



A VIP VISITATION!



Bishop Tim with seven Readers from the St Austell Deanery including Wendy Earl



The Bishop flanked by his churchwardens, Carol White & Robert Dunley.

The Feast of St Sampson was celebrated a week earlier than normal this year. The Lord Bishop of Truro, the Right Revd Tim Thornton, had accepted the invitation to come to visit the parish but, due to prior engagements on July 28th (St Sampson's Day), he offered July 21st as an alternative.

With the flag of St Piran flying above the tower, more than seventy people gathered inside the church to welcome the Bishop. Unbeknown to them he had parked alongside all the other cars in the car park. Later, when asked why he hadn't used the coned area by the church reserved for him he replied that he thought it was there for someone important!

The procession which started the Eucharist included seven licensed Readers from the Deanery of St Austell. The Bishop was 'protected' by the two Churchwardens, Carol White & Robert Dunley, both carrying their wands of office. In past times the wands were used to ward off any citizen who threatened the bishop; the practice carries on, just in case.....

The Revd Philip de Grey-Warter welcomed the Bishop to St Sampson's and led the congregation in the first part of the service. As Philip had to leave to preach at Fowey after the Bishop's sermon, the latter quipped that he might make this longer to delay Philip!

Bishop Tim linked a reading for the day (the dilemma of the story of Martha & Mary) with the life of St Sampson and the relevance & perception of these events for us all these centuries later. Little did he know that he had caused a tremor of dispute amongst his listeners! When talking about our saint, he stated that the people of Golant would not have been able to understand him because he spoke in French. After the service was over he had to fend off many a dissenting voice about that!

The presence of the seven Readers then became obvious when Bishop Tim asked Reader Wendy Earl to accept a certificate marking twenty-five years practising as a reader in various parts of the globe.

Our Bard, John Jenkin, had written Cornish words *Sen Sampson*. This and the *Lord's Prayer (Pader Agan Arluth)*, were set to music by Sheila Funnell. By tradition, John concluded the service with the blessing in his native tongue. In the last hymn, *For all the saints*, the congregation sang the third verse in Cornish.

Mugs of coffee accompanied by animated chatter were enjoyed by all. The Bishop was shunted outside for photographs, back inside for chats, outside again for another group, inside again.....so it went on.

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The Bishop left for the customary private discussion with Carol & Robert about a range of parish matters and, no doubt, for a bit of a breather!

Meanwhile, sixty people were gathering in the marquee at *The Fisherman's Arms* ready to enjoy the feast. Bishop Tim arrived and opted for a sung grace having persuaded Taunua Cook to sing the chosen words to the tune of *Star Wars*. He decided (wisely, I think), not to include the actions which are sometimes used for that grace! Grateful thanks to Anne-Marie, Steve, Neil and all the staff for the meal which followed. (See photo on page 15.)

Unfortunately, Bishop Tim had to leave promptly because he had to travel to the outskirts of Marazion to participate in a centenary evensong at the Church of St Hilary.

It was a very special day for all of us who took part.

MGH

Footnote: Bishop Tim is now titled Lord Bishop having recently become one of the twenty-six bishops who sit in the House of Lords.



GMH

Simon Funnell, who wrote *The Life of St Sampson*, which is on sale in the church, engaged Bishop Tim in an animated discussion about the accuracy & interpretation of ancient texts. Warden Robert Dunley was ready to intervene with his wand if a dispute got out of hand!

From the Editor

Hasn't the recent hot spell been wonderful? After enduring the weather over the past four or five years, I was beginning to think that hot summers were just the feeble fantasies of an ageing bloke – me! But, those days are back - or they were!!!

For practical reasons we haven't yet made it out on the river on *Gillie-Mot*, but it's been so good to see many more boats out on the water again. There's something very special & evocative when standing during a fine summer's evening to view and listen to happenings on our beautiful stretch of the river Fowey.

I think that this is a good *happy* issue, enough to cheer up most people, I hope. As can be seen on the front cover, the sun shone for the celebrations at the top and bottom of the hill on July 21st. Friends will enjoy seeing a radiant Sybil White (p5) enjoying a party at her home in France on her 90th birthday.

Scattered through the issue are reports which cannot fail to bring a smile to our faces including: two christenings, a wedding, an invitation to go to Buckingham Palace for a very special Royal Gala Evening, a birthday bash, and the academic achievements of some of our youngsters.

Happy Days!

Mike Harris

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Village Hall Committee

I am beginning this report by saying thank you to three 'unsung heroes', namely Sue Reardon, Viviane Barr and Christine Kift, all of whom spent hours sorting out the various pantomime costumes of many years, in order to make valuable space in the back room.

Sue spent a couple of hours in the small cupboard above the kitchen, repacking it to house the remaining props etc. This will enable us to have proper cupboards built.

Please can anyone help with the painting of the inside of the hall?

My plea went unheard in the last edition of the *Pill*, so all offers of help will be gratefully received.

By the time you are reading this, you should have received the Flower, Produce and Craft Show schedule and entry forms. The show is earlier this year, but hopefully this recent summer sunshine will bring all your gardening efforts to fruition.

If you are entering, then please follow all the instructions in the schedule re times for entries etc.- e.g. it is helpful for Anita Fuge to have your entries by Wednesday 7th August, and we ask for photos on Friday 9th from 11.30 am -12

noon, so we have time to display them properly. On the morning of the show, the earlier we can have your entries, the easier it is to manage!

In spite of the rules, this show is always nice to see, and there will be the usual delicious teas organized by Anne McCleod and Janet Longman. Offers of cakes, and raffle prizes of garden related goodies would be graciously accepted.

Last year the Limerick was a popular category, and as an added bonus for the winner of "There once was an old garden slug...", is that their entry will be published in the next *Golant Pill*. This could be the start of a writing career!

At the Carnival, the Village Hall Committee will be setting up various stalls and games. As I write, our *Splat the Rat* game has gone missing – can you solve the mystery of its whereabouts?

Please bring any books, CDs and DVDs for the bookstall straight to the village green from 1.15 pm.

Can I draw your attention to the *MacMillan Coffee Morning* on Friday 27th Sept from 10 am? Again, gifts of cakes and raffle prizes would be appreciated.

Maurie and Gail will be organizing Film Shows from October. Ideas for films to Maurie, please (833475).

Janet Gore

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LETTERS & EMAILS TO THE EDITOR

With reference to the article by Barry Campbell-Taylor concerning the swaling of the Golant Downs, while fully appreciating the comments made, it is incorrect to say that it is a myth that this traditional burning took place.

During all my young life growing up in the village in the 1940s and 50s, this swaling took place regularly each year in February or early March, and the cattle owned by farmers Geake, Scantlebury and Vincent grazed the Downs.

In those years there was an area at the southern end of the Downs which was well grassed, and we often camped in this location.

Stuart Hunkin

DEAR GOLANTIANS

By the time this note is printed, I hope I will be living at 2, Home Borough House, Brinton Lane, Hythe, Hampshire, within five miles of half my family and about an hour from the other half.

Hythe is on the west side of the Solent, and I will be able to watch (and paint) liners go in and out.

Several good pubs in the immediate vicinity – don't know what the best brew is yet, but I'll bet *Doom* comes into it somewhere, and I'll soon find out.

Thinking of getting an electric buggy to terrorise the neighbourhood!

Exciting? Yes, but tinged with great sadness, as I was born and brought up and never lived or worked elsewhere than the delectable Duchy, the longest part of which was in Tywardreath - but I've always considered Golant as being somewhere very special, and I know my dear wife Sylvia, whose ashes are distributed here, felt the same.

I will never forget this special place or the special people who live and have lived here.

Graham Hooper

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BACKALONG

When we moved from Yorkshire to *The Old Sawmills* in 1955, we obtained permits to allow us to walk along the railway line from Golant to *Sawmills, Bodmin Pill*.

I became so used to walking on the wooden sleepers that I could read a book en route. There were 18 sleepers to a length of rail, and where the rails met end to end, two sleepers had less space in between.

After a while, I could still read and manage 18 strides followed by a short step, without having to look, as the brain took over for me - I did have a few tumbles from time to time, though, and the hardcore between sleepers was most unforgiving!

When the tide was out, there were times when I would stop to watch otters playing on the shale beach, and at other times I was fascinated to see Okey Searle and a couple of other fishermen pulling in the salmon nets to reveal several huge salmon - they never gave me one, more's the pity!

The old priest who lived from time to time in the delightfully situated small wooden house near St Sampson's cave (which my younger brother and I explored on one occasion, lighting our way with a candle in a jam-jar) was seen rarely.

He did have young male friends there from time to time, and I remember being very shocked one sunny morning when I was passing quite early along the line to see a young man completely naked pottering around the hut. I averted my eyes ever afterwards; I was about 16 or 17 at the time and VERY innocent!

The Downs at that time were much clearer, as Elford Scantlebury had young heifers running up there along with my pony, Timmy.

It is pleasing to read that maintenance volunteers are doing such a grand job of work there.

Maureen Ettey

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A CELEBRATION IN FRANCE



This is Sybil celebrating her 90th birthday on 27th July in France. A proper English birthday cake was made locally—no gâteau here.

About 25 guests came and enjoyed bubbly and the cake on the newly completed terrace.

Sybil is coming to Golant from 1st to 15th August, and is looking forward to catching up with friends.

Penny White

FISH AND CHIP BABIES

What on earth are **fish and chip babies**, I hear you cry...? I certainly didn't know.

They are in fact babies born in some of the poorest parts of Africa, and they are sent home from hospital wrapped simply in newspaper, hence the name **fish and chip babies**.

Pam Rundle's latest knitting venture is making woollen garments, which are sent out to Africa to clothe these impoverished infants. She also knits for **Cornwall Hospice Care**, as well as **Shelterbox**.

If you have any unwanted wool, Pam would be most grateful to receive it (see details in the box below).

Gillie Harris

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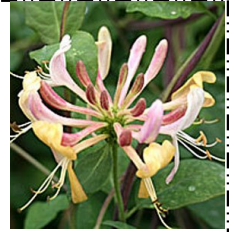
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IN BLOOM

Honeysuckle



A Miscellany of Floral Facts

- **Honeysuckle** is also called **Woodbine**, entwining itself so tightly that it can deform a tree trunk into a 'barley-sugar' shape.
- In Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Puck knew a secluded bank 'quite over-canopied with luscious woodbine'.
- Alternative country names, particularly in Devon, are **Withywind** and **Goat's Leaf** (probably because of the plant's ability to climb up into inaccessible places similar to a goat).
- **Honeysuckle** is the county flower of Warwickshire.
- In the Language of Flowers, **Honeysuckle** represents **Affection**, said to be because it 'clings like a love-struck maid'!
- The 17th century physician Nicholas Culpeper, in his *Complete Herbal*, says that "The oil made by infusion of the flowers is accounted healing and warming, and good for the cramp and convulsion of the nerves".
- Other herbalists used the **Honeysuckle** flowers in potions to cure headaches, lung disease and asthma.

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GOLANT WILDLIFE

It's been a good year for the Horse Flies! Everyone seems to have been well bitten this year, the writer especially so, and the resulting itchy inflamed lumps were far more irritating than the Mosquito bites received whilst on holiday abroad.

As with Mosquitoes, the female Horse Fly (*Chrysops Meigen*) needs to feed on blood before she can find a male to reproduce with, and she is not particular about what mammal she uses. The mouthparts are efficiently adapted to be able to bite through thick hair and hide which is why we can often be attacked through our clothing.

Unlike mosquitoes, which use a dagger-like proboscis to gently penetrate our flesh, Horse Flies slice and tear open our skin using sharp mouthparts, before sucking our blood via a tube like tongue. Anti-coagulant saliva ensures a smooth flow of blood, and at the same time initiates consequential pain and irritation that we feel; our skin reacts to the bite by releasing histamines around the area of the wound to combat infection, and it is that effect which causes the irritation we feel.



Being especially susceptible and reactive to Horse Fly bites, I have experimented with deterrents and remedies.

I have found that standard insect repellents have little effect, consuming massive amounts of raw garlic deters everything but the Horse Fly, whacking the insect whilst it feeds adds to the problem as more of the insect's juices are forced into the wound; it's better to stroke the insect off with a sideways motion.

Not touching or scratching the wound makes a huge difference; resisting the desire to scratch reduces the irritation massively. Anti-histamine cream reduces the swelling and stops the itchiness.

The bite of the Horse Fly can transmit disease— Equine Anaemia in horses, and Loa Loa, a parasitic worm in humans, but the creature is not all bad; it's a very important wildflower pollinator!

It is astonishing how swiftly the insect population reacts to variations in the weather- we have had a damp spring followed by a warm spell and we are plagued with Horse Flies.

Do you remember the ladybird plague in the hot summer of 1976? They were so abundant that, at one point where I lived, it was impossible to walk without crushing several with each step.

House Martin visitors are low this year, and there is an inexplicable high mortality of young Swallows. Some young Herons are still in the nests, which, as they become vacant, are taken over by the Cattle Egrets.

Barry Campbell-Taylor

FOWEY ESTUARY NEWS

Heronry at Penpoll is one of the largest in Cornwall

The Friends of the Fowey Estuary have been monitoring the heronry at the mouth of Penpoll Creek since February this year, and now, after five visits to survey the site, we are able to submit our first Heronry Census result to the *British Trust for Ornithology (BTO)*.

We have experienced all kinds of weather conditions, from the chilly airs of the spring to the warmer conditions of recent weeks, and with this we have seen fluctuations in the numbers of occupied nests, counting from 6 up to 15 on one visit.

Quite understandably the herons seemed to tuck down in the trees when it was windy and cold, out of our view. But on sunnier mornings we could see much more activity and also identified some immature, non-breeding birds 'hanging about' in a social group.

After several visits, revisions of sketch maps and deliberations over a cup of coffee on the hillside, we have made our year's best estimate for the site to be 13 'apparently occupied nests'; this is the unit which is used by the *BTO*. According to Stephen Jackson, our local *BTO* representative, this result means that this is one of the biggest heronries in Cornwall. This result has been submitted and will add to both local and national knowledge of the species.

Another observation, one also seen in other areas, is that Little Egrets use the same site; anecdotal evidence suggests that Little Egrets do breed in the same colonies as Grey Herons but a little later. We are keeping an eye on the heronry throughout the summer, to see if we can add any evidence to this, as there doesn't seem to be much information available on the subject.

Our thanks go to the landowners and Nigel and Alex Vincent of *Haye Farm* at St. Veep, who farm the land overlooking Penpoll from the north side; this proved to be a very good vantage point across into the nesting area, but far enough away not to disturb the birds.

We are hoping that this will be the first of many surveys of this heronry, and we may even expand our search for other sites in the estuary.

Claire Hoddinott, Environmental Officer

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Patrick's 45th Birthday Celebrations

Patrick, the only son of Gwenda and the late Basil Towell, was born in the village in July 1968.

His local scholastic success took him to Cambridge, and regrettably away from the village. However, his love of Golant has never deserted him, and he returns to vitalize all who have known him, and new faces, at regular intervals.

On Friday, a bumper film evening was preceded by supper, for those that booked, in a Village Hall decked with clothed tables in candlelight, and cinema seats for non-diners. The first, and in the eyes of many, the main feature, was a superbly produced and professionally executed archive film on the lives of Gwenda Towell and Dorothy Rickwood since they arrived in the village with their spouses in late 1963- very amusing, and with lovely flash-backs of their previous existences.

On Saturday, a massive treasure hunt was enjoyed by some eight teams of youngsters (and others!). In the evening, a *Birthday Bash* at *Paradise Cottage* attracted some sixty guests in a Street Party which included traditional and modern dancing until midnight, with the usual food and drink.

On Sunday, those able to coax their limbs into action repaired to the *Rowing Club* at the invitation of Alastair Barr to show their skills at rowing! No real finds, I am told!

A memorable weekend hosted by a real lover of our village, and his friends from far and wide, who came to enjoy the wonderful ambience of Golant.

Robert Dunley

Hattie's Christening: Sunday 14th July

Sunday 14th July saw the Funnell family gather for the christening (taken by brother James) of Hattie, Simon and Sheila's youngest grandchild – and youngest daughter of their youngest daughter, Isabel!

All six grandchildren were present, with Sophy, the oldest grandchild, aged 20 and in the third year of her Modern Languages degree at Aberdeen University, as one of the Godmothers.

The service was lovely and a real family affair, the weather gorgeous, and 21 close family sat down in the garden (under two gazebos, fortunately) to enjoy a splendid celebratory lunch.

Simon Funnell



We hear that Simon recently won a prize for a 'hole in one' in a charity match at Lanhydrock Golf Course.

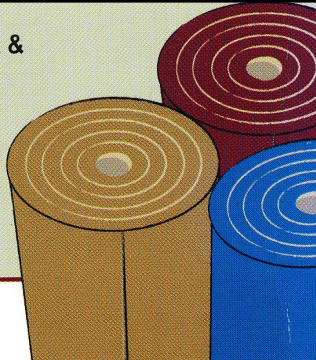
I hope it didn't cost him a fortune; most will know that by tradition, the person who achieves a 'hole in one' buys a round of drinks for everyone in the clubhouse!!

Ed.

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A SPECIAL DAY

We were blessed with a sunny day for our wedding at St Sampson's Church on 8th June.

Our family had travelled the length of the country to be with us, but it was a little closer to home for our treasured guests Lorna and Grahame Vivian (Granny and Grandpa).

We cannot thank enough all those who helped to make our day perfect— The Revd Philip de Grey-Warter, Ruth and Natalie for the flowers, the choir, especially Sheila, and Gill for making me feel like a star!

The father of the groom was welcomed by the bell-ringers, and a special mention to Mike, not only for playing the organ, but also for giving us the final nudge of encouragement towards the altar!

Our wedding breakfast followed at *The Old Quay House* in Fowey, and the memories of the day will stay with us always.

Rachel (now Nelson!)



Picture courtesy of susannastablesphotography.co.uk

ELOWEN'S CHRISTENING

Joined by close friends and family on the sunny day of June 9th, Elowen Rose Connibeer was christened at St Sampson's church. The service was lovely, with the choir sounding wonderful and Elowen smiling throughout!

After the service we headed back to *Orchard View* for a catch up, cuppa and cake, then down to the fabulous *Fisberman's Arms* for a BBQ and football on the village green!!!

We would like to say a big thanks to everyone who helped, and sent cards and gifts, and hope that the next one will be just as fun.... but not for a while yet! Ha-ha!

Ben, Clair and Elowen



Date- 14th June 2013

Venue- Golant-Cornwall

Event- **SECRET SAFARI SUPPER**

6.45- Penquite Farm

The expedition began in pouring rain. The party gathered for introductory drinks and greeted each other in great expectation of a successful venture. Cards were distributed to inform couples of the first destination.

7.00- Leader Mr Funnell rallied the diners and outlined the evening's sport!

7.10- The party broke up into groups and set off to the first location. We trekked down to Mimosa Cottage where our hosts entertained and fed us a delicious starter. Conversation was stimulating and the company interesting!

8.00- Our gracious hosts revealed our next stop and sent us on our way. Our leader had devised a cunning plan to help us prepare for the next stage of the expedition... a calorie reducing yomp up the hill back to Penquite!

8.30- We were welcomed into the farmhouse and shown to the dining room. Our new hosts served an excellent meal...game, of course! The company was in good spirits after their previous forays around Golant! We enjoyed ourselves immensely!

9.30- Time to move on! This time we trekked across land to our final venue- an establishment of fine pedigree!!! There our hosts led us to a table groaning with sweet delights! We partook with great gusto!

10.30 - Mr. Funnell addressed the party and thanked the wonderful hosts and cooks for the incredible fare consumed by all!

The expedition was a huge success. We enjoyed the experience very much despite the awful weather. Congratulations to all the organisers and the efficiency of our esteemed leader!

Mr and Mrs Whitehouse



Pill Paparazzi in this issue:

GMH	Gillie Harris
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Golant Sports & Carnival
Madness in the Pill & Raft Race

Saturday **August 10th** is Madness in the Pill & Raft Race.

Saturday **August 17th** is Sports and Carnival.

Due to the tides we have had to split the events over two weekends.

Saturday 10th sees **Madness in the Pill** starting at **6.00 pm**, organized by the Pub, followed by the **Great Golant Raft Race**. The Raft Race will be to the end of the Pill and back at high tide, so get your rafts ready. The Madness event allows anyone to play so bring a costume and a friend and join in. There will be music by ***Tidal Beats*** and a BBQ at the Pub.

Saturday 17th - Sports start at 2.00pm on the Green with delicious Cream Teas served during the afternoon. We would be very grateful if the village ladies could bake a cake and either bring it down to the marquee on the day or deliver it to *Hillcrest* (so that I can sample them!).

Raffle Tickets will be on sale throughout the day to raise money for next year's extravaganza, so any prizes that you can afford will be welcome at Estelle's or the Pub, prior to the day.

Carnival judging starts at 6.45pm, so entrants need to arrive at **6.15pm** to ensure you get into the correct category and get the best chance to bribe the judges. ***St Pinnock Brass Band*** play during judging, and will then lead the procession round the village followed by presentation of the prizes and the Raffle draw. Then everyone is invited to join in the traditional Flora Dance.

Evening entertainment is provided by ***The Fisherman's Arms*** featuring live music from ***Bird on the Wire***. Great food, BBQ and Ales will be available.

Help to raise the flags and erect the bunting would be welcome on **Friday 9th August at 11.00am** by the Green. We will also need help to erect our marquee on **Friday 16th at 3.00pm** on the Green.

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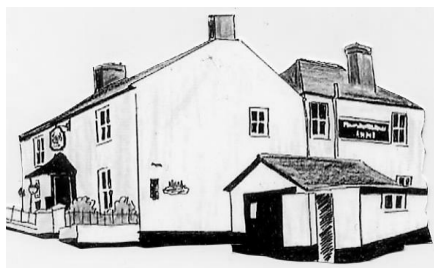
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Loving where we live... (With apologies to *Radio Cornwall*):

With the weather we have recently been enjoying, it is hard to imagine living anywhere else! Or even going on holiday abroad!! Fabulous. It almost makes up for the poor sailing seasons of the last few years? But let's enjoy it while we can, and get more time on the river at every opportunity. That is assuming, of course, that you haven't lost any of your sailing gear??

Police Update:

I am not allowed to share some of the information I receive via 'official channels,' but I can report a number of thefts up and down the coast from Looe down to Fal-mouth.

Boats, engines, trailers, tenders, even illegal fishing with nets across the river! You name it, it has gone missing, and we here in Golant haven't fully escaped the seasonal 'wave' of crime that seems to peak in the summer months. Locally, we have had reports of a lost outboard, some oars and a petrol can, although I understand that some of these have subsequently been found in a different location.

The message is clear.....you have to remain vigilant...all of the time. And you have to mark up your gear with security stickers or other means of identification (to enable the Police to return lost or stolen gear if they recover it) and if at all possible, try and leave items of equipment difficult to steal!! Easier said than done, I know. So my thoughts go out to those with lost equipment.

Awards:

If there was an award.... (and I could easily be convinced to establish one) then I would certainly present an award to Paul Meredith, who this last month (when he saw three youths taking an outboard from a tender) had the good sense and judgement to get his camera phone and take happy snaps of the potential culprits, and a picture of the car number plate on the car they were driving away in. **Highly commendable action and a credit to his good sense.**

It turns out that these possible miscreants may have been taking a relative's engine (although it **was** without anyone's permission!) and they will certainly have come to reflect on the speed of response from our local constabulary!

Back to the Police again:

For those who know him, I have to report the imminent retirement of Sergeant Russ Hall, who has virtually single-handedly inspired and supported the various Boat Watch groups along the coast.

The good news is.....that he is returning as a *special* and will focus full time on marine crime and related matters. Russ was also responsible (along with others) in helping our local branch obtain additional funding to assist in replacing the stolen gear from the Boathut. (I hope you have noticed the new paint job??)

Incidentally, the long awaited court case from the theft and conviction last July is back on the court timetable and is scheduled for next month!! (And not before time I say!)

Fun in the Sun:

So with the better weather, enjoy it while you can and get out on the river. But remember to check that all of your equipment is marked up with some form of identification and that you make it difficult for someone to steal it! *If in doubt, take a photo of anything suspicious!!*

David Jenkinson
Chairman GBOA

GOLANT QUAY USERS' ASSOCIATION

All the berth renewal notices were sent out at the end of June and payments are due by the end of July. So if you are reading this and haven't paid yet – you are late!!

Enjoy your boating in this fine weather but remember we are about to enter the silly season for thieves. We have already had enough boat bits theft this year to warn us that they will be after everything that isn't nailed down. So make the extra effort and take it home.

Peter Edwards, Chairman GQUA

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TAKING THE PILL

It was just after Easter that Kev and I received our invitation to the *Coronation Jubilee Celebration Gala Evening*, and almost immediately we thought what a great place to 'take the Pill'!

We arrived just before 6pm with a throng of others, and once through security we made our way to the brewery stand, met up with the family, received our libations and then

went for a quick supper, which was excellent. We then had a look around *Buckingham Palace* gardens (they are stunning) before the main event of the evening.

It was wonderful from the start, with the Queen's trumpeters and Dame Kiri performing the *National Anthem*, followed by the Bach Choir singing *Zadok the Priest* (our grandson Henry's favourite), followed by many wonderful acts such as Katie Melua, the National Youth Orchestra, the National Ballet and Russell Watson to name but a few, ending with *Only Boys Aloud* and with Katherine Jenkins singing *I vow to thee my country*.

We had a marvellous time which we will never forget.

Kevan and Pobo Taylor



THE BOATHOUSE

Earlier this year, Judy commissioned me to produce a painting of Anthony's boathouse, which stands proud by the quay and slip, and has, I think, added style and elegance to the arrival by boat to Golant.

I was greatly excited by this challenge, and wanted to get every detail correct, as well as capturing 'atmosphere', which was part of the brief.

As many of you know, Anthony's vision in the design and attention to detail has, with the work of top craftsmen, created a truly magnificent structure.

My wife and I delivered the picture to the boathouse on a beautiful evening, complete with high tide, and enjoyed drinks with Judy and Anthony, and were able to see just what it was all about.

One feels almost like being aboard a beautiful boat moored on the river, watching the coming and going of the tide on the Fowey Estuary.

I'm glad to say, they love the painting, and I hope it gives them many years of pleasure in its position in the boathouse.

David Parry



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THE ST SAMPSON'S PARISH MAP PROJECT

In 1982 Sue Clifford and Angela King founded the *Common Ground* organisation with the avowed aims of 'celebrating the commonplace, the local, the vernacular and the distinctive.' *The National Apple Day* was one of their early successes, now taking place every year on or near 21st October. More recently, their **Parish Map** project has achieved nation-wide popularity.

The **Golant Heritage Group** is proposing a Parish Map for Golant, and we would like to know what makes this parish special for you?



Why do we need a Parish Map, you may ask. Doesn't the Ordnance Survey produce perfectly good maps of the area? Well yes, they do; accurately surveyed, they present the perfect bird's eye view, correct in every detail, almost timeless but inanimate.

What we have in mind is a map, not of the village, but from the village, a worm's-eye view perhaps; what it feels like to be part of it, moulded by the place, and we want your ideas and suggestions.

A Parish Map can take many forms. Essentially it is a community project combining the collective ideas of the inhabitants as to what makes the parish particular to them- what scene, what location, what person, what event, makes their home especial to them? The 'map' does not have to be physically accurate; we can play with both the geographical scale and the time scale to encapsulate in one graphical representation the scenes, events and people that make the area special to us.

On a personal note, one of my cherished recollections of the village is having tea with Les and Dolly Tabb in their

spotlessly clean and neat wooden bungalow perched high above the river. I think they and their home may deserve a place on our map. Does anyone have a photo of the house, or Les in his pony and trap? (And is it true that two brothers from Golant married two sisters from Lanreath?)

But do not jump to the conclusion that this will just be a collection of sentimental memories from the old days; there will be a place for them, but not to the exclusion of today's generation and its activities. It doesn't have to be a precise recollection of a place or person; that would also exclude our new young generation or those who have only moved here recently. It doesn't have to be backward looking, but it should be particular to Golant, Torfrey, Tanhay, or the wider parish.

We need ideas and then artists and those with lively imaginations to interpret those ideas. It could be a big canvas, it can be rendered in any material, any art form, but essentially it is the work of one community, not a copy of any other- something particular, something which conveys that special sense of place and belonging.

We have included a questionnaire with this issue of the Pill. Please, please take some time to tell us what is special to you about this Parish. What event or events, what images do you carry with you- are those images of buildings, or people; what springs to mind when you think of this village and its surroundings?

We await your responses with pleasant anticipation.

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WELCOME

We welcome Robin & Liz Anderson who have moved into *Bodriggan*. Robin has retired from the Special Protection Branch of the Police. Liz is a practice development midwife who is based at Treliske Hospital, Truro.

They have two daughters— Catherine, a dentist, who has very recently moved to Bristol, and Lizzy, who has just finished her 4th year at Liverpool University, where she has been reading Medicine.

Despite not having rung bells for a number of years, Liz has joined the team at St Sampson's. Recently, she was unable to see eye to eye with the ringers because a contact lens fell out in the ringing chamber. Somehow, Simon spotted the lens & ringing was resumed!

Robin is an enthusiastic sailor, and is becoming a DIY expert through force of necessity, we understand!

CONGRATULATIONS

Tom Parsons has achieved a First Class Honours degree (BA) in Education and Training. He will go on to do his PGCE at Plymouth University (Truro) next year.

Lucien Campbell-Taylor's graduation ceremony took place at Bath Abbey recently. Barry writes: "Having read History, he achieved a 2.1 BA Hons. We had a fantastic time—the weather helped. Lucien has decided to stay in Bath whilst he decides what to do with the rest of his life."

PROPERTY MOVES IN GOLANT

With the improved economical climate, there has recently been a number of house sales in the village, including *Bodriggan*, *Penquite Vineyard*, *1b Riverview Terrace* and *River House*.

CALENDAR UPDATE

Apart from a very small handful of pictures offered to us from just two readers in response to our suggestion in the last copy of *The Golant Pill* that we may organise a village photographic calendar for 2014, there has been no other interest expressed.

So, rather disappointingly, there won't be one! Maybe, if we can get busy with our cameras from now on, to cover the four seasons, we could produce one for 2015.

The original village calendar in 2010 was such a success, with a large number of locals offering us a wide variety of images, it would seem a shame not to replicate this.

So do get snapping!

GMH

VILLAGE WEBSITE

Quite simply, it is: www.golant.net

Have you checked it out lately?

St Sampson Parish Council

JUNE & JULY 2013

I start this report by expressing heartfelt thanks to Simon Funnell, Bruce Fletcher and Angela Forsyth who retired after many years service at the Annual Parish Meeting in May. Their combined wealth of experience and local knowledge has undoubtedly served the Parish extremely well over the years and has provided a solid foundation for continuity for the future.

And in that vein, it is encouraging and exciting to report an injection of new blood into the Parish Council in newly co-opted Councillors Judith Luddington, Peter Williams and Stuart Young. I would like to welcome them as fellow Councillors and thank them for the enthusiasm they have already shown for their roles alongside existing Councillors Fuge, Campbell-Taylor, Johns and Hunter.

We have a new Cornwall Councillor, David Hughes, who has attended our June and July meetings and is already proving himself to be a real asset. David sits on Cornwall Council's Planning and Standards Committees. He clearly has a wide knowledge of planning and procedural matters which have already proven to be very helpful to your Parish Councillors. We look forward to a long and productive working partnership with him.

And the final reigning in of change has been Councillor Hunter's election as Chairman with Stuart Young as Vice Chairman. It is proposed that your new Council will adopt a more teamed approach to the issues and challenges that face the Parish. As part of this, individual Councillors have already agreed to lead and take responsibility for specific areas of Council business. Councillor Young has already taken responsibility for financial management and auditing compliance while Councillor Luddington is already doing a sterling job with improving the playground.

In the midst of all this change, we have had to make a difficult decision concerning the public toilets. After lengthy debate at the 04 June 2013 meeting, your Councillors unanimously resolved not to continue with negotiations to acquire the public toilets. This decision was taken

not without regret. The principal reasons for the decision centred on future liability and financial risk. You may be interested to know that Councillor Hughes has advised that, at present, only one public toilet earmarked for closure on the Fowey Peninsula has remained open and, even then, only as a result of the support of a private benefactor. Please bear in mind that the toilets were closed by Cornwall Council not by your Parish Council.

On a more positive note, the existing arrangements with the car park remain unchanged and the heat wave has boosted takings markedly. Let us hope for more hot sunny weather!

On planning, your Council has objected to an application for a proposed dwelling and garage adjacent to *Sea View* on *Gumms Lane*. There was support for permission for the construction of a garage at *3 River View Terrace*. Your Council has also resolved to conditionally support an application for permission to demolish and rebuild at *Riverbank Cottage* provided concerns relating to scale, design and disruption caused by works are addressed by the Planning Authority.

The next full meeting is on Tuesday 24 September 2013 at 7:15pm. Please do attend! Your new Chairman actively encourages reasonable public participation both before and during the meeting as this very much enlivens and enhances proceedings. And do enjoy your summer!

Colin Hunter
Chairman

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News from St Sampson's Church

Times of morning services:

Please note that, from September 1st, the Sunday morning services will start at **9.30am**. For many of us, this is the time as it used to be. This change has come about mainly as a result of the Revd Nick Widdows being made priest in Truro Cathedral in June. He can now celebrate the service of Holy Communion. It should help, also, to alleviate the mad dashes of Philip as he moves from Golant to Fowey to make the start of the next service.

The **Harvest Festival** is on October 6th and, please note, the **Supper** is at 7.00pm that same day. Entrance is by prepaid ticket ONLY (available from Penny White 01726 832315). Tickets for a *Silent Tombola* will be on sale as you enter the village hall. This is instead of an auction.

We would be grateful for any gifts such as dried pasta, rice, tinned meats & vegetables. Also, we are hoping to have *An Auction of Promises*. But, *please*, we need some promises: cleaning cars or windows, a free trip on a boat or aeroplane, ironing clothes.....any appropriate ideas!

No successive years in the world of nature are ever alike. The double lady's smocks were the poorest ever this year even after all the rain (yet they love marshy ground). The rare double meadow saxifrage were the finest seen for over a decade. The latter have drawn much comment from visitors. One knowledgeable couple emailed for extra details & information about the plants which are spreading slowly.

I recall a conversation with a Scotsman many years ago when he told me that he had just returned from a holiday in Brittany with his family & parents. His father disappeared before breakfast on the first day but was found on the quayside chatting to some old fishermen even though he didn't know a word of French. He was speaking in Gaelic & they in Breton. A Welsh person glancing at a Cornish dictionary will recognise great similarities. That's the answer with Bishop Tim's remark about the language used by St Sampson, of course. The Celtic lands, including Brittany, probably shared a common language albeit with regional variations.

MGH



And the noise level decreased as sixty people began the feast.....

CHOIR NEWS

The choir has been kept busy since Easter, with a new service for Lent and Advent – a *Kyrie, Sanctus* and *Agnus Dei*. This composition had its first performance on Mothering Sunday.

There has been a wedding and two baptisms, all involving the choir, and we chose a Blues version of *Amazing Grace* as the anthem, with a sparkling rendition of the third verse as a solo by Tauniua.

On the 21st July the Bishop of Truro was our celebrant and preacher, with the service moved to 10.00am, and in honour of his visit we celebrated St Sampson's Day a week early! The choir sang three pieces recounting the life and works of St Sampson, two in English and one in Cornish (courtesy of our own Bard, John Jenkin). As is now the tradition, we also sang the Lord's Prayer in Cornish (*Pader Agan Arluth* – yes, our Cornish is coming on in leaps and bounds!), and the choir also led a healthy congregation in some hearty Saints' Day hymns, including one tricky descant – the sopranos rose to the challenge!

The Bishop was kind enough to congratulate the choir on the music, and we are eternally grateful to all the choir members for their commitment and hard work, and also to Mike Harris and James Funnell for some memorable organ playing. We are fortunate indeed to have so many talented people living in and around our tiny village. Singing is a real team sport (and apparently excellent for the health), and although it demands commitment, it is also great fun – my thanks to all those who make music in our church.

Sheila Funnell

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UNCLE JOHN'S GARDEN PATCH

Gardening Tips for August & September

At last, it feels as though we have had a taste of summer weather, albeit with some extreme temperatures, and it's been some brave an' hot! Now don't think that I'm complaining but, didn't all beer an' skittles, an' where there's an upper there's always a downer. The up side is the lovely sunshine and hot weather, the down side is the need to constantly water and feed, because if you don't, then the plants will very soon let you know!

Don't mow the grass too tight and if it does turn brown, don't fret because it will green up again when the rains return. Watering is a necessity, and if the supply is limited then containers and hanging baskets will have to come first. Always water in the early morning or evening when the temperature has dropped, and with newly planted trees and shrubs make sure they are watered frequently. Perennials and summer bedding will survive with occasional watering, and if they start to wilt then don't worry; it's quite natural for plants to wilt in the hottest part of the day, because this is nature's way of reducing water loss, and even if they look dead, don't pull them up because there will probably be life underneath.

With vegetables, mulching will reduce evaporation and you will have to decide which will need the most water. Beans and courgettes will come first to keep them cropping regularly.

Show time is rapidly approaching and it's time to single out individual plants for a bit of special treatment. So why not enter something in the show? There is a variety of classes, and I'm sure that there is something for all ages. GOOD LUCK!!

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NORT'S NOTELET

Lostwithiel Garden Society are holding their annual Produce Show, (71st year) on Saturday September 7th, at 2.30pm in the Community Centre, Lostwithiel.

The admission to the show is £1.00. It is well worth a visit, and there are classes to suit all, young and old.

Anyone interested in joining the Garden Society will be made most welcome, and we meet on the second Tuesdays of the month, starting in October in the Church Hall at 7.30 pm. If anyone wants more information just see me at the Golant Produce Show or phone me on 01726 873713.

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Auntie Paddy's Recipe Corner

I made this Roularde in June for the first time for a lady's 80th birthday party. She said that when there were several desserts on the table, this always went quickly, and it proved to be true.

Vilma and I made it for one of our Thursday Kitchens— no wheat produce is used, so it is suitable for those on a gluten free diet.

MERINGUE ROULARDE

*5 Egg Whites
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50g (2oz) Flaked Almonds
275g (10 fl oz) Whipping or Double Cream
Strawberries*

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2. Grease a 33cm (13") x 23cm (9") Swiss Roll tin, and line with non-stick baking paper.
3. Whisk the egg whites and add the sugar a little at a time until very stiff.
4. Spread the mixture into the prepared tin and sprinkle the almonds over it.
5. Place the tin near the top of the oven and bake for 12 minutes. Then lower the oven to Gas Mark 3/150°C and bake for another 15 minutes until firm to the touch.
6. Remove from the oven and turn almond side down onto a sheet of non-stick paper (I use a silicone baking tray liner). Carefully remove the lining paper and allow to cool.
7. Whisk the cream until it stands in peaks. Spread over the meringue.
8. Slice the strawberries and arrange over the cream.
9. Roll from the long end fairly lightly and roll using the paper (or silicone liner), making sure you don't leave the paper in the roulard!
10. Place on a serving dish with the join underneath.

Paddy Shelley

THURSDAY KITCHEN

Please note that Vilma and Paddy will be taking a well-earned break, and there will be **no** Thursday Kitchens in August or September.

They will restart in October, on the second Thursday of the month.

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Sunday 4 th	9.15am	Holy Communion	St Sampson's
Saturday 10 th	2.00 - 4.30pm	Flower and Produce Show	Village Hall
Saturday 10 th	5.30pm	Madness in the Pill	The Pill
	6.30pm onwards	BBQ (following Madness in the Pill)	
Saturday 10 th	9.00pm	Music with <i>Tidal Beat</i>	Fisherman's Arms
Sunday 11 th	9.15am	Holy Communion	St Sampson's
Wednesday 14 th	9.50am	Mobile Library	End of Green
Saturday 17 th	2.00pm	Carnival Sports	Village Green
Saturday 17 th	6.15pm	Carnival Judging	Village Green
		followed by Procession around the village and Flora Dance	
Saturday 17 th	8.30pm	Live Music – <i>Bird on a Wire</i>	Fisherman's Arms
Sunday 18 th	6.00pm	Evensong	St Sampson's
Friday 23 rd	9.00pm	Beer Fest Music with <i>Skeleton Crew</i>	Fisherman's Arms
Saturday 24 th	9.00pm	Beer Fest Music with <i>Chilli Breeze</i>	Fisherman's Arms
Sunday 25 th	9.15am	Holy Communion	St Sampson's
Tuesday 27 th		No Parish Council meeting	
Wednesday 28 th	9.50am	Mobile Library	End of Green
Thursday 29 th	9.00pm	Live music - <i>Tim Rennick</i> with guest <i>Hobson's Choice</i>	Fisherman's Arms

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 1 st	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Sampson's
Sunday 8 th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Sampson's
Wednesday 11 th	9.50am	Mobile Library	End of Green
Sunday 15 th	6.00pm	Evensong	St Sampson's
Sunday 22 nd	9.30am	Holy Communion (Choir)	St Sampson's
Monday 23rd	Copy Date	<i>Golant Pill</i>	golantpill@yahoo.co.uk
Tuesday 24 th	7.15pm	Parish Council Meeting <i>(The public is invited to take part until 7.30pm)</i>	Village Hall
Wednesday 25 th	9.50am	Mobile Library	End of Green
Friday 27 th	10.00am -12 noon	MacMillan Coffee Morning	Village Hall
Sunday 29 th	9.30am	Holy Communion <i>(Book of Common Prayer)</i>	St Sampson's

OCTOBER dates for your diary

Sunday 6 th	9.30am	Harvest Thanksgiving	St Sampson's
Sunday 6 th	7.00pm	Harvest Supper <i>(Tickets from Penny White 832315)</i>	Village Hall

Zumba classes are on hold at present. Please contact Penny Parsons (832727) for future classes in the autumn.

Thursday Kitchen: There is **NO** Thursday Kitchen during August and September.

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