



Down the Hatch!



Beer Festival at *The Fisherman's Arms*

The weather over the current Bank Holiday weekend has been variable, but all of the beers on tap at *The Fisherman's Arms* are some of the best available.

The smiles tell all: landlord Steve Philis enjoyed sampling *Golden Daffodil* whilst barmaid Gwen Allen thought that a glass of *Kew Gold* was more to her liking.



It should have been the perfect time for having a beer festival. It is well known that *The Fisherman's Arms* at Golant is a very welcoming pub set in beautiful scenery. The outside seating overlooks the Pill (inner harbour) & panoramic views of the river Fowey & the woodlands on the far side of the estuary. Cormorants, herons and white egrets are common birds to be seen close to the pub.

With the forecasters promising a deterioration in the weather, it was decided to erect an open-sided marquee over some of the seating. Over this weekend, the tides are high and flood the adjacent road at their peak during the early evening. Motorists are warned! What could be a lovelier place to spend a while, having a bite to eat, sampling sumptuous beers and having friendly chats?

As far as landlords Steve & Anne-Marie are concerned, the Beer Festival over the final week of May is the rehearsal for the big one over the August Bank Holiday. "We've only got a dozen beers on sale now, but in August it'll be twenty-six," said Steve. "Mind you, there're all super beers!" In spite of the gloomy forecast, both remained positive and upbeat, when I chatted to them about the weekend. "And in August we hope to have the local cider from just across the river at Penpol," added Anne-Marie.

On sale was an array of delightful names for the beers from all over England. Shades of yellow seem to be popular this time: *Golden Pale*, *Kew Gold* and *Golden Daffodil* (particularly popular it would seem) are accompanied by *Gem*, *Tolly Cobbold Phoenix*, *Early Bird*, *Broadside* and the ever popular *Spitfire*. A latecomer was *The Revd James* which, I understand, quickly became a favourite of the church choir.....Mild is a drink I miss in pubs these days, so I particularly enjoyed a pint of the *Otter Mild*.. Available at the public bar were *Courage Best*, and three Cornish beers: *Betty Stogs*, *Proper Job* & the bestselling *Doom Bar*.

Everyone had woken up on Saturday to the sound of rain, but the day had improved gradually and the customers turned up to enjoy themselves during the evening. A BBQ was lit and *Skeleton Crew* turned up to entertain the crowd. They're always a firm favourite at Golant and are already booked for the August Beer Festival, alongside *The Chase*. As I left to compile this in time for the deadline for printing, I could smell the BBQ, see the reflections of boats in the gathering dusk and hear the chatter & laughter of people enjoying themselves. The band were turning up the volume.....I wondered if the beers would last until Monday, particularly the mild?

MGH

From the Editor

What a fabulous spring we have had! I know that in April and early May seedlings and many plants did not flourish due to the very cold and, occasionally, frosty nights but how we have all enjoyed seeing the sun, at last. Cornish gardens enjoy a reputation of being at their best in the spring and it has never been truer than this year.

Some of the colours were not printing properly on our previous laser machine. I'm sure you'll agree that this issue is a great improvement even if we still have to find out how to do fine adjustments. It is a sign of the times that we never did get a response from *Hewlett Packard*, the manufacturers of our old printer. Letters, emails, phonecalls— Robert tried them all— to no avail. He just wanted to talk to a human being somewhere!

Sadly, there is no *Sandbanks* page in this issue. Megan Dean, who took over from Alice Hunter as its sub-editor, has decided to step down. Many thanks to her for her efforts. It's not easy chivvying people for articles. In fact, not one piece was received from a youngster this time by the copy date. Meanwhile, I do hope that one of our young villagers will come forward to take on the challenge of this important feature. Gillie will help and guide as always. Any offers?

I am pleased that Barry Campbell-Taylor has chosen to state his feelings about Bridget Whell's challenging article concerning the culling of badgers which appeared in the last issue. It is, of course, a very emotive subject, which does affect the lives and livelihoods of some of our villagers, and I was expecting a full reply from someone. Like most people, I suspect, I get confused when I read articles and view programmes about bovine TB, featuring experts who can't agree about causes or solutions. Farmers themselves are divided on the issue.

I hope for more response to our two local mysteries on the *Backalong* page and, also, to the excellent picture quiz (p10) set by Mike Ager.

Mike Harris

From the Treasurer

Regular readers of the *Golant Pill* may have noticed that the print quality of the last issue reached an all-time low. We therefore made a decision to replace our printer with a *Xerox 6280 Duplex* machine.

We were able to negotiate some very good terms, but necessarily the purchase has made a hole in our finances. We intend to try to recover money from *HP* for the failure of their machine after only two years use.

We trust you will be pleased with the quality of print in this issue.

Robert Dunley

Golant Sports & Carnival 2010

Just to let you know that Sports & Carnival is on **Saturday 7th August** this year.

There will be the normal delicious cakes made by the ladies of the village to go with the cream teas, the highly competitive children's racing, and the Golant versus the Rest of the World tug of war.

The evening will open with the St Pinnock Band playing whilst Carnival judging takes place (and what theme are you going to adopt this year??). The procession round the village will be followed by the Flora Dance.

Then we can all retire to *The Fishermans Arms* to enjoy the evening entertainment and dance away the night to *The Grove Yard*.

Sunday 8th August will see a slightly different Raft Race within the Pill, or maybe across the river from the Pill at high tide, depending on how mean we feel. This is because we have spring tides and we don't want our competitors swept upstream. So get building those rafts and organising your fancy dress to be sure you are ready.

This will be followed in the afternoon by ***Madness in the Pill*** organised by *The Fishermans Arms* with all sorts of water based races and competitions. So get your wetsuits and swimming costumes ready and be prepared for a fun and wet afternoon; wet because you will be in the water and not because it will be raining!!

Carnival Committee

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Village Hall Committee

The AGM held on 27th April attracted three people other than the Committee, but these villagers were able to make a real contribution to the various items for discussion.

In her report, the Chairman, Siobhan Harper, expressed her thanks to everyone who had contributed to the astounding progress which has been made to the infrastructure over the past year, including the insulation of the walls, the installation of new windows, the re-plastering of the toilets and the hall decoration.

Mention was made of the hard work by Sue Reardon and Robert Dunley in obtaining grants, so vital for the success of any of these projects, plus, of course, the fund-raising which is so dependent on the support of the village. The efforts of Maurie and Gail Parsons and the Thursday Kitchen initiated by Vilma Dunley and Paddy Shelley were good examples of this.

Planning permission has been granted for solar PV but that, together with an Air to Air Heat source pump is still being discussed. It was agreed to hold a public meeting sometime, so that everyone can come and ask questions on these systems.

We are trying to finish off the walls etc, and we ask for your patience with this. New notice boards have been

Fowey Bus Trips

Julie Yeo, who drives the Fowey Town Bus, has agreed to run a trip from Golant to Fowey 2x per month on a trial basis. The 4 dates are: June 9th & 23rd, July 7th & 21st. The bus can carry 13 passengers and she requires a minimum of 8. It will leave from outside the *Fisherman's Arms* at 11am, drop us off at Fowey Church, pick up from the Church at 2.30pm returning to Golant. The cost will be £2 each way, but those with a bus pass will travel free. Anyone over 60yrs can get a bus pass from the library in Par or Fowey free of charge by taking their passport or driving licence plus a utility bill. A photo will be taken there.

Please do support this new initiative, but it is essential that you book up to 2 days prior to the proposed trips. Please phone Janet Gore: 832425 if you want to book a seat.

OLD PHOTOGRAPHS & POSTCARDS

Jimmy Fisher is always interested in purchasing old photographs and postcards of Golant to add to his large collection. He may be contacted at:
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purchased.

The stage is a continuing source of concern. It takes four people to lift it into the back room and, therefore, it has been left folded up at the end of the hall taking up valuable space. Mike Freemantle is researching into buying new collapsible stage (cost approx £3000) and possibly getting a grant towards it.


Another proposal was that we look to purchasing a digital projection and sound system which could show slide presentations, DVDs etc and which could be used by other village organisations.

The recent Plant and Book Sale resulted in a profit of £383.01p, a pleasing improvement on last year's total! Thank you to everyone who supported this by growing plants, supplying books, making cakes etc and attending the sale. The Committee is extremely appreciative.

Talking of plants, we have had a slow start due to the colder weather, but do please cast your minds forward to August 14th to the Flower and Produce Show, where you can show your prowess in displaying your flowers and vegetables, cooking and sewing skills, jam and wine making, photography, woodcraft etc. There are great chances for the children to participate as well. The full schedule was distributed with this magazine previously.

Janet Gore



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Easter Funday

Oh what a relief! The weather during Easter week was poor, and culminated in a downpour all day on the Saturday. Fortunately the sun was shining when I awoke on Sunday and, apart from a few occasional clouds, it stayed that way. Easter Monday was then grey and cold, so how lucky we were for the fun in the garden of the Fisherman’s Arms.

A celebrated local design artist, Vivienne Prideaux, was having a quiet drink in the pub garden just before the festivities began, and so she was inveigled into being the Judge for the afternoon. She did this with good grace, and appeared to thoroughly enjoy herself, although she did keep saying that her car was standing by to make a fast getaway if there were any disputes. She even stayed to try her hand at the egg throwing. We are very grateful for her objective assessment of all the entries in the decorated egg and bonnet competitions.

The afternoon started with competitions for decorated eggs. The ingenuity of many of the designs never fails to impress me and this year was no exception. The category for up to 5 year old was won by Millie, and Darcy was second. In the 6–12 group, Megan Dean won first prize followed by Maddy-Rose, and the adult section was won by Alice Hunter followed by Mike Ager (although there was a question mark about the validity of his entry).



We then had the Easter Bonnet parades. Again the age groups were similar, and prizes were won by 0-5: 1st Gabriel, 2nd Eva and 3rd Freya; 6-12: 1st Hugh, 2nd Bronte and 3rd Melissa and her friend Lily, while in the adults’ group 1st went to Bridget Whell, 2nd to Penny Parsons and 3rd to Purple Paul and his friend Peter.



A colourful line-up of children’s entries!



Bridget Whell in her beautiful prizewinning Easter bonnet

The girls had done a magnificent job in selling raffle tickets and £157 was raised towards the Golant Fireworks. Prizes were won by Trish Jones, Mark (Bronte’s Granddad), James Gore, and Sandra who had moved into the village two days previously.

The traditional egg rolling down Fore Street was then held with what seemed like hundreds of eggs being roiled down the hill. Great fun was had and many Easter eggs were won as prizes.

This was followed by a new event especially for those under 15 years – an egg and spoon race using fresh eggs. A series of heats and finals were held with eggs getting broken all along the track. Unfortunately we did not record the names of the four in the final but I do remember Maddy-Rose’s glee at coming second and winning a chocolate bunny.

Then it was the egg throwing, and a large number of couples tried their hand with eggs being dropped and broken all along the front. The eventual winners were James Coggan and Gary Goodman who threw (and caught) an amazing distance of 34 metres; a big challenge for next year for somebody to beat that.

The afternoon culminated with an innovative treasure hunt that had been compiled by Patrick Towell. He had only arrived from skiing in France the previous evening and was still writing the clues while the egg rolling was taking place!

Thanks must be expressed to Steve and Anne-Marie, Robert and Wilma, Trish and Graham, as well as Alan and Julie for their kind donation of Easter eggs large and small. Without such kind contributions this fun afternoon would not be the success that it has been over many years.

Maurie Parsons

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GOLANT WILDLIFE

Since the publication of the Badger cull article in the last issue of the Pill, I have struggled as to how to respond: initially tempted to refute the article point by point but now, considering that Golantians tend to be well informed and capable of making up their own minds, I must simply state that the Slaughter of an entire species of our precious wildlife will not have the desired effect! The expense, trauma and the brutal cruelty involved will be all to no avail. The disease problems within British Agriculture will only be solved by a radical change in working practice and, even putting aside arguments about wildlife conservation in a country where our indigenous fauna is under ever increasing pressure, the conclusion from the recent badger culling trial is profoundly simple: *we cannot disrupt badger populations by culling without potentially making the cattle TB problem worse.*

My own observation of wildlife around Golant suggests that the hard winter has taken a heavy toll: so far very few Swallows and Martins are present and I have not seen a single Kingfisher since the cold snap. Where our 'Toad Crossing' warning signs were put up, very few animals

were squashed. However I feel that this was because considerably fewer Toads were present.

Shell Ducks seem to be thriving though. These large colourful creatures seem to be present in increasing numbers; only yesterday we saw a pair near St Cadix trailing a lively group of day old chicks. Interestingly, almost all of the British population of Shell Ducks take off in July, and meet up in Heligoland where they moult *en masse*.



This season's young will be left behind being looked after by a small number of volunteer Nannies who, by some incredible process, are selected to stay.

NB I think that Heligoland is somewhere near Legoland.

Look out for Goldcrests, listen out for Chiffchaffs and say a collective prayer that we may, this year, hear the evocative Cuckoo call.

Barry Campbell-Taylor

A SWARM OF BEES IN MAY IS WORTH A LOAD OF HAY.....

Dave Johns became an enthusiastic beekeeper last year but, unfortunately, all the bees in his hive died in the tough winter conditions. Recently, he noticed a few bees investigating the hive. A few days later, a huge cloud of bees appeared and, without hesitation, entered the hive. They've lived there happily ever since! As the old saying goes:

*A swarm of bees in May
Is worth a load of hay;
A swarm of bees in June
Is worth a silver spoon;
A swarm of bees in July
Is not worth a fly.*

MH

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This is the first time the new unitary authority has been responsible for running a general election in Cornwall and there is no doubt that it was successfully achieved, particularly as the Council had six new parliamentary constituencies to organise with combined counts.

Getting down to the facts, we all know that our country faces serious economic and social problems which must be addressed urgently. This will require stability and strong leadership at a national level and it must be hoped that this can be achieved as soon as possible.

The leader of Cornwall Council does not consider that a national coalition requires any change to our arrangement in Cornwall. The Conservative and Independent groups have worked closely in partnership together over the last year as a strong and effective Cabinet team and it is expected to continue. Currently, the Liberal Democrats have not indicated that they wish any change to their position in opposition.

The Council has agreed to trial webcasting some of its meetings over the next six months to help create a better understanding among members of the public about how the authority works and makes its decisions. The first meeting to be webcast was the annual meeting of the Council on 11 May. 1,225 people watched live as Pat Harvey was re-elected as the Chairman of Cornwall Council for the second term of office and then presided over the rest of the meeting. Viewers can access the webcast via a link on the home page of the Council's website.

The Emergency Management team from Cornwall Council will offer assistance to our towns and parishes to begin the process of putting together its own Community Emergency Plan. Communities can now prepare for any occasion (such as flooding).

Whilst writing this the du Maurier Festival is in full swing. It is very apparent that the Fowey area is full of visitors who come here year after year to attend the events at the Festival Theatre and other venues. It is a marvellous happening and the danger it faces of securing further funding from Cornwall Council means we will have a fight on our hands to ensure its future. Rest assured, I will not shy away from this fight.

For the next month or so it will be difficult for me to hold a surgery at Fowey Library, but please do contact me at home on 833766 if you need any help.

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David Parry gave a most interesting talk on his life and work on and around the River Fowey at the Village Hall on Tuesday 25th May.

This was part of the *Friends of the Fowey Estuary* programme of talks, and was open to members and non-members.

Starting from an apprenticeship in design, David recounted how he lost his heart to the natural beauty of the Fowey, and how much he savours his expeditions to paint the ever-changing landscape.

He exhibited many of his paintings, largely owned by local residents, and the evening ended with Questions and Answers over coffee.

RD

LETTERS/EMAILS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I was intrigued to read Barry Campbell-Taylor's article in Pill issue 02/10. I had been unaware that the Parish Council was able to make development grants and so had not made my own applications.

Now that I know, I will carry out further research into three schemes that I have in mind that will, undoubtedly, be beneficial for Golant. The first is to learn the art of stilt fishing as practised in Weligama, Sri Lanka and so to erect a number of stilts over the sandy parts of the river. The second will be to go to Peru to learn the traditional art of spear fishing with sharpened sticks. I am a little concerned that these two techniques may interfere with Barry's cormorants – I would hate to spear one as it was diving for a fish.

My third scheme could be said to be somewhat more ambitious and will require the co-operation of the Golant Quay Users Association when they eventually purchase the Pill. I intend to install a half-tide lock under the railway bridge and then to use the retained area of water to run a sea trout farm. This may take some developing and may affect Gail's plans to fill in the graveyard end of the Pill to erect a residential care home for less able villagers.

I look forward to receiving my development grant application forms from the SSPC before April 1st next year.

Maurice Parsons, QPM

Sir,

I read with interest in the last issue your contributor's feature on fishing with cormorants. This seems a tremendous opportunity to set the South West's finances on the basis of that afforded Scotland by its oil revenues. However, there are a number of pertinent questions which require addressing:

Will the ancient Oriental bird master be able to obtain a work permit on the new UK immigration points tariff? What are likely to be his (one assumes a masculine role for such a wily and venerable craft) pension rights? (I would love to meet Ms Lumley, but not her attendant coterie of the press). What are the Health and Safety issues arising from free-roaming birds potentially soiling the pristine character of our local waters? Can the cormorants be trained to take only regulation-sized fish? How might our local fishermen respond to the increased competition?

I am sure that our recently elected Member of the Lower Chamber will be supportive in resolving any issues arising from the aforementioned. Like many other readers of your esteemed publication, I would be keen to see a local shares issue to help fund the project – when might we expect to see a flotation, and what would the likely opening price be? (I, like several of my friends, have a residue of last year's bonus to invest and this seems a jolly good bet in the light of the decline in my previous employer, the banking sector).

Yours truly,

Mari Geek

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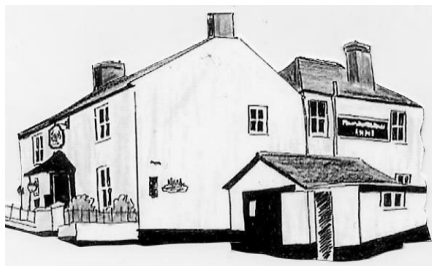
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GOLANT BOAT OWNERS' ASSOCIATION (Boatwatch)

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Security Advice:

1. Don't leave valuables on your boat (if you can help it).
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4. Join Boatwatch and help us to deter thieves from our stretch of the river.

Spring Get-together:

One of the key benefits of membership is the opportunity to meet together each year in the village hall and simply have a good time! This year was no exception, with a capacity crowd treated to one of Paddy and Vilma's sumptuous feasts, in a full-on sit down dinner, with wine. Sadly, David Parry (our own internationally renowned artist) was unable to come down this year, due to pressures of work, but I am delighted to confirm that once again his very generous donation (a large 'limited edition' print) was raffled to good effect (along with many other great prizes) at the end of a truly wonderful evening. And yes, it was **my** ticket that was pulled out of the hat!! Spooky?

David Jenkinson
Chairman GBOA (Boatwatch)

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GOLANT QUAY USERS' ASSOCIATION

We recently held our AGM in the Village Hall and we were very grateful to our guest, Deputy Harbour Master Matt Hodson, who explained the current issues relating to the harbour.

The most serious of issue to us was the increase in theft and illegal netting. The thieves are apparently better organised and are targeting the larger outboard engines, although petty crime is still too high. This has prompted an increase in Police and Harbour staff presence, but it will not do any harm for us all to increase our vigilance.

The land deal negotiations are complete, although the final paperwork has not appeared as at copy date. Some delays were caused by staff sickness at Cornwall Council, and many thanks go to Councillor Bain for resolving this for us.

Once the final solicitors' bills are in, we can then go back to all those generous members who agreed to assist us with a loan, and hopefully the amount we require should be smaller because so many of you made a pledge.

The main issue evolving from the land deal is that the main slip by the quay does not belong to Cornwall Council and therefore they cannot sell it to us. This also means that they should not have included it in our original lease nor put us under the obligation to maintain it. So some discussion is still required on that topic!

Peter Edwards, Chairman

OLD BOAT FLARES

When Sue Reardon was having her roof insulated, she found two old boat flares, which were **34 years** out of date! Neither the Harbourmaster's Office nor the Fire Brigade could advise her on how to get rid of them, so she went online, where she discovered the answer.

Sue writes- "From Golant, TEPs (Time Expired Pyrotechnics) have to be taken to the Maritime Rescue Co-ordination Centre in Falmouth!!! Contact details are: Tel 01326 317575 and Post Code TR11 4WZ for those who are trying to find the place by sat nav."

Apparently, there are only 18 such Centres in the whole country! Sue gives the website details for others who may have the same problem as to what must be done with potentially extremely dangerous old flares.
www.direct.gov.uk/en/TravelAndTransport/Boatingandtravellingbywater/Usingpleasurecraftsafely/DG-185790

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BACKALONG

A PUZZLE AT HILLCREST

The garage at *Hillcrest* has a wonderful handmade plaque plastered to the inside of a wall, with the initials **R.V.** made from tiny stones, set in it.

Whose initials do they belong to and who made it? It is possible that when Joe Tucker owned the house, he built the garage with the assistance of his friend Ralph Varco. So could they be Ralph's initials? But surely not made by him or indeed by Joe, so who did create the plaque?

Could a pupil have made it at the school immediately above *Hillcrest*; a young Golantian keen to impress a parent perhaps?

Does anyone know? Any suggestions would be most welcome. Please phone Suzanne or Peter on 833141 with your ideas.



Peter Edwards

A LOT OF BOTTLE OR A LOAD OF CODSWALLOP ?

(Well, maybe a bit of both)

Found, while clearing brambles in the garden, the bottle is embossed 'TYWARDREATH AERATED WATER CO. LIMITED'. It is complete with rubber ring and marble stopper inside, and remarkably has survived without even a crack. Children would usually smash these bottles to get the marble to play with.

Research into the company 'TYWARDREATH AERATED & MINERAL COMPANY LIMITED' has not been very successful, but the remains of the factory can still be seen at the top of Tehidy Road behind the green gates. Amazingly, we pass by regularly without noticing. It is believed the company ceased trading around 1920, though it may have been 1913. The bottle is well over 100 years old.

Census records from the 1800s show individuals living in Tywardreath as working as mineral water manufacturers.

Thanks to Janet Hewer, local Cornish Society member, I have been given a copy of a share certificate that belonged to a Mr Caleb Thomas, the great-grandfather of Brian Thomas who still has a house in Tywardreath. Caleb worked at the factory and he purchased the 8 shares for Twenty Shillings on 1st May 1894.

I would love to have more information, dates, reasons for closing etc, but even a visit to Truro Museum archives could not shed more

light

on the demise of the company. In 1872, Hiram Codd, an English engineer, patented the bottle, known from then on as the Codd Bottle- very successful in the fizzy drinks trade, as, when filled under gas pressure, the marble was pushed against the washer in the neck, creating a perfect seal. To access the drink, you would have to wallop the marble stopper, hence **Codswallop!!**

Wallop is also a 19th century slang term for beer. Alcohol drinkers disparaged Codd's invention, saying it was only good for wallop, so

again, Codswallop!

Who knows? But one thing's for sure, despite being dumped, the bottle is certainly not a load of old rubbish...



Sue Strode

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Golant Picquíz Competition

Can you spot the locations of the signs from the photos? Some are only part of the signs, but all may be found in Golant.



Return your answers by post, hand or email to Mike Ager at Colquite (email: mike.j.ager@btinternet.com) by Friday 23rd July. The winner will receive a bottle of wine or a token.

Tie breaker: Solve the anagram of a sign you may have seen recently; it's not good grammar, but it will make sense...
 SOLAPSESCROWDSINTO GALES Mike Ager

TAKING THE PILL (a double dose!!)

Chris Yexley at Everest Base Camp (Tibetan side)- 5,200 metres.



Dave Johns crossing a 5,400 metre pass in Dolpo (Nepal).

Chris & Dave write: "Yes, we did spend some time together— flights to Kathmandu & tiger spotting in Chitwan National Park."



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Golant Gleanings

BIRTH

Unfortunately, we had not realised that a baby daughter, Isabella, had been born just before Christmas to Sarah (nee van den Broek) & Geoff Richards. Belated congratulations!

WELCOME

Andy the Gardener and Sandra the Supply Teacher have recently moved to Golant from Surrey. They have settled into the Barn at Tanhay Cottage, and are looking forward to life in the village.

BUSY FAMILY!

It's a busy life in the Taylor household at the moment. Henry James Newton Taylor, son of Chris & Kay, will be christened at St Sampson's Church on May 30th. Meanwhile, preparations are well ahead for the wedding at St Sampson's on June 19th when Kevan & Pobo's daughter Clair will be marrying Ben Con-nibeer.

DONATION

The recent pantomime *Peter Pill*, written by Sue Reardon, was based on *Peter Pan* written by J.M.Barrie who gave the copyright to the Great Ormond Street Hospital to benefit the children's care. The copyright has now expired but, in keeping with its ideals, £150 was donated to the ***Precious Lives Appeal South-West Children's Hospice***.

GATHERED GLEANING OF THE MONTH

Golant has a sewage system that does not appear to be terribly efficient, but I find it somewhat ironic that even SW Water have to bring in Portaloo's when they work at the Sewage Farm. I wonder where they empty the Portaloo?!

Apparently they have been fitting an ultra violet filter system to clean the effluent.

MP

WANTED!

We can only print those Gleanings that we hear about. Do please let us know of any snippets of news for this popular village page. You can email us at golantpill@yahoo.co.uk, or phone or talk to any of our team (see page 12) at any time. You don't have to wait for the Copy Date.....

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St Sampson Parish Council

The following points are extracted from the Chairman's Report given at the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 17th May by Simon Funnell.

“At last year’s meeting I announced that Siobhan Harper had stepped down from the Council; you will know that David Johns has stepped into her shoes, and has already shown his energy and determination in taking over the footpaths, and, in particular, in trying to get the Lanherriot path adopted as a bridleway. At our Parish Council Meeting that immediately follows this meeting, we shall also welcome Colin Hunter.

We have continued to keep South West Water on its toes, but even our best efforts did not foresee that Fore Street would be running with raw sewage. Recently I pointed out to South West Water five leaks in their system, most of them in the Pill, & they have promised to take action. Roger Tabb kindly contacted the Environmental Agency about the worst leak, just before Island House, and this has already been repaired. The RCB units at the top still do not work as they should but as the water entering the river is 95% pure (mainly because the road water dilutes it so much) South West Water are content with the status quo. We shall battle on on your behalf.

The other dispute is the Car Park. First, let me say that this ran exceptionally well, thanks to the Campbell-Taylor’s joint efforts, and the income enabled us to give the Church a donation, and an even larger donation to the Village Hall to facilitate the new insulation to the walls.

We have made further improvements to the playground, and recently replaced some of the posts on the village green. Once again, Vic Tabb kept the Village Green in immaculate condition, despite the summer. This year, because of legislation over third party insurance, we have, with reluctance, had to engage a new contractor.

Unbeknown to us, Cornwall Council discussed our car park at a meeting last June, & decided to remove the car park from their list. They neither involved us in any discussions, nor informed us of the decision they had taken. As a result, we were nonplussed when our requests to have the ticket machine re-commissioned for this season were ignored, and no-one would answer our telephone calls & emails. Finally, the truth came out. I wrote what might be termed a strongly worded letter to the Chief Executive and the car park supreme, and the decision to remove Golant

been reversed— at least for the time being.

We shall be discussing the refunds due for the time the car park was not in use after this meeting, and my apologies to all of you for the confusion this has caused.

There are two other matters which have been raised by the public at the consultations we hold before each meeting: these are the provision of a better broadband service for the village, and the possibility of combining with the Fowey Town Bus to provide a limited service from Golant. Your views on these topics will be enormously helpful.

We scored a quiet but significant victory last year: our accounts were passed at the first attempt by the Audit Commission.”

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News from St Sampson

Our priest, Philip, returned from his sabbatical on Easter Day. He and his family had spent the first three months of 2010 touring New Zealand plus a few other countries en route. He appeared to be refreshed and very relieved to have missed all the harsh winter weather which we had had to tolerate.

The Annual Church Meetings took place in April. The first meeting lasted for only three or four minutes—the election of churchwardens. Carol White & Robert Dunley agreed to stand again. Each year special services are held all over the diocese to which new churchwardens are asked to attend. Carol & Robert went to Lanlivery Church where Philip introduced them formally to the Archdeacon of Bodmin. All the wardens at the service then affirmed their commitment to their office.

The main Annual Parochial Church Meeting followed the election of the wardens. Wendy Earl decided to stand down as Secretary to the Parochial Church Council. Philip thanked Wendy for her hard work & enthusiastic approach as secretary. Valerie Russell agreed to take on the task. Greg White & David Jenkinson were elected to join the other members of the PCC. Penny White will continue as Treasurer.

On Ascension Day (May 13th) a Supper was held in the Village Hall. This was held as a token of thanks to anyone who had helped in a variety of ways with the latest work in the church—giving money, helping or attending events, working in the building (cleaning, flower arranging) etc etc. There was a marvellous spread of food and the crowd of about fifty did their best to devour the lot! We were disappointed that more did not come along as we know how widespread the support has been.

The model of the church made by Rachael Bromley is now on display. Greg White found someone on the internet who made a special & beautifully constructed case. The light coloured wood of the case will be darkened to match the church's furniture. Greg then added a switch to illuminate the model. Fiona Westawqy gave a table of her mother's which John East adapted into a stand for the case. We have been asked by the diocese to try the display in a number of locations around the church. The congregation will then decide which is the best permanent position.

Karen Hamnett & I have pruned the camellia by the porch into what, hopefully, is a pleasant shape!

MGH

Church Flower & Cleaning Rota

June 6th & 13th	Penny & Viviane
June 20th & 27th	Jacky & Trish
July 4th & 11th	Kate & June
July 18th & 25th	Ruth & Gill P
August 1st & 8th	Paddy & Vilma

Contact for Flower & Cleaning Rota:

Valerie Russell at Torfrey House Tel: 833072

Rosemary Weatherall



We have been so touched and comforted by the wonderful care of neighbours and friends in and around Golant since Rosemary died. At a time of sadness such as we have just experienced, the sensitivity and compassion given to all of us is most deeply appreciated. We are very much aware that ours is not the only recent loss in our parish, and our hearts go out to all those who are also mourning their loved ones.

We count ourselves blessed indeed to live in such a caring place and to feel so enfolded and supported by everyone. It is a gift beyond measure and is part of what makes Golant so unique.

Thank you.

Belinda, Bunny and their families

These beautiful flower illustrations were painted by Rosemary, and are samples of the borders surrounding her calligraphy which illustrates the following poem. It hangs in St Sampson's Church.

When as a child I laughed and wept ~ Time crept.
When as a youth I dreamed and talked ~ Time walked.
When I became a full grown man ~ Time ran.
And later as I older grew ~ Time flew.
Soon, I shall find while travelling on ~ Time gone.
Will Christ have saved my soul by then? AMEN

From the old clock in Chester Cathedral

Also seen in the bell tower of Salisbury Cathedral, South Africa

WHEELY-BOAT LAUNCH

The launch of RIVERQUEST, a Wheely-Boat Mk 3, was conducted by local TV personality Dick Strawbridge on 9th April at the Castledore Rowing Club. The vessel was designed by Andy Beadsley to enable handicapped people in wheelchairs to have access to the river. It was donated by *The Wheely-Boat Trust*, a Charity formed for this purpose in 1985, and is the first to be used on a tidal river.

Flat access is provided by a drop-down bow which is then winched up to seal against water ingress. The boat can carry up to three chairs with helpers, or six more able-bodied persons.

The first trip took children from Churchdown farm at Lanlivery, including a severely handicapped young lad who had never been on the water. His initial nervousness was soon replaced by the widest of smiles and exhibitions of joy, and it was a pleasure to behold.

All present were then invited to join in a delicious cream tea.

The boat will be operated by Ann & Alan Barker for fishing trips & sightseeing in the area, and is available to villagers & visitors, whether handicapped or able.

Booking is essential on 08455195261. (See advert on page 5)



RD

SURPRISE WEEKEND VISITORS

On Saturday 17th April Clive and Fiona Westaway were leaving the village when they saw what they took to be a kitten run across the road and hide under our car. The 'kitten' was very reluctant to get out from under the car, but eventually it did so and ran off into the hedge.

On Sunday morning after being taken to the Cornwall Flower Society Spring Show at Bocomnoc I was surprised to see what I initially thought to be a kitten or, briefly, a possum (New Zealand problem)



but was a small fox cub in the garden. Mary then called me to say that there were in fact two cubs. We fed them diluted milk and water, which was rapidly drunk.

The RSPCA came and caught them. They were 'overnighted' at St Austell and then transferred to the West Hatch Sanctuary and will be released in fox-friendly countryside.

(Popularity within the family at a new low— daughter keeps chickens!!!)

David & Mary Skerrett

FUCHSIA SHOW

On Sunday 25th July, the **Annual Fuchsia and Pelargonium Society Show** will be held in Fowey College from 1.30pm to 4.30pm.

The judge is Ric Rielly, who is a member of the British Fuchsia Society Committee, and a spies expert.

It is a fantastic display well worth making the effort of coming to have a look, with over 200 exhibits.

The reaction of the judge last year was, "Wow! Better than some of the national shows."

There is ample free parking and easy access.

Last year I was lucky and won 8 Firsts, 3 Seconds and 5 Thirds. I do not expect to be as successful this year, but fingers crossed! Hope to see you there.

Anita Fuge (Show Secretary)

UNCLE JOHN'S GARDEN PATCH

Gardening Tips for June & July

Here we are, with almost half of the year gone already and still we have a succession of cold winds keeping the temperature down. Hopefully it should start to warm up a bit, now all chance of frost has passed! One thing about the easterly winds is that the turned soil has been easy to work without a lot of loustering, to get a good tilth.

This is the time of year for salads, easily grown and quick to mature. Sow the seeds in small amounts, and frequently, and that way you don't end up with either famine or plenty. It does make a change to use some of the herbs as well as the basic lettuce, cucumber and radish. Some of the best salad herbs are chervil, rocket, fennel, dill and borage, and don't forget nasturtium leaves, flowers and later on the seeds.

June month is when all the seeds sown in the greenhouse are able to be transplanted outside and really get going. But there is still plenty of time to sow more seeds for later cropping. The likes of runner bean; french bean; early varieties of peas and carrots; Chinese cabbage and swede can all be sown before the end of the month.

Late June and early July is the time for apple and plum trees to shed a large quantity of fruit, known as the June or July drop. This is quite normal and it is the trees natural method of preventing damage to over-laden limbs. If you require large fruit of high quality then a further session of hand pruning could be necessary. It's really vexing to have clinker crop ruined by the branches of the trees being scatted abroad for the sake of thinning out some of the fruits.

People do get a bit teasy if they get wants (moles) in their gardens. Alright, I know they can be a nuisance, but their heavings can easily be removed if they are on ground that is mowed regularly, and once their runs are dug then they usually aren't very active. The most commonly quoted method of getting rid of the wants is to introduce something that makes a lot of noise. If you drive up the A30 you can see heavings all along the side of the road, right up to the tarmac. It doesn't seem to worry them there with all that heavy transport thundering past their homes! One other method is to put some strong smelling substance down the run, as wants have very sensitive noses. This could include such things as moth-balls or some watered down Jeyes Fluid. Trapping is an option but most times you can learn to live with them.

John Kift.



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Auntie Paddy's Recipe Corner

On May 13th we had our St Sampson Celebration Supper 'get-together' in the Village Hall. A selection of stalwarts were persuaded to donate a dish to add to the table, and they all turned up trumps. Here is one of the finger food items.

CHOUX BUNS WITH CREAM CHEESE & SMOKED SALMON

For the choux pastry

50g (2oz) Butter or Margarine
150ml (1/4 pint) Water
65g (2 1/2oz) Plain Flour (sifted)
2 Eggs (beaten)

1. Melt the fat in a small pan and add the water. Bring to the boil and add the flour all at once.
2. Beat until the mixture leaves the side of the pan.
3. Cool, then add the eggs a little at a time, beating vigorously.
4. Either put the mixture in a piping bag and pipe out the buns about the size of a walnut, or, using two teaspoons, put a similar amount on a baking tray. Remember to place them fairly well apart.
5. Bake in the oven at 200° C (400° F) or Mark 6 for 20 mins, or until brown. Do not open the oven for the first 20 mins, or they will collapse. Cool.

For the filling

50g (2oz) Smoked Salmon (offcuts are as good as the more expensive packets)
50g (2oz) Cream Cheese
One dessertspoon mayonnaise

1. Put the salmon into a blender and make it into a smooth paste, or chop finely.
2. Add to the cream cheese & the mayonnaise, checking the seasoning.
3. Split the buns and put a teaspoon of the mixture in each.

These make a nice change to go with a pre meal drink, hopefully outside. We deserve a better summer this year!
Paddy Shelley

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CALENDAR OF VILLAGE EVENTS

JUNE

Sunday 6 th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Sampson's
Wednesday 9 th	9.50-10.10am	Mobile Library	End of Green
Wednesday 9 th	11.00am	Fowey Bus trip to Fowey <i>Booking essential- Janet Gore 832425</i>	Outside pub
Thursday 10 th	NB: <u>No</u> Thursday Kitchen (<u>cancelled</u> due to the <i>Royal Cornwall Show</i>)		
Sunday 13 th	9.30am	Holy Communion (Sung)	St Sampson's
Thursday 17 th	12.45-2.30pm	Thursday Kitchen	Village Hall
Sunday 20 th	6.00pm	Evensong	St Sampson's
Wednesday 23 rd	9.50-10.10am	Mobile Library	End of Green
Wednesday 23 rd	11.00am	Fowey Bus trip to Fowey <i>Booking essential- Janet Gore 832425</i>	Outside pub
Wednesday 23 rd	7.15pm	Parish Council Meeting <i>(The public are invited to take part until 7.30pm)</i>	Village Hall
Thursday 24 th	12.45-2.30pm	Thursday Kitchen	Village Hall
Sunday 27 th	9.30am	Holy Communion (Sung)	St Sampson's

JULY

Sunday 4 th	9.30am	Holy Communion <i>(Sea Sunday)</i>	St Sampson's
Wednesday 7 th	9.50-10.10am	Mobile Library	End of Green
Wednesday 7 th	11.00am	Fowey Bus trip to Fowey <i>Booking essential- Janet Gore 832425</i>	Outside pub
Thursday 8 th	12.45-2.30pm	Thursday Kitchen	Village Hall
Sunday 11 th	9.30am	Holy Communion (Sung)	St Sampson's
Thursday 15 th	12.45-2.30pm	Thursday Kitchen	Village Hall
Saturday 17 th	7.30pm	A Summer Dinner with Music <i>Booking essential- Tickets from Maurie and Gail Tel: 833475</i>	Fisherman's Arms
Sunday 18 th	6.00pm	Evensong	St Sampson's
Wednesday 21 st	9.50-10.10am	Mobile Library	End of Green
Wednesday 21 st	11.00am	Fowey Bus trip to Fowey <i>Booking essential- Janet Gore 832425</i>	Outside pub
Thursday 22 nd	12.45-2.30pm	Thursday Kitchen	Village Hall
Friday 23 rd	Copy Date	(Golant Pill)	golantpill@yahoo.co.uk
Sunday 25 th	9.30am	Holy Communion (Sung) <i>(St Sampson)</i>	St Sampson's
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

FUTURE EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 7 th August	Carnival Day
Sunday 8 th August	Raft Race & 'Madness in the Pill' (times in the next issue)
Saturday 14 th August	Flower and Produce Show

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