



THE WOW FACTOR!



A composite of pictures taken by Karen Hamnett of a few of the floral works of art.

A riot of colour!

To state that the Flower Festival held in the church from 14th-17th May was successful is a gross understatement! Indeed, compliments are still being paid about every aspect of the event and visitors were able to enjoy them until the final week of May.

The theme of the festival was *The Legend of Tristan & Iseult*. Much of the action of that story took place, of course, around our village and the surrounding area. Three years ago, Simon Funnell wrote the script for a very successful narration of the legend combined with music. For this occasion he produced a comprehensive programme which traced twenty scenes. After passing colourful troughs & vases and under hanging baskets & the decorated entrance, visitors were invited to trace the birth of Tristan to the deaths of the two lovers, be-

ginning at the porch and ending at the font. 'Wow!' was a common reaction from many as they entered the building! Some said it was the best flower festival they had ever seen and one couple from 'up country' stated that it was better than the recent one in the cathedral near their home. Having a theme was appreciated by many. I noted two different groups reading the story from their programme to their very young children as they moved around the building; the youngsters were enchanted and one asked for a repeat tour.

Most people found it impossible to capture the depth of beauty and sheer variety of displays on their cameras. Mind you, from the amount of flashes going off, it wasn't for the lack of trying. And the smell in the building was memorable particularly from the lilies.

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Nearly thirty people had been involved in the skilful art of floral display. About £800 was spent on flowers combined with others picked from gardens and hedgerows. More than sixty very generous sponsors had given £1872.50 to cover the event. Most of these donations were in memory of loved ones.

The festival was masterminded by Ruth Varco who, as well as organising the flowers in St Sampson's Church for over ten years, has considerable experience in floral displays. It is no secret & a great strength that 'only the best' will do for Ruth and her team responded perfectly to her demands. In typical fashion, she had spent much time in previous weeks meeting, encouraging and planning with each arranger; nothing was left to chance. 'Spectacular' was a word spoken by many about her achievement.

Carol White and her team of helpers are to be congratulated, also, for supplying visitors with delicious food. The quality of the various ploughman lunches and cream teas was remarked upon often. Countless cups of tea & coffee as well as glasses of wine were dispensed.

To add to the atmosphere, quiet organ music was played at varying intervals by Sheila Funnell, the Revd James Funnell & Mike Harris.

Within hours of the opening of the festival, Karen Hamnett had produced a series of cards featuring each floral display. These, together with other cards, books & pottery, sold at a steady rate. All these goods are still available at the church.

Large numbers of visitors of all ages attended over the four days even though the weather can be described only as 'variable.' Fewer numbers attended during rainy spells. People spoke of the warm welcome awaiting them as they entered the church and responded by giving generous donations and, after expenses, a wonderful total of **£3116** was raised for the Fabric Fund at St Sampson's Church!

At the end of the festival, just as evensong was about to begin, the last visitor left. As she went through the door, she said, "The flowers are amazing and this church is a very, very special place. It's been such a pleasure. We've had a wonderful time."

In short, it was a triumph!

From the Editor

Before printing the last issue, a new 'program' was installed with the aim of using less toner in our laser printer. All did not run smoothly! However, near the end it *did* seem to start working. It's fingers crossed that it's going to work this time! Mind you, immediately after compiling the April issue, Robert told me that the toner had gone up in price yet again!

I am very grateful to Jack Elworthy for helping to compile the *Sandbanks* (p6) news even though he was up to his neck in exams at the time. Meanwhile, we hope that Alice is feeling better.

Over fifty people now have *The Golant Pill* sent by post. Visitors to the *Altarnun* holiday cottage read the back numbers & like it so much that four lots have now ordered a regular supply!

Last year, I wrote a wish for a lovely summer. This time, I won't write another word.....

Mike Harris

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Village Hall Committee

The new windows in the hall have been received with very favourable comments and it is hoped they will improve the warmth within it. Also, to this end, Sue Reardon is investigating other heating options from more efficient storage heaters (the present ones cost £300 over the winter) to new Air Source heating systems. Sue went to see such a system in Tetbury and was very impressed. Although these can be expensive to install, grants are available which we shall be investigating. An interesting discussion took place at the AGM on this subject. It is our plan to decorate the hall during the school summer holidays.

It is our intention to change the lock on the village hall door shortly as the present one is not really substantial enough. Also, we are aware that there should be better monitoring of the keys. So, in future, only committee members will have a key.

The Committee is mindful that there has always been a tradition in Golant to allow villagers to borrow equipment for free and we are always appreciative of a small donation, if people would like to give, on its return. We are happy to continue to loan equipment with the booking being done through the Secretary, but can be signed in and out by any committee member.

At the AGM the present committee was re-elected. However, we should like to say how appreciative we are of the

support we receive from other people at the various events throughout the year.

Saturday 11th July 2-4.30pm is the date for a new venture i.e. the first **Golant Summer Flower and Produce Show** which we hope very much that you will support by exhibiting your fruit, flowers, vegetables, making cakes, pasties and bread, homemade jams and preserves, whilst encouraging your children to enter their animals made from fruit and vegetables, plants in unusual containers or a miniature garden on a tray. Don't forget to submit your photographs on 'village life'. Do check in your schedule which was delivered with the last edition of the Pill for all the details. But, most of all, do come and see the exhibits. Refreshments will be available to add to your enjoyment. We would welcome any raffle prizes (garden related) please.

All entry forms must be returned to Anita Fuge by 8th July.

Sunday 19th July from 12.30pm The Big Lunch

This is an idea from the Eden Project that throughout the country as many people as possible sit down to a lunch together on this day. Although not a state occasion like the Coronation it is an opportunity for the community to be together. Therefore, in Golant we are inviting everyone to bring a picnic (the Committee will provide Puddings!) and there will be games afterwards for all those who want to join in or just watch the fun. Let us endorse the spirit of this occasion.

Janet Gore

PLANT & BOOK SALE

Thank you to all those who supported the Plant & Book Sale in any way by growing plants, providing books, preparing the soup lunch and coming and buying all of the above.

The sale raised £297.26 for Village Hall funds, for which the committee is very grateful.

These occasions do not only raise funds, but provide opportunities to meet other villagers.

We look forward to hearing the result of the 'friendly' sunflower competition among certain ladies of the village!!

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The tiniest flowers on display at the Flower Festival were undoubtedly to be found on an exquisite model of the church made by Rachael Bromley.

Rachael and her husband Carl have been coming down to Golant as frequently as possible for fifteen years. In 2001 they were married at St Sampson's. The building has always been very special to them.

Dolls' houses have been a fascination of Rachael for many years. Her ambition to own a really special one was fulfilled last year. Then she joined a group who were all set the task of making a scaled building from scratch. Some chose Tudor houses, others Georgian ones but Rachael decided that hers had to be somewhere special and unique. She knew immediately that it had to be St Sampson's Church!

Rachael & Carl run a very successful Fashion & Design business in London— at present they are producing exhibits for the 125th Anniversary of Selfridges. Perhaps she saw making such a model as a way to offset the pressures of running a business in these troubled times, that it would be therapeutic. How wrong she was! Or was she?

A scale drawing of the building (1:50) was sent to her and she then set about producing everything in minute detail. For a start, Rachael is a perfectionist and full of ingenuity. Everything had to be as authentic as possible. The walls are clad with pieces of real stone, matching woods have been used and even the staining of the pews is the same as John East has used on the real things. Her most difficult task was the cutting of 5000 real pieces of slate for the roofs. For quite a time, she could cut only a few each evening because her fingers were damaged and painful.

Rachael had lifted the roofs so that visitors could see the beautifully detailed interior.



The stained glass windows were perfectly reproduced on acetate using digital technology. The James II board and cards sales racks were similarly made.

Rachael then spent much time visiting shops who deal only in doll's house supplies. She managed to find one who ordered eighty tiny lights which really work.

Gillie & I feel privileged to have been the source of various pieces of information. Rachael sent emails or would ring up asking for facts, descriptions or photographs of particular items. Occasionally, she would send photographs of the unfinished model usually with a dog nearby to show the true scale so we felt a real part of the project!

When she arrived with Carl ten days before the Festival the model was impressive but, in her eyes, far from ready. The biggest area was the churchyard which could be done only by being in situ. That's when the gravestones, camellia and little flowers were made and positioned. For some time it was drying over Ruth's Aga!

But it's still not finished. The lectern, pulpit & reading desk have just been carved, as seen in this latest picture!

Other items have been photographed and measured for inclusion in the finished object.



Rachael & Carl plan to be back in September when the model will be finished and will become the proud possession of the church.

Meanwhile, Carl continues to take second place to the model and has to spend most evenings amusing himself—in the pub, of course!

MGH

For those of you who saw the photograph in the Fisherman's Arms which seemed to show a giant egg inside St Sampson's Church, the mystery is now resolved!

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GOLANT WILDLIFE

Red Kites have been in the sky above Golant recently. Karen Hamnett managed to take some fantastic photographs of one of these lovely birds and I am now indebted to her as we have hard evidence of their existence. Once seen and recognised, there is no forgetting this languid bird with its graceful flight and distinctive V- shaped tail. Look up above the downs in the mornings and you may catch a glimpse.

This stunning photograph was taken by Karen, who witnessed the seagull harrying this red kite over the downs.



We enjoyed a brief sighting of an *Osprey* on its northerly spring migration. They don't hang about at this time of the year; they are all frantic to meet up with partners for the breeding season. They nest in Northern parts but recently it has been observed that they are tending to move south. The autumn southerly migration is a much more laid back affair with none of the concomitant stress and pressure of imminent reproduction. The birds steadily drift southwards, taking their pleasure where they find it until they reach mid Africa. 'Our' bird, having very good taste, favours St Cadix creek for its mid journey break.

PRIMROSE REVIVAL

The UPSIDE of the burning of sections of hillside between the upper and lower paths to the Sawmills (reported in a previous issue) is the 'releasing' of the wild flowers that had become buried.

This photograph was taken on April 4th and shows what a beautiful result those burnt areas have produced. Some daffodils were also growing in clumps.

A few years ago controlled burning to keep down the brambles etc was routine.

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Large clumps of primroses surround a blackened bush.



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I was sad to observe that only one pair of *House Martins* seemed to be present in the Village this year but, much to my delight, a new pair have just appeared in our garden and have begun refurbishing an old under-eaves nest. Generally, they are having a very bad time; each year fewer birds return to the UK and it is not known quite why.

Another specie is under pressure. It's the usual story; a worldly incomer moves in to an area and dominates, then breeds with, and overwhelms the locals. May I therefore make a plea for the humble Bluebell. All around the Village one can see white, mauve, pink and unnaturally blue, bluebells. These are hybrids, the result of *Spanish Bluebells*, which were imported and sold during the last decade, crossing with our own *Wild Bluebell*. The incomers are far more robust than our natives. Once established, they crowd out or hybridise with, and then dominate the natives. It is now difficult to purchase Spanish Bluebells but if you have any, please consider getting rid of them or, at least, don't let them seed.

Barry Campbell-Taylor

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The kids' insight on Golant

Poor Alice has been laid up with a horrible tummy bug, so I'm stepping in to write this month's *Sandbanks* !!

Jack Elworthy

CHILDREN'S GLEANINGS

Nifty Netballer!!

Recently, Meg Elworthy was picked for the under 14 county netball trials. It was held at Pool Secondary School in Camborne.

The competition was very fierce because unlike the under 13s, where there were four teams picked, the under 14s only have a north and south team, so only the very best get in. Fantastically, Meg got through; well done!

Jack Elworthy

Congratulations to the Canoeists

Dan Palmer recently entered his first ever canoeing race, and despite the bad weather conditions, he managed to complete the race coming in 5th place, just behind Bronte Holden in 4th.

Well done the pair of you!!

Jack Elworthy

GREENER GREENHOUSE!!

In my class we are building a greenhouse out of 2 litre plastic bottles, and at the moment we have 524, but we need a total of 1,500. So if anyone has any empty bottles please can you give them to me at Myrtle Cottage, or leave them outside if no-one is in. Unfortunately, we can't accept any milk bottles.

We will be planting carrots, tomatoes, peppers and chives in the greenhouse once it is completed.

Hugh Elworthy

FLOWER FESTIVAL

We wanted to take part in the Flower Festival because it is nice to be part of our local Church and we enjoyed ourselves as well. Not many young people get involved, so we wanted to make a special effort.

Lilly & Anna Heslop



Lilly & Anna with their delightful 'Love Potion' display.



Spreading the Arts to Every Corner of Cornwall

Well, we had two locally linked, well-supported events during this Carn to Cove season.

Tom Bliss and his multi-media story-telling and songs with Cornish, Isles of Scilly and Channel Islands references was great entertainment and very informative.

The recent Secret Six attracted sufficient village interest to swell numbers to nearly 50. Whether it was to find out if their skeletons in the closet had been included, or merely wanting to know the village gossip, one can only surmise. Whatever the reason, we all enjoyed an entertaining and well-presented series of stories with a really local flavour.

The narrative has been emailed to me and the two prize-winners of the raffle will each be getting their personal copy.

As for the Autumn, dates have been provisionally booked and details will be given in a future issue of *The Golant Pill*.

Mike Freemantle

FOWEY FUCHSIA & GARDEN SOCIETY

On July 26th the Annual Show will be held in the Fowey Community College from 1pm to 4.30pm.

This is usually a very colourful spectacle.

The judges this year are Alan Richards from the Camborne & Redruth Society, judging Fuchsias, and Brian Mason for Pelargoniums. Brian is a National Judge for the British & European Geranium Society. This will be the first time we have had a judge specifically for Pelargoniums.

Fingers crossed for favourable comments...



On June 8th the Speaker is Brian Carlson on Pelargonium Standards, and on July 13th Jim Stevens will talk on Hardy Fuchsias.

We meet on the second Monday of every month (except August) in the Fowey Community College at 7.30pm.

All are very welcome.

Anita Fuge (Show Secretary)

A message from Janet.....

I would just like to thank everyone for their understanding and acceptance of Brian's illness over the last six years. It has been a long journey, but one made so much easier by living here in Golant.

Brian is now receiving wonderful care and is quite settled in his new home in Launceston.

I so wish you had all known him when he was well.

My grateful thanks again.

Janet Longman

Thanks

A very big Thank You to all who contributed to the May Kidney Research Collection in Water Lane and Environs.

The total collected was £52, which was brilliant!

Jacky Fletcher

Many Thanks to 'The Golant Quizzers'

Just a quick note to update 'The Golant Quizzers' on what has happened about the money donated to the local charities of their choice.

We collected a total of £327.00 from our quiz evenings. It would have been more only some teams had already generously donated their winnings to our RNLI box on the bar, which was approximately £50.

Cheques were sent off, each in the sum of £109.00, to Mount Edgcombe Hospice, Cornwall Air Ambulance and Shelter Box. We have received back receipts along with

some lovely letters of thanks and information on how and where our donations will be used. These letters are currently displayed on our notice board at the pub for anyone who is interested. It is very reassuring to know that our donations are going to very worthwhile charities which anyone of us may need one day.

Only recently Kirsty Giles, who lives in the village, had a very bad fall when out horse-riding at Blisland. Kirsty was airlifted to hospital by the Cornwall Air Ambulance, where she was treated for her injuries. She and her mother Sharon have nothing but praise for the crew who rescued and treated Kirsty – thanks to them she is now fully recovered.

Regular quizzers Sue and Richard Strode witnessed Shelter Box in action when they were recently on holiday in Grand Turk, Carribean. They were both very impressed with what was provided to these poor people who had lost everything.

Thanks to all who participated and we look forward to seeing you all again when we start quizzing in October.

Anne-Marie and Steve

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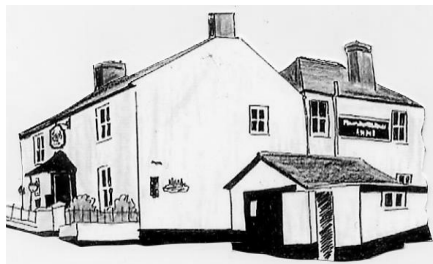
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St Sampson Parish Council

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on Wednesday 20th May, with about ten members of the public attending. The Chairman summarised the position on a series of issues (all of which have been reported in this excellent publication): affordable housing, sewage, car parking, the village green and playground, and the state of our roads.

In particular, he thanked Stuart Young for his work as Parish Clerk, Sue Reardon and Siobhan Harper for their significant contributions to the Parish Council, Richard Strode for acting as internal auditor, Vic Tabb for keeping our village green in such good order, and the present members of the council for their contribution to the community. Unfortunately, Parish Councillors' allowances do not match up to those at Westminster.

The Chairman made a special plea for dog owners not to let their dogs wander free. There is a notice stating that dogs are not allowed in the playground, but canine reading skills are clearly wanting and thus owners do need to be on hand!

Reports were received from nearly all the village groups, including a crime report from PC Phil Dingle and a One Cornwall report from Cllr Sally Bain. My thanks to all those who gave up their time to keep the village informed, and it is clear that we still live in a very active community.

The public question time was short, as most points had been raised following the various reports, but the question of the maintenance of the new footpath on the Upper Downs was raised, and also the parlous state of the surface on Church Hill.

There then followed the Annual Parish Council Meeting, and two brave members of the public stayed for this. The Chairman was re-elected, Bruce Fletcher was also re-elected as vice-chairman, and it was decided that we would henceforth meet on **the fourth Wednesday of each month** (although there are not always meetings in August and December). The standing orders have been changed accordingly.

The accounts for 2008-2009 were presented and formally adopted by the council, and the reserves were seen to be healthy. £3,000 is to be spent on the playground to buy two toddlers' swings, and the see-saw is being moved (and made more user-friendly) to create sufficient room.

Finally, there were two names proposed for co-option to the council, and as there is room for only one more member a vote was taken, and David Johns was formally co-opted.

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Fowey Harbour Oil Spill Exercise

The Fowey Harbour Commissioners have a statutory duty to formulate an Oil Spill Contingency Plan which would manage a spill from operations within the harbour area or a spill coming into the harbour from the sea.

The plan is currently under review and as part of the revision process the Harbour Commissioners carried out an exercise to test their equipment and the lines of communication which would be essential in the event of a real incident. There were about 20 people also involved as representatives from the various other agencies which would be involved in a spill, including the Coastguard, Environment Agency, Cornwall Council Emergency Management, Police and Fire Brigades.

The pollution exercise was carried out in lower harbour, to simulate a spill in the area between Town Quay and Whitehouse Quay. The Harbour Commissioners own a large quantity of oil spill response equipment which is kept aboard a barge which is moored up river. This was mobilised to the area and deployment of booms was started. This was used to familiarise and train staff in how the equipment works and to test our capabilities in the event of a spill. The teams successfully deployed 340m of inflatable boom in 45 minutes and these were utilised in two different sets; to firstly simulate the containment of the spill in an area where it can be recovered using a recovery mop, which uses absorbent material to literally 'mop-up' the oil from the water surface. The other part of the boom was used to simulate a protection scenario, where we protected the Whitehouse Quay and paddling pool as amenity areas. It is the Harbour Commissioner's policy to try to contain a spill on the water for recovery, as oil on the shore is more difficult to clean up and is potentially damaging to the

environment.

The exercise was successfully completed but it is important to remember that in the case of a real incident there are many other factors which can be involved, including other emergency situations. Also, the Oil Spill Contingency Plan would work with the Waste Management and Port Emergency Plans. It is hoped that there will be a Port Emergency Exercise in the early autumn to simulate another scenario.

The Harbour Commissioners wish to encourage people to be responsible with fuels and oils to prevent spills in the harbour, but also wish to assure that we will respond to any report of a spill and encourage the reporting of spills sighted in the harbour area on the office number or on VHF channel 12.



Sammy the Sea Serpent says, 'Please, when you are refuelling, think about protecting the environment from any spillages and fit an oily bilge sock to prevent oily sheens from occurring in our beautiful estuary.'

Claire Hoddinott

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TAKING THE PILL

No pictures were sent in for this issue!

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!

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HUG A TREE

We all shrink a little in height and expand in girth as time goes by, but for a tree to be old and fat is no disgrace; in fact these are now sought-after features.

The great Ancient Tree Hunt is on; part of a national five-year project to find and map all the ancient trees across the UK. Why this interest in very old trees? There are more ancient trees in the UK than anywhere else in Northern Europe. Cornwall may be one of the least wooded areas in Britain but it is one the richest for ancient and significant trees. These trees may have been around longer than our historic houses and some are historically important in their own right. As well as being rich habitats for wildlife, (oak trees are host to more than 500 species of flora and fauna), great trees can be important markers of previous land use, indicating early field boundaries, the last vestiges of an ancient deer park, orchard or holy site, or incorporated in the gardens of a great estate. Some have personal interest; did you ever carve your name and that of a loved one on an old Beech Tree? Colvithick Woods shelter one such beech tree with the date 1922 carved on it and similar messages survive elsewhere from the 19th Century.

Last November I joined a group of interested individuals, Parish Councillors, Tree Wardens, and keen tree-huggers for an Ancient Tree Hunt training day at Lostwithiel's imposing Community Centre. We were shown where to look for really old specimen trees, how to measure them and to record them on the Ancient Tree Hunt website. We were also given advice on maintenance, what to do and not to do, and some popular myths were dispelled. We then looked at some ancient oaks on the Restormel Estate, two of which were thought, by our experts, to be more than 400 years old, connecting us to the Civil War, Cromwell and the Stuarts and possibly even the Tudors.

If you want to take part in the hunt, then ancient trees are most likely to be found in isolated positions rather than deep inside woods. Hedgerows, Fields, Parkland, and the perimeters of woods are the places to look. If you find something interesting you can simply measure it in 'hugs'; the British Standard Hug is fixed as 1.5 metres (5 ft.). The distance from finger tip to finger tip is approximately the same as your height. Measure the tree at chest height, trying to avoid any lumps and bumps. Anything over 3 hugs, depending on species, is likely to be of interest. More accurately, measure it with a tape, photograph it, record its position on a map, and then enter the details at the Great Tree Hunt website or contact Loveday Jenkin (details below). One word of caution- do not enter private land without the owner's permission, but note any likely-looking tree which is visible from a public right of way. Owners can be traced by the Project Organiser and arrangements made to measure the tree.

Remember, you don't have to be barking mad to hug a tree any more.

In Cornwall this project is being co-ordinated by the National Trust, Cornwall County Council and the Great Trees of Cornwall Project.

Useful addresses:-

* *Great Trees of Cornwall Project Officer* is Dr. Loveday Jenkin, Kennels Office, Lanhydrock Park, Bodmin, PL30 4DE Tel. 01208 265276 or email her at:

loveday.jenkin@nationaltrust.org.uk

* *Woodland Trust*, Autumn Park, Grantham, Lincs. NG31 6LL Tel. 01467 581111 or email:

www.woodland-trust.org.uk

(The Woodland Trust own Lantyan Woods, most of which is within our Parish.)

* *One Cornwall (CCC)*, County Hall, Truro, TR1 3AY Tel. 01872 222000. Colin Hawke, Natural Environment Service, and Ann Reynolds, Historic Environment Service.

*The Ancient Tree Hunt recording form can be downloaded from www.ancient-tree-hunt.org.uk or completed on line, and you can follow the links from Golant's own website, www.golant.net

I'm a bit of tree-hugger myself, so I will be happy to answer any questions.

Stuart Young

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Golant Gleanings

Congratulations!

Dr David & Mary Skerrett celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary recently. To what does he pre-
scribe their success?!

Vilma Dunley has reached the milestone age known in Latin circles as : LXX.

On Easter Monday, Pam Tabb did her first show with her two Shetland ponies at the Duchy College in
Callington. She won two first, two seconds & a Championship. What a start!

On the Mend

John Fuge suffered a heart attack a few weeks ago. After a fortnight's stay in hospital, during which time
a stent was inserted into an artery, he returned home and is making a good recovery.

It's good to see Suzanne Edwards on her feet again, albeit with the help of crutches. She was responsible
for the lovely display on the nave altar (part of the wedding sequence) in the Flower Festival.

Alison Schwab, who used to live at *Hybadore*, is recovering from a spell in Treliske after suffering a stroke.
We wish her a speedy recovery.

Ups & 'Downes'

Becky Downes (*Fisberman's Arms*) is performing in a chorus line at the Minack Theatre in June (1st-5th) as
part of the Truro College's Own Stage Company (TRUCCO). This will form part of her final assessment for
her two year Higher Diploma in Dramatic Arts.

We need your help!

*Please don't be shy about letting us know of any news for this page of Gleanings from our village. We can only report on
what we hear about!*

2010 Calendar

Further to our suggestion last year that the *Golant Pill* would like to produce a village calendar, we are now looking at
the possibility of one for 2010. Karen Hamnett, the Art/Graphics member of our team, will be organising this, and has
the following suggestions for anyone wishing to send in any photos. **(Thanks for entries already received).**

- Digital is the better format.
- Bear in mind that photographs will probably need to be enlarged, so the best possible quality will help.
- Landscape orientation is preferred, but not essential.
- If posting, do not put your name on the back of the photos, as voting will be done purely on a numbered, anon-
ymous basis! (but remember to identify yourself to Karen, who will be the only person 'in the know'!)

Please send any photos directly to Karen **by the beginning of July:-**
email: karenhamnett@btinternet.com post: Bloweys, Downs Hill, Golant

This is your last reminder!

GOLANT QUAY USERS ASSOCIATION

The new boating season is underway and we wish you all a happy time, but would remind you of the high level of theft that occurred last year. So please mark your equipment so that it can be identified by the Police and/or remove it from the boat when not in use.

The big news for the Association is that our request to purchase the land we currently lease has been accepted by Cornwall Council. We have instructed Coodes to act on our behalf and they have advised that we will have to be reconstituted to become a legal entity to carry out the purchase and all this work has commenced.

We are short of funds to achieve the full asking price plus expenses and will no doubt be in discussion with Golant members on how we should raise the shortfall.

The Association believes that this purchase will secure economical berthing for future generations, prevent any alterations to the Pill and help keep the Golant foreshore as it is.

Peter Edwards

Safety Day

June 13th (10am - 4pm)

Eden is hosting this event which will be at Lemon Fields, which is just inside the entrance to the Eden complex (Note: NOT in the main Eden car park).

It is being organised by our local police and promises to be a spectacular event for the whole family. There will be a number of interactive attractions, some especially for children.

Displays will be numerous and include:

A helicopter from the Royal Navy at Culdrose, Police Dogs, Bomb Disposal Unit, a mock accident using the Fire Brigade and Ambulance services, Coastguards, a Pipe Band & the Fire Brigade Band.

There will be a raffle with some really exceptional prizes. Food will be available.

It is hoped that this may become an annual event with proceeds going to local charities. Any profit this year will go to the RNLI at Fowey. (NB Not into the general RNLI funds). The Fowey station requires three sets of new uniforms @ £1000 each. Help us raise the £3000!

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GOLANT BOAT OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

Since the last *Pill* was taken, we have had our Spring Get Together at the Village Hall, and what a great evening; thoroughly enjoyed by all! Personally, I thought the food better than most expensive & professional establishments, both in quality, great variety and amounts available. Paddy Shelley is to be most heartily commended— I only wish I could think of a reasonable excuse to hold a private party and ask her to "do it again"!! Together with the complementary wine etc and the usual free raffle with many prizes, what exceptional value in today's materialistic world. Plus, we had a comfortably full hall.

The draw for David Parry's original painting was held (not part of the free raffle) and was won by local boat-owners Mr & Mrs Harold Richards. We do thank David for the continued support he has given us, and it was particularly nice that he and Prawn were present so he could personally draw the winning ticket.

Now an aside and an unashamed plug for our AGM on 13th November 2009. David Parry has agreed to be our main guest speaker. As many of you will know, he has travelled widely with his painting- lots to Africa & Oman etc that I know of, so he should have some interesting stories to tell.

We, as GBOA, have been selected by the Devon & Cornwall Constabulary to promote their trial run in the West Country of a new anti-crime initiative which was started by the Norfolk Police and subsequently found to be a great success in combating the theft of outboard motors from moored/stored boats. Without being too long-winded, it consists of removing the supplied hard cover of your outboard when leaving it unattended and replacing it with a waterproof plastic temporary cover clearly marked with the police logos. This has the deterrent effect of making the motor virtually unusable (and unsellable!) without the hard cover. More details as and when available.

Regards to all GBOA members and other residents.

Peter Young

I hope to have a supply of these covers soon. I'll spread the word around somehow! The price will be about £15. Ed.

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01726 812262 - St Blazey Police Station

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

- ▶ Harbourmaster's Office 01726 832471
(Out of hours transferred to Duty Officer)
- ▶ Mike Harris, Chairman of Boatwatch 01726 833897

News from St Sampson

It goes without saying that a lot of people made up the Team which planned and ran the wonderful flower festival. To all those who arranged displays, made stands, cooked scones, prepared & served food, stood at the door etc etc etc.....Thank You! It couldn't have happened without *your* efforts.

The pleasure the event gave to so many people plus the resulting total of **£3116.64** made it all worthwhile. Unfortunately, a few new problems in the tower repairs mean that our costs are increasing so this money will be really beneficial.

The response from donors had been incredible; many of their monies had been given in memory of loved ones who had died. The names of the deceased were posted beside displays and I'm sure many people, like me, experienced poignant moments as recollections of times past flooded back.

For obvious reasons, I don't dare to attempt to write the names of everyone involved in the festival. We are planning to have a book of photographs of each floral exhibit relating the story as depicted in the festival. This will be placed at the back of the church and will list the names of arrangers, sponsors and so on. **Watch this space!**

We owe a huge debt to Ruth Varco who took all the worries on her shoulders. She showed great patience and imagination and usually managed to smile her way through any snags when they occurred. In fact, this was her swansong for, after organising the flower rotas & displays in the church for over ten years, she has asked to stand down. Thanks, Ruth for your work! We are fortunate, indeed, that Valerie Russell has volunteered to take over from her. I'm sure that Valerie would welcome any extra people who would do an occasional floral arrangement in the church.

There was a very special exhibit on display for most of the festival– the 1:50 model of the church made by a frequent visitor to Golant, Rachael Bromley. Unfortunately, Rachael & Carl had to travel back to London during the last day, so there were many disappointed punters who came along to see the model. See page 4 for more details and photographs.

In the churchyard, three plants of the rare double meadow saxifrage have flowered in the middle area. I have just begun the main strim of the year.

Mike Harris

Church Tower

During the last two months work has been progressing on the re-pointing of the Church Tower. The cementitious filling has been completely removed and lime mortar is being put in its place.

As often happens during such work a good many unforeseen problems arise. Extra work has had to be commissioned to re-bed the coping stones forming the castellation around the top of the tower, and some stonework has had to be replaced on the north side.

However, the most annoying item was the discovery of two roosting bats in the belfry! Work stopped for two days, as by law, no bat can be disturbed unless a 'bat inspector' is present (another £250 to find!)

Hopefully another four weeks should see the end of the external tower work, but we never know what's around the corner!

Robert Dunley (Churchwarden)

St Sampson Secret Safari Supper 24th July

Two years ago we held the first safari supper, and I believe it was greatly enjoyed. Now, just before St Sampson's day, we are planning to hold the next one, and tickets will be restricted to 52 as an absolute maximum.

Cost £25 each, to include pre-dinner drinks, a three course meal and wine. All donations go to the Church Fabric Fund, which urgently needs your help because of the extra work which is necessary to the tower.

Tickets available from Penny White (832315). I shall be asking for hosts of starters very soon, so either avoid me or volunteer! Hosts receive a **slight** reduction in the ticket price, but this is a way of raising £1,000 in an evening – and having a very good time – so I am afraid we all have to pay something!

The evening starts at Orchard View, Church Hill, for drinks – but what happens after that is a mystery. If you need to bring a car, or have special dietary requirements, please let Penny know when you buy your ticket. MPs and bankers pay double.

Please order your ticket now!

Simon Funnell

The Life of Christ 2009

This will be taking place at Wintershall, near Bramley, Guildford again this year from 23rd - 28th June.

It is a day long, outdoor, lively presentation started ten years ago. Some have called it 'England Oberammergau' although more than just the Passion is covered.

Last year 14,000 people attended so the owners have yet again put their retirement plans on hold!

Wendy & David Earl are planning to take a group from Golant and Fowey this year. The plan is to drive up to Surrey on Monday 22nd June, see the performance and return home on the 24th. Please contact them for further details on (01726) 72861.

<http://www.wintershall-estate.com>

Church Flower & Cleaning Rota

June 7th	Carol & Valerie
June 14th & 21st	Jacky & Trish
June 28th & July 5th	Penny & Viviane
July 12th & 19th	Gill B & Tauniva
July 26th	Ruth & Gill P

EASTER 'EGG' SUNDAY

What a difference a year makes! 2008 Easter Sunday was cold and wet but this year made up for it with excellent weather all day long. It was a hopeful start to the spring and summer months and this was reflected in the mood of all those who came to *The Fisherman's Arms* to take part in the Easter madness.

It was great day for the traditional fun and games in the grounds and surrounding roads of *The Fisherman's Arms*. These were organised by the Golant Firework Team and thanks have to go to Pete Plasterer for his muscle and voice, and to Gail and Sheila for selling raffle tickets for prizes that were donated by Steve & Anne-Marie of the pub. Over £150 was raised towards this year's fireworks, so it is already looking good for another spectacular display. Thank you, Steve and Anne-Marie.

The Prat in the Hat was back wearing a fetching peaked cap with a chicken on – even though he is no spring chicken himself. The Decorated Egg competitions started the day, and there were three categories of competition. These were for groups 0 – 5, 6 – 12 and 13 – 99. There was an opportunity for anybody over 99 to enter a category of their own but proof of age was required and so nobody accepted the challenge. As usual a poor, unsuspecting, visitor was inveigled into judging the competition and the standard was exceptionally high. The 0 – 5 group was won by Millie Van den Broek, the 6 – 12 by Dan Palmer and the 13 – 99 by Lucy Palmer.



The Easter Bonnet competition was next and yet again the inventiveness and design was amazing. The three groups paraded before the assembled audience and received rounds of applause. The 0 – 5 group was won by the most unusual hat that I have ever seen. It was a model of the pub on Easter Sunday with people taking part in all of the competitions and was worn by Freya Silcock from Lon-

gridge in Lancashire. They are regular visitors to Golant and obviously appreciate our madness. Megan and Bronte won the 6 – 12 group wearing a joint hat in the shape of a boat while the 13 – 99 was won by Jilly Luck with a most colourful ensemble.



Egg rolling down Fore Street followed. This is fun and everybody seems to enjoy taking part. I'm sure that a bit of cheating goes on but in this event everybody is a winner with a huge basket of eggs and chocolate bars waiting as the eggs crossed the finishing line.

Then the game of skill – egg throwing. A number of pairs took their chances with the egg throwing to the cheers of the audience in the garden of the pub. Buzz and Bevil finally won the event with an estimated distance of twenty-five metres. This pair just defeated the defending champions, Simon and Greg, by about a metre. They received the trophy, which they agreed to defend next year.

The festivities concluded with a Treasure Hunt that was ably organised by Patrick Towell who, with the aid of a number of his visitors, had earlier in the day placed a set of clues all around the village. The Orange Team were first back to claim their prizes of (nothing for guessing this) Easter Eggs. Thanks to Patrick and his team of helpers: George, Cecilia, Peter and Jo.


I think that the afternoon was a great success.

Thanks to Vilma & Robert Dunley for their huge supply of Easter Eggs and chocolate bars. Thanks to Trish & Graham Jones, Alan & Julie Gee and Steve & Anne-Marie who also supplied Easter Eggs for prizes.

Maurie Parsons (aka 'The Prat in the Hat')

HELPFUL HOUSEHOLD HINTS (2)

After boiling eggs, save the water, cool it, and use it to water plants. There are many nutrients left within the liquid which your plants will love!



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Auntie Paddy's Recipe Corner

I have just made a batch of Onion Bhajees for our Thursday Kitchen and thought I should pass on this recipe. My son, Piran, found it for me. He did a 4 year course at Uni, and the third year was spent at an Agricultural Research Station in Harpenden. There, he not only experienced the world of work, but also mixed with an international diversity of people. A Bangladeshi lady who held quite a senior position let him have this recipe.

ONION BHAJEES (makes a good dozen)

1 medium Onion
 1 medium Potato
 Half a large Banana
 2-3 Green Chillies (optional)
 3 Cloves Garlic
 1 inch Root Ginger
 1 level teaspoon Salt
 4oz/ 110 g Chick-pea Flour (Gram, available in most supermarkets)
 Oil for frying

1. Peel onion & potato and chop roughly (not too big.)
2. Chop chillies, ginger & garlic finely.
3. Mix this with the chick-pea flour & salt.
4. Mash the banana and add to the rest.
5. Mix well; it will form a soft consistency.
6. Heat oil in a chip pan, or heat 2-3" oil in a suitably deep pan.
7. Using a spoon, drop small balls of this mixture into the hot oil and fry until golden brown and cooked inside.

Note: These will freeze.

Paddy Shelley

THURSDAY KITCHEN

The last Thursday Kitchen before the Summer break will be on 23rd July. Paddy & Vilma will then take a well-earned rest, resuming on the second Thursday of September (10th).

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CALENDAR OF VILLAGE EVENTS

JUNE

Sunday 7th	9.15am	Holy Communion (<i>Trinity Sunday</i>)	St Sampson's
Sunday 7th		RNLI Water Treasure Hunt ending with a BBQ at the....	Fisherman's Arms
Wednesday 10th	9.50-10.10am	Mobile Library	End of Green
Thursday 11th	12.45-2.30pm	Thursday Kitchen	Village Hall
Friday 12th	8.00pm	Live music- ' <i>Hickory Smoke</i> '	Fisherman's Arms
Sunday 14th	9.15am	Holy Communion (Sung)	St Sampson's
Thursday 18th	12.45-2.30pm	Thursday Kitchen	Village Hall
Thursday 18th	8.00pm	Trigg Morris Men	Fisherman's Arms
Sunday 21st	6.00pm	Evensong	St Sampson's
Wednesday 24th	9.50-10.10am	Mobile Library	End of Green
Wednesday 24th	7.15pm	Parish Council Meeting <i>The public are invited to take part until 7.30pm</i>	Village Hall
Thursday 25th	12.45-2.30pm	Thursday Kitchen	Village Hall
Sunday 28th	9.15am	Holy Communion (Sung)	St Sampson's

JULY

Saturday 4th	7.00pm	Ladies' Evening at the Races <i>Tickets only from the pub or Gail Parsons (833475)</i>	Fisherman's Arms
Sunday 5th	9.15am	Holy Communion	St Sampson's
Wednesday 8th	9.50-10.10am	Mobile Library	End of Green
Thursday 9th	12.45-2.30pm	Thursday Kitchen	Village Hall
Saturday 11th	2.00-4.30pm	Summer Flower & Produce Show	Village Hall
Sunday 12th	9.15am	Holy Communion (Sung)	St Sampson's
Thursday 16th	12.45-2.30pm	Thursday Kitchen	Village Hall
Sunday 19th	12.30pm →	The Big Lunch-picnic & games	Village Green
Sunday 19th	6.00pm	Evensong	St Sampson's
Wednesday 22nd	9.50-10.10am	Mobile Library	Village Green
Wednesday 22nd	7.15pm	Parish Council Meeting <i>The public are invited to take part until 7.30pm</i>	Village Hall
Thursday 23rd	12.45-2.30pm	Thursday Kitchen	Village Hall
Friday 24th	6.30pm	Secret Safari Supper (<i>see page 13</i>)	
Sunday 26th	9.15am	Holy Communion (Sung) (<i>St Sampson</i>)	St Sampson's

FUTURE EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 15th August	Village Carnival
Sunday 16th August	Raft Race

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.