

The Golant Pill

taken every two months...

POLICE LIFT GLOOM



PC Phil Dingle giving advice to Janet Longman about the security of her Dory

The month of August 2008 will go down as the worst for marine crime in Golant since the formation of Boatwatch (GBOA) some fifteen years ago. The appalling weather prevented many owners from checking their boats so there was some delay in the discovery of some thefts.

One of the first to suffer was Janet Longman, Treasurer of the Boatwatch. She had filled the integral fuel tank on her Dory one morning but an hour later it had gone. Four more tanks disappeared in similar fashion over the next few days. Some of the emptied tanks were found in undergrowth along the waterside. Also, fuel was siphoned from several outboards and tanks. Four outboard engines were reported missing though, subsequently, two were found to be in safe storage. A pair of oars and a special bracket for an outboard were stolen. Not a single missing item had any identification marks; serial numbers were not known.

PC Phil Dingle is the new Beat Officer for the area. He is a keen sailor and has a mooring at Golant. He was on holiday when most of the thefts occurred but wasted no time on his return. Within five days he had tracked down the whereabouts of the two outboard engines and returned them to their owners. One of them, Ron Hughes, was particularly delighted. "That engine was brand new. It'd only run for an hour and then someone nicked the thing. I never thought I'd see it again so I'd

gone and bought another one!" he said. "I reckon that the police have done a wonderful job. As far as I'm concerned, they're 'right on!'" Alan Cooper, who lost the other outboard, was just as pleased and has vowed to join Boatwatch now that he has seen how GBOA & the Police work together.

PC Dingle and fellow officers have been frustrated by the lack of marking on equipment. "We have questioned certain characters found with stolen items but have not managed to match serial numbers or find any type of identification marks. We have properties in our possession but can't locate their owners because they have not reported the theft. We are still making enquiries to relocate outstanding property."

The Golant Boat Owners Association (Boatwatch), Harbour Office & Police have always worked closely together and even closer co-operation is planned. Already quicker, more efficient ways of exchanging information are in place. More watches during daylight will be undertaken. An engraving machine is to be bought for the use of members of GBOA.

Meanwhile, all boat owners are strongly urged to mark all equipment with UV pens, special labels or engravers; even permanent ink pens are better than nothing. Serial numbers of engines, radios, fishfinders should be noted and kept in a safe place. If any item does go missing, it is *essential* that it is reported to the police. MGH

From the Editor

My wish in the last issue for the sun to continue to shine definitely did not come true! What a dreadful season it has been. It wasn't only the weather which caused upset for we have been plagued by a month or so of thefts from boats. One of my other roles is Chairman of GBOA (Boatwatch). Over the years the police have offered our members the use of an engraver and issued special labels and UV pens. I have taken advantage of their help to mark equipment at home and in the boat. Though we have centred on boat crime in this issue, perhaps all home owners should be checking whether valuable information could be given to the police if, heaven forbid, they experience a theft.

I know that a few readers have been taking photographs for possible inclusion in a calendar and I am grateful for those which have been sent to me already - notably some atmospheric, wintry ones from Ted South Junior. These are stored for future use. The intention now is to aim for a calendar for 2010 but this will depend very much on costings.

We've started a new page called *Backalong* (see page 14) which is that expressive Cornish dialect word meaning 'in former times'. It has always been my intention to hear from those whose memories stretch back many years. I hope to be running interviews with such folk. I am interested in any anecdotes about Golant. Some may be short, pithy stories only four lines long but, frankly, we need such 'fillers' sometimes and they can be just as entertaining as a long article. If you're shy about writing the yarn down, collar one of the Production Team and tell all! In similar vein, I always welcome any item of news for inclusion in *Golant Gleanings*.

Like last year, this issue is one page bigger to cover the Carnival. It pushes our costs well above our average but it is our main event, after all. How I admired the committee who decided to go ahead on that bleak day and, also, all the youngsters and grownups who turned up to prove what a mad village we live in!

Mike Harris

The happy couple-
Andrea & Colan Currin
at their wedding reception
at Lostwithiel Golf Club.

See the *Golant Gleanings*
on page 11 for more details.



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Golant Sports & Carnival

Will it be sunny for our **Sports & Carnival** ever again?! Our local newspaper stated that this year 'we enjoyed our biggest wet village carnival yet'. Who could disagree?

We decided to put our new marquee up on Friday afternoon a) because we didn't know how long it would take and b) because our ever-helpful Landlord, who knows a thing or two about odd constructions, volunteered to help. Fortunately, we had a dry spell on Friday and it all went well. Unfortunately, Saturday was not so good. Now, whether (no pun intended) it is our experience in running this event in wet conditions or plain stupidity, we are not prepared to admit. Although we can guess which you would probably choose.

One thing for sure was the fact that with the new and much larger marquee we would be able to sell teas and the wonderful cakes made by the village ladies. So if nothing else we could enjoy a soggy afternoon with a cream tea, and we decided that if any children did turn up we could hold races accordingly, if they insisted. Little did we expect to hold all the races and the tug of war, but then one should never be amazed at what happens in Golant.

The soggy stewards debating whether the sports should go ahead!



BC-T

Many thanks to Simon our MC for donning his wet gear, and equipped with a new radio mike, he proceeded to organise the races.

In the Junior Girls, Maddy-Rose Hunter won 1st with Millie Van Den Broek taking 2nd (they start the competitive spirit young in that household). Edward Fitzgerald won Junior Boys, with Thomas Steer 2nd and William Richards 3rd.

Megan Elworthy took the Senior Girls Cup with 18 points and Melissa Wetherall came 2nd. Jack Elworthy won the Boys Senior Cup with younger brother Hugh equal 2nd with William Fitzgerald.

Jack & Megan Elworthy - a talented family!



BC-T

Lucian Campbell-Taylor won the Adult distance race round the village only just beating Becky Tabb whose shoes were not made for running! The Golant versus the Rest-of-the-World tug of war was won convincingly by Golant, not least because there were many more from Golant than the Rest-of-the-World.

Whilst all this high quality sports activity (and who will we see in 2012?) was going on, superb entertainment was held in the marquee with a new contest in the Splat the Rat competition. The incredible observation here was that whilst the demure, butter-wouldn't-melt-in-their-mouths young ladies of the village had no problem whatsoever in splatting the rat, our young alpha males didn't seem to be able to. Many thanks go to Chris and Dave for making the game, educating our children in rodent control, and raising money for the Village Hall.

Whilst we all took a short break before the **Carnival**, the heavens decided to attempt one last time to put us determined Golantians off, by producing the most incredible downpour.

Although there were many who quite understandably questioned their desire to dress up and then stand in the rain, amazingly they all did. It was just the most fantastic sight. The St Pinnock Band played in the marquee whilst soggy judging took place, then we had soggy certificates to present to the very soggy winners and then the most soggy raffle, at the end of which it was decided that we should let the rain have its moment and the Procession and Flora Dance were cancelled.

Prizes went to Lewis Emmerson, 1st in the Boys individual with William Richards 2nd. Katherine Miller won the Girls individual as 'Fish & Chips'. In child pairs James and Alice Fenton won as the Air Ambulance with Gracie and Catlin Smith 2nd as Spanish Girls. The Elworthy family won Child Groups as Olympic contestants and 2nd place went to the Hunter children as a Day at the Races.



MGH

Air Ambulance casualties!



MGH

The Beijing Olympics

Adult Individual went to Diana Luck for her 'Credit Crunch' cereal; she surely also deserves a prize for the most entries in a lifetime. Maybe even an Oscar? Adult pairs went to a 'Culturally Confused' Liz and Bevil Luck.



MGH



BC-T

The Luck family winners

'Affordable Gnomes' won Adult Groups with amazing costumes, who before they 'grew' smaller looked just like out of work Father Christmases. Second was a very clever play on the rights of originality for names of food products with Cornish Pasties now protected; it also had the small benefit of allowing Champagne to be consumed!



Mixed Groups was won by Belinda and Melissa Wetherall as 'The One that Got Away', a common story amongst local fishermen.



An ingenious & colourful costume

An eye-catching local variation on 'Alice in Wonderland' came second, -ie 'Alice in Golant (aka Wonderland)'



Uds & Suds winner was Sharron Giles as the Wicked Witch of the West, with Kirsty Giles and Charlotte Emmerson 2nd and Karen Emmerson 3rd as Amy Winehouse (and she turned up!).

Best Child went to Joe Hunter from the Day at the Races team and Bevil Luck took Best Adult.

Sunday saw the **Great Golant Raft Race** won by the Gentlemen's Raft; they appeared to wait like gentlemen on the return leg for the ladies, who came 2nd, or was it just to attempt to sink their raft? The ladies were dressed as Flower Power and won the Best Costumes award, with a particularly well dressed lady who looked a little like Simon; could have been a sister do we suppose? The Best Raft award went to St Trinians who unfortunately were actually men otherwise they could have won all the prizes!



We then had the very first **Olympic Children's Rowing Regatta** with beginners' rowing boats supplied by Castle Dore Rowing Club and two of their most experienced rowers to explain the intricacies of rowing to the competitors. This is a sport that is obviously far more difficult than the experts make it look and our children had to master the boats quickly or the wind and tide would have taken them off to Fowey. Fortunately, our sporty youngsters managed to make sufficient headway to allow the races to start. Unfortunately, their difficulties were only just beginning as they were expected to keep to a straight line and make a turn around a buoy. The good news was that once round the buoy the wind and tide did the rest, and the worst that could happen was that they would indeed end up in Fowey.

The Boys' Gold Medal went to Hugh Elworthy who beat Joe Hunter into taking the Silver Medal; their competitive spirit was not diminished by the tough course.

The Girls' Gold Medal went to Bronte Holden who seemed to master the difficulties with ease; well, at least that was the opinion of her grandfather. The Silver Medal went to Alice Hunter who showed great determination, and the Bronze Medal was won by Melissa Wetherall who never gave up despite getting into trouble rounding the buoy.

Many, many thanks to everybody who helped, Sara and Ian for the use of their garage and especially to all the competitors for a splendid effort.

PE (Carnival Committee)

Village Hall Committee Report

Seeing the electric wires being sheathed outside the Village Hall brought home the reality that at long last the re-roofing is actually going to happen. So fingers crossed that on 6th October the work will begin. After the roof has been completed the committee will do some general cleaning up and decorating etc.

We should like to thank Restormel Council and The Bernard Sunley Foundation for their generous grants, but most important of all, the Committee would like to thank all those in the village and outside who have given so generously of their time and money in raising the other half of the amount required.

To show our appreciation the committee are organising a **Raise the Roof** party for all villagers and indeed for anyone else who contributed in any way on **Saturday 22nd November**. From 7-9pm there will be drinks and nibbles-everyone will be given a free glass of wine or beer, after which we invite you to bring a bottle if you so wish. From 9-11pm there will be music and dancing. Please do come and enjoy this village event.

During the refurbishment our popular Thursday Lunches will move to the Church and Paddy tells me there will be a surprise menu. Please continue to support these and if you need a lift up the hill then please do ask. Paddy and Vilma work so hard in producing these lunches and give all their profit to various village charities.

You will need to watch the Village Hall notice board for any changes to venues.

The Christmas Fayre is to be held on **Saturday 29th November** from 12-2pm There will be light lunches, mulled wine and mince pies and stollen, cake stall, hamper, Christmas gifts and preserves, splat the rat, and other games & books.

We need to build up our reserves again after the expense of the roof. We hope to have enough to replace the rather rickety small tables with something more substantial.

It was put to the committee that it might be nice to hold a Flower and Produce Show in 2009 so a small committee has been set up to plan this. If you would like to be involved with this in any way we would welcome your input. Please let me know, and if you are a grower, a jam, chutney, cake maker etc then bear this in mind for next year. *Janet Gore*



It was a disappointing turnout for Les Merton's performance on 20th September, especially as it had been reported that 'word on the street' was that we should book more spoken word events.

However, onwards and upwards as they say.

We have a spectacular event to liven up the depths of winter as we host Circus Berzerkus' *Komedy of Errors* on Saturday 24th January. Two brilliant performers, juggler Ben Cornish and clown Steve Eldridge, bring a show packed with comedy and circus skills. *Komedy of Errors* has been a big hit around the country and the audience will enjoy the dazzling juggling, mad mono-cycling and a hint of danger – with plenty of opportunities to get in on the act.

Running time will be 90 minutes, with a 15 minute interval.

As this is something really special I expect people from outside the village to take up places, so I shall be opening the booking list early for this event. You can book any time from now on.

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And civilised we'll always be
Despite these actions vile.

Annoyingly, they'll get their way,
The sort that always do
And if I had a say in this
I'd cast them off from Looe.

The Fishermen and Farming types
Are treated just the same
Through Government incompetence
And lackeys who are tame.

In short, they'll spend our money "well"
On Northern Rock and Domes
And all the things that mean so much
To us in Cornish homes.

And one last thought for those who think
That nothing could be worse
Than a Government that's lost its way:
I'm first to drive that hearse!

Mike J Burrow

I'm sure that everyone is disturbed & upset to hear that our attempts to save our local Post Offices have failed. At the consultation meeting in St Andrew's Church, Simon Funnell, as Chairman of our Parish Council, made a blistering, passionate attack on the proposals to close the Post Office. There was nothing 'airy-fairy' about his presentation! Sadly, all our efforts were to no avail.— Ed.

'ERE FOR A YEAR'

Our popular publicans, Steve and Ann-Marie, are planning a special evening to celebrate their first anniversary at the *Fisberman's Arms* on Saturday 15th October. Watch out for details nearer the time!

Meanwhile, they are planning to restart their popular Sunday lunches from the 5th October.

The Strange Case of the Phantom Sign Swinger of Old Golant

Ello, 'Ello,

I am Inspector Sharp-Korner of the Yard and I am in Golant together with my assistant P.C. Woo Den Top. I have been called here to investigate the strange events going on with the road sign at Torfrey.

Allegedly the arm of the sign that indicates the way to Castledore keeps moving to point across the garden of Torfrey House but nobody sees it happen! My first thought was that Castledore itself was trying to move into the parish of Fowey to get away from local disputes about sewage and affordable housing and so I set my man on covert surveillance of the area. After three days of sitting in a tree Constable Woo Den Top reported that Castledore had not moved as much as a millimetre so I concluded that somebody is moving the sign.

I, of course, have been getting information from the locals in the Fisherman's Arms, by purchasing and drinking copious amounts of ale.

My enquiries reveal that the offence normally only happens during school term time. Now the height of the arm of the sign is such that it is not a small person and so, I believe, it is either a tall child or maybe a teacher! As yet I have not discovered the dastardly culprit, so I will have to keep buying my informants more beer hoping for a clue. I have sworn in Ted Luck's four pigs to be Special Constables and they will report chop-chop.

Whoever you are just remember that we are watching!

Information about this nefarious affair may be left for me behind the bar at the Fisherman's, preferably with the price of a pint. I may be there but you might not see me, such is the cunningness of my disguise!

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GOLANT BIRDS

This summer, quantity rather than quality of birds seems to have been occupying us, and we often found ourselves in competition to see who could spot the most birds of any type.

One Osprey Sadly, not observed by the writer.

Two Terns Better than nothing but, compared to past years, very low numbers.

Twenty-Seven Egrets perched on the same tree. We thought this a huge number but a friend topped us easily, seeing over 40 Little Egrets at Pont Pill.

Three hundred Curlews, all in the same spot near St Winnow. I had not before realised that Curlews gather together in large flocks for mutual protection when raising their young.

Sixty-five Red Kites Sadly, & perhaps thankfully, not here at Golant. In Mid Wales where all the road signs welcome one to 'Red Kite Country' we couldn't resist a visit to a Kite feeding station where, at 2pm on the dot, clouds of the birds appear for a free feed, apparently coming from very many miles around.

We have not had any more sightings of 'our' Red Kite.

Three hundred and fifty Canada Geese Actually, we stopped counting at 350 having run out of patience. Charles II first introduced these birds, which have recently been gracing our sky, in 1665. The population now exceeds 100,000 and unfortunately, they are, in some areas, considered to be pests. Canada Geese mate for life and maintain strong family bonds; the delightful honking we hear when they are in flight are family members maintain-

ing verbal contact. In their native home, America, the birds migrate south in autumn. Here though, all the year around, they stay quite close to their favoured breeding sites. The flights we see are token instinctive migrations, which also serve to hone youngsters flying skills.

I am keen to find out where these geese live. Anyone know?
Barry Campbell-Taylor



Three English kings at the Nursery!

Henry Niels van den Broek was born on 4th September, weighing 7lbs 9ozs. His brother **Edward**, 6 years old, loves to help! Living next door is cousin **William**, young son of Sarah (née van den Broek) and husband Geoff.



Henry, just 23 hours old



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The kids' insight on Golant

Hi guys

I hope you had a FAB summer!! Going back to school is always a bummer but its great to see all your friends again!!

Alice Hunter



I sor a papiea tree.
The froot smels
yumeel!

Maddy Rose Hunter, aged 5, drew this picture of a papaya tree after visiting the Eden Project with her school. She wrote:

"I sor a papiea tree.
The froot smels yumeel!"

What a Day for a Carnival

Torrential rain,
Running make-up.
Dampening costumes,
Sheltered photographers.
A sea of umbrellas
over damp clumps
of scattered people.
Misty grey sky,
Clouds up above
holding hands continuously,
Spitting hard,
Drenched judges.
Everyone dashes to the
sheltered pub.

What a day for a Carnival!

Rosaleen Harris-Davison (aged 9)

Children's Cleanings

Triathlon Trio!!

Rosie, Mattie and Charlie Andrews all competed in the Fowey Triathlon a couple of weeks ago. It was a very good day for Rosie as she got the quickest time for the swim out of everybody who competed. She managed to swim from Fowey town quay all the way to Polruan town quay in no longer than nine minutes and six seconds. Unfortunately Mattie and Charlie didn't have the best of days, as they both had a punctured tyre and had to be helped out. Despite this they battled on and finished the Triathlon, which was an amazing feat at their age. Well done you three. *JE*

Football Fanatic!!

Hugh Elworthy has just got into the Fowey Primary School A-team which is meant for the year Hugh is in (yr 5) and the year above him. So to be able to get into the team is fantastic. Well done Hugh!! *JE*

Speech Star!!

Maddy Rose Hunter has been chosen out of many in her class to represent her year in the St. Austell Speech and Music Festival! Good luck Maddy. *AH*

Canoe Crazy!!

Meg Dean and Bronté received their one star placid water kayak award. To get this they had to do a number of tests including a capsizing drill! Not only are they good on water, I've seen them using their kayaks as sliding boards while they were sliding down the mud banks on a very low spring tide! *AH*

Bike Baby!!

Maddy Rose has just learnt to ride her bike without stabilisers. Well done Maddy!! *AH*

Rowing Revels!!

Thanks to Alastair for organising the Golant Olympic Rowing Regatta! Joe & Hugh raced each other in the boys' race with Hugh crossing the line first to gain a gold medal. As for Joe, he scooped silver with the help of the safety boat to unhook him off the many buoys he seemed to get stuck on. As for the girls' race, Bronté seemed a natural, winning by miles. Alice finished second, and Melissa a close third. We all really enjoyed it and now realise it's a lot harder than it looks! *AH*

Fairy Football

On my birthday on the 24th of August, Pete set up a big tarpaulin mat which we then covered with Fairy liquid and water to make the mat very slippery. Then we all played football on it and had a great time. I really wanted to say a big thank you to Pete as all my friends said they loved it!! So if anyone is stuck on what to do for their birthday just ring Pete and you will have a very good birthday for children and adults. *Jack Elworthy*

LETTERS & EMAILS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Following your article on the National Coastwatch Organisation, it may be of interest for the village to know that Polruan NCI have an automated weather station, which gives wind strength and direction and barometric readings available on the internet. The address is www.polruan-nci.org.uk/weather page.

Unfortunately boats are not allowed to communicate with the Coastwatch by VHF radio, only by mobile phone. Should the Coastwatch be able to have VHF it would reduce the amount of radio traffic to HM Coastguard for instance, with radio checks etc. Each individual Coastwatch station is run by a local charity organisation.

David Skerrett

Dear Editor,

Although the Carnival seems a long while back, this is the first opportunity we have had to say a big 'thank you' to the Carnival Committee for all their hard work in arranging the day's events, getting the flags up, tents erected, children's races to be organized, and of course arranging a water heater for the gallons of tea to be drunk, and much more besides. Unfortunately this year's weather was so terrible, that it must have made it

even harder work for the gallant committee, who put on the entertainment regardless. So we would like to let them know that we all enjoyed the day so much, and are very appreciative of all they do to make a wonderful event for everyone.

Christine Kift

1958 Carnival photograph

In the last issue, we showed a 50 year old photo of the entry 'Snow White' in the 1958 Carnival, and asked if anyone could identify the entrants.

Angela Forsyth (née Tabb) contacted us to give the following information, for anyone who still has their August newsletter and can re-examine the photo carefully!

Lawson Tabb was Snow White, and Angela was the Prince to her left. Behind them is Roy Hawken, whilst the Wicked Stepmother in front holding the mirror was Ruby Bray.

Esther and Dolly Tabb were dwarfs. Also in the picture were Dory Hodgets, Barbara Holder and possibly Betty Scantlebury.

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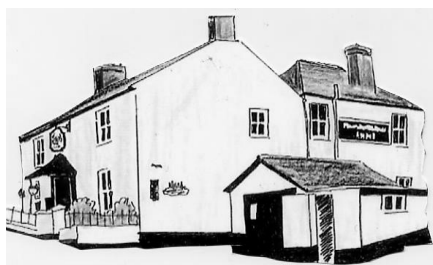
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St Sampson Parish Council

We welcomed James Fuge to his first Parish Council Meeting, as well as two members of the public and Sally Bain and David Hughes.

The recent cutting of Water Lane was greatly appreciated, but residents and property owners are reminded that a clear space should be maintained from the road surface's edge vertically upwards for a height of 5.2 metres (about 17 feet). We have requested that Church Hill receives the same treatment, but property owners should be aware that County Council Highways will have the powers to pass on the charge. So a do-it-yourself approach is recommended wherever possible.

The Car Park has worked well this year, in no small measure owing to Barry Campbell-Taylor's diplomatic and negotiating skills, and we can now put aside enough money for the re-surfacing of this area.

There will be some money available for community projects, and, although no firm decision has been made, the Council is inclined to help with the refurbishment of the Village Hall once the roof has been completed. If there are other worthy projects that you have in mind, please let me know before the October meeting, which is now on Wednesday 15th October in St Sampson's Church.

The results of the affordable housing questionnaire were discussed: the response was excellent (over 80 replies), and 80% were in favour of a development of up to 4 homes, although 20% were strongly against. 52% were against any larger development, and 90% against unrestricted development. Many commented that small developments of one or two houses dotted round the village were preferable to a one-site scheme. There were six

applicants for affordable housing. After a long discussion, the Parish Council was unanimous in its view that it would like to support a limited self-build scheme, as this seemed to meet the demands of those most in need, and would ensure that those in the village were most likely to benefit. One of our main worries, and this is echoed by the experiences of other villages, is that it is difficult to maintain control of development, and ensure that locals benefit, once housing schemes are approved.

I should therefore like to invite any-one who would be willing to give (or sell at less than market value) some land for one or more self-build homes to contact me as soon as possible (833343 or Rsfgolant@aol.com). I shall in turn contact those applicants resident in the village who expressed an interest in self-build, and the Parish Council will then consider which sites seem most suitable - so please do not take offence if an offer is turned down!

If we can marry up applicants with suitable sites, then the Parish Council will strongly support the subsequent planning application. We shall do our very best to safeguard the interests of the whole village as well as the undoubted need of the applicants.

Finally, many thanks to Stuart Young who has been an exemplary Parish Clerk, and we are delighted to appoint Barry Campbell-Taylor as his successor.

Simon Funnell

If you have any **News, Articles or Gleanings** about Golant that you would like to see in *The Golant Pill*, please send them to the Editor, Mike Harris, at South Torfrey Cottage, Golant-by-Fowey, PL23 1LA, or place them in the postbox at the bottom of the drive
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Golant Gleanings

CONGRATULATIONS

A host of villagers and friends helped Gail Parsons celebrate her 50th birthday at a lively party in September.

Special congratulations go to Diana Luck who will be celebrating her **90th** birthday in November! Still very active, as she showed by her annual appearance as an entrant in the carnival as well as her daily walks with the dogs, she has written a delightful impression of Golant when she arrived in 1947 as a bride. (*See page 14*)

Martin and Alona van den Broek's baby boy, Henry Niels, was born on September 4th. According to Alona, Martin is "the perfect daddy," and we're sure she's right. (*See photo on page 7*)

The marriage of Andrea Barker and Colan Currin took place on Saturday 13th September at Lostwithiel Golf Club in glorious autumn sunshine. Over 100 guests saw a beautiful bride wedded to her new husband, and celebrations continued well into the night. Unfortunately the honeymoon had to be cancelled due to the collapse of XL Travel!!
(*See photo on page 2*) RD

Felicity Russell, who spent last winter working at a ski resort in the French Alps, is off to study for an English degree at Bristol UWE. Meanwhile, her sister, Alice, will be reading Philosophy & English Literature at Cardiff University.

RECOVERY

Kate Renwick has had an operation to replace a knee joint and is recuperating steadily. We all wish her well and are pleased to see her walking to the slipway and back with remarkable ease.

OLYMPIC SUCCESS

Annie Vernon, taught by Alastair Barr at the Castle Dore Rowing Club, has come to terms with her team being 'pipped at the post' in Beijing. The Women's Coxless Four were visibly disappointed to just miss the Gold Medal. Viviane Barr, who is Annie's godmother, reports that directly after the Olympics Annie went trekking in Mongolia with her brother and friends, and this served to dissipate the frustration. At a recent party held at her parents' house in north Cornwall, about 80 people, including Viviane & Alastair, vied to see Annie's Silver Medal! In a speech, she described the whole Olympic experience as "fantastic". Annie has until this December to decide whether she will put herself through another four gruelling years of training for 2012.

RUGBY SUCCESS

Sam Parsons has signed this year to play for Mounts Bay Rugby Club, who play in National Division Two. Sam has previously played for St Austell, Truro & the Cornish Pirates. He has also been selected for England Colleges, South West of England Rugby Academy and both the Under 18s & the Senior Cornwall County sides. It was with the senior side that he appeared at Twickenham for the final of the County Shield Competition earlier this year. In the 2006/2007 season he received a call to play for Samurai St George, an English Sevens development side that competed in the Dubai International Sevens competition.

So, we would like to wish Sam well for the forthcoming season with his new club, one that has gained promotion season after season over the past few years. Come on the Bay!! *John Kift*

REMEMBER, REMEMBER, THE 5th OF NOVEMBER

Gunpowder, treason and plot.
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GOLANT BOAT OWNERS' ASSOCIATION (BOATWATCH)

On 4th August an eagle-eyed member of Boatwatch reported that a motor boat (with two high horse power outboard engines) moored in the estuary, was in imminent danger of sinking. This was reported to the Deputy Harbourmaster at 6pm and by 6.10pm a harbour launch had arrived alongside the boat and proceeded to pump out the water. Less than two minutes later, two tripper boats steamed past either side of the boat with no reduction of speed. Had Capt. Hodson not responded as quickly as he did, the wash from the tripper boats would certainly have swamped and capsized the motor boat. At 8pm Capt Hodson was called again because it was noticed that the boat was again taking on water and listing. The harbour launch arrived at 8.10pm and took the boat down to Fowey for safekeeping. The unnamed owner of this boat has a lot to thank FHC for, both for the speed of their response and the care that was taken to safeguard the boat.

In the last issue of the *Golant Pill* (under Stop Press,) it was reported that two tanks containing petrol were stolen from boats in the bridge moorings. That was the start of many more thefts. Since then there have been 20 thefts including four outboard motors. It is disappointing to report that none of the stolen equipment was security marked which has hampered the efforts of the police in their investigations. They have retrieved various marine items recently, including an outboard, which cannot be returned to their owners because they are *unmarked* or *unreported*. Please report all thefts to the police.

The AGM will be held in the Village Hall on 21st November at 7.30pm. *Robert Gore*

GOLANT QUAY USERS ASSOCIATION

The Bridge is finished!!! The two orange poles sticking up to warn of the piling have scaffold tubes inside, so could be helpful as you navigate the bridge.

We have spent £500 on continuing to repair the quay walls and steps and there is still more to do, as well as removing algae from the Slip.

Our Berthing Officers have held their annual meeting to allocate this year's berths, so you should be receiving your stickers soon.

Many of our members have suffered at the hands of thieves and the Police say that they cannot emphasise enough that you mark your equipment so that you can identify it. Otherwise when they catch the thieves they cannot prosecute or return your equipment. Boatwatch have the necessary equipment to mark up your gear, so why don't you use it? *Peter E*

AN EMAIL FROM PCSO LINDA THOMAS

It's about time I wrote a piece in the *Golant Pill*. I only wish it were not about crime. Golant has been the repeat victim of crime during August with petrol tanks, outboards and boats being stolen.

Golant Boatwatch does a very good job. PC Dingle and myself are working on making the link between the police and the Boatwatch stronger.

We would all like Golant to be crime free. One way of achieving this is to ask all of you who live here to be one big neighbourhood watch and keep watch on the lovely Fowey River (surely not a hard job? I love looking at the river).

If you see anything unusual (anywhere in Golant) jot down the time, place and what you saw along with a description of any person there at the time. If a car is involved, please record the number plate. This would be wonderful.

I am happy for anyone who has done this to contact me either by mobile phone 07805046734 (if I'm not on duty please leave a message with your contact details & I will get back to you), or email me on:

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POLICE CONTACT NUMBERS FOR INFORMATION

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

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

0800 555111 - Crime Stoppers - To pass anonymous information.

01726 812262 - St Blazey Police Station

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

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News from St Sampson

I'm pleased to announce that the *Garfield Weston Trust* has given a grant of £3000 towards the repair to the tower. This will help pay for the scaffolding bill which will be in excess of £5100. The *Historical Heritage Fund* has refused to give anything because we 'do not fit any of the criteria.'

On October 5th, William James Sweet will be baptised during the 9.15am service. This is a grandson of Simon & Sheila Funnell; his mother, Isabel, is their younger daughter. Proud father, Andy, and many friends will be there to support William. The baptism will be conducted by the Revd James Funnell, Simon's elder brother who has retired recently and now lives at Lostwithiel. James is invariably asked by all the branches of the family to perform baptisms, weddings & burials whenever they are required! Sheila (Music) & Simon (Words) have written a '*Baptism Carol*' especially for little William, the melody of which is based around some nursery rhymes. The anthem will be familiar to those who watched *The Vicar of Dibley* and the hymns will be real rousers!

*****STOP PRESS*****

The sights & smells in Church on Sunday spelt only one thing— **Harvest**. It was a credit to those who responded to the call for fresh produce & to the skilled team who arranged it all around the Church. The new form of service was attended by nearly 60 people, as well as the sermon by Simon Funnell, centred in a meaningful way upon the 'cheerful giver'.

The Harvest Supper was certainly a lively village occasion. A splendid meal was followed by an auction at which Simon skilfully extracted generous bids from the diners. The total profit could well be about £675 once costs for food & wine, drinks licence (£20), hall hire and so on have been met. This will be shared between the *Tower Repair Fund* and *Harvest for the Hungry*.

All in all, it was certainly a very 'cheerful' evening.

The Churchyard

The uninterrupted spell of rain has not made maintenance very easy. The grass has grown strongly but it has been difficult to find suitable breaks in the weather to control it with the mower and strimmer.

The churchyard continues to be a popular place for walkers, cyclists, other visitors & villagers to rest for a while, sometimes to enjoy a sandwich or even a family picnic. Other frequent visitors have been green woodpeckers. The swallow who raised two broods in her nest in the porch has already flown south.

Any day now the final strim of the year will begin. Primroses are putting on strong leaf growth in readiness for their spectacular show next spring; a few primrose flowers can be spotted already by those with a discerning eye.

Mike Harris

Church Flower & Cleaning Rota

Oct 5th & 12th	Jacky & Trish
Oct 19th & 26th	Carol & Valerie
Nov 2nd & 9th	Penny & Viviane
Nov 16th & 23rd	Kate & June
Nov 30th	Tauniua & Gill B

OLYMPIC EXPERIENCE

May I thank our kind neighbours and friends who asked me to pass on their good wishes to our daughter Jane, a member of the British Olympic Dressage team competing in Hong Kong. She was very touched and asks me to say "Thank you!"

Jane's sisters and I flew out to be with her, and our Olympic adventure turned out to be what Mary called "an extreme experience." For ten days, as supporters of Team GB (with fancy T-shirts and wristbands to prove our authenticity), we lived a spectacular sporting life for what seemed like twenty-two hours out of every twenty-four. Every door seemed to open for us, and believe me, we went through as many of them as we could.

The temperatures were high but the humidity not too fearful, thanks to constant sunshine every day. All the events took place from 7.15pm to midnight in order to avoid the heat of the day. The horses seemed to cope rather better than the riders at times. The latter did find the huge crowds, floodlights and enormous telescreens distracting, but the conditions were the same for all. Seeing Jane ride out into that vast arena was certainly one of the greatest moments of our lives. We were immensely moved, knowing what a long hard journey it had been, from riding borrowed rough old ponies at Menabilly to representing your country in the Olympics.

Jane's 'Lucky Star' did an accurate test but didn't sparkle compared to the glamour of some of the others. Her comment at the time- "He didn't let me down; it was me trying too hard." One has to remember that there are always two components in every test- horse and rider. The test of greatness is to get them excelling at the same time.

'Lucky Star', now 17, was bought eleven years ago with a small bequest to Jane from her grandfather, Bob Colley. He would be so proud of them both, I know.

Bunny Minter-Kemp

TAKING THE PILL



Bunny Minter-Kemp with her copy of the *Golant Pill*, by the Olympic Show Jumping Ground in Hong Kong!

Where do you take your Pill?!!

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

BACKALONG

THE BRIDE ARRIVES

November 1947 Sixty-one years ago I came to live in Golant. We had just got married— in Dorset. The war was over but the peace had hardly begun. Everything was rationed. Food was short. I had not seen the house. “What does *Bodriggan* mean?” I asked. Someone said “The Dwelling above the salt tide’s seaward flow.” “Nonsense,” someone else said. But I liked it. I looked at the river and was very aware of the amazing surge and pull of water twice a day. Understood by the birds and the sea-creatures no doubt, but not by us. This is my place, I thought— here I shall stay.

There were two shops— Charrington Stores (now *Water’s Edge*) and the Post Office and Stores run by Arthur Geake. Trains ran up and down between Lostwithiel and Fowey, stopping at Golant Halt. No need for a car.

The village was full of Tabbs. They were the Royal Family— ruled by old man Tabb (living where Vilma & Robert now live). I was taken to meet him and he gave me some very strong cider; I could hardly get home!

John Vincent, a very young boy, delivered the milk with his pony and cart. Don Luke, who lived with the Charringtons, would deliver the groceries from the shop.

The vicar was a splendid ex-soldier called Henry Osborne. He and his wife Coralie had simple strong faith in the Army and God— in that order.

We had a sort of cook-housekeeper called Jessie— a mad, mad cockney who was evacuated from bombed London and somehow finished up with my mother, but she insisted on coming to live with us. She remained for years— creating havoc and mischief, but her chickens kept us in eggs. When the children came she delighted in teaching them to swear, which resulted in disciplinary confusion!

Life was good. We walked, sailed, swam in the river, made friends.

The next stage was more complicated, which I can relate if anyone wants to read it.....

Diana Luck



One of the many postcards owned by Jimmy Fisher, showing Golant Halt, mentioned by Diana.

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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In John Jenkin’s book *A School with a View*, a short history of St Sampson’s School, Golant, entries in October 1877 and 1878 cited an interesting local custom: **carrying ferns**. A day’s holiday was granted so that the children could carry out the work. 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.”

Any other ideas?

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Auntie Paddy's Recipe Corner

Several of our Thursday Kitchen members have asked for this recipe, and Vilma and I have both enjoyed making it.

VANILLA PANNA COTTA (Serves 6-8 people)

4 leaves of Gelatine (supermarket packs hold approximately 12 leaves)

120ml/4½ fluid oz Milk

Zest of 2 Oranges

2 Vanilla Pods (split)

150g/5oz Caster Sugar

1.2 litres/2 pints Double Cream

1. Soak the gelatine in the milk and put to one side.
2. Place the orange zest, vanilla pods and caster sugar in a pan & add 800ml (just under 1½ pints) of the cream. Simmer until the mixture has reduced by one third. Be careful. The sugar & zest will sink to the bottom of the pan, and unless it is gently stirred it will burn. Remove the vanilla pods.
3. The gelatine can be dissolved in a microwave oven, stirring about every 30 seconds. Alternatively, remove the milk from the gelatine and warm it in a pan, then add the soaked gelatine and stir to dissolve.
4. Add this gelatine mix to the warm cream.
5. Lightly whip the remaining cream & add this and the vanilla to the setting mix.
6. Pour into individual glasses or ramekins & place in the fridge to set. This can take several hours.
7. Dip the moulds into very hot water for a brief time. Loosen the edge with a knife if necessary and tip onto a plate.

We serve this with orange segments in an orange sauce with a touch(?) of Grand Marnier, but many other variations of fresh fruit would blend well, and an advantage of this recipe is that it can be made several days in advance without spoiling.

Paddy Shelley

NOTE: The **Thursday Kitchen** is being held in the **Church** whilst the **Village Hall roof repairs** are on-going. Check the **Calendar** on the back page of this Newsletter for dates.

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CALENDAR OF VILLAGE EVENTS

OCTOBER

Wednesday 1st	9.50-10.10am	Mobile Library	End of Green
Thursday 2nd	12.45-2.30pm	Thursday Kitchen -surprise menu	St Sampson's
Sunday 5th	9.15am	Holy Communion & Holy Baptism	St Sampson's
Monday 6th		Open Mic evening <i>Come along & sing or play</i>	Fisherman's Arms
Tuesday 7th	8pm	Quiz	Fisherman's Arms
Thursday 9th	12.45-2.30pm	Thursday Kitchen -surprise menu	St Sampson's
Sunday 12th	9.15am	Holy Communion	St Sampson's
Monday 13th		Open Mic evening	Fisherman's Arms
Wednesday 15th	9.50-10.10am	Mobile Library	End of Green
Wednesday 15th	7.15pm	Parish Council meeting	St Sampson's
		<i>The public are invited to take part until 7.30pm</i> NB: change of venue and date	
Thursday 16th	12.45-2.30pm	Thursday Kitchen -surprise menu	St Sampson's
Friday 17th	8.30pm	"Off the Wall" 60s & Jazz music	Fisherman's Arms
Sunday 19th	6.00pm	Evensong	St Sampson's
Monday 20th		Open Mic evening	Fisherman's Arms
Tuesday 21st	8pm	Quiz	Fisherman's Arms
Thursday 23rd		NB: NO Thursday Kitchen	
Saturday 25th	8.30pm	Karaoke	Fisherman's Arms
Sunday 26th	9.15am	Holy Communion	St Sampson's
Monday 27th		Open Mic evening	Fisherman's Arms
Wednesday 29th	9.50-10.10am	Mobile Library	End of Green
Thursday 30th	12.45-2.30pm	Thursday Kitchen -surprise menu	St Sampson's

NOVEMBER

Sunday 2nd	9.15am	Holy Communion <i>All Saints</i>	St Sampson's
Monday 3rd		Open Mic evening	Fisherman's Arms
Tuesday 4th	8pm	Quiz	Fisherman's Arms
Wednesday 5th	7.30pm	BBQ & Fireworks <i>sponsored by Sharps Brewery</i>	Fisherman's Arms
Thursday 6th	12.45- 2.30pm	Thursday Kitchen -surprise menu	St Sampson's
Sunday 9th	9.15am	Holy Communion <i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	St Sampson's
Monday 10th		Open Mic evening	Fisherman's Arms
Wednesday 12th	9.50-10.10am	Mobile Library	End of Green
Thursday 13th	12.45-2.30pm	Thursday Kitchen -surprise menu	St Sampson's
Saturday 15th		'Ere for a Year celebrations evening	Fisherman's Arms
Sunday 16th	6.00pm	Evensong	St Sampson's
Monday 17th		Open Mic evening	Fisherman's Arms
Tuesday 18th	8.00pm	Quiz	Fisherman's Arms
Thursday 20th	12.45-2.30pm	Thursday Kitchen	Village Hall
Thursday 20th	7.15pm	Parish Council meeting	Village Hall
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Friday 21st	7.30pm	Boatwatch AGM	Village Hall
Saturday 22nd	7-11pm	Raise the Roof Party	Village Hall
Sunday 23rd	9.15am	Holy Communion	St Sampson's
Monday 24th		Open Mic evening	Fisherman's Arms
Wednesday 26th	9.50-10.10am	Mobile library	End of Green
Thursday 27th	12.45 -2.30pm	Thursday Kitchen	Village Hall
Saturday 29th	12-2pm	Christmas Fayre	Village Hall
Sunday 30th	6.30pm	Advent Carol Service	St Sampson's

Because of the re-roofing and subsequent redecoration etc there may be changes to some of the above. We shall endeavour to keep you informed by putting notices on the Village Hall notice board or you can phone Janet Gore: 832425

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