village Hall from selling secondhand books. The shelves are always full. People tend to bring a book and then buy one, particularly during the Thursday Kitchens. After the recent Plant & Book sale there were many books left over. Mike Freemantle is going through them carefully and will put the best for sale on ebay. The remainder will be given to charity shops. Meanwhile, the shelves have been filled with new stock. Go and have a browse!

Golant Village Website (www.golant.net) The webmaster can be contacted in any of the following ways:

Email— barry@campbell-taylor.fsnet.co.uk Telephone— 01726 832326 Post— 4 Riverview Terrace Golant PL23 1LL

GOLANT BOAT OWNERS' ASSOCIATION **(BOAT WATCH)**

It is very pleasing to report that there has been no crime or vandalism reported on the Golant stretch of the river for the second two month period. In recognition that boat owners have, during the past two months, been putting their boats back in commission and out in the estuary, our Boat Watch Co-ordinator has increased the number of members 'on watch'.

We were sad (for our sake) to learn that our NBM PC Tim Rowe is leaving, but pleased that he has obtained the transfer for which he applied. He has been of considerable support and help to Boat Watch and we wish him well for the future. We look forward to welcoming Tim's successor, although he will be a very hard act to follow.

We wish all boat owners a very safe and secure season.

Robert Gore

GOLANT QUAY USERS ASSOCIATION

Not too much to report on in this issue.

We would ask everyone to avoid leaving dinghies or trailers on the Quay to avoid accidents.

The bridgeworks continue to be delayed.

Other than that we wish everybody happy boating!

Peter Edwards

POLICE CONTACT NUMBERS FOR INFORMATION

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

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

0800 555111 - Crime Stoppers - To pass anonymous information.

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

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

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FOWEY ESTUARY NEWS June 08

The **Draft Marine Bill**, said to be the second most complex piece of legislation in modern times (second only to the Terrorism Act), has now been released by the Government for a 12 week consultation period which will allow for pre-legislative Parliamentary scrutiny.

The Bill establishes a whole raft of measures which will modernise the way in which the marine area is managed. It will introduce new marine protected areas, measures to manage fisheries more effectively and consolidate fragmented marine licensing under the new roof of the Marine Management Organisation (MMO). Through these measures, the Bill aims to improve the ability to make long term, strategic decisions about the future level of activity that can take place in the marine environment.

Developers will be able to look at the framework for marine planning, and decide whether approval for a new activity is more or less likely in any given area. The bill also proposes combining marine licensing such as the FEPA 1985 and the Coast Protection Act 1949 to deliver a more streamlined, cheaper and faster procedure for the approval of dumping or incineration at sea. Under the Bill a network of Marine Conservation Zones will be designated by 2012 and the MMO will be responsible for managing these sites by conservation orders similar to that of the European Marine Sites. Inshore fisheries management currently carried out by the 12 English Sea Fisheries Committees along with the Environment Agency will be done by the 'Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authorities' (IFCAs) who will be given additional powers to deliver this function more effectively.

It has secured wide support from a range of coastal managers, industries and voluntary organisations, who want to see the legislation in place and making a difference. All small businesses will benefit from a more efficient licensing regime, from the certainty that marine planning will bring, and from increased leisure and recreational opportunities. The Draft Marine Bill will ensure clean healthy, safe, productive and biologically diverse oceans and seas, by putting in place better systems for delivering sustainable development of marine and coastal environments.

A full copy of the **Draft Marine Bill** can be downloaded from the Defra website at <http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/marinebill/>

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News from St Sampson

Carol White & Robert Dunley were elected as churchwardens at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in April. They were duly sworn in by the Archdeacon of Cornwall at Padstow Parish Church. We are sure that Robert's expertise combined with Carol's experience with previous restoration projects will be immensely constructive. Everyone is most grateful to Greg White who has done sterling service as churchwarden for the past five years.

We are thrilled with the news that Restormel District Council has agreed to award a grant of £10,000 towards the repairs to the tower. The church has to match this amount and work must begin by April 2009. I am pleased to report that our share has already been raised by the generous support of various fund raising activities in recent years.

Inside the church there is rot in a section of the dais on which stands the English altar (north side) which will cost £1000 to repair.

There are problems inside and outside the tower! Inside, a new support beam is needed for the floor above the ringing chamber. The floor above that (the deadening chamber) needs replacing and in the bell chamber the glass window needs to be replaced by slate louvres to allow more movement of air. The grant from Restormel together with our matched share will be able to pay for all this internal work.

It's a different matter outside, where there are serious problems with the pointing of the tower. The workmanship was of the highest standards but, unfortunately, experience has shown that the use of cement was *not* the wisest choice! Rainwater gets trapped behind the joints and can't evaporate. All the pointing needs to be removed and replaced by lime mortar. £20,000 will be needed for the outside including a scaffolding bill of £5000! Minor works include re-capping the outside roof of the porch and re-fixing guttering. We're looking at a further expenditure of £20,000.....

Meanwhile, applications for other grants have been submitted but, with the forthcoming 2012 Olympics squeezing more and more from those funds, we are not too hopeful.

We are planning to have working parties to clear the outside drainage channel on the north side and to remove the debris (from birds mainly) from the floors above the ringing chamber. Please see Robert Dunley or Carol White if you can help.

On May 17th, the Bishop of St German's led a service at Fowey. The combined choirs sang 'Come Holy Ghost', an anthem composed by Sheila Funnell. We were delighted that the Bishop confirmed Fiona Westaway and she was able to take her first communion at St Sampson's a week later. Carol White was granted another term of office as a Lay Assistant.

In 2006, as part of the Du Maurier Festival, readers and the choir enacted the story of 'Tristan & Iseult' interspersed with music for voices and organ. Since then, the script by Simon Funnell has been available in church and has sold very well. It has now been set in A5 format. Copies are on sale @ £3.

The next fund raising event is the Hog Roast & Quiz (devised by Maurie & Gail Parsons). See details opposite.

The Churchyard

It was an inspired idea to include the churchyard as one of the 'Gorgeous Gardens.' Many visitors were very enthusiastic about the flowers and many were drawn into the church. It was a prime time for plants as the Double Lady's Smocks were at their best. A photographic display in the porch drew much comment and will be left in the church for a few weeks. The seeds are now setting and the biggest strim will have begun before this issue is published. The cut stalks are left lying on the ground for at least three days before raking up begins— the worst job of all!



Double Meadow Saxifrage

In 2000, when Gillie & I began the Living Churchyard Project, we identified rare plants in the Memorial Garden – the Double Meadow Saxifrage. There is only one other known site in Cornwall. This year, much to our delight, some more of these plants flowered in the middle churchyard..

Mike Harris

When transporting his boat *Sampson*, John Varco had a slight 'argument' with the sign showing visitors the way to the church. John arranged for Ian Major to make what is a very smart replacement in oak. It is now in position in time for the holiday season.

Thanks John!

HOG ROAST & QUIZ **(with Salads & Puddings)**

at Bellsat, Golant
in a marquee on the lawn
on Sunday 15th June at 6pm
Tickets £8 (£4 children under 12)
from Penny White (832315) or on the door
Beer & Wine on sale
All profits to the St Sampson's Tower Fund

St Sampson's Church Flower & Cleaning Rota

June 1st	Gillie & Sheila
June 8th & 15th	Jacky & Trish
June 22nd & 29th	Tauniua & Gill B
July 6th	Carol & Ruth
July 13th & 20th	Carol & Valerie
July 27th	Penny & Viviane



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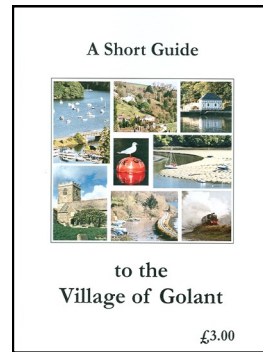
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NEW PUBLICATION



If you haven't already seen or bought this illustrated Guide to the Village of Golant, it is well worth a look. John Jenkin has written a 'user friendly' booklet for visitors and villagers alike.

He begins with the early history of Golant, and then centres on buildings, the river, the railway, roads and various houses. John brings the guide right up-to-date with a description of the many

village activities in our flourishing community. The centre pages have a simple map pinpointing the buildings, roads and features within the guide.

Copies (£3) are on sale at St Sampson's Church, the Thursday Kitchen or from Mike & Gillie (833897).

OLD GOLANT

Jimmy Fisher is always interested in purchasing old photographs and postcards of Golant to add to his large collection. He may be contacted at: 23 Moorland Road, Par (Tel: 813810)



'The Fowey River from Golant', postmarked 30th April 1928, is in his collection.

What a change in 80 years! No Cormorant Hotel, not many boats, changes in hedges, no Rowing Club building. What else can you spot?! Where was the photographer standing?

More of the children's entries at the Plant Sale



Lucy Palmer (13)

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Maddy Hunter (5)

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Auntie Paddy's Recipe Corner

Saturday May 10th was a superb sunny and warm day, and so was the Sunday until about 3pm, when dark clouds began to gather overhead and a subsequent thunderstorm let us know that the British weather is unpredictable.

Notwithstanding, the Cream Teas served at the Open Gardens event went ahead, with 'Pimms' as an alternative in a successful venture!!

Here is our *Rose Cottage* scone recipe from that weekend:

BUTTERMILK SCONES (makes 10)

75g/ 2³/₄oz Butter at room temperature + extra for greasing

225g/ 9oz Self-Raising Flour + extra for rolling out and dusting

Pinch of salt

One large Egg, beaten

2 tbsp Buttermilk + extra for brushing

2tbsp Sugar (optional)

Clotted cream and jam for serving a Cream Tea

1. Pre-heat the oven to 220°C/425°F/Mark 7. Lightly grease a baking tray.
2. Sift flour and salt into a bowl. Rub in butter with the fingertips until it looks like fine breadcrumbs. Add the sugar if required.
3. Beat the egg and buttermilk in a small bowl and slowly add to the flour & batter mix using a palette knife. It should not be too sticky.
4. Tip onto a lightly floured surface and roll until at least 2.5cm thick.
5. Cut out the scones with a 5cm plain cutter. Do not twist, only tap the cutter; you lose the air necessary for rising if you don't.
6. Place on a baking tray and brush the scones with some extra buttermilk.
7. Bake on the top shelf of the oven for 10-12 minutes until golden brown.

NB If you find it difficult to buy buttermilk, let some of your own milk turn sour by adding a little lemon juice. This works quite well. *Paddy Shelley*

ADVANCE NOTICE: Paddy & Vilma, the good ladies of the **THURSDAY KITCHEN**, will be taking a well-earned break during August. They will restart on Thursday 4th September.

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CALENDAR OF VILLAGE EVENTS

JUNE

Thursday 5th	12.45-2.30pm	Thursday Kitchen	Village Hall
Saturday 7th	6.30pm	RNLI BBQ following a boat treasure hunt from Fowey. <i>Details from Terry Eisler 832036</i>	Fisherman's Arms
Saturday 7th	7.30pm	Cornish Lads- <i>A musical show reflecting the mining era of Cornwall. Tickets from Mike Freemantle 816454</i>	Village Hall
Sunday 8th	9.15am	Holy Communion (Sung)	St Sampson's
Sunday 8th	7.30-10.30pm	'Hickory Smoke' <i>Breathing new life into old numbers</i>	Fisherman's Arms
Wednesday 11th	9.50-10.10am	Mobile Library	End of Green
Thursday 12th	12.45-2.30pm	Thursday Kitchen	Village Hall
Sunday 15th	9.15am	Morning Prayer	St Sampson's
Sunday 15th	6pm	NB not Evensong Hog Roast & Quiz (<i>see page 11 for more details</i>) <i>Tickets from Penny White 832315 or on the door</i>	Bellscat
Thursday 19th	12.45-2.30pm	Thursday Kitchen	Village Hall
Thursday 19th	7.15pm	Parish Council meeting <i>The public are invited to take part until 7.30pm</i>	Village Hall
Saturday 21st	6pm	Charity Hog Roast & BBQ <i>In aid of Cancer Research (see page 4)</i>	Woods Café
Sunday 22nd	9.15am	Holy Communion (Sung)	St Sampson's
Wednesday 25th	9.50-10.10am	Mobile Library	End of Green
Thursday 26th	12.45-2.30pm	Thursday Kitchen	Village Hall
Sunday 29th	9.15am	Holy Communion <i>Book of Common Prayer</i>	St Sampson's

JULY

Thursday 3rd	12.45 -2.30pm	Thursday Kitchen	Village Hall
Sunday 6th	9.15am	Holy Communion	St Sampson's
Wednesday 9th	9.50-10.10am	Mobile Library	End of Green
Thursday 10th	12.45-2.30pm	Thursday Kitchen	Village Hall
Sunday 13th	9.15 am	Holy Communion (Sung)	St Sampson's
Thursday 17th	12.45 -2.30pm	Thursday Kitchen	Village Hall
Thursday 17th	7.15pm	Parish Council meeting <i>The public are invited to take part until 7.30pm</i>	Village Hall
Sunday 20th	6.00pm	Evensong	St Sampson's
Wednesday 23rd	9.50-10.10am	Mobile Library	End of Green
Thursday 24th	12.45 -2.30pm	Thursday Kitchen	Village Hall
Sunday 27th	9.15am	Holy Communion (Sung) <i>Celebrating St Sampson</i>	St Sampson's
Sunday 27th	1pm-4.30pm	Annual Fuchsia & Pelargonium Show	Fowey Community C.
Thursday 31st	12.45-2.30pm	Thursday Kitchen	Village Hall

FUTURE EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

AUGUST

Saturday 9th	tba	Village Sports & Carnival
Sunday 10th	12noon	Raft Race (<i>Get building!!!</i>)
Sunday 10th	4.30pm	Golant's Olympic Children's Rowing Regatta (<i>Premiere</i>)

NB There will be no Thursday Kitchen during August- Paddy & Vilma are taking a well deserved break.

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