

The Golant Pill

taken every two months...

Who let the Dogs out?



Mad dogs and Englishmen.....

Wild Thyme Farm went barking mad on Sunday 20th September as the venue for Golant's 'Dog show with a difference'. Summer decided to put in a brief appearance, setting the scene for a relaxed and fun afternoon.

Kaye Jenkinson opened proceedings with a display of dog agility –her skill making it look extremely easy. However, judging by the ensuing chaos of dogs and owners having a go in the ring afterwards– we all realise just how difficult it is, and how much training and hard work are involved!

There were many different classes – to encourage as many people to take part as possible, judged by Tony Jennings, with a little help from Kaye. Everyone was rounded up and pointed in the right direction by Simon Funnell.

- * 'Waggiest Tail' was won by Sophie, supervised by Jill Bunker.
- * 'Best Puppy' was won by Bella and Letitia Edwards.
- * 'Owner most resembling dog' was won by Melissa Weatherall and Fluffy, with strong competition from Pam Tabb, and 'Best movement' was won by Eric, accompanied by Rachel Bromley.
- * The 'Best Pair' was won by Jake & Rebel, posing beautifully for Bronwyn and Ellen Thomas.
- * The 'Best Bitch' was Coco, strutting her stuff for Bronte Holden.
- * The 'Best Dog' was Jazz, much to the surprise and delight of Sue Reardon!
- * 'Most Obedient Dog' was a closely fought contest, which needed several rounds of elimination to finally produce a winner. It was won by a very obedient Beamish performing with Lesley Kay.

Thanks are due to David and Kaye who bravely opened their garden to Golant's dog owners, to Janet Gore, Sue Reardon, Estelle van den Broek, Suzanne Edwards and all who took charge of organising the classes, and supplying the usual mountains of cake and vats of tea.

As we only have room for a few photographs here, we are hoping to put more on the website in the near future.

Karen Hamnett

From the Editor

So much has been happening in the village that we have added another page in this issue. We have to be careful because of our postal copies. Now that letters have to go through a slit at the Post Office instead of relying on weight, there is a danger that we could end up paying extra postage if we have more than nine sheets. Fortunately, Jacky Fletcher keeps a beady eye on all this. In fact, this gives me an opportunity to acknowledge her unstinting and very efficient work in the distribution of every issue. She now sends to over fifty postal subscribers.

It was sad to hear Bishop Tom Butler on BBC 4 last week relating how he had put out his hands to bless a child at the altar rail at a recent communion service. She screamed at him, "Go away you nasty man!" The bishop spoke eloquently of this unreasonable, hysterical fear of men in particular which is being taught to our young people. My life's work was spent with young people and an essential mantra was *loco parentis*; the bottom line was that it was vital that I and my staff had the complete trust of parents and their children. Then I realised that my approach in life has changed as a result of a reversal of attitudes in recent years. I found myself at the carnival photographing only children whose parents knew me. I was nervous that others might wonder why I, a strange man, was photographing their children. Perhaps I should get an armband or a tabard stating *Golant Pill* in electric blue! Fortunately, we have a granddaughter, Rosaleen, whose passion is photography and I discovered that she had taken some shots of youngsters two of which we've used in this issue.

Alice Hunter is giving up as sub-editor of the *Sandbanks* page for a very understandable reason— an ever increasing workload at school. We are most grateful to her for all her efforts since our first issue. The page title and many of the ideas were hers. Thanks Alice for your input and enthusiasm! I am very pleased that Megan Dean has agreed to take over as sub-editor. She will be pleased to receive any writing or drawings from youngsters for inclusion in future issues (you can use the *Golantpill* email address; see page 6).

My grateful thanks to Jack Elworthy, who is also finding that the workload at school is increasing term on term. He has written regularly for us.

It was good to receive articles from Martin Goddard & Dave Johns which are not specifically about Golant! They will, I'm sure, create interest. I, for one, haven't yet explored You Tube. As a result of reading Martin's article I must do so soon. I don't think I fancy crewing in the Fastnet race, though!

I know that there are other people who read our newsletter who should be writing for us. Why not sit down and send an article no matter how long or short? You can email it or put in in our postbox at the bottom of the drive to South Torfrey Cottage.

Why not start right now to take photographs around Golant throughout the year? Seeing how the copies of our 2010 calendar are selling, I think it likely that we'll be asking for more next summer.....

Mike Harris

GOLANT CALENDAR 2010

The village calendar is selling out FAST!!! If you have not already placed an order, and wish to do so, you need to get your skates on!!

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Village Hall Committee

Thank you to everyone who supported our first Flower and Produce Show at the beginning of September. From an initial idea last autumn from Alastair Barr this show came to fruition in early September. The Committee was pleased with the response from the village both in exhibiting and attendance. Overheard were such comments as "I could do that" and "mine are as good as these" etc.

Congratulations to all winners and especially to Anne McCleod who won the cup 'Best in Show' with her begonias and Kaye Jenkinson for the 'Best in Show' in the preserves/cookery classes with her wild fruit jelly. The children's entries were excellent, too. There were some lovely photographs displayed both in the children and adult sections. Because there were fewer entries in this category we asked people to bring in some 'old' photographs of days gone by in Golant. This produced a very interesting display resulting in Sue Reardon setting up a 'Times Past' afternoon when villagers brought in their pictures. (See Page 16)

So there will be another show next year and the committee of Alastair and Viviane Barr, John Kift, Anita Fuge, Sue Reardon and Janet Gore plan to meet on October 9th for a review of this year's show, and would welcome comments and ideas for the next show by that date.

As you can see from the front page, another lovely village occasion was the Dog Show held at Wild Thyme Farm. The Village Hall Committee would like to thank Kaye and David

Jenkinson for their kindness in allowing the show to take place in such beautiful surroundings. An added bonus of £247.40p was raised for Village Hall funds.

The lock on the Village Hall has been changed to a more secure one. Each committee member has a key, and from now on all users of the hall must sign for keys used and also when any equipment is borrowed.

We hope to have more to report on the insulation, heating system etc in the next edition of the 'Pill'. Robert Dunley and Sue Reardon have worked extremely hard on grant applications and we hope to have a response by then. The first task will be to insulate the walls but work cannot begin until there is some funding in place, as grants cannot be paid retrospectively.

Because Vilma will not be able to work with Paddy on the Thursday lunch for a while, Paddy will prepare a reduced menu each week, except the lunch will not be held on the 1st Thursday of the month.

The Village Christmas Fayre will be held on Saturday 28th November from 12 noon to 3pm. As always we rely on your support, and the Village Hall committee would welcome cakes, sweets and similar Christmas goodies. Lunches and teas will be available and there will be tables selling jewellery and silk and dried flowers. Estelle van den Broek will be putting together a Christmas Hamper and would welcome gifts for that. Do join us on the day.

Janet Gore



A heavily laden table of entries at the Flower & Produce Show, with Anne McCleod's wonderful begonia in the foreground!

EVERY CUP COUNTS

Thanks to everyone who supported the World's Biggest Coffee Morning in the Village Hall.

We made over £300 for Macmillan Cancer Support- a good result & an enjoyable morning, with a nice number attending.

Janet Gore

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Golant Sports & Carnival

What a fantastic turn of events; we actually had a Carnival weekend that rain did not spoil. Even the flag and bunting raising the weekend before was dry. Many thanks to all those who helped, and whoever has 'borrowed' the Carnival scaffold poles from the pub garden – could we have them back, please.

Many thanks to Vic Tabb for getting the village green ready for our super fast children's races, and condemnation to the dog owners who cannot be bothered to pick up their pets' mess.

The marquee erection on the Friday afternoon went very smoothly, mostly because our Landlord Steve took charge and gave us all very clear instructions.

Saturday morning is always good, because we start to see the arrival of the village ladies' cakes. They are so impressive and as proof of the pudding (!) were sold out as everybody went home all 'caked-out'. Many, many thanks to everyone who produced an award winning cake, whose sales contributed enormously to the funds.

With all volunteers in place, our MC Simon (and many thanks to him for keeping us organised) was able to get proceedings underway, but unfortunately we did not have enough red sashes for the village children. Many apologies! We will buy more, but where do all the children come from? We had a new team computing the points and handing out the cash prizes, so many thanks to them and for keeping such clearly decipherable records.

The village results for the 'Girls 8 and under' were 1st Millie van den Broek with Maddy-Rose Hunter a close second. The 'Boys 8 and under' was won by Edward Coulson' with Thomas Steer second.

Megan Elworthy won the Senior Girls' cup and Melissa Weatherall, Alice Hunter and Lucy Palmer all came joint second. The Boys' Senior cup was won by Jack Elworthy with Matthew Andrews coming in a very close second.

The 'Adult round the village race' was won by Ben White, who injured himself at the finish whilst trying to avoid an errant child. Joe Andrews was the 1st 'Village child round the village' in the 9-11 age group. Jack Elworthy beat all comers in the 12-14 ages with Matthew Andrews second, whilst Megan Elworthy just beat Alice Hunter in the 12-14s.

The Village Hall organised Splat the Rat and the Village Treasure Hunt, together with a bookstall that could all be held outside for a change because of the clear skies.

Many thanks to all the cake makers, the tea ladies, the long jump and shot put teams, and the finish tape holders and general helpers for making a great afternoon possible.

Mothers (and some grandmothers!)
and toddlers enjoying their race...



The evening also looked promising for clear weather and our traditional well turned out competitors looked as good as ever with an amazing amount of effort going into the costumes and make-up.

Best Child went to Amelia Luck as the MP in a Duck House with another great costume.

The judging was accompanied by the St Pinnock Band and the results of the Boys' individual class was a win for William van den Broek as a Pirate in a boat. The Girls' individual prize was won by Darcy Spalding as The Haifa Mermaid, who has a reward of \$1million in Israel, and here she was in Golant.

Child Pairs was won by Lucy and Dan Palmer as 'Boxed', a reflection on the packing that has been going on at Leyonne Farm. How could their mother pack her children away – must have been dad. The good news is that they are not moving away from the area and will continue to be a great help in organising Carnival day.

The Myrtle Cottage children as the characters in Wizard of Oz won Child Groups, and our feelings went out to poor Hugh who could hardly move. Well done to you all, especially mum who no doubt did the make-up.



Good to see so many children in costume!



Sadly Diana Luck has passed away and we missed her customary topical outfit. However, we might have another star that has previously been hiding in an Adult Group. John Kift won the Adult Individual as a marrow (or was it a cucumber?) with a fantastic outfit created by his wife Christine that if he wears to the Golant Produce event he will surely win. Adult Pairs went to Liz and Bevel Luck as A30/ Water Lane duelling, whilst Belinda and Melissa Weatherall won the Mixed Group with a great set of outfits following the 'grow your own' topic. Uds & Suds went to the 'Bankers' who clearly didn't get a big enough bonus to buy us all drinks. A special mention should go to the 'Summer BBQ' team whose poor daughters Megan & Bronte had to endure copious amounts of water being poured over them. Last year they wouldn't have needed the watering cans.



Many thanks to the Judges who had a particularly difficult job due to the high quality of all the entrants and many thanks to all the entrants who provide such a spectacle.

The raffle is always a great fund raiser and this year was no exception. Many thanks to Mike Freemantle for selling tickets on the day and special thanks to the generosity of *The Cormorant, Fisherman's Arms, Tnyardreath Butchers, Torfrey Nurseries, Walter Bailey, Eden* and members of the public who donated prizes.

The evening was rounded off by the procession around the village followed by the Flora Dance, a great tradition that we were able to enjoy once again and with no rain.

Those who were then famished and in need of sustenance retired to the *Fishermans Arms* to enjoy the BBQ and a band Ann-Marie and Steve had to organise at the last minute because the original booking phoned in sick on the day.

Sunday saw the **Great Golant Raft Race** that unfortunately went off a bit early. Sorry to all those who missed a great spectacle but once all the rafts were in and ready there was just no holding them back; either that or they just wanted to get back to the *Fisherman's* to get wet on the inside as well.

Many thanks to the *Fisherman's Arms* for their sponsorship of this event that coincidentally was won by the *The Fishermans Flier*, albeit with two ladies aboard. Best dressed went to Coco Chanel the Clowns who had brilliant outfits and two men aboard albeit Greg and Simon! The best raft went to Andrew's Army, dressed as the Special Boat Squad, who deserve a special mention as there were only five crew, three of whom were children, so well done.

The National Stereotype team was very well dressed and that obviously stopped them paddling quickly and the Michael Jackson Team with their theme as Thriller looked fantastic but just couldn't keep up the pace, but thanks for making the effort.

Many thanks to the owners of the safety boat who ensured that there was no cheating, flour bombing or accidents.

A great weekend and many thanks to all participants and all helpers.

Peter Edwards for the Carnival Committee



A Celebrity TAKING THE PILL!!!



Look who it is with a recent copy of our newsletter! Simon and Sheila Funnell's son Jim, who is the producer and director of many television programmes, including one of the recent series *Rivers with Griff Rhys-Jones*, took this great picture of John Sergeant. Jim writes: "Attached is a photo of one of the *Golant Pill's* avid readers. It was studied heavily on a rare break in filming in Sherwood Forest, in between bouts of archery with Robin Hood." He adds "Apologies the copy is so dog-eared; it's travelled a bit!"

Where do you take your *Pill*??!

If you have any good pictures of where you take your *Pill*, why not send them to us, and we will try to publish them in future issues!



By the time you are reading this there will, I hope, have been many of you who enjoyed Bec Applebee's performance of *Ob Mary!*

It won't be long now until the next event so book tickets now to avoid disappointment. The last time Gordon Giltrap was with us it was a sell-out. Tickets, as usual, from Mike on 01726 816454.

Sunday 8th November

Gordon Giltrap returns

Many will remember this inspirational guitarist when he came four years ago and was single-handedly responsible for some people changing their view about an evening of guitar music! His relaxed performance gave us an insight into his superb skills as a musician and showed him to be a really nice bloke.

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And here's an early *Circus Berzercus* warning. Provisionally booked for Saturday 6th February, they will return with a different show from the one that wowed children of ALL ages two years ago. More information, and definite confirmation, in the next issue.

Mike Freemantle

Please note that the **Copy Date** for the next issue is:

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GOLANT WILDLIFE

This year we have been blessed with the sight of three *Ospreys* who have interrupted their migration to Africa with a spell on St Cadix creek.

We often see a single bird here at this time of the year but to see three at once is very unusual.

The bird the writer observed was a juvenile: holding its wings outstretched when stooping, unlike the adults who hold their wings tight against their bodies to minimise drag and shock as they hit the water. So, have we a pair with a juvenile? Or is it an adult with young in tow? Whatever the situation it's rather odd. These birds are normally solitary outside of the breeding season and they chase away their young as soon as they can.



The length of time spent here is also unusual; most birds which have been tracked, leave the UK and fly massive distances before resting, normally for a few days only, on the Iberian peninsula or in the south of France, prior to making the final leg of the journey to central Africa. See lots of Osprey info on www.roydennis.org

Also on St Cadix at the moment can be seen huge flocks of *Curlew* roosting in the adjoining fields. I am often told that these are in fact *Whimbrel*, but only close inspection of a bird will convince me!

We had some *Terns* on the river this season: not just visiting, they could be seen feeding various young who were dispersed around the buoys. It gladdens the heart to see these 'Swallows of the river'.

Still a few *House Martins* left in the village but, sadly, the *Swallows* have all packed up and left.

Barry Campbell-Taylor

If you have any interesting sightings for Barry's excellent Wildlife page, why not contact him?

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The kids' insight on Golant

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Hi guys!

I hope you had a really great summer holiday, and are having a good start to your new term at school.

This issue, sadly, going to be the last that I ever edit, as I am stepping down from my post of sub editor of 'Sandbanks', due to the fact that I have been really busy with other commitments lately.

It would be such a shame to have such a good page drop out of the *Pill*, and I am very keen to find someone to take over the position. It is a really enjoyable job!

Alice Hunter

After Alice wrote this, we had the good news that Megan had agreed to take over....

Ed

ANDREW'S ARMY WILL BE BACK!

After our first raft race entry this year, redesign of the boat and regular fitness training sessions have begun in preparation for next year's event.

It would be great to see more family rafts, so if the Andrews, Palmers, Hunters and the Deans feel up to the challenge, get building early!

Jack Elworthy

ALL CHANGE

Whilst Hugh and Joe have begun their last year at Primary School and I am in my last year at Secondary School, Millie has started pre-school in Fowey. Where does the time go?

Good luck to Lucien and Jess who are off to University and to Rosie who has started at Truro College.

Jack Elworthy



How could we resist this photo of little Millie van den Broek as the scarecrow in the family's Wizard of Oz entry in the Carnival?!

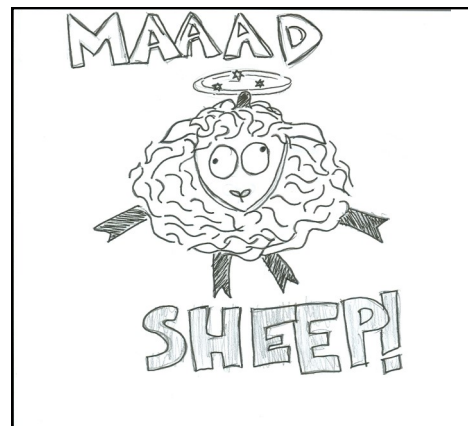
FINALLY THEY ARE GONE

Recently, Dave and Jo Palmer finally sold Leyonne Farm. We wish them all the best in the future, especially in Dave's new career, and know you will still be very much part of the village.

JE

...and the new family has arrived!!!

(see page 13)



Bethany Whell

GOLANT CAT

The wren sits contentedly in the oak,
not noticing the watchful emerald eyes of a cat.
Silently the cat creeps up, poised to kill.

A twig snaps beneath the cat's silent pads,
and off is the wren, bewildered and frantic.

As the cat stalks back in the evening sunset, the
light rims his fur to a silhouette.

Twilight swallows the cottage,
curtains are drawn and lights woken.

The wondrous smell of dinner wafts up the cat's
nose, teasing him.

Duck and....sage....with pork....
pork....casserole....

He settles down for the night
on the cleanest armchair in the house.

Dreaming dreams of duck and sage.....

Rosaleen Harris-Davison

LETTERS/EMAILS TO THE EDITOR

JOWSTER v JOWTER

Further to the JOWSTER discussion, I have never heard any other word, but I enclose two extracts from *A Glossary of Cornish Sea Words* by Robert Morton Nance, Cornish scholar and second Grand Bard, published in 1963 by the Federation of Old Cornwall Societies.

1. **jowster** *A hawkker; especially a man who sells fish from a cart. This is in W. Cornwall, the most common form of a word that a century ago was usually pronounced "chowder". "Jowter" is still the current form in E. Cornwall, and "jowder" is used at Porthgarra.*

2. **backjowster** *A woman who hawked fish, carrying it in a COWEL upon her back, distinguished from the JOWSTER proper, a man who drove a horse and cart when selling his fish. Penzance district. The term was not used by the women themselves, who regarded it as a rude nickname.*

Your correspondent is right in saying there is a word JOWTER but wrong in saying it is the only correct one.

John Jenkin

CONGRATULATIONS

I would like to congratulate the group who created such a successful and enjoyable Flower & Produce Show— Anita Fuge, John Kift, Viviane & Alistair Barr, Sue Reardon and Janet Gore— and thank them for all their hard work. Next year it should be even bigger and better, and maybe someone will enter a pasty!

Maryjean Stone

THANKS

I would like to thank everyone who turned up to support *Madness in the Pill* on the Bank Holiday Dreary Sunday. Although there were a few hiccups it mostly went off ok and most people enjoyed a laugh. Hopefully we will polish up the equipment and events for another attempt some-time.

Like all these things, they would not happen without peoples' efforts and support, and I would especially like to thank the following: Richard Strode for the concept and for supplying barrels; Pete Plasterer for donating equipment and for help on the day; Sue Reardon for the bikes; Gail for the posters and music, and Pete Edwards, Maurie, Bruce and Dave for giving up their time to help build equipment and for their support on the day.

It was a super atmosphere with everyone helping and having fun. I think Peter, Maurie and Bruce particularly enjoyed our testing time, watching and helping me get more than a few dunkings in the Pill with the first bike tests!!

Again, thanks, and I look forward to more madness in the Pill in the future.

Steve and Anne-Marie

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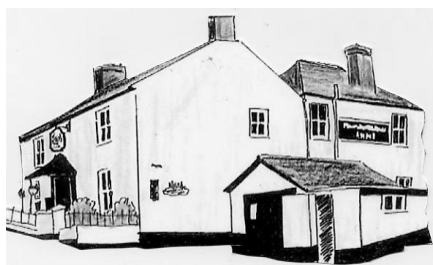
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There was no August Parish Council meeting, but the Council met on 23rd September. Martin Eddy, the Community Network Manager for One Cornwall, attended, and before the meeting opened he spoke briefly about his role, and also handed out a document which gave a population profile of this area and various other local statistics. The holiday season meant that as well as lacking any members of the public, we also were missing Cllrs Johns and Luck.

The Parish Clerk reported that the Village Green was now registered in the Council's name, and thanks are due for his assiduous work in this area. It was agreed to try and source a replacement climbing net for the playground. The car park has gone very well this summer, and our thanks to all those who pay and display, and also to the warden, Lucien Campbell-Taylor, and his most able assistant. Mr Eddy promised that he would find out the latest situation regarding the transfer of the car park to the Parish Council.

It is hoped to arrange for the trailers that at present seem permanently rooted to the roadside to be removed, and residents are reminded that Church Hill is due to be closed (20th November onwards) while patching of the road surface takes place. The Lanherriott footpath was again discussed, but in Cllr Johns' absence it was decided to leave any decisions to the October meeting. The Community Payback Project, which is undertaking repair and maintenance work to the Upper Downs Path, is proving to be an excellent source of labour.

There seems to be a leak in a water pipe by the top sewage works, and the Chairman has reported this to South West Water.

The Council awarded the Village Hall a grant of £2,000 in order to help with the insulation of the building, in the hope that this would enable work to begin in the near future. Finally, after the meeting closed at 8.35 pm, Councillors completed a brief survey for Mr Eddy, whose presence had proved most useful.

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MADNESS IN THE PILL

On Friday 21st August Richard Strode, Pete Plasterer and Publican Steve were having a quiet drink together when they got to musing about how they could extend the raft race event. In a very short space of time and with a number of Michelangelo type drawings on a pad they came up with the idea of some madness in The Pill on a neap tide – eight days later.

Over the next week a working party could be seen beaver away under the marquee making a number of pieces of equipment that should float and support one or more people. Most of the ideas came out of Steve's head and he was the guiding light for the construction – as if he didn't have enough to do running a busy pub with a beer festival!

A few dry runs were attempted with the bikes on floats – well actually not too dry because Steve kept falling off the bikes into The Pill, much to the hilarity of the crew.

The event was held on the Sunday of the holiday weekend starting at about 2'ish. To say the happenings were 'organised' would be wrong because I was MC at the pub trying to follow a programme, but the three safety/starting stewards in the water kept changing it and communication between us was poor. However, a series of games took place between teams of two. The games were- throwing a ball into a ring from a strip of plastic held between two rafts, cycle races, raft tug of war and a raft relay. It was all great fun but please don't ask me which team won because the scoring was as chaotic as the organisation. Nominally

the winners were Tom Parsons and Dave Johns calling themselves 'LastMinute.Com'.

Thanks must go to Pete Plasterer, Pete Edwards and Greg White who were the stewards and who spent a long time in the water making the day go 'swimmingly'. Thanks also to Richard who was able to secure a number of barrels but hats off to Steve Phyllis for his drive and determination to get the whole thing together in such a short space of time.

This year was an experiment and a lot of lessons were learned. Next year will be better, so we can only say that is **'work in progress.'**

Maurie Parsons



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A LONG WAIT

I should like to share a recent experience which enabled me to forget, for a time, the everyday trials and tribulations of life in the twenty first century.

It started as I was browsing the Internet in a desultory fashion and I found myself on the You Tube website. For anybody who is unfamiliar with You Tube it allows users to upload videos to be viewed by all and sundry. There is a search facility, and in an idle moment I entered the name of my old school, Hyde County Grammar in Cheshire. To my surprise, it returned several entries including the football team of 1946 and Sports Day of the same year. Obviously, these would have been shot on a cine camera but I was surprised that colour film was used in the period of austerity so soon after WWII. These were, for me, interesting enough but what really caught my eye was a video entitled School Trip To Italy, 1960, the reason being that I was part of it. I was twelve, coming on thirteen, and nearing the end of my second year at the school.

I clicked on the play button and, after about forty four seconds, there I was sitting in a group of boys on a beach in Lido de Jesolo. It was quite an eerie experience seeing myself, however briefly, from forty nine years ago and I wanted to investigate further. The clip was only a minute or so in duration and I wondered if there was any more.

The first thing I did was attach a comment to the video and, as good luck would have it, I received one back from the person who had uploaded it, known only as "seftonwallet". Through an exchange of emails the story is as follows:

My benefactor turned out to be a pupil from the same school but who had started the year before me in 1957. His name is Kevin Parrott and he had gained access to an archive of film produced by an art master at Hyde called George Wain. The latter had seemed quite old to me as a schoolboy but I learned that he had died only about ten years ago aged ninety five and that he had left his films to Fred Whyatt (games master) and the North West Film Archive. With permission, Kevin had put some extracts on You Tube which is where my story started.

I didn't remember Kevin from school but we were the "baby boomers" and the first years' cohort when I started there in 1958 was about two hundred and seventy so one tended not to look outside that group. Mr Wain, or Cherry as he was known to us, used to organise and lead a foreign holiday for the boys each year (it was a single sex school) and I was fortunate to go on two of them, Italy being the first. I didn't realise at the time that he was such a cine enthusiast but this was to change when Kevin offered to put the whole of the holiday film on to DVD for me and forward it. The result is that I have a visual record of that holiday in colour lasting about fifteen minutes which has been expertly edited and captioned by George Wain to tell the story of "Tommy Goes To Venice", and it is something that I shall treasure from my, generally, happy schooldays. My interest in the video has also prompted Kevin to upload the complete footage to You Tube in two instalments.

Kevin admits that he didn't shine at school, leaving with one O-Level (Art). He went into the music business, turned professional and toured Europe in various bands. In 1968 he met and married a girl from Bognor who was in the French Ballet Company. They are still together forty years on. When he stopped playing in bands he became a music producer and is best known for being "Brian" of Brian and Michael whom older readers will remember as having had a number one hit in 1978 with Matchstalk Men, a song about LS Lowry, the artist, who lived in Mottram near Hyde until his death in 1976.

And that concludes my story except to say that I've made a new "school friend" some fifty years after actually being there.

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REMEMBER REMEMBER THE 7th NOVEMBER

High tides on 5th November mean that there is no parking outside the pub, so we have moved fireworks this year to Saturday **7th** November at 7.45pm. The display is promised to be better than ever; remember it is one of the few free shows in the county and relies purely on fund-raising each year to provide a display. Spread the word and bring along as many friends as you wish.

Richard Strode

WELCOME

Martin & Bridget Whell and their two children, 9 year old Bethany & 7 year old Abi, have moved into *Leyonne Farm*. They will continue to run the family farm at Luxulyan as well. Bethany has contributed to this issue's *Sandbanks* page and the family were able to meet various villagers at both the harvest service and supper. We are told that Martin has been a rip roaring pantomime dame in a village not so far away.....!

Mike & Pam Ager have finally moved into the village! They bought *Colquite* (Dougie's house!) some time ago with the express view of coming to live in Golant permanently. Mike was an Art teacher but took early retirement in July. They were fortunate to sell their house in Derbyshire very quickly. Their dream to come to live in Golant has been realised!

OFF TO UNI

Lucien Campbell-Taylor is off to Bath Spa University to read History & Bevil Luck to Oxford to read English. We look forward to hearing about their progress and successes.....

STILL SIXTY-NINE PARTY

Robert Dunley did finally reach 'three score years and ten' a few days after over a hundred guests rolled up to *Rose Cottage* for a marvellous party. No gifts were allowed but donations totalled £600 which has now been shared between the village hall and the church, both of which are faced with essential building works. Both organisations have expressed their thanks for the donations; Robert wishes to thank everyone for their generosity.

We wish Vilma a speedy recovery after surgery to replace a hip. After having the operation early one morning, she was standing up in the afternoon and back from the hospital in London four days later!

A UNIQUE AWARD

John Jenkin was very surprised to hear his name called at the recent meeting of the Cornish Gorsedd at Saltash. In fact, he thought he had been mistaken and didn't respond until his name was called for a second time! The Grand Bard then presented John with a certificate which nobody else can achieve celebrating both his discipleship as a very young man and his subsequent admission as a bard. The Gorsedd no longer has the scheme for disciples of the movement. John was, in fact, introduced to the Gorsedd by his grandfather in the 1930s.

CENSORED!

John, the son of Richard & Carol Gabb, is serving as a midshipman on *HMS Gloucester*. He had his picture taken on board as he was holding his copy of *The Golant Pill*. Unfortunately, they were in the middle of exercises at the time and there were ships from other nations in the picture. The powers that be ruled that it would be unwise to send the picture to us for publication and confiscated the photograph. Good try, though, John!!

GOLANT QUAY USERS ASSOCIATION

Our Berthing Officers have met and allocated the Winter berths for this year. Stickers with the numbers on will be issued to all members by the end of September. There are six new members, making 143 in total.

We have put some white plastic number discs every five berths on the Beach area to assist with finding your berth if you are in this area.

We would remind members to remove anything that is worth pinching or combustible from open deck areas and to make sure your craft is securely moored.

The land purchase continues; we are into sorting out Articles of Association and Companies House and Tax regimes, a minefield we all thought we had left behind when we retired.

Peter Edwards

GOLANT BOAT OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

How can it be that a man caught at St Winnow in a missing boat which is loaded to the gunwales with stolen equipment can then be set free without a trial? Two local boat owners lost thousands of pounds through theft and damage. Our local police force spent much time investigating and gathering evidence. The judgement of the Crown Prosecution Service in this case is a bitter pill for the police and the populace to swallow. From various conversations I have had, it is obvious that we are thoroughly disillusioned and frustrated with our justice system.

We are pleased to announce that David Parry has agreed to talk about his Art at this year's AGM on **November 13th at 7.30pm**. David's wonderful paintings of the natural world, many of them illustrating creatures in the Fowey estuary, have received global acclaim.

I still have a number of anti-theft outboard covers *plus* a microdot marker mentioned in the last issue (£15 & £20). Give me a ring if you would like further information (01726 833897). It's worked for me and for all those who have bought them!

Mike Harris

FOWEY ESTUARY NEWS

Beachwatch Survey

On the beautiful sunny weekend of 19th September a team of volunteers assembled on Readymoney, Whitehouse and Polruan beaches to carry out the Beachwatch survey.

The annual survey takes place nationally in mid-September and is co-ordinated by the Marine Conservation Society (MCS). The results of the survey are used to highlight the main sources of litter in an attempt to reduce pollution at source and to raise awareness of the impacts of litter.

The survey at Readymoney counted 49 litter items in total, including confectionary wrappers and plastic and paper pieces. Unfortunately these are likely to be attributed to beach visitors and it is important that people remember to use the bins provided or take their litter home with them.

The Whitehouse beach was very clean; we were almost searching for items to include in the survey and the low numbers of litter items found is a testament to the hard work of the local volunteers who clean the beach throughout the year.

It was a pleasure to have pupils from Polruan Primary School and their teachers and helpers to carry out the survey at Polruan. Again, few litter items were found but they did find an old metal spoon and a glasses lens! The pupils also took great delight in finding a few shore crabs hiding under stones.

The Harbour Commissioners would like to thank the volunteers and other harbour users who help to keep the estuary the beautiful place that it is.

If you're interested in joining the team to help keep the beaches clean, please get in contact.

The results from this survey will be included in the MCS Beachwatch national report which will be available in the spring.

Claire Hoddinott

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News from St Sampson

The lesser horseshoe bats are still in residence in the tower so work cannot yet begin on the internal work.

The church looked really lovely for our **Harvest Festival** thanks to the efforts of our skilful flower arrangers. I always love the smell of the harvest gifts as one enters a church! The special thanksgiving service was well attended. It was good to have so many youngsters with us. Melissa Weatherall, Megan Dean & Alona van den Broek's son, Edward, did a splendid job presenting gifts at the altar at given times.

Rachael Bromley attended the service and she had brought with her the fantastic model of St Sampson's which she has been making for much of 2009. It was first seen at the Flower Festival in June, though it was unfinished at that time. The new real oak door at the west end, real lead on the tower roof, a flagpole complete with the flag of St Piran and interior decorations and furniture have been added since June. During refreshments after the service, the model drew great admiration from all those who crowded around it. Rachael has kindly donated the model to the church. We are now thinking up a scheme which will make the model safe and secure if it is put on permanent display.

The village hall was filled to capacity for the **Harvest Supper**. The meal was up to its usual high standard thanks to Paddy Shelley and her various cooks and helpers. A variety of loaves had been baked by some 'blokes' and these were much enjoyed by the punters.

There was no auction this year. Instead, the produce from the church had been placed in a number of bags to which were attached raffle numbers. The corresponding tickets were sold for £2.50 each. This brought in £65 compared to the £300 or so from auctions in previous years. A variety of people expressed the view that they missed the fun and humour of an auction. The final total will not be known for a few days.

The St Sampson Singers provided a short programme of light-hearted entertainment. A so-called *Psalm*, poking fun at members of the choir and their performances, was followed by a duet performed by Sheila (piano & voice) & Simon Funnell entitled *Mrs Beamish*. This humorously highlighted the rigid views of certain members of congregations in the C of E who will not accept any form of change. The choir then sang *The Cider Song*, the words of which, depicting various characters and events in the village, were written by Simon Funnell. The audience joined in each chorus with growing enthusiasm.

Remembrance Sunday this year is November 8th. At the beginning of the service (9.15am) at St Sampson's the congregation file out to the war memorial for a short commemoration. The names of local men who gave their lives in the two World Wars are read out. Silence is kept. The holy communion in the church which follows, including the hymns and music, centres on the sacrifice of so many, the futility of war and the search for peace.

Because of official advice on the spreading of swine flu, only the bread was offered to communicants at St Sampson's for a few weeks. This action is now regarded as being unnecessary and the chalice is now being administered to everyone once again.

The **Advent Carol Service** will be held on November 29th at 6pm. There are some wonderful carols and hymns at Advent which is a reflective time for thinking of the coming of Jesus. We save the carols telling of the birth of Christ until Christmas. The church has no floral displays during Advent or Lent.

The roof at Fowey Parish Church is being stripped and the work is due to finish just before Christmas. Meanwhile, evensongs are being held every Sunday at St Sampson's attended by the congregation from Fowey and, of course, people from Golant. The wonderful weather over the past fortnight must be a blessing in disguise for those in charge of the building schedule.

We are very grateful to the PCC at Fowey for giving St Sampson's thirty chairs for use when the church requires extra seating.

Tauniua Cook has had to give up attending the choir for a few months for various personal reasons. Her voice and talents will be sorely missed. It has been such a boon to have Dave Johns & David Jenkinson join us. I think I'm right in stating that neither had sung in an adult choir before. We sing as a choir on the second & fourth Sundays each month (with a few variations at festival times) and meet each Thursday evening for an hour's practice. We practise hard but have many light hearted moments. The last thing we want are solo voices! We need voices that blend. Too often choirs are blighted by a voice that wobbles and stands out above the rest!!! The physical & mental benefits of singing, particularly in a group, are beginning to be realised once again. I'll stick my neck out and say that you don't need to be religious. (Sorry vicar!). A few members in some of our finest Christian choirs find difficulty with certain doctrines within the services at which they sing. Have a chat to Sheila Funnell or myself if you are at all interested. It doesn't matter about age or sex!

A gravel path has been laid from the *Tristan & Iseult* entrance gate to the churchyard to the new steps leading to the Lower burial area. This will assist drainage and be safer to walk on, particularly during funerals.

Mike Harris

Church Flower & Cleaning Rota

Oct 4th & 11th	Carol & Valerie
Oct 18th & 25th	Tauniua & Gill B
Nov 1st & 8th	Penny & Viviane
Nov 15th & 22nd	Kate & June
Nov 29th	Ruth & Gill P

FASTNET 2009



David Jenkinson
& David Johns nearest to the camera!

Crossing the finish line of the Fastnet for the second time with a 69 year old skipper and a 19 year old at the helm was no less satisfying than first time around in 2005. It should have been the third time if skipper Peter hadn't fallen off his ladder and badly broken his wrist two days before the 2007 start – something of a blessing in disguise as most boats didn't survive the first two days of gale force winds. After more broken ribs and a frozen shoulder, it was looking as though Peter's sailing days were over, but I managed to get him back to sea on my catamaran last year and he began a gradual return to racing.

Having lost most of his regular crew to other boats he slowly put together a motley crew with two from Golant – myself and David Jenkinson who I persuaded to trade in his traditional Troy sailing for something a bit more challenging.

Six days aboard a 38 foot boat with 10 blokes is not for everyone. Firstly gear must be kept to a minimum and so all belongings must fit into a small kitbag (Tesco carrier bag size). Two crew failed the bag test on arrival and had to leave stuff behind. Fresh water is restricted to cooking and drinking – anyone wanting a wash used seawater. And there was no room for fussy eaters – pork pies, mustard and mars bars featured strongly and the stock drink was tea with milk (sugar and coffee weren't an option). Everyone was paired for sleeping which meant when you came off your 3 hour watch you crawled into a recently vacated bed on the windward side of the boat at angles of up to 30%.

Given its reputation, the weather wasn't too extreme but enough to test us across the Irish Sea, particularly through

wet moonless nights when instruments were the only means of holding a steady course. We almost missed Fastnet Rock, a lighthouse off the South Western tip of Ireland as it was shrouded in Irish mist – luckily when we did finally see it about 100 metres away it was exactly where we expected it to be! Returning past the Scilly Islands we and most of the fleet were becalmed for the best part of a day – and when the wind did pick up it made for an exhilarating run to the finish in Plymouth with some 60 spinnaker flying boats within sight and competing to be first over the line. Given our old boat, old skipper and mixed crew we were more than happy with our result about half way down the fleet and ahead of our main rivals.

David Johns

TIMES PAST

A dozen or so people came to the Village Hall on the afternoon of Monday 14th September armed with armfuls of photographs. Each person had a table to spread them out on – and away we went! Two hours later we were still talking about the people pictured, who was related to whom, which event the photo was taken at and so on.

Being a relative newcomer myself it was fascinating to see how the village has changed even quite recently. Evelyn Parsons had brought lots of family pictures including one of Vic Tabb in the first ever Carnival, held in 1953 to celebrate the Queen's Coronation. He had entered the fancy dress competition as the Queen's Jockey, wearing racing jodhpurs and 'silks' in the correct colours made by Evelyn. She has kept the outfit all this time and Vic held it up against himself to show how much he'd grown! We enjoyed it so much we thought we'd do it again in early December. This time we'll concentrate on photos of Carnival. Of course though, all pictures and everybody are welcome. If anyone wants to suggest further ideas, please do.

Sue Reardon

See the last issue which showed a photograph of Vic Tabb on his uncle's horse wearing the full royal racing gear created by Evelyn Parsons. I hadn't realised that she had still got the outfit! Ed.



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Auntie Paddy's Recipe Corner

Anne, a German lady who visits Golant most years with her husband Stefan to stay with Vilma and Robert, gave us this simple recipe. Anne (pronounced Anna) said it should be made in small batches as strawberries are now available all year round. It is now not necessary to make a large amount, although of course the fruit in season is the best.

ANNE'S STRAWBERRY JAM

Ingredients

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NB Strawberries are low in pectin which sets the jam. If you don't use a jam sugar, pectin must be added. *Certo* can be bought in most supermarkets and gives clear instructions on its use.

Method

1. Heat the jam and sugar gently on the stove, crushing the berries. Stir all the time to prevent the sugar catching on the bottom of the pan.
2. Keep at boiling point for a good 3 minutes.
3. Remove from the heat and immediately pour into hot sterilized jars with a very firm lid.
4. Turn upside down and leave to cool.
5. When cold, store in the freezer and remove as needed.

This is very good to have at breakfast, or with a cream tea. Also, it can be used as a filling for sponge cakes, and is delicious served with vanilla ice-cream.

Paddy Shelley

Please note that the [Thursday Kitchen](#) will for the time being be a simpler affair, as detailed by Janet Gore in her Village Hall Report on page 3 of this issue. As before, the Kitchen will not take place on the first Thursday of the month.

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Sunday 4 th	9.15am	Holy Communion	St Sampson's
	6.00pm	Evensong	St Sampson's
Thursday 8 th	12.45-2.30pm	Thursday Kitchen	Village Hall
Sunday 11 th	9.15am	Holy Communion	St Sampson's
	6.00pm	Evensong	St Sampson's
Tuesday 13 th	8.00pm	Quiz	Fisherman's Arms
Wednesday 14 th	9.50-10.10am	Mobile Library	End of Green
Thursday 15 th	12.45-2.30pm	Thursday Kitchen	Village Hall
Sunday 18 th	6.00pm	Evensong	St Sampson's
Thursday 22 nd	12.45-2.30pm	Thursday Kitchen	Village Hall
Sunday 25 th	9.15am	Holy Communion	St Sampson's
	6.00pm	Evensong	St Sampson's
Tuesday 27 th	8.00pm	Quiz	Fisherman's Arms
Wednesday 28 th	9.50-10.10am	Mobile Library	End of Green
Wednesday 28 th	7.15pm	Parish Council Meeting <i>The public are invited to take part until 7.30pm</i>	Village Hall
Thursday 29 th	12.45-2.30pm	Thursday Kitchen	Village Hall

NOVEMBER

Sunday 1 st	9.15am	Holy Communion	St Sampson's
<i>(All Saints)</i>	6.00pm	Evensong	St Sampson's
Saturday 7 th	7.30pm	BBQ & Fireworks	Fisherman's Arms
Sunday 8 th	9.15am	Act of Remembrance followed by Holy Communion	St Sampson's
<i>(Remembrance Sunday)</i>	6.00pm	Evensong	St Sampson's
Sunday 8 th	7.30pm	<i>Gordon Gilltrap</i> <i>Tickets: Mike Freemantle 816454</i>	Village Hall
Tuesday 10 th	8.00pm	Quiz	Fisherman's Arms
Wednesday 11 th	9.50 -10.10am	Mobile Library	End of Green
Thursday 12 th	12.45-2.30pm	Thursday Kitchen	Village Hall
Friday 13 th	7.30pm	Boat Watch AGM	Village Hall
Sunday 15 th	6.00pm	Evensong	St Sampson's
Thursday 19 th	12.45-2.30pm	Thursday Kitchen	Village Hall
Sunday 22 nd	9.15am	Holy Communion	St Sampson's
<i>(Christ the King)</i>	6.00pm	Evensong	St Sampson's
Tuesday 24 th	8.00pm	Quiz	Fisherman's Arms
Wednesday 25 th	9.50-10.10am	Mobile Library	End of Green
Wednesday 25 th	7.15pm	Parish Council Meeting <i>The public are invited to take part until 7.30pm</i>	Village Hall
Thursday 26 th	12.45-2.30pm	Thursday Kitchen	Village Hall
Saturday 28 th	12-3pm	Christmas Fayre	Village Hall
Sunday 29 th	6.00pm	Advent Carol Service	St Sampson's

N.B. There will be a reduced menu at the Thursday Kitchen until further notice

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.