



Golant agas dynergh!



David & Debbie at the quay, the spot which inspired this wonderfully vibrant painting of our riverside village.

'Golant agas dynergh'– Cornish for 'Golant welcomes you'

Thanks to the talents of one of our local artists, David Parry, locals and visitors to Golant are to be welcomed to our very special village by a beautiful, eye-catching and colourful sign revealing a wonderful view of the river.

The sign was commissioned and paid for by St Sampson Parish Council. Local artists were asked if they were interested in painting the sign, and David was the first to respond, giving his services free of charge. The positioning of it will be decided at the next council meeting.

Parish Councillor Debbie Pugh-Jones, whose idea it was to provide a more welcoming sign at the village entrance, said: "We are so grateful to David for doing this, and are privileged to have his fantastic skills displayed at the entrance to the village. David worked in partnership with the sign-maker to produce a truly unique sign which reflects Golant in its true glory".

David writes: "I was delighted to be asked to do it, and wanted to capture the feeling of space and openness that one gets after driving down beautiful but enclosed Water Lane and arriving by the estuary. Also, the subject is dear to my heart, as I have been up and down the River Fowey in all sorts of craft for over 40 years".

FROM THE EDITOR

We thought that the paintings of Golant featured exclusively on the front page of the last issue would lead to lots of interest. How right we were! It was a timely article because in the same issue Penny Parsons announced that, following the success of their in-depth investigation of *Apples in Golant*, the *Heritage Group* would be starting a detailed study of the River in the life of Golant. Moves are afoot for Dendy Easton to show and talk about the paintings, possibly at an open meeting described by Penny on page 4; watch out for further information from her.

Information about the railway always interests many people and the fact that Dendy's paintings feature parts of the village just before the railway was built became a talking point. The change in Golant in those early Victorian days was really dramatic along the whole waterfront and must have created tensions in numerous places. The ownership of the Downs, some of which was removed to make way for the railway, was strongly contested. Hence, the two pieces in the adjacent column.

On page 6 is a most interesting email from Stuart Young about his reaction to the paintings. I had not realised that traces of several quays can still be spotted in the Pill, for example. Stuart also highlights John Fenwick's excellent & scholarly book about our village. It is a shame that it is now out of print. If you haven't read it, try to borrow a copy.

One of the familiar faces around the village is David Parry who spends as much time here in the village and on the water as he can. He has been a very generous supporter of Boatwatch each year and quite a number of members are proud owners of paintings which he has donated to be raffled. His generosity is acknowledged in our front page coverage. What a lovely notice-board he has painted! We are really looking forward to seeing it in place. David is, of course, internationally acclaimed as a wildlife artist. His fame centres upon various African countries, Oman, where he regularly paints for the Sultan, & his beloved Cornwall! Animals, particularly dogs, are often the centre of interest in his paintings. His work is displayed in National Trust outlets & various galleries in London. How fortunate we are to enjoy & revel in the benefits of his rich talents!

Mike Harris

BACKALONG

An extract from *The West Briton*

22 October 1868

GOLANT DOWNS

“The patch of moor known as Golant Downs gave the [railway] company a good deal of trouble. It is claimed by the “inhabitants” or “the poor” of Golant, who exercise grazing rights over it, and once a year upon an appointed day cut the fern for firing, each party carrying away their share upon their backs, as neither animals nor carts are allowed to be used for that purpose. Hitherto the land has never been broken up, but proposals to that effect have recently been made. We believe that Mr Rashleigh claims to be the owner of the fee. In consequence of so many rights being exercised over this piece of ground the company had to serve notices upon everybody whose claims could be ascertained.

[The five miles of railway from Lostwithiel to Carne Point, Fowey, were commenced as early as May 1863, but the contractors subsequently encountered - and surmounted - numerous difficulties, of which the above was one.]”

An extract from John Jenkin's book-

*A School with a View –
A Short History of St Sampson's School, Golant*

“An interesting example of closures forced by local custom is given by the following [entry] in 1878:

21 October 1878

Being the day appointed by parents to carry ferns a day's holiday was given.

The reference to carrying ferns is intriguing. Obviously it was something of great importance to the village, but why? No satisfactory explanation has been found, but since Golant was full of orchards and cider-making was a local industry, it is possible that ferns (or bracken) were used in that process, possibly to provide a soft bed for the storage of the apple crop.”

Keslowena

Congratulations (*Keslowena*) to our Cornish bard, John Jenkin, who has won an award for a dialect story and another for *Ranyeth Lulyn– Newlyn Dialect in the 1930s*. The presentation of the unique medals took place at the recent meeting of the Gorsedd and are a lasting reminder of a seafaring misfortune in the past:

In 1863 a ship called *SS Liverpool* was carrying Cornish tin ingots smelted at Chyandour near Penzance when it sank off Angelsea. Most of the ingots were recovered from the wreck 138 years later and have been used by the jewellery firm, *St Justin*, based at Long Rock, close to St Michael's Mount, to produce a special range of jewellery, including the medals, using only the tin from the wreck.

Golant Really Amateur Dramatic Society

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Auditions: Wednesday 18th October

Rehearsals: Wednesday evenings with some Sundays

Performance dates: Friday 9th & Saturday 10th February 2018

All we need is YOU!

Come along to the meeting to see how you can be involved

Or contact Martin Whell (833068) or Penny Parsons (832727)

Fowey Canoe Club Race

Our annual race will be on Sunday 29th October. Our team will marshal the influx of traffic, boats will be dropped off on the Green and cars will then park in Andrew van den Broek's field at Torfrey.

Once again, Fowey shone at the National Canoe Sprint Championships in Nottingham recently, with Benji Carbrera in the U14 class winning 4 Silver medals, and Bronte Holden (*third from right in the photo*) winning a Gold, Silver and 2 Bronzes in the U18 class. Both athletes still have one more year to compete in their age groups.

Andrew Holden



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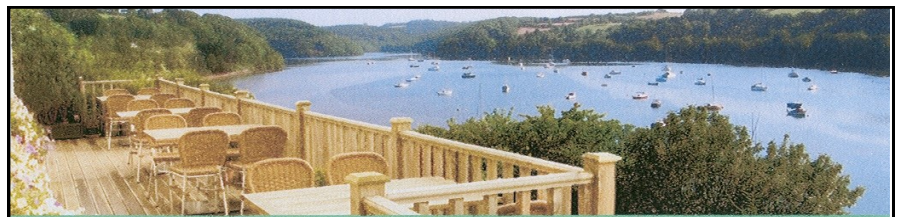
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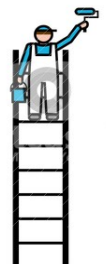
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Right . . . are you ready? We're about to embark on our next big Heritage project ***Golant and the River*** and we are hoping that the whole community will get on board, as for the Cider Heritage Project two years ago. And what a timely inspiration in the form of the two pre-railway paintings of Golant featured on the front page of the last Pill. It immediately begs questions like how and why did Golant develop as a riverside settlement, did it have any links with trading vessels going up to Lostwithiel, once a major port, or the smuggling for which Lerryn is renowned? How has its relationship with the river changed over the centuries?

Other lines of enquiry include:

Landing places and waterside buildings along our stretch of the river between Bodmin Pill (Sawmills) and Woodgate Pill; river crossings, regattas and river-based events; boat building and restoration, including those by John (Ike) Fuge; pleasure/fishing boat trips; fishing and bait digging; recreational activities such as rowing, canoeing, sailing, swimming; any other river related stories or facts about Golant.

We are looking for interested people who would like to help research any of the above and also for anecdotes, photographs and background information. **If you have anything you would like to contribute or to share with us please could you let us know ASAP, preferably before the end of November, to help us with our planning?**

Golant and the River - creative ideas for community involvement

We already have a number of related creative ideas: an embroidered quilted wall hanging (*Sue Strachan 833259*), a large outdoor wooden/marquetry picture (*Liz Anderson 832370*), a driftwood sculpture (*Karen Wells-West 832104*), painted murals on gable end walls (*Penny Parsons 832727*). If you'd like to know a bit more about these ideas, or have some knowledge or expertise to offer in any of these areas, please do contact us. *These are only initial ideas – you may have other suggestions.*

The aim is to work towards an **Exhibition to be staged in October 2018**, and to coincide with the launch of the Troy Boatbuilding film described in the last issue. We will be holding an open meeting to launch this project, to share ideas and to formulate an action plan – date yet to be arranged.

Meanwhile we have a fascinating talk lined up for you. **Ivor Bowditch** will talk to us about ***China Clay and its Importance to the World*** and he will of course make reference to the clay trains which rumble and clank past our 'doorstep' every day. **Friday, November 10th, 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

*This little poem was sent in to us by Pam Young in April 2007, in our early **Golant Pill** days, and has just resurfaced whilst I was sorting old paperwork! As we never used it, here it is now, to amuse and entertain other proof readers!!*

GMH

SPELL IN CHEQUER

I have a spell in chequer,
It came with my pea sea.
It plainly marques for my revue,
Miss steaks eye kin knot sea.
As soon as a mist ache is maid,
It nose bee four two long,
And eye can put the error rite,
It's rare lea ever wrong.
Eye strike a quay and type a word,
And weight four it two say
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The Flower & Produce Show was once again a great success, raising £348.06 which was kindly donated to Village Hall funds; well done to the organisers.

Another big 'Thank You' to GRADS for the wonderful donation of £750 to our funds.

The Pop-up film scheduled for the Green had to be moved due to a waterlogged pitch, and the Austrian hills came alive in the Village Hall, picnics and all! I hadn't realised how long a film *The Sound of Music* is, but the audience's vocals were at full pitch, singing along with Julie Andrews.

C-Film night continued on 29th September with *Eddie the Eagle*—another great feel good Friday night.

Our next Village Hall event is *The Coastguards Daughter* on Sunday 29th October at 7.00pm. This is a live *Canvas Theatre* performance with our own accompanying village choir singing Cornish songs. Tickets are £10 per adult, £8 per child, £28 per family, and are limited. Contact Penny Parsons (832727) or the CRBO box office (01726 879500).

Paul Meredith, Chairman

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Emails to the Editor

Thanks for the latest copy of *The Golant Pill*. Dendy's two pictures are of interest; I particularly like the trees. Elms, I think? There are still elms growing along the 'beach' at the north end of the Pill – one or two were recently cut down. Elms bordering the Downs can be seen on some of the old postcards, and you can find saplings along Gumms Lane and on the land at the top of Downs Hill.

John Fenwick's book describes the quays that were in existence when Treffry was planning his development by *Waters Edge* on Mitchell's Tenement, in 1828, so maybe that is the quay in the picture.

The Fowey Estuary Historic Audit, published in 2000, also shows a quay, labelled Tanhay Quay, further north in the Pill at the bottom of which is now Ian & Sarah Laugh-ton's field/garden, and certainly there are still the remains of some kind of structure there.

The Tithe Redemption map of 1840 shows some kind of parcel of land on the river side of *Waters Edge*, with a definite fork in the lane showing that there was some kind of right of way to the land side of *Waters Edge*, which has now been built on and the path 'closed'. I wonder if there was a slightly higher level track running along the bottom of the slope starting at *Riverview Bungalow* and across the *Cornerways* and *Sunnyside (that was)* plots, along the bottom of *Riverside's* and *Rose Cottage's* land to that Tanhay Quay?

The second of Dendy's pictures seems to show the cart at a higher level than the beach? I only recently discovered that there was once a Tannery at *Tanbay*. The clue is in the name, I suppose!

The 'track' from the Green along the beach was improved in the 60s, I think at Micky Morgan's suggestion, by dumping the spill from the excavations of *Cosel*. This would have improved Micky's access to his shed, now owned by James Fuge. Micky also told me that the tides were not as high as they used to be, and his shed was built up on stilts. I imagine that since the railway embankment was built, the Pill has silted up with the streams flowing into it, and the lack of any tide wash along the shore. Pure conjecture...

Stuart Young

FILL-IN FUNNIES (1)

Extracts from Church Bulletins

- The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind. They can be seen in the hall on Friday afternoon.
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Golant Flower and Produce Show



Another successful Flower and Produce Show, the ninth, was held in the Village Hall on Saturday 12th August. Although somewhat earlier than in some previous years, the quality and quantity of entries was well up to the usual standard, and the judges for all classes had a very hard job to choose the winners.

The most popular class was for a Hydrangea Flower, which produced an amazing variety of size, type and colour. Other well represented classes were Runner Beans and a vase of Mixed Flowers.



The cookery classes attracted a good number of entries, with Lemon Drizzle Cake being the most popular, but there were also numerous other entries in the cookery as well as Home-made Jams and Lemon Curd.

The Children's classes were quite well supported (better than last year), with several pieces of good quality Art, Photos and Beachcombing Treasures on a Plate.

Handicraft, as always, had some very good entries which must have taken an enormous amount of work. Especially noteworthy was a beautiful metal ornamental hanging made by Sharon Waller which won the Best in Craft.

Overall winner, the Best in Show, was a lovely quilt of yachts made by Sue Strachan.



John Kift won the trophy for the most points gained in all classes and Christine Kift won Best in Flowers and Vegetables for her gorgeously colourful bouquet of yellow and orange flowers. Gill Paull won the Best in Cookery for her Lemon Curd, and the Best Children's Exhibit was won by Freya Justice of *River House*.



Janet Longman, Clare and Isla Barton provided fantastic refreshments with many cakes donated by parishioners, for which grateful thanks. After the presentation of trophies by hard-working Committee Chairperson Janet Gore, the vegetables, fruit, flowers and cookery exhibits were auctioned off and made £155.



The raffle brought in £165 with some very good prizes, kindly donated by *Duchy Nursery, Wyevale Garden Centre, Walter Bailey* and several parishioners.

The financial outcome was a profit of £348 which goes to the Village Hall, adding to the £2,325 already handed over from previous shows.

The Committee would like to thank the judges, the exhibitors, the donors of refreshments and raffle prizes, as well as the large number of Golant residents and visitors who came and supported the Show.

Alastair Barr

All photos by Robin Anderson

Pill Paparazzi in this issue

RA	Robin Anderson
KW-W	Karen Wells-West

Madness in the Pill & the Golant Raft Race Rain – What Rain?

Just like Carnival Day, it rained. The weather was so bad in the morning that discussions were held that perhaps Madness should not go ahead, but the principle was used that the participants were going to get wet whatever, so let's do it.

In fact it wasn't that bad, because apart from a very heavy shower as the first event started, the rest of the afternoon was relatively dry. Unfortunately, what it did mean was that not so many spectators turned out to see the stupidity that goes on. Nick Budd had tried his best to protect as many spectators as possible by erecting umbrellas and awnings, and this was much appreciated.

We had three of the usual events- viz. the relay race, tug of war & blind kayaking, together with a new event which was a kayak relay, whereby a team member was deposited on a pontoon in the middle of The Pill. The paddler then had to return to shore, collect a second crew member, then go back to the pontoon and collect the first member, with all three returning to shore. This provided much hilarity and some wet people.



In all, six teams took part in these events. Competition was strong; so much so that two teams were equal at the end and a tie break event was held. This was won by the *Golant Gaffa* team crewed by Ruth, Peter, Dylan, Gabriel and Zebedee, with runners up being *The Remaining Few* with crew members Amelia, Tom, Dan, Matt and Daisy.

In the main raft race, the fortunes were reversed, with *The Remaining Few* winning and *Golant Gaffa* coming second and *Hawaii 6-0* - a combination of the van den Broeks and the Justices- a close third.

However, it was found necessary to disqualify *The Avengers* raft because it was basically two kayaks lashed together with a pallet. I won't name the two crew members – they know who they are!

Once again we had a junior crew in the race, who were *The Rafty McRaft Face* team, who therefore received the certificate for their efforts.



This year we gave an award, well a good mention, for the best dressed team and this was won by *Hawaii 6-0*.



Next year, we will issue certificates for the best dressed team and also for the best/most innovative raft.

Congratulations to all who took part and brought a smile to everyone's faces on a miserable wet day.



Overall, a great day, and thanks to Peter Edwards, Steve Phillis and Greg White for their work standing in the Pill and organising the teams. Also thanks to Karen for acting as safety boat during the day. Thanks as well to Nick, Chris and Anne, who as well as working like Trojans behind the bar, ran a very successful, and tasty, barbecue.

Maurie Parsons

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Castle Dore Rowing Club

Castle Dore Rowing Club have had the most successful regatta season in their 36 year history. They have won 4 out of the 8 *West of England Ladies Championships*. These are awarded for the Clubs with the highest number of wins in the 10 Regattas held within the West of England.

Castle Dore wins were in the Ladies Under 14 Quad Fours, Under 16 Quad Fours, Ladies Senior 'B' Coxed Fours & the Ladies Masters (Veterans) Coxed Fours. For a Club the size of Castle Dore, this is a really amazing feat, since competition comes from Clubs such as Exeter, Plymouth, Totnes & Bideford, which are all twice the size.

Success was not only in the West of England; the Under 14 Girls, which includes our own Maddy-Rose Hunter, won their event at the prestigious *South Coast Championships*, held recently at Eton Dorney Lake (the 2012 Olympic rowing venue). They beat crews from clubs all along the South Coast from Cornwall to Kent, not just by a marginal distance, but were over two boat lengths ahead of the second crew.

Additionally, our Club Captain, Elaine Buck, and Hugo Hercod recently took part in the *Boston Marathon*, a grueling 31 mile race from Lincoln to Boston. They completed the race in 4 hours 10 minutes, and won their Mixed Veterans category.

The Club 'End of Season' Dinner will take place on Saturday 4th November at Trenderway Farm, near Pelynt. Tickets are £25. This promises to be a memorable occasion. Ed Coode, Gold Medallist at the Athens Olympics, is the guest speaker. Anyone welcome, but is on a first come, first served basis. Tickets from Alastair Barr.

Alastair Barr

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FOWEY HARBOUR NEWS

Great British Beach Clean

In late September, we again took part in the annual Great British Beach Clean survey organised by the *Marine Conservation Society*. This is a national survey of beach litter, the results of which show likely sources of litter. From this, campaigns can be developed to try to prevent litter from being dropped by beach visitors, flushed down the loo or lost overboard from ships and ending up on our beaches.

Readymoney Cove and *Whitehouse Beach* were surveyed. As in previous years, only a very small amount of litter was collected. This is a testament to the efforts of the team of volunteers who clean these beaches on a daily basis throughout the summer. Thank you to everyone involved in this regular cleaning, and especially to Sue and Roger Simpson who coordinate the volunteers.

We are also grateful to them and their team for cleaning the paddling pool at *Whitehouse*; this is a labour-intensive task and it is fantastic that people in our community are willing to do this for the benefit of locals and visitors during the summer season.

Fowey Harbour Commissioners continue to be 'Beach Champion' for the Bathing Water at *Readymoney*. During the bathing season (May to September) we monitor, on a daily basis, the predicted bathing water quality for the beach, and display appropriate signage when bathing water quality may be affected by heavy rainfall or localised pollution incidents. The summer of 2017 has been particularly wet, meaning we have attended more than in previous years- 27 times to date (mid-September) compared to 13 times in 2016! We are unsure yet how this wet summer will impact on the overall grading of water quality at *Readymoney*.

Our Harbour thrives through the efforts of our community, who through the giving of their time and effort or generous donations, help to keep Fowey Harbour so special – Thank you!

Claire Hoddinott
Environment Officer
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A busy Summer?

For many village clubs and societies, it has long been the custom to take some time off during August, for a well earned break and to enjoy the various attractions and distractions going on all around us.

And this year, being no exception, we enjoyed Fowey Regatta week (with a welcome return of the Red Arrows); Polruan Regatta; Golant Carnival; the village Flower and Produce Show; Fowey Harbour Open Day; The Golant Beer Festival; Madness in the Pill and Lifeboat Day, and probably yet more that I have forgotten.

But I have heard it said that after Fowey Regatta, the summer is over!

Is the Summer over?

Well.....by the time you read this, we will have passed the Autumn Equinox, which means that (according to the meteorological society) September 1st was officially the first day of Autumn. However, if you look at the Astronomical calendar, then the Equinox (the time when night and day are roughly equal) was on 22nd September. But probably, (and more realistically) it will be the noticeable changes that occur in the plant and animal kingdom that genuinely herald the coming of Autumn. (And that's called Phenology, which of course many of the village 'quizzers' will know already!)

Charitable Donations

It has long been the practice within Boatwatch, that we deliberately and willingly contribute to those charities that are in some way associated with what we do.

And this year, we donated to *NCI Polruan*; *Air Ambulance* and the *RNLI*. Robin Anderson was good enough to meet up with the Lifeboat crew, on their special day, to hand over our contribution to their funds.



Golant Boatwatch AGM

A timely reminder for members of Golant Boatwatch, that our AGM this year will be held on Friday 17th November in the village hall. As normal, we have invited a guest speaker for the evening. And this year, I am pleased to report that we shall be receiving a representative from *Cornwall Air Ambulance*, one of our chosen charities. As in previous years, members will enjoy (completely free of charge) a pasty and glass of wine, a free raffle and the chance to enter a raffle for one of David Parry's paintings, which he has very kindly donated, as part of our fund raising activity.

For anyone not yet a member, you can find an application form on the village web site or on the Fowey Harbour web site or simply see one of the committee. We would be delighted to welcome you aboard.

David Jenkinson
Chairman Golant Boatwatch

Golant Quay Users Association

At our recent committee meeting, all the 2017/18 berth allocations were agreed, and these should be dispatched within the next two weeks, so if you haven't received your letter and boat stickers by the end of September, please let me know as mistakes are definitely possible.

Every year when we do the berth allocations it is very apparent that there are decent berths that are not fully utilised. This is very frustrating for those folk on the waiting list to move, who perhaps are not getting any younger and are becoming less agile and can see their boating time slipping away. So, if you have a good berth, particularly in the Bridge area, but realise that you are no longer using it, then please consider relinquishing it. If you contact me it is always possible that we can swap you to another more suitable berth.

The new seat has been installed on the quay, and I hope those of you who enjoy a peaceful rest on there are making good use of it.

Now we have extended the track and placed a seat at the end, it has made more of us aware of the completely different aspect you get of the village from the far end, and several people have asked if further improvements could be made to make it more accessible, include a clean-up and possibly some planting. The committee agreed to put a topping on the track to match the new topping on the Green car park and to tarmac the area at the road end of the Green, as these improvements will also benefit Quay User members.

Liz Anderson has agreed to do some research on planting and wildlife habitat schemes. Once we have a plan we will consult with village folk and work out how we fund this, as whilst the committee is very aware that we own a very important village asset, we must be conscious to spend our funds, in the main, on members' interests.

Peter Edwards, Chairman



We had a brilliant tour of *Fowey Aquarium*, where we were wowed by the crabs, lobsters and fish and amazed by the rockpool creatures. We saw a starfish ejecting its stomach to feed, and hermit crabs swapping their shell homes. Thanks to Matt Slater from *Cornwall Wildlife Trust* for sharing his knowledge, and James Coggan, the owner, for hosting us. If you missed it, make sure you visit *Fowey Aquarium*- it's a must.

Our next trip is to *Haye Farm*, St Veep, on a date in October to watch cider being made. We will broadcast the date nearer the time when our hosts Alex and Nigel Vincent can confirm which will be the best day for a visit.

We have another Rockpool Ramble at *Readymoney Cove* on Sunday 22nd October, between 1.00pm and 3.00pm. A great adventure if you have your grandchildren with you, and our volunteer experts will be on hand to help guide you through your discoveries.

This is followed by a talk on 'Bird of Prey Conservation' by Campbell Murn from the *Hawk Conservancy Trust* on Tuesday 24th October at 7.30pm at the *Mission for Seafarers*, off Caffa Mill car park in Fowey.

Then the following month we have Mike Kent talking on 'Cornwall from the Coast Path' at *Trenyhton Manor* at 7.30pm on Wednesday 15th November.

Not a member yet? You can join by visiting our web site <http://www.friendsofthefowey.org.uk> or follow us on Facebook.

Peter Edwards

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

It's been quite difficult this year to distinguish the months – weatherwise, they all seem to be much the same – rain, winds and occasional sun! The river was still busy despite the conditions, and all of a sudden September arrives and everything goes quiet – except that the wildlife pays no attention to Summer Holidays, and we have been able to see all sorts....

We spotted what we thought was a different seal, hauled out on a mudbank. It seemed to be smaller, fatter and was bright coppery brown. We kept an eye on it when possible, and two weeks later, it was completely grey. By checking the photographs we could tell that it was indeed Serena, our local seal. Thanks to Sue Sayer of the *Cornwall Seal Group* who explained that she hauled herself out in order to moult – they stay out of the water as much as possible – that's why she looked fatter than normal.



Café Kayak Cakes...

For anyone who may be missing our cakes during the Winter, Karen will be happy to supply a selection – given enough notice!

She will also be making Christmas cakes and puddings; early orders would be appreciated.

Give her an email – kwells-west@hotmail.co.uk, and she will send you a price list.

FACEBOOK!!!

Our team members Robin Anderson & Penny Parsons produce a Facebook page for *The Golant Pill*.

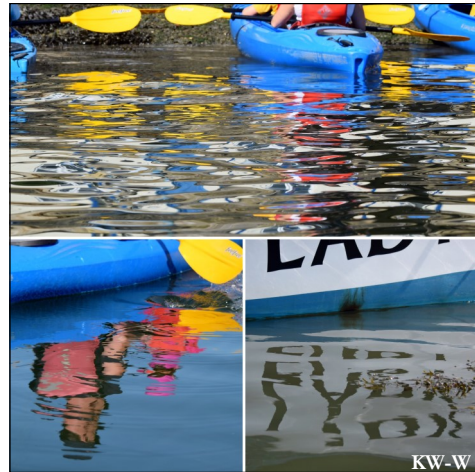
Do check it out. It is designed mainly to promote village activities, including those published within our Calendar of Events page.

The immediacy of Facebook is such that Robin & Penny are able to add reports of such events as soon as they have happened.

The Osprey has been spotted by Stuart upriver, though not by us yet, but we've seen practically everything else, including paddling over whitebait, and the mackerel chasing it. Some of the paddlers actually managed to pick them out of the water by hand, they were so numerous! Despite the Portugese Man of War being washed up recently, we have seen fewer jellyfish, possibly because the water hasn't been so warm.

Advance notice of the second of our Estuary Clean Ups which is on Sunday 15th October at 1pm, in case anyone would like to take part – please make sure we know you are coming! (ring 01726832104/07976466123)

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Golant Gleanings

Clive Gilbert RIP

Clive Gilbert died peacefully at the wheel of his boat whilst preparing for an epic solo trip to the Isles of Scilly. He had lived on his beloved boat, moored on the River Fowey, for a decade or more, and had only retired a couple of years ago from his work as an engineer in Falmouth. He enjoyed a regular drink at *The Fishermans Arms*, where he was known to all as 'Clive of the River'. He was cremated at Bodmin, where there was an overflowing congregation.

Robert Dunley

RWF 'Willy' Poole RIP

Willy Poole was a journalist and Master of Foxhounds, who spent his early years at *Torfrey House* and died in August aged 76. Willy was raised at *Torfrey* by his grandmother, Lady Poole. Following the war, his father returned from Changi Jail in Singapore, and he and his parents lived in one wing of the house until 1952, when Lady Poole died and *Torfrey* was sold.

When Willy Poole was a boy, *Hybadore*, which has now become a charming house, was still the *Torfrey Stables and Coach House*. Willy remembered fondly the gleaming harnesses, saddles and bridles cared for by the stud groom who taught him to ride on Blackie, a shaggy Bodmin Moor pony. A landau was kept there too, but Willy said that he only rode in it once, with a motorcycle between the shafts, on its way to a farm sale where it was sold for 25 shillings!

In 1994, after more than 40 years, Willy returned to Golant and was shown over the house by Pobo and Kevan Taylor. His immediate reaction on seeing *Torfrey* was how small it was, as in the 1950s more than half the house had been demolished, including the tower. The house was bought by Pobo's parents, Major and Mrs Roberts, in 1959 and stayed in their family until we purchased it in 1996.

Willy was sent to Eton and then to London to train as an accountant. He missed the curlews on the Fowey estuary and said he didn't want to live anywhere where the curlews do not come. His great enthusiasm was always for the countryside and riding to hounds, and in 1964 he was accepted as sole Master and amateur huntsman of the Dartmoor Foxhounds, paying himself £5 per week.

In 1967 he moved to Wilton, and in 1972 married Sue Clarke, his joint master of foxhounds at Taunton Vale. After stints as Master of Foxhounds in Yorkshire and Northumberland, Willy's weight had increased to 18 stone, so he gave up riding and hunted on a quad bike. He reckoned by that time he had spent more than 2,000 days in the saddle. He continued his writing career, contributing to, among others, *Horse & Hound* and *The Daily Telegraph*. In 2001 he was awarded an MBE for services to journalism and the countryside, and in 2004 moved to France, saying that he could not live in an England with no hunting. He spent the last two years of his life on the Isle of Wight, and is survived by his wife, their Pomeranian terrier Bella and their son Martin.

Valerie Russell

WELCOME

We would like to welcome John and Geri Pomeroy, and their twin Parson Russell Terriers, Digby and Daisy. They have moved to *Pen-Eglos* from Cookham, Berkshire. John and Geri also own *St. Cloud* next door, which they will continue to run as a holiday rental property.

Having moved from a village and previously owned a home in St. Breward, they are looking forward to meeting the local community and participating in local events.

Martyn & Fayre Hardy have also recently joined our village community, having moved into *The Sunday House*.

It is great that both families are to be full time Golantians, and we hope to chat with them at the Meet & Greet on December 17th in the Village Hall.

ST SAMPSON PARISH COUNCIL

August 2017 – September 2017

I trust that everyone has enjoyed Parish life over the holiday period, and may I take this opportunity to thank all the heroic individuals who put together the great Golant events which have entertained us so delightfully. We are very fortunate to have many talented and enterprising residents in this small Parish and our visitors seem to have had as much fun as the rest of us.

The Pill editorial team has collated the stories and images of a great summer for this issue, even if the weather was not quite what we had hoped for. Those of us who ended up swimming on *Madness* were just as wet before the rafts sank or the capsizes took place, such was the deluge!

Your councillors have added their weight and wits to some of the sporting, civic and cultural challenges of parish life but in addition have been on proper duty, holding two extra ordinary council meetings to discuss planning applications in August when we normally have a holiday. Full details of our deliberations on these important matters can be found via our website as noted below.

For this update on council business, I would like to return your thoughts to our work towards a **Neighbourhood Development Plan** (NDP). In the county, 18 proposed NDPs have been submitted, 11 Examinations have been held, 9 Referendums have taken place and 9 plans formally adopted. To summarise our progress in St Sampson Parish, we have built an evidence base but need to do something with it!

You may recall that we completed a comprehensive analysis of all your recorded views on planning issues and we have been inching towards drawing up some objectives and policies for our draft NDP.

Perhaps the most challenging policy area for all parishes is around **housing strategies** and no doubt many of you will be familiar with recent planning decisions where it has been found that an NDP does have real weight for planners and policy makers. A valid NDP cannot be ignored so I believe we should have one!

Our small steering group has produced an outline draft – more than 40 pages so far. I took a Housing extract from this and presented this for councillors to debate in July – we will return to the subject again in the council. Our research and the debate at the council has shown that there is a divergence of views on housing policy for the parish so our task is to try to find areas of agreement and form policies which match the evidence base and work towards valid objectives.

We are looking at two broad themes for our Housing strategy:-

- Firstly, a **Built Environment Profile** – this is where we describe our preferences for **sensitive building – size, scale, density, impact on neighbours, infrastructure, sky and sight lines** - all **must** be **appropriate** for our small parish on riverbank hillsides within an AONB.
- Secondly, **New Housing Affordability Guidelines** – this is where we seek to maintain a balanced and viable housing stock, providing some scope for managed and sustainable growth but providing safeguards against over-development which would fundamentally change the nature of the area.

May I invite parishioners to engage with councillors and keep us in tune with local opinion on Planning and Development issues. I will keep parishioners up to date and hopefully report progress as soon as possible.

If and when we arrive at a final draft NDP it has to be subjected to independent expert scrutiny for validity, and only then can it go forward to all electors in the Parish for a referendum under electoral law.

Minutes of meetings are on our Parish Council website www.stsampsonparishcouncil.org.uk

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

Robin Anderson, Chair

Next full meeting - Tuesday 17 October 2017 at 7.15 pm in Golant Village Hall. All are welcome.

FILL IN FUNNIES (2)

Malapropisms (Exam answers)

- Salome did the Dance of the Seven Veils in front of Harrods. (*Herod*)
- Having only one wife is called 'monotony'. (*Monogamy*)
- Pompeii was destroyed by a flood of red-hot saliva. (*Lava*)

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News from St Sampson's Church

Although August offers a well-earned break for choir and bell-ringers, some have still been hard at work in and around the church. Greg and Penny have cleared the ditch outside the north wall, repaired a broken stay (which was not just broken, but had disappeared completely!), cleaned out debris from the ringing chamber and improved the lighting there. Greg, in particular, has also spent many hours with the electrician modernising the interior church lighting, so that now there are modern LEDs which do not flicker, give a much brighter light and cost significantly less to run. David Jenkinson has also been hard at work ensuring that we now comply with the latest Health and Safety regulations.

It is pleasing to report that, as choir and bell-ringers reconvene, there are 20 choir members and organist, 8 bell-ringers and 16 handbell ringers meeting regularly each week. In all, 30 people from or just outside the village meet for one or more of these activities.

September has seen the baptism of Gill Bunker's grandson, at which the choir sang *When the Spirit of the Lord*, which was enthusiastically received, and the Sealey-Luck wedding. It is always heartening to see the church full – especially with young people.

Sunday 8th October is **Harvest Festival**, at 9.15am, and after the service there will be light refreshments provided. Gifts of foodstuffs are most welcome, but please ensure they are either tinned or dried, as they will be passed on to *St Petroc's*.

Sunday 5th November is the service at which we can give thanks for the lives of those whom we have loved but lost. It is an opportunity to remember parents, grandparents, members of the family and friends, and all are most welcome. The service, as usual, will be at 9.15am.

Parishioners who lost their lives in the Great War 1914-1918

John Bunney (*DCLI*)
Died at Kut Oct 8th 1916

Sidney Carne (*Devonshire Regiment, then
Oxfordshire & Bucks Light Infantry*)
Died of wounds June 25th 1917

Charles Geake (*Devonshire Regiment*)
Killed in action June 1917

Percy Trevenen Mills (*Royal West Kents*)
Killed in action Feb 6th 1915

Edwin John Rundle (*Training Reserves*)
Killed in action Sept 1918

John Snow (*Royal Naval Division*)
Killed in action Feb 6th 1917

Remembrance Sunday is on the **12th November**, and this begins at the War Memorial at **10.50am**. After the brief act of remembrance, we will move into the Church for a Communion Service taken by the Rev. James Funnell.

Sunday 3rd December is the **Advent Carol Service**, which provides the opportunity to sing some of the great Advent hymns, and on Sunday 17th December there will be **A Cornish Christmas**, which, as in previous years, will have readings of a strong Cornish flavour, plenty of congregational carols, and the handbell ringers.

On **Christmas Eve** there will, as always, be the **Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols**, which is the very best way to get into the Christmas spirit – before opening the Christmas spirit! **Christmas Day** will be a family communion, at 9.15am, with carols, choir, and big & little bells, I suspect. The Advent Carols, the Cornish Christmas and the Nine Lessons all begin at 6.30pm. Do come and join us.

On **New Year's Day**, at noon, there will be the opportunity to try ringing both the big bells and the handbells, as well as enjoying a New Year's drink. More details in the next issue.

Simon Funnell

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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email: vicar@foweyparishchurch.org

Churchwardens

Mrs Carol White (01726 833404)
Robert Dunley (01726 832807)

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22nd & 29th October	Carol & Valerie
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UNCLE JOHN'S GARDEN PATCH

What a wisht old summer 2017 turned out to be! 'Twas summat like my old school report, "shows great promise at times, but failed to produce a consistent favourable result." I mean, 'tisn't a lot to ask for, is it? Early on from the middle of April 'twas very dry and sunny for the best part of a month, with cold nights, and that was summer! The insects just baint been around for the pollination of the flowers and so cropping has been sad for a lot of things. The only things to have thrived this year be the slugs and snails; there's been scoads of those little blimmers about! Do you know, that as I was setting up my exhibits for the show and giving the cut flowers a last fluff-up, there was a small snail coming out from my dahlias!! Good job I saw him avore the judges did.

Talking of judges, what a good turn out there was at the Flower and Produce show back in August. It just showed that a great deal of effort was put in by them showing, them dear souls serving out the tea and cakes, and all they folks doing the organising to make it a very pleasant day.

If you'm thinking of planting up any fruit trees, then October be a good month to get them planted. Just remember to get healthy stock from a good source and give 'em plenty of room to get to their expected size. There's nort worse than when in a few years time you have a limb poking through your bedroom window as it stretches out its arms, and mother will tend to get as teasy as an adder over this, probably with no tea 'til 'tis fixed!

When the clocks have stepped back an hour 'twill make a brave change to the daylight hours, and we'm now got to think about getting indoors everything that is susceptible to Mr Jack Frost. That means taking abroad all the baskets and tubs, and potting up of the bedding plants that are wanted to be used next year. To save room, 'tis easier to take cuttings, and then the rest of the plants can go on the compost heap. 'Tis worth remembering that November 1st is All Hallows Day, when 'tis thought that whichever way the wind be blowing, 'twill be the prevailing wind for the winter.

In the veg garden, the likes of parsnip, swede and leeks can be left where they be, as the frost will improve their taste, but get the teddies out of the ground. Because not only will any frost rot them, but there is one particular little blimmer that will eat into them, and that is the keeled slug. Slug pellets baint no use aginst him because he lives underground, and he's partial to any vegetable and bulb he comes across. If they'm particularly bad, then once all the veg has been lifted, soak the ground with a solution of copper sulphate at the rate of 4ozs to 5 gallons applied at the rate of 1 gall./sq yd (old money). That should sort the little blimmers out!

If you'm wanting to take cuttings of currants and goosegogs, now is a good time. You be required to take hardwood cuttings about 9 inches long with a straight cut just below a bud. Take off the top, soft part of the cuttings with a sloping cut just below a bud. There be a very good reason for this, and this goes for all hardwood cuttings, because then you'm easily able to tell which is the end to stick in the ground.

Nort

Auntie Paddy's Recipe Corner

I don't apologise for including another apple recipe. There should be plenty of apples just harvested, and a few still on the trees. If you would like a change from apples, replace them with pears. Sandy Stevens gave me this recipe a few months ago, and I have kept it for this issue.

APPLE & ALMOND CAKE

150g/ 5oz very soft Butter
 175g/ 6oz Demerara Sugar
 75g/ 3oz Ground Almonds
 150g/ 5oz Self-Raising Flour
 One tsp Baking Powder
 2 Eggs
 350g/ 12oz to 450g/ 1lb Cooking Apples, peeled, cored & sliced

Topping
 25g/ 1oz Flaked Almonds
 25g/ 1oz Demerara Sugar & a little Icing Sugar to dust

1. Heat the oven to 170°C/400°F/Gas Mark 6.
2. Using a 9"/approx 22cm round, quite deep, loose-based or spring clip tin, butter well and line with baking paper.
3. Beat or blend all the ingredients apart from the apple, and spread half the mixture over the base of the tin.
4. Cover with the apples (which may need a little sugar sprinkled over them if sharp to the taste.)
5. Then add the remaining mixture over the apples and smooth. It does not matter if some of the apples show through.
6. Scatter the almonds and extra Demerara sugar over the top.
7. Bake for about 50 mins until well risen and a pale golden brown, but check after 40 mins, as if overcooked, the cake will be dry.
8. Cool in the tin for 15-20 mins then remove, dust with icing sugar and serve.

Notes:

It can be frozen and reheated very gently.
 At the mixing stage, you can add mixed spice or lemon or orange zest for extra flavour.

Paddy Shelley

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OCTOBER

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Wednesday 11 th	7.30pm	GRADS preliminary meeting for <i>Wizard of Oz</i>	Village Hall
Wednesday 11 th		Ladies Night	Fisherman's Arms
Sunday 15 th	6.00pm	Evensong	St Sampson's
Sunday 15 th	8.00pm	Folk Circle	Fisherman's Arms
Tuesday 17 th	8.00pm	Euchre	Fisherman's Arms
Sunday 22 nd	9.15am	Holy Communion (<i>Choir</i>)	St Sampson's
Tuesday 24 th	7.15pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
Tuesday 24 th	8.00pm	Quiz Night	Fisherman's Arms
Friday 27 th	7.30pm	C-Fylm Club	Village Hall
Sunday 29 th	9.15am	Holy Communion (<i>Book of Common Prayer</i>)	St Sampson's
Sunday 29 th	7.00pm	Canvas Theatre – <i>The Coastguard's Daughter</i> (see p.5 for details)	Village Hall
Sunday 29 th	8.00pm	Folk Circle	Fisherman's Arms
Tuesday 31 st	8.00pm	Euchre	Fisherman's Arms

NOVEMBER

Friday 3 rd	10am-11am	Book Shelf Bring and Browse	Village Hall
Sunday 5 th	9.15am	Service for the Bereaved (<i>Choir</i>)	St Sampson's
Tuesday 7 th	8.00pm	Quiz Night	Fisherman's Arms
Friday 10 th	7.30pm	GHG talk by Ivor Bowditch <i>China Clay and its Importance to the World</i>	Village Hall
Sunday 12 th	10.50am	Remembrance Sunday (<i>Choir</i>) (<i>War Memorial followed by Holy Communion</i>)	St Sampson's
Sunday 12 th	8.00pm	Folk Circle	Fisherman's Arms
Tuesday 14 th	8.00pm	Euchre	Fisherman's Arms
Friday 17 th	7.30pm	Boatwatch AGM	Village Hall
Sunday 19 th	6.00pm	Evensong	St Sampson's
Tuesday 21 st	8.00pm	Quiz Night	Fisherman's Arms
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Tuesday 28 th	7.15pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
Tuesday 28 th	8.00pm	Euchre	Fisherman's Arms

DECEMBER

Friday 1 st	10am-11am	Book Shelf Bring and Browse	Village Hall
Sunday 3 rd	6.30pm	Advent Carol Service	St Sampson's
Tuesday 5 th	8.00pm	Quiz Night	Fisherman's Arms
Sunday 10 th	9.15am	Holy Communion	St Sampson's
Sunday 17 th	11.30am	Meet 'n' Greet	Village Hall
Sunday 17 th	6.30pm	A Cornish Christmas (<i>Congregational Carols, readings and handbells</i>)	St Sampson's
Sunday 24 th	6.30pm	Nine Lessons and Carols	St Sampson's
Sunday 25 th	9.15am	Family Communion (<i>Choir</i>)	St Sampson's
Sunday 31 st	9.15am	Holy Communion (<i>Book of Common Prayer</i>)	St Sampson's

If you have any item you wish to be entered into this Calendar of Village Events, please contact **Penny Parsons**, the Parish Diary Member of our team, (tel: 832727) by the Copy Date shown on this page of the newsletter, and we will try to include it.